Important Dates to put in the diary

Friday 5th February  Coffee & Specialist Chat 9.15 am—10.00am
Tuesday 9th February District Swim Training 7.00 am—VUT Footscray
10th—12th February Grade 5/6 Camp
Wednesday 10th February No preps attend—appointments only
Thursday 11th February Parent Club Meeting 7.30 pm—Multi Purpose Roon
Friday 12th February Icy Pole Day
Book Club Orders due back
Monday 15th February Grade 3/4 Information Session 6.30pm—MPR
Tuesday 16th February District Swimming Competition
Parent Helpers’ Information Session 9.00am—10.00am—Library
Grade 1/2 Information Session 6.30pm—MPR
Wednesday 17th February No preps attend—appointments only
Thursday 18th February Parent Helpers’ Information Session 9.00am—10.00am—Library
Preps Information Session 6.30pm—MPR
Monday 22nd February School Council Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 24th February No preps attend—appointments only
Thursday 25th February Preps & New Families Picnic 5.30pm—7.00pm

We would like to wish the following students a very happy birthday as well as all the students who celebrated their birthday over the holidays.

Leo, 1/2O
Connor, 1/2D
Zack, 3/4G
Ethan, Prep L
Imogen, 5/6W
Dex, 1/2O
Annabel, Prep L
April, 5/6S

Nicholas, 1/2S
Simone, 1/2R
Aleks, 3/4S
Mackenzie, 3/4H
Daniel, 1/2S
Rachida, 1/2R
Sonny Duke, Prep L
Levi, 5/6S

Sara, 1/2C
Lola, 3/4G
Chloe, 5/6W
Zali, 3/4M
Bailey, Prep L
Jay, 5/6L
Ahmed, 3/4N

AWARDS

Congratulations to following award winners.

Savannah, 1/2C
Mac, 1/2S
Grade, 3/4H
Tex, 3/4M
Ibrahim, 5/6M
Louis, 1/2R
Maddi, 5/6L
Zion, 1/2D
Isaac, 5/6S
Willow, 1/2O
Kody, 5/6W
Xavier, 3/4G
Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all Newport Lakes students and families. We are very pleased to have you back again and so eager to get back to work! A special welcome to all our Preps and other new students beginning at Newport Lakes this year.

We are sure you are going to enjoy your time at Newport Lakes Primary. Please remember that we are here to support you on your new educational journey and don’t hesitate to ask any of us if there is something troubling or puzzling you.

A big welcome back to Ashlee Shacklock on her return from Bairnsdale Primary School who will be teaching in Yr.1/2, to Steven Montgomery who will be with us this year as a full time Yr.3/4 classroom teacher and Clare Munro who will replacing Melinda Lagerwey in Yr. 5/6 for term 1 due to personal sick leave.

All grades had a smooth start to the school year and the students have quickly been acquainted with their new teacher and class friends. The specialist programs of Physical Education, Art, Indonesian and Performing Arts (Music/ Drama) all began this week for all classes. For these lessons parents are reminded that children will require; Physical Education ~ runners (school shoes are not suitable for running and when participating in active programs), a water bottle and if possible, shorts & tracksuit and in Library a library bag to protect borrowed books (a green/blue recycle bag from the supermarket is great for this task). The school has purchased sets of its own water proof art smocks to protect children’s clothes.

There have also been a number of changes and improvements to the school and surrounds over the holiday period including new bat tennis courts in front of the double storey portables, a new drain to stop the ‘small lake’ that would form on the path beside the junior playground after every rainfall and the MPR and some classrooms have been re-painted.

Newport Lakes Primary School is a ‘Sunsmart School’ and has a policy that all students are to wear an approved sunhat (bucket or legionnaire style) during terms 1 & 4. Students are to bring along their hats to school every day during Term 1 and a ‘no hat ~ no play’ rule will apply. Parents are reminded to clearly label their child’s hat and to continuously check that the label remains legible. It is also recommended that all students have their own water bottle with them every day at school. This bottle will be accessible to the children during class and must only contain water. Please do not fill with juice, cordial, etc.

In the first couple of days, we have had possibly the wettest start to a school year I have ever experienced. Fortunately the temperature has been comfortable but it is likely that there will be a stretch of very warm and dry days to come over the next few weeks.

If the hot weather becomes extreme (above 34˚C and a strong northerly wind) there may be the need to restrict or reduce the outside play times during recess or lunch. Although many of the children are very disappointed about missing out on their play periods, it is necessary that we restrict the amount of exercise and exposure to the heat on these days. In these situations students are supervised indoors where they participate in passive play such as board games and craft activities.

