Important Dates to put in the diary

Monday 8th August  
**Pupil Free Day**—No students at school on this day

Tuesday 9th August  
Grade 1/2 Excursion to MCG (1/2O, 1/2S & ½ of 1/2R)
Family Life Sessions 5.00pm—8.30pm

Thursday 11th August  
Preps—Responsible Pet Ownership Incursion

Friday 12th August  
First Aid Program for all students

Monday 15th August  
ICAS Maths Test
Grade 3/4 Hobsons Bay Environmental Excursion
Bag zipper repair day

Wednesday 17th August  
Whole School Olympics Day

Friday 19th August  
Sausage Sizzle Lunch

Tuesday 23rd August  
Grade 1/2 Excursion to MCG (1/2D, 1/2C & ½ of 1/2R)
Prep Incursion—‘The Playground Craze’

Wednesday 24th August  
Grade 3/4 Excursion to South Melbourne Market

Thursday 25th August  
Book Character Dress Up Day

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**2016**
Term 3
11/7—16/9

Term 4
3/10—20/12

2016 Pupil Free Days
Term 3 & 4
8th August
31st October

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

- Tess, 5/6L
- Fatima, Prep P
- Zara, Prep P
- Matilda, 1/2S
- Billy, 3/4G
- Liam, 5/6S
- Haysam, 5/6S
- James, 5/6M
- Lachlan, 3/4S
- Nicholas, 5/6W
- Gus, 5/6M
- Christopher, 5/6L

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**AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following award winners.

- Sunday, 1/2C
- Caitlin, Prep P
- Ben, 5/6M
- Jack, 1/2R
- Seb, 1/2S
- Jasper, 1/2D
- Coco, 3/4N
- Zara, Prep S
- Alex, 5/6L
- Marlee, 1/2O
- Kobe, 3/4G
- Lachlan, 3/4S
- Betul, 3/4G
- Lucy, 1/2S
- Maria, 3/4M
- Imogen, 5/6W
- Isla, Prep L
- Findley, 5/6S
- Lexi, 3/4G
- Katherine, 5/6S
- Finn, 5/6W
- Nash, Prep S
- Venu, 3/4M
- Chloe, 5/6L
- All of Prep P
- Tilda, 3/4N
- Jean, 1/2S

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**MONDAY 8TH AUGUST—PUPIL FREE DAY**
Dear Parents/Carers,

Comparing or presenting at the Friday afternoon school assembly would be described in show biz terms as a ‘pretty hard gig’. The student leaders do a brilliant job keeping 410 children, parents and siblings engaged and interested late on a Friday afternoon but as I sat there waiting for my 5 minutes of weekly fame I could see many tired little faces and lots of yawning happening throughout the grades. It was at this time I thought it would be a good opportunity to talk to the students about the importance of getting sufficient sleep. It is recommended that primary school age children should be getting between 10-11 hours of sleep a night. Of course this amount will vary due to a number of factors but as a rule, if your child is not getting a minimum of ten hours per night their body is not getting the required rest each day. Apart from needing this amount of sleep for a healthy body, sleep-deprived kids can become ‘hyper’ or irritable, and may have a hard time paying attention in school.

Bedtime problems can often start and continue when children begin school. Reading, homework, sports and after-school activities, computers, TVs, mobile devices, and hectic family schedules all can contribute to children not getting the sleep they need. It's important to have a consistent bedtime, especially on school nights. Leave enough technology-free time before bed to allow your child to unwind before ‘lights-out’. A good rule of thumb is switching off the electronics at least an hour before bed and keeping TVs, computers, and mobile devices out of kids' bedrooms.

I also spoke to the children about the need to have a set routine each evening and that they should take responsibility in keeping to the routine. I expressed how it was not Mum or Dad’s task to get their children ready for bed as this is a task they are quite capable of doing themselves with minimum help from their parents.

A good night sleep is essential for a healthy child and will benefit everyone, parents, teachers, family, friends and specially the child.

