Important Dates to put in the diary

Thursday 23rd July
ICAS—English Assessment
2016 Prep Tour—10.00am
Band Practice—2.30—3.30pm
Graduation Organising Committee meeting - 4.00pm

Friday 24th July
1/2O & 1/2L walking to LeRoy’s Café - 9.00—11.00am
Grade 5/6 Basketball Round Robin

Saturday 25th July
Working Bee—9.00am

Tuesday 28th July
Grade 3/4 Excursion to Royal Botanic Gardens

Wednesday 29th July
Preps Fire Education Incursion

Thursday 30th July
Australian Math's Competition

Thursday 6th August
Family Life Sessions—5.00 pm—8.30pm

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

Annabella, 3/4G
Lachlan, 3/4O
Sara, 3/4M
Will, Prep C
Elisabeth, 3/4N
Darcy, 1/2M
Rudy, 1/2L
Ethan, 3/4G
Anna, 1/2M
Tess, 3/4M
Jack, 1/2R
Farouk, 5/6M
Caden, 3/4O
Elsie, 5/6W
Kiowa, 1/2M
Luke, 3/4G
Ryland, 1/2M
Chelsea, 1/2M
Alexandra, 3/4H

We have lots of children with runny noses and are going through our supply of tissues very quickly. It would be greatly appreciated if each family could donate a box of tissues to the office.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property box is filling up fast. If you are missing any items of clothing please make sure you check this box regularly. There is also a large bag of lost property from camp.
Dear Parents,

Term 3 has begun with some very cold and wintry weather but this certainly did not dampen the spirits of all those that attended the Yr. 3/ 4 camp to Anglesea last week. The staff and students had a fantastic time at a camp. The experience was positive, caring, engaging, challenging and most of all, lots of fun. I was privileged to be able to attend for the second night and last day and truly had a wonderful time.

Our school values of respect, compassion, responsibility, resilience and critical thinking were in abundance wherever I looked whilst at the camp. Whether it was at meal times, participating in the activities, sharing rooms in the dormitories or at the camp talent show, it was wonderful to see the interaction between all the students and the staff.

It is a huge task and responsibility taking 99 children on a school camp. Try to imagine having 4 of your child's friends over to your house for a 2 night sleepover and then multiply that experience by 20! I know the staff were exhausted after the camp but all of them had a wonderful time due to the success of the camp.

A huge thanks to Warren for co-ordinating the camp and the 10 other staff members that gave up their time away from their own homes and families to ensure that our children had a wonderful life long memory.

Life Education and Family Life Programs During term 3 there are 2 excellent programs being conducted at Newport Lakes Primary School to assist in the social development of our children. The Life Education Program is conducted in a mobile classroom that visits our school. All children will attend the life Ed lessons as part of the Health program and receive a lesson on a range of important topics that impact them at different times of their lives. Topics include healthy eating, physical activity, bullying, cyber-safety, drugs, alcohol, smoking and positive communication.

Trained 'Life Ed' educators deliver a program in the state-of-the-art mobile classroom. The Life Ed teacher will utilise the iconic mascot 'Healthy Harold the Giraffe’ in the primary school sessions to make the learnings fun and memorable. The program has been developed to complement the Australian curriculum, and gives teachers relevant print and digital resources to use leading up to the visit and afterwards in the classroom. The cost of the Life Education program has been included in the annual excursion and incursion levy.

The Family Life Program is an ‘Education in Human Sexuality’ program offered to the families of Newport Lakes Primary School. It is conducted after school in the evenings and children attend with their parents. The Family Life program is an optional program, organised by the Parents Association and there is a cost of $20 per family and further information on the Family Life program is available in later in the newsletter / in next weeks newsletter.

Ipad Program – After considering much feedback from staff, school leadership, school council and parents, I have decided that the 1:1 ipad program will remain as a Yr. 5/ 6 program only in 2016 and at this stage will not extend to the Yr. 3/ 4 levels.

It was very pleasing to see the support the staff had for the Ipad program and there was a strong belief in the ‘teacher capacity of staff’ if we were to extend the program. I do not believe that this would have been the case 12-18 months ago, which represents to me that we have come a very long way in the area of eLearning at NLPS. I have informed the staff of my decision and we discussed the reasons for the decision. They were supportive of the outcome and believe we can still continue to provide an excellent teaching program, including the provision of eLearning at all levels at NLPS.

My decision does not exclude that we may consider a Yr. 3/ 4 BYOD 1:1 ipad program in the future but I believe it was not suitable for our school at this present time.
Prep Enrolments for 2016 - planning is already underway for next year and we are currently taking enrolments for our 2016 Prep grades. If you have a child beginning school next year, please obtain or lodge an enrolment form at the school office at your earliest possible convenience. Enrolment forms are also available on the school website.

It is very important for our planning purposes that we are aware of any siblings that may be enrolling in Preps next year. All Prep enrolments from families within our designated neighbourhood area and from siblings should be submitted to the school by July 31st. After this date, additional prep placements will be offered to families outside the school’s designated area that wish to enrol at Newport Lakes in 2016.

Also, if you believe your child may be transferring or re-locating to another school please inform the office, the notification the greater you can assist the school in its forward preparation.

Skip-a-thon Fundraiser On Friday 14th August all the students (prep -6) will be involved in a Skip-a-thon to raise funds for the school. The profits from the Skip-a-thon will be directed towards the purchase of Math equipment for each of the classrooms, equipment for the school's music and drama program and to 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 rotate around 10 different ‘skipping activities’ around the school grounds and classrooms.

Your child will be given an information letter for parents and a sponsorship card to take home this Monday. They may like to get parents, family or friends to sponsor them for the 10 skipping activities 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.

David Moss
Principal

PBS VALUES

Over the next fortnight our school is focusing on RESPONSIBILITY.