**Hoax Threats to Schools** - Over the last week there have been hoax bomb calls made to a number of schools throughout Victoria. All schools have been instructed to take these calls as serious calls and to implement their emergency management plans if required.
Although Newport Lakes Primary School has not received any of these calls we have ensured that we have emergency plans in place for any emergency that may occur at our school. Earlier this week, we had a full scale emergency evacuation drill to ensure that all staff and students are prepared if ever the need arises. Although most of the children and staff are very familiar with this procedure, it was important children and teachers familiarise themselves with their new classrooms and surrounds and to ensure that the preps and new students were aware of the process.

Practice drills in ‘evacuation’ (both on and off-site) and ‘lock downs’ are conducted regularly throughout the year. Hopefully we will never need to activate a real emergency drill but if the cause does arise, our staff and students will be prepared.

**COMMUNICATION AT SCHOOL**
Communication between school and home is very important in every child’s education. There are multiple means of staying in touch with your child’s teacher and being informed of what is happening at school. Some of these include:

- **Newsletter** – Every second Thursday the school newsletter is distributed to parents by email. The newsletter will contain information about activities and that have been happening and are being planned for the future. Please ensure that you register your email details by subscribing on the school website.

- **Reminders Notice** – Every Monday or Tuesday a ‘Reminders’ email will be sent out to all families on the newsletter distribution list giving details of the upcoming events for the following 2 weeks.

- **School Website** – The school website (www.newportlakesps.vic.edu.au) has a wealth of information about the school and what’s happening. There is also a link to notify the school of any student absences, a copy of all permission notices that have been sent home with your child, a school calendar that contains dates of all events and activities throughout the year including holidays and pupil free days and a contact link to send emails to the school.

- **Classroom Blogs** – Blogs will soon be set up for each classroom/team that will allow parents to keep up to date with what is happening in their child’s classroom.

- **Twitter** – The school has its own twitter account and will often send out special notices on what’s happening in your school.

- **Contacting your Child’s Teacher** – If you have any concerns or would like to discuss a matter in regards to your child it is very important that you arrange to meet with your child’s teacher. This can be done in a number of ways including:
  - dropping in to the classroom before school (8.50-9.00am) Only suitable for brief messages
  - arranging a meeting at a time suitable for both parties. This can be done by sending a note to the teacher, emailing the school (place teachers name in subject box) or leaving a message and contact details at the school office for the class teacher to contact you.
  - emailing the teacher (as above).

- **Parent Teacher Interviews** – These are conducted biannually, at the beginning of the year and at mid year. The first interviews will be conducted on Wednesday 9th March from 2 – 7pm. A notice will be sent home in the next few weeks and bookings will be able to be made online.

If you need to discuss a matter with your child’s teacher at any other time during the year please do not hesitate to contact the school to make an appointment.
Student Reports – All children will be assessed on the AusVELS curriculum with a written report. AusVELS incorporates the Australian Curriculum F-10 for English, Mathematics, History and Science within the curriculum framework first developed for the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS). Student reports will be sent home prior to the mid year parent interviews and at the end of the year.

Assisting in the Classrooms – There are many different ways you can assist in school and your child’s classroom. A parent helpers program will be operating for all P-2 classes where parents are rostered on to assist with the daily reading program. An induction program will be held in the next couple of weeks for new Parents to assist in the Parents Helpers Program. Please complete the slip below if you would like to attend one of the sessions.

Parents are also often required to assist on excursions and classroom activities where an extra set of hands and eyes is of invaluable assistance. Please discuss with your child’s teacher if there are ways you can assist in the classroom.

Information Sessions – In week 4 of this term we will be conducting Information sessions in the evenings for all Grade levels. These sessions will give an overview of the curriculum, special events and activities, homework etc. All teachers in the grade level will be in attendance. The sessions will be conducted in Multipurpose Hall from 6.30 -7.30pm.

The dates for each Information session are

Monday 15th February - Yr. 3/ 4
Tuesday 16th February - Yr. 1/ 2
Wednesday 17th February - Yr. 5/ 6
Thursday 18th February - Yr. Prep

The Information Sessions are optional and unfortunately child minding will not be available.

Anaphylaxis - I would also like to remind our school community that we have a number of children at Newport Lakes that suffer from anaphylaxis. These children suffer from severe allergies to nuts and nut products (especially peanuts and peanut butter), fish and shellfish. We ask all our parents to assist in making our school a safe environment for these children by not including any of these products in your children’s snacks or lunches.

