Important Dates to put in the diary

Thursday 28th August  
FOPA (Festival of Performing Arts)

Friday 29th August  
Final day for 3/4 camp deposit payments  
Last day to submit forms for Father’s Day Breakfast

Monday 1st September  
Responsible Pet Ownership Incursion —Preps

Thursday 4th September  
Father’s Day Breakfast  7.45 am—9.00 am

Friday 5th September  
Pupil Free Day

Wednesday 10th September  
Art Show

Friday 12th September  
Book Covering Day  
Teddies for Timor Adoption Day

Monday 15th September  
School Council Meeting 6.30 pm

Thursday 18th September  
Parent Club Meeting 7.30 pm

Friday 19th September  
End of Term 3 - 2.30 pm dismissal

Friday 14th November  
School Fete  3.30—8.30 pm

TERM DATES
2014

Term 3
14th July - 19th September

Pupil Free Days
Fri 5th September  
Mon 3rd November

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

AWARDS

Congratulations to our award winners :-

Holly, 3/4N  
Luna, 1C  
Emily, 2N

Luke, 3/4G  
Charlie, 1O  
Gemima, Prep T

Josh, 5/6M  
Arki, 3/4M  
Noah, 5/6S

Kira, 5/6L  
Eli, Prep D  
Ruby, 3/4O

Stephanie, 5/6L  
Lucienne, 1L  
Cooper, 2R

Phuc, Prep S  
Ethan, 2H  
Kira, 5/6L

Eina, Prep T  
Indy, 1O  
Jack, Prep S

Mathew, 2N  
Neve, 1C  
Jasper, 1C

Leni, 2R  
Zack, 2N  
Grace, 5/6S

Lennon, 2H  
Pat, 5/6W  
Tracy, Prep D

Ryan, 3/4G  
Leo, 1O  
Joseph, 1L

Lily, 5/6M

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

Rudra, 3/4O  
April, 5/6W  
Inderpreet, 3/4O

Callum, 5/6L  
Scarlett, 2R  
Chloe, 3/4M

Katherine, 3/4M  
Mac, Prep S  
Saadiya, 3/4O

Lucy, 5/6W  
Alex, 3/4G  
Duaa, 5/6L

PLEASE NOTE: FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER IS A PUPIL FREE DAY
Dear Parents,

**Athletic Sports**  Congratulations to the School's Athletics Team on winning the District Sports Carnival conducted on Tuesday at the Newport Athletic Track. There were some fantastic individual performances as well as some great team performances in the relay events.

Many of the children will now go on to compete in the Division Championships to be conducted in Hoppers Crossing on Wednesday 17th September.

**Bus Travel**  Buses are used extensively by our school for excursions, camps, sports days etc. History and research would show that buses are a very safe mode of transport. The most dangerous times for bus transport is the embarking and disembarking and when travelling at high speeds. Seat belts are not compulsory on school buses, general hire or public transport.

The current regulation also allows for the seating of 3 children to 2 seats for children under the age of 12yo. A bus licensed to carry 45 adults can legally carry 63 children and 3 adults. Doing this significantly reduces the cost of bus travel for each student. If a bus has seat belts it can only carry the licensed number ie. Licensed to carry 45 adults, the bus takes 45 passengers.

The policy implemented at NLPS in the last 2 years is that buses used for local excursions (speed limits below 80km/h) can be without seat belts but if a bus is travelling where the speed limit is 80km/h or above the bus must have seat belts. These buses are more expensive (because of the reduced number of passengers) and are sometimes more difficult to hire. A bus company may be reluctant to hire a bus for a 1-2 hour sport run if it can be used for a full day trip.

From discussions and feedback from a number of parents, there has been a feeling of uneasiness of children travelling in buses without seatbelts regardless of the distance or the travelling speed. I have therefore informed teachers that as of 2015 all bus trips will need to be in seat belted buses and where it can be arranged, all remaining bookings for 2014 should also be in seat belted buses.

