Important Dates to put in the diary

Friday 7th October  Grade 3/4 Excursion to Werribee Zoo
Monday 10th October  Final day for swimming payment
Tuesday 11th October  Prep Fire Education visit
Saturday 15th October  Solar Boat Competition—Scienceworks
Monday 17th October — Prep—3 Swimming Program / Book Club Orders due back
Friday 28th October
Wednesday 19th October  QKR App Information Session—6.00pm
Thursday 20th October  Cyber Safety Parent Session—6.30pm MPR
Friday 4th November  Walk-a-thon

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

Helen, Prep P  Charlie, 1/2C  Tiger, 3/4H
Mia, 3/4M  Charlie, 3/4N  Destiny, 5/6M
Archie, 3/4H  Ethan, 3/4N  Ryan, 5/6S
Lexie, Prep P  Rayanne, 5/6M  Youssef, 3/4G
Ella, 3/4G  Coco, 3/4G  Emma, 5/6S
Ryan, Prep P  Ashton, Prep L

Prep—3 Swimming Program Commences Monday 17th October
Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the last term of the school year, and what a busy term we have planned. We have the P-3 swimming program at the Mason St. pool, the Solar Boat challenge, a number of incursions and excursions throughout the term, 2016-7 Preps Transition program, Yr. 4 and Yr.5/6 Beach Safety & Resuscitation programs, the School Walk-a-thon, Yr. 6 Graduation, and then we begin preparation for the end of year and the beginning of 2017.

So much to do and so little time!! Although in saying this, term 4 will be an exceptionally long term consisting of 11 weeks 2 days. Fortunately we will be having a 4 day break in early November over the Melbourne Cup week-end but it is very likely that we will see a number of very tired children, parents and staff as we enter into the final weeks of the term so we will all need to care and look after each other to ensure we have a great end to our school year,

The last day of term 4 for this year will be 1.00pm Tuesday 20th December.

School production – It seems such a long time ago when the magical ‘Little Prince’ production was brilliantly performed by the talented Newport Lakes children. If you would like to re-live the event now or at any time in the future, the DVD of the ‘Little Prince’ is available for purchase. Details are available in the newsletter or order forms can be located at the office.

A big thank you to all the parents that have sent in emails and cards to the school congratulating the students and staff on the excellent show. Your wonderful feedback and kind thoughts have been much appreciated.

Cyber safety Online safety is a topic that is addressed frequently and diligently with all students by their teachers in the classrooms. There is no doubt that education around this issue is very important but this learning cannot only be undertaken at school. Parental guidance is also essential if we are to keep our children safe at all times whilst online.

To assist parents with this task, we have arranged a very informative and helpful information session entitled ‘e-safety in your home’ to be conducted on the evening of Thursday 20th October.

Topics to be covered in this session include cyberbullying, online gaming, trolling, social networking, sexting, inappropriate content and how and what we can do should problems arise. There will also be information on how to protect privacy, safety apps for your device and online safety hints for the entire family. This session promises to be an excellent opportunity for parents to keep up with the ever changing ‘online world’ and assist them in providing guidance to their children.

When children develop online behaviours without guidance, problems are sure to occur. By teaching students key messages both at home and at school will help them navigate their way safely through the internet as they grow older.

Traffic Management – New changes - Last year a number of new traffic management initiatives including new parking areas, bollards in driveways and making Elizabeth St. a one way street. These initiatives were trialled by the HBCC to improve traffic flow and management at the peak times around the school. The introduction of the ‘one way street’ has certainly had a major impact on improving the flow of traffic and improving safety for all our school community.

Although feedback from parents has been mostly positive, concerns have been noted about students needing to enter and exit from their cars into the middle of the road due to the direction of the traffic flow in the one way street.
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School Council also believes that the one way Street has significantly improved traffic flow and safety around the school but has also raised major concerns about not having a bus parking zone outside the school where students and staff can exit directly onto the footpath.

To alleviate this problem and to ensure a greater level of safety for our children the following changes to parking and traffic flow will be introduced into the streets surrounding the school.

**Stage 1 - Parking changes - 19 - 30 September 2016**
Two hour parking conditions between 8am – 6pm Monday to Friday, will be implemented on the west side of Elizabeth Street.

**Stage 2 - Traffic and Parking changes - January 2017**
Stage 2 involves the reversal of the one-way in Elizabeth Street, the introduction of the west-bound one-way in Ross Street and further changes to parking conditions in the surrounding area.

As with most form of change, there will be those ‘for’ and ‘against’ these changes but they are being undertaken to improve the safety of our children and school community.