If there is a child suffering from Anaphylaxis in your child’s class you would have received a letter notifying you of this and how you can assist in making the classroom a safe environment for all children.

School Ground Supervision

Parents are reminded that playground supervision (teacher on duty) is provided before school at 8.45am and after school until 3.45pm.
Students should not be in the school grounds before or after these times unless supervised by their parents or an adult. Students should aim to be at school between 8.45 and 8.55am. This allows them to see their friends, chat or play a short game before school begins at 9.00am.

Students playing in the school ground or on playground equipment after school MUST be supervised by their parents or guardians.

**Student Leadership**

Congratulations to our four new School Captains for 2016. Silvery, Ruby, Nick and Liam will be excellent student leaders and ambassadors for the school. I am sure they will also be wonderful role models for our younger children who will see them take the school assembly each week and perform other leadership duties throughout the school.

We are currently in the process of selecting the school’s House Captains and many of the Yr. 6 children are delivering their campaign speeches at the school assembly. We invite all parents to come along and listen the children make their excellent and often very funny speeches to convince the students to vote for them as their House Captain for the year. This year we are also introducing the Arts Captains to give assist and promote the school’s excellent program at a student level.

Later this month each class (Yr. 1-6) will also choose their representative for the Junior School Council (JSC). At Newport Lakes we strongly believe in the ability of giving students a voice in many aspects of the school and classrooms. We have a very active JSC that meet each week and give their opinions and direction on how we can have a better school.

I am off to Philip Island next week with the Yr.5/6 children and staff on their senior school camp. With a list of activities including surfing, body boarding, bike riding, beach discovery, I’m sure we are in for a fantastic time. There is also plenty of planned ‘chill time’ to allow the kids to socialise and interact with their teachers and each other in a relaxed and friendly environment. Having a camp so early in the year is an excellent way for all the children and teachers to get to know each other and build relationships for the year.

I hope you all have a good week

David Moss
Principal
School Captains

It is with great pleasure that I announced at Friday afternoon assembly the School’s Captains for 2016: Congratulations to:

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I have no doubt that all of these students will be excellent ambassadors for our school throughout the year.

**MEET OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS FOR 2016**

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<th>Hello everyone, my name is Ruby and I am one of the 2016 School Captains. I have wanted to be a School Captain, because I love helping out and being part of a team! I am happy to help out any time you need, and will try my best to make this school the best it can be!! Thank you to David, Janet and all the other teachers who elected me for this role and congratulations to Nicholas, Liam and Silvery, who I look forward to working with this year.</th>
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<td>Hi, my name is Liam and I am one of this year’s school captains. I would like to thank all the teachers that selected me for this role and to congratulate my fellow school captains, Nick, Silvery and Ruby for achieving their positions. If you have any problems feel free to come and ask me at lunch or snack. I will try my hardest to have all the traits of a school leader and be a great role model for the students. On my first day of school 7 years ago I looked up to the school captains and thought about just how much I wanted to be in their position, and I hope I can be as good as they were. I hope everyone has a great year. Thanks.</td>
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<td>Hi, my name is Silvery Moon, and I am one of the School Captains this year. I’d like to thank David, Janet and the other teachers for choosing me. Congratulations to Ruby, Liam and Nick on being chosen as Captains as well. I am kind and thoughtful and if you need any help, I will make sure your problem is solved. I’ve been going to Newport Lakes PS since Prep and I never thought that I’d have the honour to be a School Captain. I will make 2016 an enjoyable and fund year. Thank you.</td>
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| Hi, my name is Nick and I have been elected as a school captain for 2016. I am very honoured to be chosen for this role, and I’m sure the other captains Liam, Ruby and Silvery are just as proud of themselves as I am. I am looking forward to the challenge of running assembly and all the other tasks we will be required to do. I believe a school captain should:-
  - Be a good role model to the school community in particular to the prep kids starting this year.
  - Be open to suggestions on how the school can improve.
  - Encourage students to work hard on what they are doing and to never give up.
  - And I promise to make school assemblies engaging.
I’m looking forward to an amazing and fun year at Newport Lakes Primary School. |
Professional Learning at Newport Lakes PS in 2016