I have had discussions with 2 different bus companies in regards to our requirements, and they have ensured me, that if the bookings are made well in advance, they will be able to supply our needs for seat belted buses.

It must be noted that this action will result in increased charges to the annual excursion/incursion levy and sports levy and in some activities, eg. Swimming, the numbers participating in the activity will be restricted to the number of seats on the bus.

The change in policy to all bus trips being with seat belted buses will hopefully ease the minds of all parents and ensure that our children are always safe when travelling on a school excursion.

**New Building**  After a ‘frantic week’ of delivering and installing the new double storey portable, the building process then came to a dramatic stop and little progress has been seen since this time. I am assured the building will be completed on time and that we will be teaching in the new building at the beginning of term 4.

The Year 3/ 4 grades will all be moving into the new building although there is still debate on which classes will be upstairs and who will be downstairs. This may even come down to a ‘flick’ of a coin.

Music and Drama will then move into the first portable (formerly 3/ 4 O’s & 3/ 4 M), Indonesian will move to the former Music Room and the second portable (formerly 3/ 4 H & 3/ 4G) will be available for an indoor PE area, team assemblies and general purpose use. Spare space is something that we desperately require and will be very much appreciated by all teachers and children.
Surveys  There have been two very important surveys conducted at Newport Lakes PS in the last term, the Parent Opinion survey and the Student Attitude to School Survey.

I would like to thank all the randomly selected parents who completed the Parent Opinion Survey and sent it back to the school. The surveys have now been forwarded onto an independent firm contracted by the Department of Education to be collated and the results, parent feedback and comments will be available to the School Council in Term 4.

The other survey was the Attitude to School Survey (AtSS). All Victorian Yr. 5/6 students annually undertake this survey which is also repeated in Yr.7/8 and 9/10 at secondary college.

The survey measures 3 areas; Student Relationships, Wellbeing and Teaching & Learning. The Newport Lakes School has recorded disappointing results in the AtSS over the last few years and this was an area of major concern when examined at last year’s self-assessment and school review. A number of actions were implemented throughout the school in the second half of 2013 and 2014 to address the concerns raised in this area.

I am very pleased to reveal that there has been a significant improvement in the ATSS results in 2014. In all areas of the survey, we recorded results that were above the state mean and have moved from the bottom 25 percentile to the top 25 percentile. Overall, it informs us that our students feel safe, connected to their school, teachers and peers, and feel engaged and challenged in their learning.

We have areas that can be improved further and it is very important that we continue to work diligently to maintain these results, but it is very satisfying knowing that we are confidently heading in the right direction.

Literary Lights and Book Week  Last week was a wonderful time for all those that love books and reading at our school. There was a family Literary Evening, the Book Fair and the Book Week Dress Up Parade.

A big thank you to all the children and parents who came along to our first ever ‘Literary Lights’ family literary evening last week. 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.

The Book Fair was also a great success and then we had some magical costumes at our Book Week Dress Up parade. Reading is very much alive at NLPS!

Upcoming events  A reminder to all parents of the upcoming Art Show on the evening of Wednesday 10th September and the Father’s Day Breakfast Thursday 4th September. Both of these events are highlights on the school’s calendar and promise to be an excellent opportunity to share further great times with the school community. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at both events.
School Council Matters

Junior School Council
JSC members Charlize and Jasper attended the latest School Council meeting and presented the JSC report. The report outlined the JSC’s progress with the Friendship Bus Signs (they are going well), and the choice of music for the bell (a little problematic finding a song everyone likes but consultation is ongoing). The JSC is going to donate funds they have raised from the bookweek casual dress day to the Smith Family Book & Toy Fund and they are engaged on developing the Outdoor Library. Well done JSC!

Facilities and Management sub committee.
In other news the Council discussed the work being undertaken around the school grounds. You will have noticed that the double storey building is in place and work on completing the installation is ongoing. The new mosaic mural on the ground at the school gate looks fantastic and a big thank you goes to Rachel Carroll for her time and creativity. I think the school community has really enjoyed watching the mosaic unfold. A new mural for the brick wall facing the playground will commence soon.

