Important Dates to put in the diary

Friday 4th November  Walk-a-thon
Monday 7th November—  Indigenous Week
11th November
11th November  Grade 3/4 Gateways
Wednesday 9th November  Grade 3—6 Indigenous Incursion
Thursday 10th November  Grade 5/6 Gateways
Wednesday 9th November  Grade 3/4 Gateways
Thursday 10th November  Grade 3—6 Indigenous Incursion
Grade 5/6 Gateways
Friday 11th November  Icy Pole Day
Harry Highpants Orr Crazy Hair Day
Monday 14th November  Final day for Walk-a-thon money to be returned
2017 Prep play date 2.30pm — 3.30pm

We would like to wish the following students a very happy birthday.

Ashton, 1/2C  Kobe, 3/4G  Jomana, 1/2O
Eva, 3/4M  Aida, 3/4M  James, 5/6W
Cal, 1/2R  Emily, 1/2O  Lucy, 5/6L
Samuel, 1/2C  Gemma, 1/2R  Taj, 3/4G
Ruby, 1/2R  Annelise, 1/2D  Charlie, 1/2S
Samuel, 3/4Gq  Joe, 1/2O  Tully, Prep L

Yard Duty Supervision
8.45 to 9.00am and 3.30 to 3.45pm

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

Ella, Prep P  Lexie, Prep L  Bella, Prep S
Harrison, 1/2O  Waled, 3/4G  Mohamed, 3/4N
Bianca, 5/6M  Kobi, 5/6W  Macy, Prep P
Vallery, Prep S  Ava, 1/2O  Alex, 1/2S
Lila, 1/2S  Ava, 3/4M  Mia, 3/4G
Tom, 5/6M  Alex, 5/6W

TOMORROW—FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

The event will take place at Newport Lakes Nature Reserve from 11.30—1.30pm.

Prizes will be awarded for the class that raises the most money, best walker, fancy dress etc. Each student will go into the draw for the major prize.
Dear Parents,

We have two State Champion athletes in our midst. Harry O and Catrin W both recently competed in the State Athletics carnival at the Albert Park Sports Centre. Harry received a 2nd place in the 0-10yo high jump and Catrin gained 3rd place in 9-10yo long jump. Both qualified to be on the state team and attend the National Finals to be conducted in Sydney later this month. However, as Catrin is only 9 she is not permitted to represent the state so the fourth place getter (who was 10) gets to go in her place. Hopefully all will continue to go well for Catrin and she may have the opportunity next year.

The financial cost of competing in the state team is significant (between $1500-1900 for each competitor) so to assist Harry in his journey we are going to conduct a special gold coin donation dress up day next week entitled “Harry High Pants Orr Crazy Hair Day’. Students are able to participate in this fun day and teachers and parents are also most welcome to donate to this event. All proceeds will go to Harry and his family to assist in his bid to represent the school, the region and the state of Victoria. Hopefully we can do the same next year to also assist Catrin to reach her dreams.

Parental Survey Results from this year’s parent surveys were returned earlier this term and have been presented to both staff and school council. Thank you to all parents that completed the surveys and contributed to this valuable feedback. Overall the parents comments and results were favourable and parents believe that we are on a continually path of improvement.

On the question **Overall, I am satisfied with the education my child receives from their school** the responses were 69% moderately / strongly agree and 17% mildly Agree.

There were also areas of concern that were noted by a number of parents including the school organisation, in particular the composite classes, the quality of the homework in the senior school and the A-E grading level used in the Student Reports.

All of these areas will be further investigated by school leadership and the school council education committee to see if improvements or changes can be undertaken as we move forward.

Parent Club 2017 At the last school council meeting it was noted that unless a parent volunteers to take on the role of Parent Club (PC) co-ordinator then the PC will not continue next year. It would be a huge loss to our school to see the demise of the PC.

Some of the school’s current activities co-ordinated by the PC such as Mothers Day Breakfast, Special Lunches, Icy Pole days etc. may continue as independent events but in my experience these events will probably also ‘fade away’ as time continue unless there is a group to oversee the co-ordination. I would personally be very disappointed to see the demise of the school’s PC as I often source this group for assistance in school events and also obtain invaluable feedback on a parents perspective of a possible new program, activity or ideas for the school.