As a team of teachers at Newport Lakes Primary School (you might hear us refer to ourselves as a ‘professional learning community’) we understand that learning is a lifelong journey and that this adage aptly applies to us as we strive to be the best teachers that we can be. We are very excited about the year ahead - and the professional learning we have planned to assist us to continue our journey into improved teacher practice. We will again work with leaders in the fields of ‘inquiry learning’- Kath Murdoch, and mathematics - Michael Ymer. We have worked with both of these consultants over the past twelve months and highly value the positive impact they have had on our teaching and learning. This year we will also have the opportunity to focus on ‘best practice’ in the teaching of writing when we collaborate with Jim Kinniburgh. Jim happens to be the grandfather of one of our students in year one. He is highly sought-after in schools to work in teachers’ classrooms to demonstrate writing lessons and will also be working with us on the writing curriculum that he has developed to reflect the national curriculum. David Vinegrad is another professional who will be leading our learning on our first pupil-free day for the term, helping us to understand our Student Engagement And Wellbeing Policy in far greater depth. In future newsletters I will write more about the specific learning that we undertake with each of these consultants. Today each teaching team has been very fortunate to spend an hour with Kath Murdoch. Kath is a world-renowned writer and presenter in education. If you would like to know more about Kath’s work please read a copy of her January blog seen below or look up her website. Happy reading...

Please stop me for a chat when you see me in the schoolyard and I will be very happy to talk to you about curriculum at Newport Lakes PS.

Warmest regards,

Janet Gill

... just wondering....

IF YOU COULD TAKE JUST ONE WORD INTO THE NEW YEAR....WHAT WOULD IT BE?

January 1, 2016

Whether you are soon to begin a new school year or returning to school in a new calendar year, this is inevitably a time of heightened intention. I love this ‘moment’ in time when the new and old year hinge on each other. Reflection is made more purposeful when it casts light on the way ahead. As a new year dawns, I can’t help but wonder about the way my thinking, my learning and my teaching will unfold. This will be my 33rd year of teaching (how on EARTH did that happen?). Whether teaching children, student-teachers or experienced teachers in the field I continue to love what I do and marvel at how much I learn, unlearn and re-learn each year.

As I have shared before (http://www.kathmurdoch.com.au/blog/2014/01/23/and-the-word-is) my family and friends have a tradition of selecting a word to bring into the new year. Just one, single word. The word provides a kind of ‘tincture’ to the year – its purpose being to regularly nudge you along a path of your choosing – a path that strengthens you in some way.

This year, I have chosen the word ‘space’... it works for me on a personal and professional level. My passion for inquiry requires a lot of thinking about, providing for and curating space. I know the best learning happens when I give myself
and my students enough space to explore, grow, to think and to talk. Clutter (physical, emotional and cognitive) feels like the antithesis of discovery and learning. Even having some space to think, to read, to walk and to write is palpably nurturing for me as a learner as I enjoy some down time over the Christmas break. I need space – and as a teacher, I need to provide it.

As I walked the spacious sands on a nearby beach early this morning, I pondered some single powerful words that resonate with the practice and stance of the inquiry teacher. If you are so inclined, perhaps one of these words might act as your talisman for a wonderful year of inquiry.

**Connect**... If ever there was a ‘multi-purpose’ word for inquiry, this is it! This year, help your students make connections – between ideas, between new and past experiences, between each other and with themselves. Make your own connections – not just within your school but with the wider community of inquiry teachers around the world. Stay connected to why you do what you do.

**Wonder**... No word list for inquiry would be complete without it. Wonder fuels inquiry. This year – commit to providing your kids with more time and reason to wonder. Start a class wonder-journal into which you record things you have marveled at, noticed, been puzzled by. Make your wonderwall a place for dynamic investigation. Give your kids time to explore their interests. Most of all, share YOUR wonders with your students. Be the curious, passionate learner you want to see.

**Open**...One of the most challenging aspects of being an inquiry teacher is learning to stay open to the possibility that things may not go as planned – but it is also one of the most satisfying dispositions to build in yourself and your students. Stay open – to new thinking, new ways of doing things, new questions. Design tasks that are open enough to allow diverse and individual responses. Open your doors. Open up your spaces. Ditch some tables. Move.

**Dare**... With a nod to Brene Brown, we sometimes have to ‘dare greatly’ in order to see inquiry truly flourish in our classroom. Dare to express yourself with more candor and passion in your planning or staff meetings, dare to suggest and try new ways of doing things, dare to ditch the stuff you KNOW is a waste of time, dare to be spontaneous when you see a truly teachable moment worth inquiring into, dare to spend an entire day exploring something fascinating with your students, dare to stop doing something you have always done just because you’ve always done it. Dare to try something that scares you a little. Dare your students to challenge themselves, to move out of their comfort zone. Dare to help your students inquire into something you know nothing about. Dare to question.

