Important Dates to put in the diary

Thursday 9th June    ICAS—Spelling Test
Friday 10th June     Sushi Lunch Day
                      Grade 5/6 Winter Sports—Away game Altona North
Tuesday 14th June    Grade 3/4 Hands on Science Incursion
                      Parent Teacher Bookings Open 4.00pm
Wednesday 15th June ICAS Writing Test—Grade 5/6
Thursday 16th June   ICAS—Writing Test—Grade 3/4
                      2017 Prep Tour—10.00am
Friday 17th June     160th Birthday Celebration
                      Philosothon Excursion
Sunday 19th June    Art Show/160th Birthday
Mon 20th - Wed 22nd June  Art Show display
Wednesday 22nd June Parent Teacher Bookings Close 4.00pm
Thursday 23rd June  Parent Teacher Interviews 2—7pm
Friday 24th June     Last day of term—2.30pm dismissal

We would like to wish the following students a very happy birthday.
Jean, 1/2S          Benjamin, 3/4H          Locks, 3/4S
Annie, Prep L       Ben, 1/2R            Ivy, 1/2C
Ibrahim, 3/4S       Mahdi, 3/4G          Sammi, 3/4G
Ava, 1/2O           Will, 3/4S           Lavinia, Prep L
Sabrina, Prep P     Henrietta, 3/4N

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

Sebastian, 1/2C     Will, 3/4S       Tarquin, 3/4H
Hamish, 1/2R        Laila, Prep S     Ned, 3/4M
Sonny Duke, Prep L  Silvery, 5/6L     Emily, 1/2O
Lucas, 1/2D         Jake, 5/6M        Willow, 1/2O
Gabby, 3/4G         Ebru, 5/6W       Henry, Prep P
Ingrid, 1/2S        Sophia, 1/2S     Mia, 3/4H
Thomas, 1/2D        Ashton, Prep L    Molly, Prep S
Charlie, 1/2C       Gasper, 3/4S      Ava, 1/2O
Annie, 1/2R         Surya, 1/2R       Shea, 5/6M
April, 5/6S         Ashton, 3/4N      Leo, 3/6M
Waled, 3/4G         Chris, 5/6L
Dear Parents/Carers,

**Art Show & 160th Birthday** Two very important events are coming up in the school’s calendar in the next 2 weeks, the school’s 160th Birthday and the School’s Art Show.

Newport Lakes Primary School is one of the oldest continuous operating primary schools in Victoria. Beginning in 1856 as the Cambridge National School, there have been 5 name changes and 3 different locations in its 160 years of providing excellence in Education to the Newport community.

To celebrate this significant achievement we will be having a special assembly and the unveiling of a commemorative plaque on Friday 17th June. Our local MP, Wade Noonan will be in attendance and all the children will receive a special cup cake to celebrate the day.

On the following Sunday, 19th June, the school’s Art Show will be begin with a grand opening and another special occasion to celebrate the school’s 160th birthday. At 3pm there will be a cutting of a birthday cake by former pupil, Duncan McDonald.

The Art exhibition will be open from 1-4pm on the Sunday and then will be available to view on the following Monday and Tuesday. Parents and Friends are most welcome to attend both events.

**Ramadan** The holy month of Ramadan began last Monday June 6. Some students will be fasting for the next 4 weeks which means they will abstain from food and drink from dawn until sunset. Although fasting is not obligatory until one reaches adolescence, many children as young as 7 get really excited and into the spirit of Ramadan and will try to fast for half a day or even a full day. Fasting is one of the Five Pillars of Islam, and one of the main types of Islamic worship. Each day during this month, Muslims all over the world abstain from eating, drinking, smoking, as well as participating in anything that is ill-natured or excessive; from dawn until the sun sets.

But Ramadan is much more than just not eating and drinking; it is a time to purify the soul, refocus attention on God, and practice self-discipline and sacrifice, humility and patience. It is a time to cleanse the soul and put into practice selflessness by giving to charity and feeding the poor. The physical effects of the fast are felt by Muslims as a reminder of those who suffer throughout the year. Those who are poor, homeless, refugees and those who cannot meet their basic needs. It reminds Muslims not to be wasteful and to feel empathy for those who face hunger on a daily basis.