It has also been suggested that a teacher could take on the role of a co-ordinator or parent liaison but then it wouldn’t be a parents club and I believe we would all agree that a teacher’s role is to teach our children.

The recent parent survey also noted that one of the many features of the school was its ‘great community feel’ but one of the areas we were below state mean was the ‘parent input’ variable. Well, this is a wonderful opportunity to improve both areas.
We have the community, we have the events and for most activities, we even have the helpers—what is required is for a parent to take on the role of co-ordinator to ensure that our PC continues for now and the future. If not, then similar to many other neighbouring schools, the parent club will disappear and we will only be left with the memories. If interested in the role, or would like to discuss further contact Kylie Halarakis (School Council President), myself or the office for further details.

**Early arrivals** There has been a number of children arriving at school very early in the morning (some as early as 8am). Parents are reminded that a teacher is not on yard supervision duty until 8.45am so students arriving earlier at this time are not being safely supervised in the school yard.

It is also unfair on the families that do the right thing and enroll their child in Before School Care to ensure their child is safely cared for and supervised before school.

If a parent wishes for their child to be at school before 8.45am then they should bring them along and supervise their children playing until a teacher begins playground supervision at 8.45am.

**Remembrance Day** It was pleasing to see so many of the Yr. 6 students take on the voluntary extra-curricula task of entering into the ‘Newport RSL’s President Award’ conducted annually by the Newport RSL. The students are invited to make a presentation on one of the following topics; What is Remembrance Day?, My Family’s ANZAC history or Remembering Those Who Have Served. All finalists and their families will be invited to attend the Newport RSL’s Remembrance Day Lunch where the winner will be announced.

At the conclusion of the competition, we will endeavor to make a display of the entries at school for all students and families to view. A photo and details of all the entries in the ‘RSL President’s Award’ is included in this week’s newsletter.

Remembrance Day Poppies, Wristbands, Bag tags and Poppy Pens are on currently sale every day by the student leaders. All proceeds go the Remembrance Day appeal.

The school will be conducting a Remembrance Day service outside the school flag pole at 10.40am on Friday 11th November. All parents and friends are most welcome to attend.

**Indigenous Week** Next week is a special event for our school. For the second consecutive year when we conduct our second ‘Indigenous Week’ where we acknowledge and celebrate our indigenous culture. There will be many different activities happening in all classrooms and lessons throughout the week as well as a special unveiling of an acknowledgement plaque at school assembly on Friday. Parents and friends are also invited to come along and join in on any of the activities throughout the week.

Hope you all have a good week.

David Moss
Principal
Celebrating Indigenous Culture Awareness Week

We acknowledge the Yalukit Willam as the traditional custodians of this land and we pay our respect to elders past and present.

Monday 7th – Friday 11th will be Aboriginal Culture Awareness week at school. The whole school will be looking, listening, playing and learning about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. Each year level and the Specialist programs will focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. There will be three main events happening that week.

- On Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th Annette Sax will be visiting the school to work with the Prep to Grade Two students. Annette is an illustrator and students will learn to paint with ochre and hear story telling.
- On Thursday 10th Grade Three to Grade Six students will participate in the ‘Aboriginal for a Day’ program. Students will rotate through painting, storytelling, dance and music activities throughout the day.
- On Friday 11th at assembly we will unveil our special plaque acknowledging the local traditional owners of the land, the Yalukit Willam.

In the classroom…

- Prep students will create their own Dream Time Stories and watch video clips on Dream Time Stories. They will also participate in hands-on activities – designing a flag/ leaf printing/ designing a boomerang.
- Grade 3/4 students will learn about ecosystems (use of the land and environment) and living things surviving (habitat). How did the Indigenous people survive? We will explain the mentality of the ownership of the land, use of the land and survival on the land. Students will write a dreamtime story linked to the discussions on ecosystems and use of the land for inclusion in their magazine following links to dreamtime reading sessions.
- In Indonesian class, students will explore relationships between the history and language of Indigenous Australian and Indonesian people. They will discover many connections between the two cultures that have come about due to a common past.
- In Art, students will be learning about the Yuendumu School Doors Project and will be decorating the doors of NLPS with their own stories.
- Students will be playing Indigenous games during P.E. class.
- In Music, both 3/4 and 5/6 classes will be listening to traditional and contemporary music examples. Students will compare and contrast examples using the elements of music to understand composition.
- Drama students will explore Aboriginal Dreamtime Stories and participate in movement and storytelling activities.