**Play**...We know the value of play for learning and how vital it is that children have opportunities for the exploration and stimulation of play. But play is not just about interacting with materials or having discovery time a couple of times a week. Inquiry teachers help students play with ideas, play with thinking, play with words, play with possibilities. They bring a playful disposition to learning that creates a culture in which even the most challenging tasks can have a joyful element. Playfulness - knowing how to bring a lighter touch to classroom discourse often to more sophisticated engaged thinking than the dull seriousness of an all-too-earnest conversation. Don't lose sight of YOUR inner child. Play. Commit to learning some new circle games and play them all year. Laugh together. Enjoy your teaching more. Enjoy your kids!

**Grow**... Inquiry teachers see themselves as learners. It is our responsibility to continue to grow ourselves and our thinking along with our students. Make this a year of growth – whether you are in your first or last year of teaching. Show your students that you too are an inquirer and that learning never stops. I am regularly stunned by conversations I have with some teachers who cannot tell me a professional book they last read, who don’t subscribe to any blogs or lists or attend any workshops other than those required of them. I don't get it. We can ALL grow ourselves as learners more easily than we have ever been able to before. Learn something new. There is a world of wisdom in our pockets, at the touch of a button. Grow!

So...those are 6 words that come to mind when I think of entering the new year as an inquiry teacher. I’ve merely scratched the surface. What’s YOUR word?

*just wondering*...
**Parking in Drop Off Zones**

Drop off zones are designed for ‘dropping off or picking up’ your child and not designed for parking and waiting.

Parents are reminded that drivers **are not** permitted to leave their cars in the drop off zones around the school entrance in Elizabeth St. If you are going to park and come into the school, please park in one of the nearby streets away from the school and safely walk to and from the school ground with your children.

Parking in a drop off zone should be for a **maximum** of 10 minutes.

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**PARENT HELPERS IN PREP – 2 CLASSROOMS 2016**

If you would like to volunteer to help our Prep-2 teachers during the reading hour throughout the year then please sign the form below to attend a 1 hour induction session facilitated by Janet Gill. Parents will need to attend the induction in order to assist in classrooms. We have a record of all parents who have attended our previous inductions, so if you attended one of those you will not need to attend our 2016 induction. We look forward to developing the home-school partnership as part of this initiative.

Please circle the day that you will attend:

- **Tuesday 16th Feb** 9am-10 am
- **Thursday 18th Feb** 9am-10am

Parent name: _________________________________  Child/ren name & Class _____________________

I will attend the above Parent Helper Induction Session.
ATTENTION NEWPORT LAKES MAKERS!

Tired of yearning for the fame and glory your talents deserve? Sick of wondering, “Am I really as awesome as I think I am?” Why not let the people of Newport Lakes Primary School decide?

The BEST IN SHOW competition will be held on fete day in the multipurpose room (MPR). Entry forms (see end of newsletter) and a $2 per entry fee is now available and can be submitted and paid to the front office prior to the Fete with your entry item to be delivered to the MPR on the morning of the Fete.

Prizes will be awarded by popular vote (gold coin donation to vote), in the categories of:
- “Consuming Passions” (Homebaked and food design)
- “Artsy Fartsy” (Craft, Art, Sewing, Woodwork and Photography)
- “Just Plain Quirky” (everything else)

Each of the above categories will have prizes awarded for the following age groups
- Prep – Grade 2
- Grade 3 – 6
- Open

The overall winner will be awarded the coveted title of “BEST IN SHOW”.

AND FOR THOSE OF YOU CREATIVELY CHALLENGED:

We are looking for donations of prizes for each of age groups in each category (9 in total) and an overall prize for Best in Show, such as art and craft materials/kits, cookware or platters, picture frames or gifts vouchers.

Please contact Alicia at aliciajeanking@yahoo.co.uk if you have something to donate. Get those thinking caps on and make sure you come and vote on fete day!

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Best in Show Entry Form - $2 per entry

Name(s): _____________________________ Contact No. _____________________________

Class(es): _____________________________

1 Entry slip per person. Each person may submit multiple entries but each item can only be entered into 1 category/age group

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Cash payment $ _____________________________ Enclosed.

Please bring your entry to the multipurpose room on the day of the fete.
Limited edition 160th Birthday Aprons on sale now!

The new limited edition 160th Birthday celebration aprons are now on sale at the front office for $20. Please come in to the front office to see them on display!

We would love to see the all volunteers wearing one of these at the school fete!!

Be quick as there is only limited stock available!

Payment slip attached at end of the newsletter

All day Show Ride Wristbands on sale now!