Building Upgrade  A small panel consisting of members of the school council and representatives from the Education Department last week selected an architecture firm to oversee the school’s $3m capital works program. This was the first step in a long journey to update the school’s building. At this stage, there is little to inform our community although the following information may be of interest;

- One of the first tasks of the Architect will be to develop a Masterplan for the school.
- The $3m budget will not be sufficient for a full rebuild of the main school building so the Masterplan will allow for construction in 2-3 stages over a 5 year time frame. On completion of the first stage, the school will then forward a request to the Government for a set amount to complete the second stage of the Masterplan.
- It will be recommended to the architect that new student toilets should be a priority to be included in the stage 1 construction stage.
- The two existing heritage buildings are to be included in the design of the new Masterplan. (unless severe structural problems prohibit this request)
- All classes (and childcare) will continue onsite although it maybe required to install an extra portable classroom building during construction.
- The first stage of construction is not likely to begin for at least 12 months (August / September 2017).
- The school community will be informed of further developments as more information becomes available,

Parent Survey  Each year the Education Department conducts a parent opinion survey in every state primary and secondary school. Approximately 15 per cent of the school community are randomly selected to participate and we use the information to support future school planning and improvement.

Parents are asked to complete the survey as your opinions are important to us and will contribute to the future management and organisation of our school. For example, feedback from parents has helped to change the way many schools structure parent-teacher interviews.
Thank you to all the parents that have already completed and sent back the survey. Your time and assistance in undertaking this task is very much appreciated. Results of the survey will be independently collated and then results and the comments will be made available to the school council later in the year. If you received a survey but as yet haven’t completed and returned, you may still do so by the end of this week.

Last night was a wonderful time for all those who love books and reading at our school. The school corridors and classrooms were lit up to resemble magical fairy caves and were received with much delight by all our visitors.

A big thank you to all the children and parents who came along to our ‘Literary Lights’ family literary evening. It was wonderful to see so many families brave the cold weather and come to school to join in the magical evening, many wearing their best PJ’s and slippers.

I would also like to acknowledge the huge amount of work undertaken by the Literacy Learning Team and all the classroom teachers who completed work and the specialist teachers who assisted on the day. Many thanks to the parents who assisted with binding the books.

The entire evening had a wonderful community feeling was just another reason why Newport Lakes Primary is a special place to teach and learn.

I hope you all have a good week

David Moss
Principal

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Dear Mr Moss.

Greetings from an ex pupil from many years ago. My name is Eric Jones and attended your school many years ago. My last year at Newport Primary School as it was then was in Grade 6B in 1944. A Miss Carpenter our teacher, an extremely strict lady It was not a happy year for me and many others. Miss Carpenter was preceded in Grade 5 by a Miss Vincent, whom I believe was regarded as an institution at the school. A Mr C.H Butler was Principal.

My parents and I returned to New Zealand in 1947. I became a woodwork teacher of 11 and 12 year olds and taught full time for 32 years, I still relieve Woodwork and Metalwork at our local Intermediate School teaching that age group (at 83). There are few of us left since those subjects were phased out in favour of technology. Regrettably (in my view) the only contact the children have at most other schools with wood, is gluing lolly sticks together with glue guns. I was talking to a trio of boys a couple of months ago about my playground days. I described our games, Cowboys and Indians, Cops and Robbers, Hoppo Bumpo (standing on one leg with arms folded and trying to knock others off balance) Bar the Door, Stacks on the Mill. (I was always unhappy if at the bottom in case I got any bones broken.) “All in Fights” where all the boys got in a tight huddle and tried to punch anybody and everybody. No one ever got hurt though, because everybody was jammed together so tightly one could barely move. After school we made and flew kites and played cricket on the western side of Elizabeth St. It was vacant then. The boys that I was talking seemed to think that I was mad. They had never done anything like that. Enquiring what they did, the reply was that they played computer games.

I see that you are having an 160th year anniversary. I did attend the 125th Anniversay. Was it 35 years ago ?.

While there I enquired if my reports were still available because I have been left with a degree of lacking confidence. I was told regrettably that there had been a fire in the store room, destroying the records

Sincere regards

Eric Jones
BOOK WEEK 2016

Book Fair

Please come and visit us in the MPR.
All profits from sales go back into resources for the library.