There will be Aboriginal music during bell times and the Aboriginal flag flying.
The AMT Maths results have arrived and certificates will be presented at assembly tomorrow - Friday, November 4th.

Congratulations to all the students who participated. The following certificates were received:

**Distinction** certificates were received for:
- **Year 3** Will
- **Year 4** Sarah, Hannah & Archie
- **Year 5** Nicholas
- **Year 6** Gus & Ruby

**Credit** certificates were received for:
- **Year 3** Xavier
- **Year 4** James, Daniel & Kiera
- **Year 5** Harvey
- **Year 6** Nicholas, Lucy

**Proficiency** certificates were received for:
- **Year 4** Marcus, Zali & Zack
- **Year 5** Adam, Finn & Harry

A **Participation** certificate was received for:
- **Year 3** Nick

Well done!

We are very proud of how hard you all tried!
LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

Many of you will be familiar with the:

- play pod
- sand pit
- synthetic soccer pitch
- synthetic multi-purpose court

and the children have available to play with at recess and lunch time.

However, did you know at different times throughout the year your children can participate in the following?
Ukelele Club
Junior Art
Strategic Games
Junior Choir
Library
Newport Lakes has talent
Hands on Maths
Chess & Checkers
Senior Choir
Senior Art
Code Club
Gardening
Song writers club
State Athletics Finals

Congratulations to Harry O and Catrin W for their fantastic performances at last week’s State Athletics Finals at the Albert Park Athletics Track. The championships are the highest level of competition in Victoria.

Harry jumped 1.48m in the 9/10 Boys High Jump to win a silver medal and qualify for the National Championships in Sydney later this month. We wish Harry all the very best in Sydney!

Catrin also performed remarkably well in the 9/10 Girls Long Jump where she won a bronze medal. Unfortunately, Catrin will not be going to the National Finals because she is still only 9 years old and is therefore ineligible. Hopefully she can qualify next year!

We are very proud of both students who have been wonderful ambassadors for our school. Thanks also to their parents and families for their support throughout all the championships.

CRAZY HAIR DAY!

“Harry Highpants Orr Crazy Hair Day’

Friday 11th November

Come dressed with your Crazy Hair or maybe just wear your pants high for the day.

Gold coin donation
Teachers and parents are also welcome to donate
All proceeds will go towards sending Harry O (Yr. 5) to represent Victoria & Newport Lakes PS at the State Schools National Athletics Championships in Sydney.
Congratulations to the following students who completed the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge.

**Prep** — Nash, Henry, Zara, Renee, Xavier & Vallery

**Grade 1** — Samuel, Sunday, Cruz, Marlee, Grace, Alyssa

**Grade 2** — Ruby, Madeleine, Lucy, Simone, Aria, Mac

**Grade 3** — Aqualina, Cara, Leo, James

**Grade 4** — Kitty, Ned, Aida, Ethan, Mia, Tiger

**Grade 5/6** — Nicholas, Carmen, Amy, Chloe, Imogen, Shea

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**ICY POLE DAYS ARE BACK**

Icy poles will be on sale on the following days.

- Friday 11th November
- Friday 2nd December
- Friday 16th December

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**50c each**
Everybody has a role to play in their child’s education. Parents Club is a way to be involved with the school community and help create an environment for our children to learn.

Our Goals
- Provide a welcoming environment to all new families
- Fundraise for ‘extra’ educational resources & playground equipment.
- Organise social events for parents
- Work with the school to plan a wide range of activities to make the school great!

Events
We plan a number of events through the year, for both children & parents. Events such as Special Lunches, Icy Pole Days, BBQ’s, Breakfasts & Morning Teas.

Meetings
We meet a couple of times each term. They are a great opportunity for you to find out what is happening at the school, catch up with other parents, and plan events.

Stay informed
Attend a meeting or simply email: nlpsparentsclub@gmail.com to register your interest.

Calling all Prep Parents...