Giant Slide, Jumping Castle, Chair-o-plane and The Cyclone! The best show rides in town are coming to the Newport Lakes PS Twilight Fete. You can Pre-Purchase All Day Unlimited Show Ride Wristbands for $25 NOW at the front office.

(this price is valid until Thursday 17th March 2016 – Fete Day is $30!)

See payment slip at end of newsletter

Online Stall Volunteer Booking System now open!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! The Newport Lakes Primary School Twilight Fete will take place on Friday 18th March 2016 from 3:30pm to 8:00 p.m. (although we will need volunteers all throughout the day assisting with set up / food preparation etc). We are asking all parents to assist by volunteering for at least one hour on a stall. This is the biggest event on the school calendar, and for the Fete to run smoothly we need the support of ALL families.

We welcome Dads and Grandparents/relatives to assist as well. Specifically it would be great to have Dads assist with morning set-up before the Fete begins or evening clean-up after the Fete. (Maybe even ask the boss for the day off for a great cause!!). In addition, we would love to see some Masterchefs in the making behind our BBQ stall, Falafal stall, Chicken kebab stall, or other food stalls.

Please log onto www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use the code X14GM
Please make sure you provide your email address and ph number

Thank you for supporting the 2016 NLPS Twilight Fete. If you have questions please contact Michelle Kinniburgh on 0452 192 409 or mlkinnburgh@gmail.com
Stalls that require donations...

The following stalls will be relying on the general school community to assist with donations of items for their stall. Please start to think about what you can assist with....

**Lucky Jar** – please start saving your empty (& clean) jam/vegemite/pasta jars (ie 400-600ml) with lids.... Also, start collecting trinklets, small gifts on in the jars for the Mystery / Luck Jar stall (hold them for now... we will be announcing when to bring these in shortly!)

![Image of jars]

**2nd Hand Books** – Books, Books and more Books
Good quality Baby/toddler books, pre schoolers, tween, adult, fiction, non fiction, educational, cookery, novels, paperback – any books! (please note we are not accepting any soft teddys, puzzles, toys, games, clothes, electrical or homewares – just BOOKS)

![Image of books]

**Plants & Flowers** – Green Thumbs get your seedlings started now.... Potted flowers, herbs, seedlings, veggies....
(Bring in on Fete Day!)

![Image of plants]

**2nd Hand Uniform** – New Year, new size?
Clean out your children’s school uniform stash
(Effective immediately drop directly to school front office)

![Image of uniform]

**Craft** – knitting, bookmarks, bunting, bags, lace, jewellery, beads, cards, hair clips/ headbands, candles, soaps, painting, frames....

Also requiring donations of craft materials felt, art card / paper, beads, fabric, buttons, trim, ribbon,

![Image of crafts]

**Lollies, Sweets, Cakes, Jams and Baked Goods** – Rum Balls, Banana Cake, Carrot Cake, Toffee Apples, Homemade Apricot Jam, Anzac Biscuits, Homemade Chutney/Relish, Fudge, Rocky Road, Shortbread, Gingerbread, Lamingtons, Hummingbird Cake, bags of mixed lollies, TeaCups, Honey Joys, Chocolate Crackles and even the good old Cupcake – the list is endless.... Simple or Classic or Modern or throw out the rule book, whatever takes your fancy....

Don’t forget to make sure you include a list of the ingredients (No Fresh Cream and no Custard Please!) and also it would be great if we could get some goods already pre-packed into 2 / 4 / 6 items etc. (and please make sure these are delivered to the school of the morning of the Fete!!!)

![Image of baked goods]

We will be asking for these donations to be brought into school from February onwards... so start collecting now!

Don’t forget to click "LIKE" on our Fete Facebook page Newport Lakes PS Twilight Fete 2016, and get your family and friends to like us too!

Keep up to date with our closed private group Facebook page – Newport Lakes Primary School Family and Friends – make sure you request to join via the facebook page.

Cheers
The 2016 Fete Committee
Parents are reminded that the first instalment of the Excursion Expenses was due on the 1st February and the second instalment being due on the 17th June. If you require any further information in relation to this please do not hesitate to contact the office.

The NLPS ensembles started this week and already have some concerts booked for Terms One and Two! If you are interested in joining the one of the choirs or band, please come and see Ellen. Each ensemble meets to rehearse once a week, with the Senior Choir (Grades 3-6) rehearsing on Wednesdays at lunchtime in the Music room, and the Junior Choir (Grades 1 and 2) rehearsing at recess on Mondays. Both of the choirs are optional, so come along if you feel like having a sing! The Prep students will be invited to join the Junior Choir in term 4.