A working bee will be held late September- the date will be announced soon.

Oval Restoration
The ongoing issue of restoring the oval, a relatively small space with a high volume of users, was again raised. We have two options: synthetic turf, which, while expensive, is durable, and can withstand drought and a high volume of children playing. Or we lay instant turf for about one quarter of the price. The down side of natural grass is that it requires ongoing maintenance (watering & mowing) and we would need to consider how to reduce the impact of the high student volume- possibly having rest days for the grass. The downside of synthetic grass is that it does ‘burn’ when children fall, cars and trucks cannot drive on it without causing significant damage and a synthetic oval would leave the school without any natural surfaces. Council is still debating the options.

Student Satisfaction
David Moss reported a very positive spike in student satisfaction rates at the school. Recent survey results demonstrated a significant improvement amongst grades 5 & 6 in their feelings of connection, belonging and satisfaction with their school. The results moved from being in the bottom 25% of the state last year to the top 75% this year. This improvement may be due to the efforts made by staff and students to strengthen leadership in the higher grades, and specific projects including Newport Lakes has got Talent, iPads, the play pod, greater feedback and consultation with parents, and the use of the website and Twitter. Focus group will be held with Grade 5 & 6 students to feed back the results and reflect on the changes with them.

Please feel free to come and talk to any School Council member you might see in the playground. Details of School Council members and an email address are available on the NLPS website.

School Values
Over the following weeks the children at school will be talking about the school values and how they assist us to have a great time at school.

Please take a moment to discuss with your child what they think it means to show

Respect
Both inside and outside
while at school and at home
We’ve got an exciting few weeks in the lead up until the school holidays with lots of activities planned by the School and Parent Club. We hope families and the kids enjoy taking part.

Wendy Oates has done a fantastic job of running the Book Fair again this year. I saw a lot of happy children writing their wish lists and purchasing their books. Thanks, Wendy.

Thanks also to Chris Bluett for his presentation on Timor Leste last Thursday. The subject matter was both informative and poignant… and it was the first time Chris has delivered a talk to the clacking of knitting needles! Timor Leste is a very young independent country that has some heart wrenching issues arising from its past but it was also lovely to hear about the positive aspects such as how keen the children are to be educated. Some children have to walk 3 hours to get to a school, something to think about next time the kids complain about their short walk to school!

Melanie Davies

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FOOTY DAY LUNCH

Natalie Hill needs helpers to help heat, serve and distribute 400+ pies and sausage rolls for the immensely popular Footy Day Lunch. Help will be required from approx 12:00pm - 2pm on Friday 19 September.

If you can help please contact Nat on wetzhill@bigpond.com or 0407556604.

Upcoming Events...

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST and HANDBALL COMPETITION: Thursday 4 September 7:45-8:45am

On Thursday 4th September we are holding our Fathers Day Breakfast from 7.45 - 8.45am outside the MPH. As part of the morning we will also be holding the Newport Lakes Handball Competition for the second year! This year we have organised for a special guest to assist with the competition, someone who can offer some good tips so stay posted.

We now have enough helpers for this event, thank you to the parents who were so quick to sign up.

If you can come, please fill in the attached form and return ASAP to assist with catering. Thanks, Jacqui Lomas.

TEDDIES FOR TIMOR ADOPTION DAY: Friday 12 September

All Teddies need to be returned to the Office by the morning of Friday 12 September so they are ready to be adopted. The Junior School Council will be providing details about the adoption process soon.

Ben and James’ grandmother has consented to one of her ‘girl teddies’ being auctioned as part of the Art Show when I explained how many girls (and adults) I have seen exclaim over her as they walk past.

FOOTY DAY LUNCH: Friday 19 September

Forms will be distributed next week. Please return them by the Due Date as we must confirm numbers with the supplier at that time.

PARENT CLUB MEETING: Thursday 18 September 7:30pm MPR
For families new to NLPS that have never been to the Art Show (and those that may need a reminder) ….. The NLPS ART SHOW is a very important event on the school’s calendar.