If your child is participating in Ramadan, please ensure that your child’s teacher is aware and can accommodate the needs of your child. All classrooms have discussed Ramadan to gain a greater understanding of this important time for Muslims and to respect any of their class friends that may be fasting.

**Mid Year Soiree** – Due to a number of school events being conducted at the end of term 2 including the Art Show, 160th Celebrations and parent teacher interviews, the mid year soiree will be conducted early in term 3 on Thursday 28 July. (term 3, Week 3).

**School Uniforms** Newport Lakes Primary School places great importance on maintaining a sense of pride and community. The wearing of the school uniform promotes this belief. Wearing the school uniform is compulsory and students are expected to be in school uniform every day.

The wearing of the school uniform by students:
- Promotes a sense of cohesion/inclusiveness, citizenship and school spirit.
- Raises the profile of the school and its students in the broader community.
- Supports the maintenance of a safe and secure environment by making it easier for staff to identify students at all times (particularly on excursions)
At last Friday’s assembly I noted that a number of students seem to be ‘choosing’ to wear different types of beanies and jackets or tops rather than their school uniform and that this is not permitted. This message has also been followed up in the classrooms and that it was important that children wear their school uniform everyday.

We are currently looking at some new additions to the school uniform including a navy blue polar fleece top and possibly a vest. Further news on these items will be available in the next newsletter.

There are also MANY items of clothing in the school’s lost property box that have been located around the school grounds. Whenever parents are in school and have a spare 5 minutes we invite you to have a look to see if you can identify any of your child’s missing items. The lost property box is located near the school office.

Enrolling 2017 Preps We are currently taking enrolments for 2017 Preps. If you have a child that turns 5 before 30th April 2017, and would like to enrol them at Newport Lakes Primary School please contact the office to collect an enrolment form, alternatively, enrolment details and forms are available on the school website.

Enrolments for 2017 students should be lodged at the school office before the end of term 2. There has been very strong interest in the school and a significant increase in the number of parents attending the school tours and information session than in previous years. Families that are within our ‘network neighbourhood area’ and siblings are given first preference for enrolments and then any further available placements can then be offered to families outside the area. It is very important for our school planning purposes that we are aware of any siblings that may be enrolling in Preps next year. Also, if you believe your child may be transferring or re-locating to another school the earlier you can notify the school the greater you can assist the school in its forward planning and preparation.

Vacating School Grounds After School - It is very important that children leave to go straight home after school unless they are being supervised by their parents. A number of children are remaining in the school grounds unsupervised and playing with their friends rather than going directly home after the dismissal bell has rung. Students are only permitted to be in the school grounds after school if they are being carefully supervised by their parents or an adult who is taking responsibility of the child.

Students that remain unsupervised in the school grounds after school will be directed to the school office and parents will be contacted to come to the school to pick them up.

If parents are supervising their children after school, they must do this diligently to ensure the safety of their own children and any others within their care.

This is both a safety and a legal responsibility issue and it is very important that we have the support of all families on this matter.

Tax Deductible Trust Funds The school has established two trust funds in which all funds donated to the school are Tax Deductible. These funds include the School Library Fund and the School Building Fund. Money donated to these fund must be utilised under strict guidelines to purchase materials and equipment for the school library or expenditure on capital improvement and maintenance.

All funds donated to this trust fund by parents, companies, businesses etc. are approved as being fully tax deductible by the ATO.

If any parent or business is interested in donating funds to this tax deductible fund please contact the school office for further details.

Donations made to the Trust Fund before June 30 2016 can be claimed in the current tax assessment.
Regional Cross Country  Congratulations to the students that recently represented the school and district in the Western Metropolitan Region Cross Country Championship. This is a magnificent effort to make it to such a high level and you are all to be congratulated on your performance. Further details are included below.