**2017 Essential Education Expenses, Booklists and Contributions** – In week four of this term a list of the 2017 Essential Education Expenses, Booklists and School Fees will be sent home with every Prep-Yr. 5 child. Although it is quite early to be sending out next year’s fees and contributions, feedback from parents has been to send out this information as early as possible to assist in budget planning. The policy and detailed document will also be included giving a short description of student costs for excursions/ incursions and all other activities in 2017. As in the last 2 years, we have included all the known 2017 school year costs in the list of expenses. Parents have indicated that they prefer to pay all the costs in a single fee for essential education expenses, booklists and excursion and incursion fees rather than having a continual request for money throughout the year. School Council have again included the option of a 2-instalment payment (December 2016 and June 2017) for essential educational expenses and excursions to assist parents in payment of the fees and levies or alternatively they can be paid in a single payment in December this year. The first instalment will include full payment of the book pack as we will need to pay the book suppliers by early February.

If any parent or family experiences difficulty in payment of the 2017 Essential Education Expenses, Booklists and contributions the school council will provide opportunities for them to enter into alternative payment arrangements with the principal.

**2017 Grade Selection** - Staff are presently investigating the possible grade structures for 2017. Consideration of the student numbers for the whole school, numbers in each grade level, teaching curriculum levels, ensuring that we are within the Education Department guidelines and that we have an even distribution of numbers of students in each class, will all be determining factors in the selection of the best option for next year’s grade structure. At this stage, it is very likely that we will have 18 classes but the composition of the grades or the teachers of the grades has not as yet been decided. After the school organisation has been finalised, students will be placed into their 2017 classes.

Parents are invited to inform the school if there is any information that they consider is important when considering the selection of next year’s class for their child. This is an opportunity for parents to inform the school of any information that would be beneficial or important in the selection of their child’s grade in 2017. Parents are asked not to select a teacher, as this will not be considered. All children will be given the opportunity of selecting friends they would like to be in the same class in 2017. All efforts will be made to ensure they will be with at least one of their selected friends next year. This is an ideal time for parents to discuss friendship arrangements with their children and to trust them in selecting positive and suitable classmates. Parents must note that requests made last year for previous years are not ‘carried over’ or considered for the 2017 grade selection. If parents believe that an issue should be considered, it is important that a new request is written to the school.
This request must be written and addressed to the Principal. Requests will be forwarded to the respective Team Leaders to assist the teachers when they are selecting the grades for the following year. Requests can be made up until Thursday 27th October 2016. All will be given consideration, but no promises or guarantees can or will be made. If you have any queries in regards to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact either Janet Gill or myself at the school.

New Prep Students and Families Transferring for 2017 - To enable us to conduct our planning for 2017, families who will be re-locating before the start of the next school year, and therefore not continuing at Newport Lakes Primary School are requested to advise our office in writing.

Also, if there are any siblings that will be beginning Prep in 2017 and we have not yet been informed, an enrolment form MUST be presented to the office by the close of next week.

It would be most appreciated if families notify us of any 2016/2017 transfers and enrolments as soon as possible.

Walk-a-thon Fundraiser   On Friday 4th November all the students (prep -6) will be involved in a Walk-a-thon to raise funds for the school. The profits from the Walk-a-thon will be directed towards the purchase of books for literacy sets, the school library and classroom libraries (our children can never have enough books) Funds will also be used for the purchase of sports equipment for the school yard and the Yr. 6 Graduation Presentation. The Walk-a-thon promotes a balanced and healthy lifestyle and provides a fun and enjoyable way of raising much needed funds for our school. The children will walk 10 times around a course at the Newport Lakes reserve. There will be a junior and a slightly longer senior course.

Your child will be given an information letter for parents and a sponsorship card to take home early next week. They may like to get parents, family or friends to sponsor them for the 10 laps of the course or to give a donation. There will be special prizes awarded on the day as well as all children that raise funds will go in a special raffle draw for a list of major prizes. We look forward to your support on this fun day.

Hope you all have a great week.

David Moss
Principal

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**PARENTS CYBER SAFETY INFORMATION SESSION**

You may have already noticed in our previous newsletters that we have a cyber safety information session scheduled for early in term four.

We are really looking forward to this as we think it will be extremely worthwhile and very informative for all members of our NLPS community.

The session will take place on **Thursday 20th October at 6:30pm**. Children are also welcome to attend.

The topics that will be explored include:

- How children are interacting online
- Where to find parental safety software and what apps to be aware of
- How to increase the privacy/security of apps
- How to change parental settings on PC and Mac and the value of these settings
- The eSafety Commissioner’s Office
- How to access eSafety office information

Parents will receive printed handouts for PC/Mac parental settings to take home.

We hope to see as many of you all there as possible on the night! Helping your children to navigate the digital world is a skill we believe to be extremely important.