We also have a very busy Concert Band that rehearses on Thursdays at 2:30. This ensemble is available to any student currently learning an instrument with a teacher. All of the ensembles require a lot of dedication and hard work, but we have a lot of fun!

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We hope everyone has had a safe and enjoyable Summer break and are refreshed and ready to get back into school life for 2016. For families new to the Newport Lakes Primary School community, welcome!

If you are unsure what Parents Club is about or what we aim to achieve, please see the flyer attached to this newsletter. This includes the contact details for getting on our mailing list. We will also provide updates in each school newsletter for events planned through the year.

Parents Club will be running a number of fun events and activities throughout the year, starting with an Icy Pole Day on the 12th February. Don’t forget to send your child in with their 50c or there may be tears.

The first Parents Club Meeting will also be held on 11th February at 7:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room to finalise events for the term. It would be great to see some new faces at the start of the year! For those with a little spare time on their hands, we are also looking for a Parents Club Coordinator. If you have any interest in getting involved with the school community, please come along to the meeting to see how you can help out.

Everybody has a role to play in their child’s education, Parent’s Club is a way to be involved with our school and help create an environment for our children to learn.

Our Goals
- Provide a welcoming environment to all new Families.
- Fundraise for ‘Extras’, recently we have provided, dictionaries, lego robot kits, playground equipment as well as many other items
- Organise Social events for Parents
- Work with the school to plan a wide range of activities to make our school a great place to be

Events
Parents Club plans a number of events throughout the year, both for children and parents. Some include: Special lunches, Dance Party, Trivia Night, Bunnings BBQ, Mother’s and Father’s Day, Icy Pole days.

Meetings
Parents club meets a couple of times each term. These meetings are an opportunity for you to find out what is happening at the school, have a catch up with other parents, and plan events.

How to stay Informed
To stay informed register your interest at the school office and you will be included in all the emails. Attend a meeting and volunteer your time at an event.

Register your interest vie email nlpsparentsclub@gmail.com
Welcome to 2016 Scholastic Book Club. Thank you to all of you who bought books through the program last year, as a result of your purchases we were able to buy lots of new books for our library.

First issue has been sent to classes and the due date for orders is the 12th February. Please note that this year they have consolidated all books into one catalogue for all.

A big, big thank you to Wendy Oates for being the Parent Scholastic Book Club coordinator for the last 7 years. She has done a fantastic job at developing and running the program.

For those new to the book club here's a brief outline of what we do.

Each term there are two issues of the book club.
A catalogue of books you can purchase is sent home.
There is an order form within the catalogue which you complete and return to school.
Depending on your payment method, complete the credit card details or place in an envelope the correct cash amount (you can take these directly to the office if it is easier).
You are given just under two weeks to complete orders. Look out for the due date near the office door.
The books get delivered to the school and get distributed to classes.
In addition the school gets a significant percentage to spend on books for the library...win win I say.

We are looking at setting up a new system for ordering books, starting Term two. Parents/guardians will be able to order directly with scholastic which saves paper work and reduces money handling.

Happy reading

Book Club Organisers

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School Banking at Newport Lakes Primary School

Newport Lakes Primary School offers the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

SCHOOL BANKING DAY at Newport Lakes is: **MONDAY**

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youth-saver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.
To encourage regular savings behaviour, an exciting Rewards Program is offered. Every deposit earns your child a silver Dollarmites token, and once they've collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!
You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youth-saver account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child’s birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youth-saver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every MONDAY using their Dollarmites deposit wallet and hand it in to their teacher.

All Prep - 2 students will receive a Parent Information pack in the next two weeks, containing information about the program, how to join and a reward redemption card.

Existing banking students in grades 3-6 will receive a reward redemption card.

Students in Grades 1 – 6 that are not currently banking can collect a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.
Join School Banking on an Outback Adventure!

Every year the School Banking program launches a new savings theme and eight new exclusive School Banking reward items.

This year’s program is themed the Outback Savers and School Banking is taking students on a wild adventure through the Canyon of Savings, where they’ll learn to master smart savings habits. With each weekly deposit, regardless of the amount, your child will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once they’ve collected 10 tokens, they can redeem them for one of the really exciting rewards on offer in 2016. They will also receive a certificate when they reach certain savings milestones. Gold tokens will no longer be provided when redeeming rewards in 2016.