Parent Teacher Interviews  Student reports are to be sent home on Monday 20th June and then Parent-Teacher interviews are to be conducted on Thursday 23rd June. Details on the parent teacher interviews, including how to book the interview online, were sent home to parents earlier this week and are also available in the newsletter.

During the afternoon of parent teacher interviews, all students will be supervised in the Multi-Purpose Room by specialist teachers, leadership and support staff to allow classroom teachers to begin interviews at 2pm. A performance by the NLPS band and other special activities including some early previews of the school production will be conducted to entertain the students. Parents are also most welcome to attend the performances although ‘space’ will very tight and ‘standing room’ only will be available.

End of Term Early Dismissal  The end of term 2 will be Friday 24th June. Students will be dismissed at 2.30pm on this day. Term 3 begins on Monday 11th July.

I hope you all have a good week

David Moss
Principal

SPORTS NEWS

Division & WMR Cross-Country

Thursday, 26th May was a wet and windy day that made the Division Cross-Country out in Werribee even more challenging for all the runners. Nevertheless, the five students from Newport Lakes who attended performed extremely well in the tough conditions.

Leo S finished 4th in the 9/10 Boys, Noah H finished 7th in the 11 Boys and Jensen finished 4th in the 12/13 Boys.

Special mention to Sam S and Hamish W who both ran excellent races and Bianca who also qualified to participate in the Division Cross-Country but was unable to run on the day.

Leo, Jensen and Noah all qualified and went on to compete at the Western Metropolitan Region Cross Country at Brimbank Park on Wednesday 8th June. Congratulations to all the boys on representing the school at this level.
Dear Parents

You are invited to a Parent Teacher Interviews which will be held on Thursday 23rd June, 2016. The interview times on this day will be between 2:00pm and 7.00pm. Each interview will be for a maximum duration of ten minutes.

You can now book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow the simple instructions.

BOOKINGS OPEN - TUESDAY 14TH JUNE at 4.00 pm
BOOKINGS CLOSE – WEDNESDAY 22ND JUNE at 4.00 pm

Parents are advised that Mat Williamson and Leisha Liddell will be on approved leave at this time and alternate Parent Teacher Interviews will be conducted for these teachers on Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st July.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Enter THIS school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps.

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

If you do not have access to a computer either at home, public access (eg. Library) or at work, parents are invited to come to the school office and assistance will be available to make the booking.

Interviews are strictly 10 mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents are encouraged to leave a gap between each booking to allow for movement between interviews and any overlap in time.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visited the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking.

Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the school directly on: 9391 8942.
Everybody has a role to play in their child’s education. Parents 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 ‘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.

SATURDAY 2 JULY - ELECTION DAY BBQ AND CAKE STALL

It’s one of the most important and anticipated elements of living in a lucky democratic society like we do here in Australia. Yep, that’s correct, we’re talking about our (surely) constitutional right to a sausage in bread and a cupcake when we turn up to vote. What would an election be without it?

As our school is one of the local voting locations, it’s also a great chance for us to fundraise from outside the direct school community.

The country might need your vote but we need your help.
Look out for a call for volunteers coming soon - we’ll need bakers, sausage turners, money takers and the like. A job for every person - sounds like an election promise, but in this case it’s true.
Hopefully we have all heard that this year our school is celebrating its 160 year birthday!

The staff are organising some celebratory events for the students, old fashioned games and lots more, on **Friday the 17th of June**. It will also be a chance for those who would like to dress up in clothes of the olden era! If you do not wish to dress up please just wear your normal school uniform for the day. We will be giving a cupcake to each child as a celebration on this day at snack time, 11am. **Bakers have been called for and I am pleased to say we have ALL THE BAKERS WE NEED FOR THE FRIDAY.** I will send out an email on Tuesday confirming drop off time and the final list.