The opening night for the 2014 NLPS Art Show is on Wednesday 10th September at 6:30pm – 8:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room.

It is a fabulous night, a chance to socialise with the NLPS community, admire and buy the amazing artwork by our very talented students and enjoy a glass of wine from the bar and canapés. It is an adults' only event because we serve alcohol on the evening. Students’ artwork is for sale which can be bought on the night. Teachers hold an entertaining art auction where we sell artwork donated by parents, teachers and friends of NLPS.

The hall will be open from Thursday 11th to Wednesday 17th September before and after school for parents and families wanting to see and buy artwork.

Art work not bought will be donated to other organisations such as childcare centres, aged care centres, etc.

The funds raised by the Art Show will go towards a large sound sculpture to be constructed in the garden area along Elizabeth St. The sound sculpture will be an outdoor series of musical instruments that students will be able to play with during recess and lunchtimes. A display and drawings of the sound sculpture will be available for viewing on the evening of the Art Show.

At the moment we have only a few items donated by teachers to sell at the auction on opening night. If you are a maker of art or craft we would love you to please donate to the auction. Your support of donated items will make the amazing Arts program at NLPS even better.

**ART SHOW TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE** $5.00 per adult— tickets to the opening night extravaganza of amazing art, great people and fabulous food and wine.

Any further queries in regards to the Art Show please don’t hesitate to see Laura in the Art Room.

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**PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE**

The Premiers’ Reading Challenge is due to finish and all parents are reminded to enter all books their children have read by 2nd September. This will allow the school time to verify all the books.
Fete Stalls
In the next couple of weeks all families will be asked to volunteer an hour or 2 of their time during the fete to man the stall allocated to each class. We will make online rosters available so that you will be able to select a timeslot that best suits you. More on this soon...

Baking Stalls
Just an early heads up that will be looking for donations of home baked goods for our cake stall and our homemade sweets and lollies stall. These donations should be brought to school on the day of the fete and include a list of ingredients. Please, nothing that would need refrigeration on the day. It would be great to have a wide variety of items for sale so please start thinking about what you might like to make. And why not keep 1 aside as your entry into the Best in Show?? Imagine the prestige for holding the title of NLPS Best Baker!!

Craft Stall
We are seeking donations of craft items to be sold on the craft stall. Donations will be accepted from start of Term 4. And for those very crafty people of NLPS – remember you can also enter your item in the Best in Show and show off your talent to the community. You might even win a prize!! Entries are open to all ages, not just children.

Books & Toys
A chance for you to clear out your bookshelf and the kids toybox or any you no longer want - We’ll start collecting them at the school in Term 4.

Plant Stall
Bring on spring!! Our plant stall would appreciate any donation of seedlings in Term 4

Other news
We are looking for donations of empty pasta sauce jars, 500 – 600g size – Dolmio, Leggos, Raguletto, the brand is not important. We will be using these for a stall at the fete. There will be a box in the office as of next week where you can leave these. We’ll need about 100. I’ll let you know if we have enough!!

Have you an idea for a game of skill for the side show alley? Please let us know – we want this to be the best fete ever!!

Best in Show

With only about 10 weeks till the fete, get started on your entry now. You won’t want to leave it to last minute and enter less than your best!! Please encourage children to start working on their entries too. Categories are baking, craft, design and just plain quirky!!! And it’s open to everyone - not just for the kids! Each category will have 3 age sections – Prep to 2, Year 3 – 6 and OPEN (that’s for the big kids and Mum’s and Dad’s and teachers). Let’s fill the multipurpose room.

We hope you are as excited as we are about the 2014 fete. Any suggestions, feedback or offers of help should be emailed to newportlakesps@edumail.vic.gov.au with Fete in the subject line.
Book Week Extravaganza!!

Literary Lights

Thank you to all the staff and parents who helped make this a wonderful night. The enormous amount of effort the children put into their stories was rewarded by the overwhelming positive support from the school community.

Special thank you to the Literacy team for organising this event.