If you are planning to attend, please let us know via the link below: www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code arpqj
If families would like to order a copy of “The Little Prince” dvd, please complete the order form and return to the office with payment no later than **Friday 14th October**.

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Newport Lakes Primary School Concert 2016

**“The Little Prince” DVD Order Form**

The Newport Lakes Primary School concert for 2016 will be recorded professionally by Video Essentials using two camera portable digital video studio. The end product will have a highly professional look with a variety of wide angle and close up footage. You won’t have to put up with a constantly moving single camera zooming in and out.

If you would like to order a DVD copy as a record of the evening, please fill in the form below and return it to school in an envelope. The cost of the DVD is $25. A highlights segment will feature at the start. All DVDs are fully authored with chapters for each item.

**Return this order to your classroom teacher by Friday 7th October.**

Your DVDs will be available for pick-up from school the following week.

**Place the order in an envelope with your name, class and the amount enclosed on the front.**

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**VIDEO ESSENTIALS (ABN: 64790629128)**

Newport Lakes Primary School Concert 2016

**“The Little Prince” DVD Order Form**

Students name: ____________________ Class: ______

I wish to purchase ___ DVDs @ $25 per DVD. I wish to pay by:

- [ ] Cash
- [ ] Cheque (payable to Video Essentials)
- [ ] Credit Card (VISA/Mastercard only)

PLEASE DEBIT MY CREDIT CARD

- [ ] VISA
- [ ] MASTER

AMOUNT: $________

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“The Little Prince” Rehearsal
ICAS English Results

The certificates will be presented at assembly tomorrow – Friday, October 7th.

High Distinction certificates were received for:

Year 2 Jane

Year 4 James

Distinction certificates were received for:

Year 2 Gemma

Year 4 Miles

Year 5 Nicholas

Credit certificates were received for:

Year 3 Will

Year 4 Tess, Mia & Archie

We also received 2 merit and 10 participation certificates.

Adam          Bridget          Finn          Hannah
Harry         Kiera            Lucy          Nicholas
Pat           Ruby            Zack           Zali

Well done to all the participants on your achievements! We are very proud of you!
Thank you to all that participated in the consultation session held on 23 June at Newport Lakes Primary School. Council received valuable feedback on parking and traffic issues in the area and is proposing to carry out works as below:

**Stage 1 - Parking changes**
19 - 30 September 2016
Two hour parking conditions will be implemented on the west side of Elizabeth Street. The parking signs will be changed during the school holiday period.

**Stage 2 - Traffic and Parking changes**
January 2017
Stage 2 involves the reversal of the one-way in Elizabeth Street, the introduction of the west-bound one-way in Ross Street and further changes to parking conditions in the surrounding area. Council will provide more details regarding the works programme closer to this time.

For further information call 9932 1131 or email projects@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au
Williamstown Juniors Netball Club (WJNC)

Interested in netball?

We are looking for a couple of extra players for our 9/Under and 13/Under teams for the Summer Season at Altona Netball Stadium which starts in Term 4. 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.

Williamstown High School Uniform Shop

(Location at Pasco St campus)

Buy early sale now on
Sale finishes Oct 30th

Trading Hours
Tuesday 1pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday 8.00am – 11am
Thursday 1pm – 4.30pm

Personal fitting appointments are available outside of normal trading hours (highly recommended to avoid delays)
Phone Kaye 9399 8662 or email wil@dobsons.com.au

Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club (WS&LSC) runs a fun Nippers Program for children aged 5-14 years (5 years old by Sept 30th). Nippers are taught about surf awareness and surf safety through the Surf Life Saving Education Program.

The program is conducted on a Friday afternoon at Williamstown beach. The season begins in November and runs through to March, stopping for Christmas and January.

What do you need to do to sign up for Nippers?

To participate in the Nippers program, families are required to join the WS&LSC (New Family Membership starts from $275) – includes use of the pool and facilities for the year.

Every member 18 years and over (i.e. both parents/guardians) must have a Working with Children’s Check (WWCC), linked to both WS&LSC & LSV – details on website (http://www.williamstownslsc.org.au/membership/working-with-children) or at Information Sessions.

Attend a Information Session or a ‘Come and Try’ Session at the club house to answer questions you have or give some surf sport activities a go!

Information Sessions
Saturday Oct 8th at 4pm
Wednesday Oct 12th at 6.30pm
Sunday Oct 16th at 10pm

Come and Try Session
Sunday Oct 16th at 10am
Sunday Oct 23rd 10am

For further information, see our website www.williamstownslsc.org.au

If you are interested in competing for WS&LSC Nippers at carnivals during the summer please contact Fiona McCarroll on WSLSCnipperscomp@outlook.com or on 0407 106 160.
The Newport Lakes Primary School Concert Band will be performing at 11.00am