As part of the celebration we will also be cutting a **BIG cake** at the Art Show opening on the Sunday 19th of June. We would like to provide afternoon tea for all and are hoping we can count on our great community to bring a plate of homemade goodies to share. **SO I already have a few volunteers for this however we can always have more.** If you are able to bring a plate, could be cake, slice, biscuits, sweet, savoury please let me know and if possible what you are intending on bringing. The Art Show is from 1 -4pm with the cake cutting to be held at 3pm so the afternoon tea would be available from 1pm onwards.

Any queries just send me an email. Again thank you for your ongoing support.

Jacqui Lomas
jlo35310@bigpond.net.au
Working Bee Report
On Saturday 28th May, the school conducted its first ‘working bee’ for the year under a gloomy and slightly wet sky. The weather did not dampen our enthusiasm and the event was well supported with around 30 parents and their ‘little helpers’ turning up to improve the school grounds.

The photos below show just some of the fantastic improvements made for our children to enjoy. A huge thank you to all the families and parents that pitched in. Without your help this would not have been possible. It was great to catch up over a drink and sausage at the end, to reflect on the wonderful achievements of the morning!

Regards,

FAMS Team
(Facilities and Management Committee)
Newport Lakes School Council

Before

After
From the Lesser Family

11 months in a not so leaky boat

Katherine (5/6S), Evelyn (3/4H), Arthur (1/2S), Lauren and Giles Lesser left school, work and study and sailed away in 2015. We moved on board our 36’ yacht with no particular plans apart from ‘head north’ and ‘spend time getting to know each other better’.

Many people thought we were nuts, and at times so did we! But we did it, we’re glad we did it and now it’s time to tell the tale.

If you’ve ever been tempted to take the family on an extended trip, or you are just curious to find out what happened to someone who did it on a boat, then this will be of interest to you. Come along and hear first-hand how we managed to survive the year aboard together and come back (alive and still talking to each other) with memories to last us a lifetime.

Where: Hobsons Bay Yacht Club, Nelson Place, Williamstown
When: 7pm, Friday 10th June

If you have any questions about the event please ask us in the yard, email lauren@thelessers.net or text 0434 873 322

Cancer Council Fundraising Morning Tea

A huge thank you to everyone that made a donation to the Cancer Council at the Biggest Morning Tea held on Friday 29 May. We raised $583.80, taking our total to $2,371.70 in the five years since we have been running this event.

A very special thank you to the families that made teacups. The kids all get such a kick out of it – not to mention the sugar hit! Thank you also to the families that baked to provide the staff with a really delicious morning tea. Their generous donation was testament to the calibre of the goodies provided.

Twilight Soiree
Thursday 28th July, 6.30pm

Newport Lakes students present an evening of solo music performances. Are you... a student who has learned an instrument/voice for at least 1 year and is currently having lessons?
All ages welcome.
Rachael Lawrence, Newport Lakes mum and pianist, will perform with any students requiring piano accompaniment for the concert which includes one rehearsal. Places are limited so please contact Rachael ASAP.
rachaelmilsom@optusnet.com.au
COMMUNITY NEWS/EVENTS

YARRAVILLE MARKETS 2016
Masonic Hall
Canterbury St Yarraville

Saturday 11th June

- Handmade - Australian Made -

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

27th June - 8th July

- FULL DAY PROGRAMS
- HALF DAY PROGRAM
- OPEN GYM
- GYMNASTICS TRAINING

- SKILL SESSIONS:
  - TEAM GYM
  - FLIPS & SALTOS
  - MINECRAFT DAY
  - NINJA WARRIOR DAY

FCGC

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E: info@fcgc.com.au
https://www.facebook.com/footscraycitygc/

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SESSION DETAILS

AFL VICTORIA’S HOLIDAY PROGRAM IS BACK BIGGER AND BETTER FOR THE TERM 2 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.
THE PROGRAM IS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-12 AND RUNS FROM 9:00AM-3:00PM.
EACH OF OUR VENUES ACROSS THE STATE ARE EXPECTED TO FILL FAST.
VENUES INCLUDE:
BOX HILL, ESSENDON FC, FOOTSCRAY, MOTHARABIN
AND MANY MORE!!