Book Fair

Thank you to Wendy Oates and her team – Melanie Davies, Sonia Budde, Sue Wright, Laura Sheridan, Elisabeth Groves, Deb McMillian, Jacqui Newbegin, Lauren Lesser, Julie Ibrocevic, Kate Tapping, Kim Mace, Helen Meyer Tinning, Imogen O’Neill, Jacqui Lomas, Nicole Mansfield, Kylie Halarakis, Nicole Pilsworth, Rose Keevins, Chris Phillips and Katrina Gowans. Your wonderful efforts in supporting the book fair have raised $2400 in commission which will go straight back into purchasing books for the library. What an amazing effort!!

Save the date
With the arrival of so many new books over the next couple of weeks we will be organizing a book covering morning on Friday 12/9/14. Further details to come.

Book Parade

What a wonderful day was had by all at our book character parade. Thank you to the parents and children who put in a huge amount of effort to make the parade a success!

Sharon Rodgers

Teddies 4 Timor Adoption Day

The Teddies 4 Timor Adoption Day will be held on Friday 12th September at lunchtime in the Art Room. Students will be able to sponsor one of the hand knitted teddies that have been donated by the school community. Students will choose a name for the teddy and write a note to give to a child at the Bairo Pite Clinic in East Timor. Students will have their photo taken with the teddy and will be given a certificate of appreciation. The cost is $5 which will help pay for shipping the teddies to East Timor. Students are NOT buying a teddy. This project is about donating to disadvantage children.
Book Character Parade 2014
On Sunday 17th August, Sabine and Myles Jarman represented Newport Lakes Primary School in the Victorian Schools Cycling Championship for Mountain Biking at the You Yang Mountain Bike park. Myles participated in the U11 Novice category and Sabine in the U13 novice. Both rode very well and Sabine came third in her category. The next race in the Cycling Victoria’s School Championship series will be held at Lysterfield mountain bike park on Sunday 31st August. http://vic.cycling.org.au/Get-Involved/Victorian-Schools-Cycling-Championships
AN INVITATION TO OUR
FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST
including the
Newport Lakes Handball competition

Date: Thursday 4th September 2014
Time: 7:45am – 8:45am
Where: Outside the Multi-Purpose Hall
Cost: $10 per family plus gold coin donation to enter the Handball competition on the morning
Food: Continental breakfast with croissants, muffins, danishes, fruit and all you can eat cereal.
Dress: Your best tie please! Prizes for the best effort!
RSVP: For catering purposes…. could you please indicate numbers of adults and children and provide the correct money in an envelope by no later than Friday 29th August. Please no late replies.

Coffee Cart…. As we know how much a good coffee OR hot chocolate means to many, we have organized for the coffee cart to be at the school from 7:45am!

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST…..PLEASE CUT AND RETURN BY FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST

Name: ______________________ Surname: __________________________ Grade: ____________________
(Name of child returning the form)
Please indicate numbers of adults and children eating:

Adults: [ ] Children: [ ] ENCLOSED $10 [ ]

We would like to invite our Newport Lakes Primary School Mums to come and be involved in serving our Dads on this day. There will be a variety of roles that we would appreciate your help with, such as serving, cutting, mixing, waiting on tables, and assisting with the handball comp. If you would like to assist in this fun event please indicate below.

Mum’s Name: ______________________ Surname: __________________________
Email contact: ___________________________ Mobile: ___________________________

We will be in contact with you to confirm your involvement on this special occasion!

Jacqui Lomas
j1035310@bigpond.net.au
PLAY CRICKET FOR FREE
Williamstown Congs Cricket Club is looking for juniors interested in playing cricket this summer.
We are based at J.T.Gray Reserve, cnr Maddox Rd and Kororoit Creek Rd, Williamstown and play games on Friday evenings through the summer.
We train at J.T.Gray Reserve on Tuesday afternoons from 4:30pm and boys and girls are welcome to attend.
Training begins at the end of September, with games starting in October
Junior cricket at Willy Congs is absolutely FREE.
For more info, ring Sarah on 0402 598 056 or Email: sarah-jane94@hotmail.com

Hobsons Bay City Council acknowledges Children's Week by hosting a picnic on Universal Children's Day. This is one of the council’s premier events for children and families, which the community supports with roughly 1000-2000 attendees enjoying the festivities.