Some of the discussions that will take place in the classrooms will include how we are responsible in many ways at school. Discussions are also taking place in the 1/2 classrooms about some of the different responsibilities that we have at home.

At school the children should be responsible in many ways including:

- Carrying school bags and putting them away
- Lining up when required to do so
- Remembering to put away what they’ve used in the classroom

It would be worthwhile to have some chats at home about what your child is responsible for, both at home and school.

The Welfare Team
NLPS Parents’ club is about adding to the community feel by working with the school to plan a wide range of activities to make our school a great place to. It’s a way to be involved with our school and help create an environment for our children to learn. We also arrange social activities for parents/carers.

Parents’ Club were very active in Term 2:
- Mother’s Day breakfast celebration
- Bunnings BBQ fundraiser
- Cupcake Day to celebrate school birthday
- Deciding on a new logo
...and Term 3 is looking to be just as busy.

Our next meeting will be on 7:30pm Monday 27 July at Sue Phillips’ house (19 Jack Street, Newport). Everyone is welcome!! Whether you are a regular attendee or if you’ve never before come to a meeting but are interested to hear what parent’s club is doing around the school; are looking to meet other school parent’s or just need a reason to get out of the house – please come for a cuppa and a chocolate biscuit. Very casual around my dining table and there will be no pressure to “sign up” to organise something. No need to RSVP – just turn up!

### Teddies 4 Timor

We are excited to launch our Newport Lakes community knitting project for 2015. We will once again be knitting teddies to support Rotary’s [Teddies 4 Timor](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQnJvKrla_w) project. We will then hold a sponsorship day late in term 3 for Newport Lakes children to sponsor and name a teddy for $5, with all money raised being used to cover the freight costs for shipping medical and nursing supplies donated to Rotary to the Bairo Pite Clinic in Dili, Timor-Leste. The teddies are then given to sick children when they attend the clinic.

Last year, Newport Lakes families and friends knitted over 148 teddies, 145 of which were sponsored raising $725 for the Bairo Pite Clinic. For those families that are new to the school or may have missed this last year, Newport Lakes [Teddies 4 Timor](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQnJvKrla_w) project appeared on Channel 31 “Today’s Schools:

We are hoping to knit enough teddies so that each Newport Lakes family can sponsor a teddy if they choose. The teddies are simple and quick to knit and cheap to make, so please ask your friends and extended families to start knitting over the holidays. A pattern is available for collection from the office.

Please see Laura Russell in the Art Room or contact Allana Arapakis, Parent Club representative on aarapakis@optusnet.com.au if you have any questions or would like the pattern emailed to you.
Chess and Checkers Club
Thursday Lunchtime
Everyone welcome

Thank you to Parents Club for kindly donating the sets.

Working Bee – Saturday 25th July @ 9am

Join us for our midyear working bee, and help prepare our school for 3rd term.

The aim of this working bee is to develop the garden beds around our new oval and make is a nice environment for our kids to play.

There are a number of jobs to do, ranging from planting, pruning, and removing dead shrubs and trees.

If you could spare a few hours, we’ll kick off at 9am, and finish at midday.

We are after the following equipment/tools to assist in the various jobs.

- Wheel Barrow.
- Garden tools such as rakes, picks, shovels and brooms
- Pruning tools for light and heavy pruning.

Please email Mark Arapakis (marapakis@optusnet.com.au) if you’re available to come along.
eTips: Issue 3

Leaving a trail
Technology is great but every time you use it, you leave a trace of yourself. It could be in an email, a text or an uploaded image so take care with these simple hints, taken from the eSmart website.

Your digital footprint
Almost everything you do with technology leaves a trace: something called a digital footprint. Your digital footprint is a bit like a map of everywhere you’ve been with your technology - everyone you’ve spoken to (and sometimes, what you’ve said), every image or comment you’ve posted, and every file you’ve downloaded. Digital footprints are very hard, in fact almost impossible, to erase. Here are some examples:

Text messages and emails can be saved by the person you sent them to, and forwarded to many more people than you ever intended.

You can delete a blog, or a comment or image you’ve put on a site, but you don’t know how many people have downloaded it before you delete it - and a copy is always saved in the site’s archive.

Even a one-on-one online chat can turn into a public conversation if the person you’re talking to decides to record or copy it.

Technology is great, but you do need to take some care about how you use it.
Children’s Book Week
Saturday 22 August to Friday 28 August

KIDS’ OWN BOOK CUBBY LAUNCH WITH CLAIRE SAXBY

This Book Week we are unveiling our brand new Book Cubby. This mobile library is dedicated to showcasing books made by children for children.

CBCA shortlisted author Claire Saxby will be our special guest and help us to turn children into authors. Children are invited to make a book and be the first to fill the shelves of the cubby.

Date: Sunday 23 August
Time: 2.30pm to 4pm
Where: Altona North Community Library
Bookings: http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au or phone 1300 HOB LIB

BOOK WEEK STORY TIMES

Visit story time at any Hobsons Bay Library branch during Book Week to hear Book of the Year shortlisted stories and tell us who you think should win.

http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au
Hi everyone,

Thanks for coming and congratulations on another stellar performance!

Can you help us make the Newport Festival even better by filling out this short 2-minute survey? Thanks!

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J7K7WJB

NFFC Committee
Artists' Market

Craft Cubed Event

Celebrating the best established and emerging designers in the western suburbs of Melbourne.

Melbourne’s best food trucks, live music from local acts and a special guest DJ set.

For interested stallholders visit www.thesubstation.org.au
www.craft.org.au/see/craft-cubed
#craftcubed #craftvictoria #substationartistsmarket

1 Market St, Newport
Sunday 2 August, 2015
10am-3pm