REGISTER NOW AT
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Winter Food Drive
TO ASSIST ASYLUM SEEKERS IN MELBOURNE’S WEST
MONDAY 30 MAY - SATURDAY 2 JULY

ITEMS NEEDED
UHT Full Cream Milk
Vegetable Oil
Rice: Long Grain / Basmati
Flour
Black Tea or Coffee
Passata or Diced Tomatoes
Tinned Kidney Beans or 5 Bean Mix
Salt & Pepper
Sugar
Dishwashing Liquid
Dried Chickpeas

Supporting Local Asylum Seekers
West Welcome Wagon
Hobsons Bay Refugee Network

All donations can be dropped off at the school office

Or you might consider making a financial donation by contacting
WWW at accounts@westwelcomewagon.org.au
For more information, please contact WWW at info@westwelcomewagon.org.au

Girls' Soccer Camp
$215
Maribyrnong Swifts SC
Johnson Reserve, Essex St, West Footscray 3012
3 Day Soccer Camps
WEAR YOUR COLOURS

MUMS & DADS NIGHT
FRI 17 JUNE - 7.30PM-LATE

NEWPORT POWER FOOTY ROOMS. COME WITH A SPORTS INSPIRED COLOUR, SCARF, OR FULL COSTUME.

$10 ENTRY

• INCLUDES A FREE DRINK ON ENTRY (BEER / CHAMPAGNE)
• LIVE DJ
• 9.30PM: FANCY FINGER FOOD BY SEARZ NEWPORT - GOLD COIN DONATION

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For a little boy in the fight of his life

YARRAVILLE CLUB
THURSDAY JUNE 16TH 7.30PM
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1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING
PARENT COURSE

Learn to manage difficult behavior in children 2-12 years old

A three-session program for parents and carers
at Department of Education and Early Childhood Development:
Hobsons Bay Network
Sadie McCarthy Learning Centre - PD Centre (Altona College)
227 Civic Parade, Altona
on Tuesday 16th, 29th and 30th of August at 9:15am-11:45am

Learn:
✓ How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
✓ How to sort behaviour
✓ How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
✓ Choosing your strategy, the three choices
✓ Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
✓ 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

Parents will receive:

Registration Fee
The course costs $20
There are only 10 places available (couple = 2 places). We encourage both parents to attend if possible.
Register for this course by contacting Melissa or Finella at Hobsons Bay Student Support Services on 9398-4676

What people are saying...

What a relief to come across a program that promotes the dignity of the child, maintains the self-control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember, which is the first thing to go.

I realized quickly that the 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child who later becomes disrespectful or grouchy out of control.

Registration closes Friday 29th of July
For more information contact Melissa or Finella on 9398 4676

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School Holiday Clinic
WESTSIDE INDOOR SPORTS
CNR GRIEVE PDE & DOHERTY’S RD
ALTONA NORTH
DATES: THURSDAY 30TH JUNE &
THURSDAY 7TH JULY
TIME: 9AM—4PM
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&BOTTLED WATER
TERM 3 ENROLMENTS
ENROL FOR HOTSHOTS &
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You are invited...

to attend a presentation focused on developing resilience in school age children.

The night will be conducted by Hugh van Cuylenbu the founder of the Resilience Project on behalf of Emmanuel College. The Resilience Project helps young Australians to be mentally healthy by inspiring students, empowering teachers and engaging parents. Hugh is an inspiring speaker who brings a powerful message for all.

When:
Thursday 16 June
Time:
7.00 pm
Where:
ST PAUL’S CAMPUS
McLachan Centre
423 BLACKSHAWS ROAD,
ALTONA NORTH
RSVP:
sdinan@acmelb.catholic.edu.au by
Tuesday 14 June if you would like to attend

“I’ve never been so enthralled, engaged and inspired. I could have listened to Hugh speak all night... So grateful to the school for realising the importance of involving the parents in this wonderful program. My kids have not stopped talking about it!” (parent feedback)