Can you believe how quickly the end of the year is rushing towards us? Before you know it your little preppies will be moving on to grade one.

We hope by now you’ve come to realise what a fantastic school community Newport Lakes has and that you’ve had a chance to see or participate in some of the Parents Club events held throughout the year, like the mothers and fathers day breakfasts, cupcake fundraisers, icy pole days and special lunches.

Parents Club is a great way to get involved with the school community, to meet other parents, and to provide some great events for the benefit of students and parents alike. Plus the kids love having their parents at the school and involved.

WE NEED YOUR HELP. The organisation and running of most events relies on a small team of the same parents, and each year many parents move on as their students transition to High School. If you think you can help out, or can even just attend Parents Club meetings we would love to see some new faces with fresh ideas.

We are also happy to take on any feedback if you feel there is something we can do to make it easier to attend meetings or to help organise events. This can be sent to: nlpsparentsclub@gmail.com or anonymously through the front office.
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- Reduces the time school staff spend on administrative tasks

Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

Step 1 Download Qkr!
on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app

Step 2 Register
Select your Country of Residence as ‘Australia’ and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school
Scan the QR code or search for our school name. Our school will also appear in “Locations Nearby” if you are within 4kms of the school

Step 4 Register your children
When first accessing your school menu, you will be prompted to register your child. This allows you to make school orders on their behalf.

Now you’re ready to order directly from your phone...
Manage your children’s details

- Add your child's details and photo.
- Tap to add another child.
- Tap the student card to edit details on that child.
- Tap to show Manage Children option.

Purchase school items

Add multiple payment cards

Pay with any scheme credit, debit or pre-paid card accepted by the school. At checkout, you can select from any of your registered cards.

Safe and Secure MasterCard Technology

Add up to five cards to your Qkr! account

We want your feedback!

Please send your comments or suggestions on how the Qkr! service could be improved to the school office.
Newport Lakes Primary - Fundraiser

Join the DONS in taking a stand to end violence against women.

All event profits and proceeds go to White Ribbon & Women’s Health West

**Date:** Friday 2nd Dec 2016. 7.30 pm - 1am. **Venue:** The Substation.1 Market St Newport

**Dress:** in black & white attire: fun, fancy or casual

**Ticket includes:** Entry / Band / Photobooth / Drinks at Bar Prices

$25 per ticket | $5 from every ticket sale goes to our school!

Support our generous major / local sponsors:

**THE SUBSTATION**

**Complete Hire Equipment** 9312 5444

**Golf Park** Local: 9310 2966

**TICKET ORDER FORM:**

please return this slip & payment in an envelope to RECEPTION. CASH ONLY - No CHEQUES

Parent’s Name(s)/ Class:

How many ticket(s) you would like: Qty: [ ] $25 per ticket (per person). Total: $

Tickets are non refundable. Official White Ribbon event: Reg No: 23958
SUPERHEROES

WYNBAY BLUE LIGHT

POINT COOK COMMUNITY LEARN CENTRE
1-2 CHEETHAM STREET, POINT COOK

7-9.30PM | PRIMARY AGE

$8 ENTRY

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PLEASE ASK YOUR PARENTS TO LIKE THE PAGE IF YOU ARE UNDER 13.

CONTACT PENNI PENELlope.RENDEn@POLICE.VIC.GOV.AU
- NBC Xtreme Youth Event -
Seaside Scavenger Hunt
Friday 11th November
6:30 - 8:30 PM
Optional: Bring a phone/camera (if you have one)

Drop Off/Pickup: Beach House Cafe 22 Pier St, Altona

Cost: $15 ($10 Dinner, $5 Hunt)

Who: Grade 5 - Secondary School

RSVP by 11th Nov Sulari Nielsen

M: 0430 062 767 or NBCXtremeYouth@gmail.com

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* jewelry * gifts * decor * cards * crafts

**NBC Craft Fair**
Saturday Nov 12th
10am - 1pm
At NBC Hall

NBC Hall - 26 Mason St, Newport

Sausage sizzle and Devonshire Tea

For more info or Vendor enquiries ($10 table fee)

Contact Becky
0481 455 842
events4nbc@gmail.com

Free Entry

Come & get all your Christmas gifts in one place