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Book Character Parade

Children come dressed to school as your favourite book character for our fabulous parade!
Thursday 25th August - 9.05am

In the event of wet weather
Gr P – 2 will move to the multipurpose room and Gr 3 – 6 will parade within their year level teams.
The ICAS Science results have arrived and certificates will be presented at assembly tomorrow.

Well done to the students participated. We received 1 High Distinction, 4 Distinctions, 5 Credits, 2 Merits and 11 Participation certificates.

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Congratulations to all participants on your achievements

The Rio Olympics are almost upon us and the Official Newport Lakes Olympic Committee has decided to run its own special day.

August 17th is the date to put in your calendar for this very special occasion.

The children will work in multi-age groups on the day and they will partake in some fun sporting events as they represent various countries from around the world.

Each child will be given a number at assembly on Friday August 5th and during the assembly they will find out which country they will represent on the day.

Notes will go home next week with your child’s ‘country’ and the colours that the country’s flag represents, as it would be great if the children could dress in these colours on the day.

Official Newport Lakes Olympic Committee

Now that we are into Term 4, planning is underway for our production. There will be plenty of opportunities for those wanting to help. We are currently after a class rep for each class to assist with their costumes. We are also after any parents that love a bit of craft or sewing, to assist with costumes.

If you are able to help with either of these please forward your details to Kylie Halarakis, gkhalas@bigpond.net.au

BACKPACK ZIPPER REPAIR DAY—MONDAY 15TH AUGUST

A day has been organised to repair broken school bag zippers. If you have a bag that needs repair please drop off empty bag at the office in the morning on the 15th August and it will be repaired and returned to your child’s class during the day.
FAMILY LIFE SESSIONS

The Family Life Program is an 'Education in Human Sexuality' program offered to the families of Newport Lakes Primary School. This year it will be held after school on Tuesday 9 August and children attend with their parents. The Family Life program is an optional program, organised by the Parents Club and there is a cost of $20 per family for one session or $25 per family if you attend more than one session. The sessions run for one hour and are conducted by trained educators from Family Life Victoria. For more info go to: http://www.familylifevictoria.org.au

What: Family Life Program
When: Tuesday 9 August from 5.00pm
Where: Multi Purpose Hall at NPLPS
Book: via TryBooking at: www.trybooking.com/KTOD

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Family Life Victoria Inc.
Excellence in Sexuality Health Education Since 1926

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Family Life Victoria will conduct a Sexuality Education Program on Tuesday, August 9, 2016

Our programs support parents to help their children learn about aspects of human sexuality. These entertaining and valuable sessions are not to be missed.

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Find out more details via www.trybooking.com/KTOD
Williamstown Juniors Netball Club (WJNC)

Interested in netball?

We will soon be organising our teams for the Summer Season at Altona Netball Stadium which starts in Term 4. We are recruiting players of all ages from 9/u to 17/u. If your child wants to be part of a great local club we would love to see them at WJNC. Please contact Nicki Bokma (0411 043 950) for further details.
Would you like to work from home while caring for your own children?
Have you considered a career in Family Day Care?

Hobsons Bay City Council’s Family Day Care Service is currently recruiting Home Based Educators in Williamstown, Newport and Altona North.

Family Day Care is an education and childcare service that provides small group care for children aged birth to 13 years, in a safe home environment. All Educators are supported, resourced and mentored by the Council’s professional coordination team.

For more information please contact the family day care coordination unit on 9932 1527 or email fdc@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au or go to the Councils website at http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au
2016 SPORTSPERSON’S LUNCH

Friday 19 August - 12.30pm

VENUE: Seaview Williamstown Events Centre
Burbank Oval, 73 Morris St, Williamstown
Entry via Battery Rd

LUNCH: Buffet Lunch

DRINKS: 4-hour beverage package included

RSVP: Tuesday 16th August - Call 9391 0309 or email
rkfouy@williamstownfc.com.au to book!

$120 per person
or
$1,000 - Table of 10

Proceeds go to the Les Twentyman Foundation