The annual Children's Week Picnic is themed "A Caring World Shares" and celebrates the right of children to enjoy childhood, whilst also providing a platform to showcase children’s talents, skills and abilities.

Some of the key highlights of the event include face painting, jumping castles, animal farm, school performances, Fire Trucks, Police, SES and much more.
Hobsons Bay City Council invites you to join in the fun either by attending or by sharing your schools talents. You are welcome to set up a stall or provide an experience for the children to engage in which aligns with your schools values.

This could include:
- Planting seedlings
- Sporting activities
- Theatre performances
- Sustainability, gardening or worm farms
- Water Play

The event details are as below
Wednesday 22nd October
Logan Reserve, Esplanade, Altona
Williamstown Cricket Club
Junior Registration Day

Teams – In2Cricket, T20 Blast, Under 11, 13, 15, 17
Date – 13.9.14
Time – 10.30am – 12.00pm
Williamstown Cricket Ground, Morris Street, Williamstown
Fees - $100
Contact – Cam Smith 0423 401 659
E-mail – williamstown@club.cricketvictoria.com.au

JUNIOR CRICKET PLAYERS WANTED

Newport Cricket Club Junior Registration Day will be held on -

When: 14th September 2014
Where: 1 Market Street Newport 3015
Time: 10am - 12pm

For any further queries please contact our Junior Co-Ordi-nator Andy on 0423 402 612 or alternatively go to our club website at www.ndcc.org.au for further details.
SPOTSWOOD
CRICKET CLUB
DONALD McLEAN RESERVE, THE AVENUE SPOTSWOOD

Open invitation for children to play cricket this summer.

**Competition Cricket:**
Girls and Boys of all ages welcome to participate in the Under 11, 13, 15 and 17 age groups. Our 2014/15 Junior Registration Day is **Saturday 6th September 2014**
Starting at 11:00am at the Donald McLean Reserve.

**Milo In2Cricket & T20 Blast**
Ages 5 to 9
Friday Nights between 5:30pm and 6:30pm
Registration on **Sunday 5th October 2014**
or online at in2cricket.com.au

For further details please contact:
Simon O’Brien – 0413 302 456 / obriens2@tpg.com.au
Chris Fitzharris – 0423 248 901

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**Newport Fiddle & Folk Club Presents . . .**

**Special Fathers’ Day Event**
2-5pm, Sunday September 7
*The Newport Bowls Club, 4 Market St, Newport*

Back by popular demand, NFFC presents *The Timbers* live at the Newport Bowls Club. Supported by local favourites *The Angelicats*, this is an afternoon of entertainment not to be missed! Adults $12, Members/Conc. $10, Children $6, Family $30. Details: 0414 349 165

**Take Note!**
12:30-1pm, Saturday September 13
*Newport Garden’s Primary School, 41 Maddox Rd, Newport*

NFFC presents a **free concert** to launch the *Take Note Children’s Choir*. Take Note is a no-audition choir open to boys and girls aged 7-14 who want to have fun, make new friends and reach their musical potential. Details: 0404 889 613

**Step Into Spring holiday program**
10am-12pm, Monday September 22
*The Newport Scout Hall, Market St, Newport*

NFFC and Hobson’s Bay City Council present **two free holiday workshops** for 8-14 year-olds. Details: 0404889613

10-11 – Spring Into Sing! Enjoy singing together with simple rounds and partner songs at the Children’s Singing Workshop
11-12 – Singalong, dance or bring your own instrument and create your own Aussie Music Bush Dance.
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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7
OPEN TO U8, U10, U12,
U14, U16 & U18
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W: http://www.williamstown-baseball.com.au    F: juniors.who@gmail.com    T: 0419 960 818 (Amy)