There are 8 new reward items for 2016

from the Outback Savers range:
Flying Snake Tail – available now
Wildlife Writer Set – available now
Mud Splat Handball - Term 2
Outback Pat Bag Tag - Term 2
Backtrack Eraser Pen - Term 3
Jump and Skip Rope - Term 3
Bush Fly Fan – Term 4
Wriggley Glow Worm – Term 4

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). Last year, we had 194 students banking, and received $1,180 commission, which will be spent on classroom resources for the school.

Win a wildlife family adventure holiday to Australia Zoo!

This year School Banking is giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals.

If you have any questions about the program, please do not hesitate to contact the School Banking Co-ordinators (Parent Representatives):

Daria Hewitt: 0402 329 611 or daria.nick@gmail.com
Katrina Gowans on 0412 995 062 or markkatrina@optusnet.com.au
Allana Arapakis: 0400 113 333 or aarapakis@optusnet.com.au

ICY POLE DAYS ARE BACK

Icy poles will be on sale on Friday 12th February at lunchtime near the Multi Purpose Room. 50c each.

Please watch the newsletter for further dates.
2016 Class Friendship Lists

The Class Friendship List is a useful way to stay in touch with the other families in your child’s class. The main purpose of the list is to communicate information about school events or social gatherings and to help parents arrange play dates.

It may also be a useful way to discuss purchase of a group present for your teacher at the end of the year, organise car-pooling for school events, or share news of forthcoming events that may be of interest to other families.

Please note: it is not to be used as a vehicle for advertising your business, and any complaints or concerns about the school curriculum or administration should be directed to the school and not distributed via the Class Friendship List.

The Class Friendship List is optional and parents must feel comfortable to have their personal details (name, child’s name, phone and email address) made available to other parents in your child's grade. By including your details on this list, you consent to the information being distributed to all families in your child’s class.

If you would like to be included on your child’s Class Friendship List, please complete the details below and return to your child’s teacher by Friday 12 February. The information will then be consolidated into a Friendship List for each class and distributed once completed.

Please indicate if you would like to be the Class Representative for your child's class. The Class Representative will primarily be responsible for collating and distributing the Friendship List, sending email reminders to the class about school events and co-ordinating a teachers gift at the end of the year. Please also indicate if you would like to be added to the Parent Club email distribution list.

Thank you
Parents’ Club

2016 Class Friendship List

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Yes, I would like to volunteer to be the Class Representative for my child's class.

Yes, I would like to be added to the Parents’ Club email distribution list.
Dear Resident,

We are writing to inform you of ongoing works in the rail corridor near the pedestrian underpass located near High Street, between Melbourne Road and Hall Street, Newport.

These works involve repairs to an existing pipeline. Further deterioration of the pipe has been detected and additional maintenance works are required. As a result this underpass will remain temporarily closed until March 2016. We will notify you if this date is likely to change. These circumstances are beyond our control and we apologise for any inconvenience.

These works are essential to ensure the ongoing safety and efficiency of the network.

For your safety during this time, please use the underpass at Newport Station.

We thank you for your patience during these important upgrade works.

For more information or to offer feedback please call 1800 800 007 (8am - midnight 7 days, including Friday & Saturday) or visit ptv.vic.gov.au.

You can get more information about public transport in other languages by calling PTV on the following numbers:

- Arabic (03) 9321 5440
- Mandarin (03) 9321 5454
- Cantonese (03) 9321 5441
- Somali (03) 9321 5446
- Croatian (03) 9321 5442
- Spanish (03) 9321 5447
- Dinka (03) 9321 5452
- Sudanese (03) 9321 5453
- Greek (03) 9321 5443
- Turkish (03) 9321 5448
- Italian (03) 9321 5444
- Vietnamese (03) 9321 5449
- Macedonian (03) 9321 5445
- All other languages (03) 9321 5450
Aussie Hoops

Basketball for kids 5-10

Westgate Basketball Association, your local basketball association, is running the Aussie Hoops programme for boys and girls aged 5-10 years old. Sessions are run at the indoor stadium at U3 Community Sports Stadium, Whitten Oval, and give kids skill sessions, fun drills and friendly games.

The sessions are run by representative level youth basketball players and give kids a terrific grounding in the fundamental skills for the game.

So if you were wondering if your kid just might be the next Patty Mills or Lauren Jackson, stop wondering and find out! Come along, make new friends and see if yourself why basketball is one of the most popular youth sports in Australia.

Sessions are run Thursday, afternoons or Saturday mornings, and they’ll be smiling for days!

Register Now! and see you on court!

For further details on times and dates, prices and registration, please visit our website:

www.westgatebasketball.com.au

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Ph 9396 7400
anglicarevic.org.au/foster-care