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

- Charlie, 1/2C
- Maya, 3/4O
- Dylan, 5/6L
- Wean, Prep P
- Ibrahim, 1/2C
- Harvey, 3/4G
- Aleena, 1/2O
- Darcie, 1/2O
- Sebastian, 5/6M
- Max, 5/6D
- Kira, 5/6L

**LUNCH ORDERS**

Unfortunately due to lack of interest, we have cancelled lunch orders until further notice. Parents Club will be organising special lunches throughout the year for the students.
Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful term break and were able to enjoy some quality time as a family. It was very pleasing to hear many of the children telling me they went out for a ride on their bikes with mum or dad and learnt about riding safely on the roads and streets. I encourage all parents to do this and assist with your child being safe on the roads.

We have to do it when our children learn to drive a car so it makes sense that we also put in the time teaching them how to be safe on the roads when riding a bicycle or a scooter.

A lot of work was once again carried out over the holidays on improving the physical environment of our school. The Yr.1 / 2 corridor was fully re-painted and also had new carpet installed making this area a much cleaner, quieter and warmer learning environment and 7 new flat screen TV’s were installed in the classrooms. Every specialist and classroom has now been equipped with a new TV or Interactive Whiteboard and apple TV to allow for teachers and students to display, interact and share their eLearning with their students and peers.

The ground works including paths, steps and breakout areas were also completed around the portables providing a neater and safer area for our students. Further works including a new fence along Elizabeth St., landscaping around the POD and an upgrading of the running track and surrounds around the oval are also on the ‘planning board’ for 2015.

Mystery Wall   If you have visited the school this week you would have noticed a large covering over the brick wall near the basketball court. What could this possibly be??????? Some suggestions included a secret door into Mat’s room,

All will be revealed at this week’s school assembly to be conducted on the basketball court this Friday afternoon beginning at 3pm. Please come along!

Footy is back!  Term 2 signals the beginning of the footy season at Newport Lakes Primary and also the return of the Footy Cards.

Many children in all grades have been collecting and swapping footy cards. Last year we unfortunately had a number of issues resulting in cards and folders being stolen and some unfair trading being undertaken. A number of recommendations have been made to assist in a fair and reasonable continuance of footy cards being traded at the school. These include:

- All folders are to be clearly identified with the child's name in permanent marking.
- Folders are to be stored in special tubs in the classrooms when not being used.
- Children are only to trade with children in a similar grade area eg. Prep, 1/2, 3/4, 5/6 whilst at school or at after school care.
- Children should only bring to school, cards that they are willing to trade. Do not bring along your ‘valuable cards’

The children really enjoy playing and trading their footy cards and there is only a very small number of students who do not do it fairly or in good spirit. Having good guidelines and monitoring the use of the cards will hopefully eliminate many of the problems and let all the children enjoy playing and trading their cards.

School Photos

Next Monday 20 April is our School Photo Day. All families have been sent home all the documents and packages required for school photos. If you have any concerns or questions about the school photos please contact the helpline on 1800 750 586, photographers website at www.leadingimage.com.au or the school office.
It would be also be excellent if ALL students could come to school dressed in their full uniform on this day. Unfortunately when a child has the incorrect colour or clothing it not only unsettles that child but also has an impact on the quality and presentation of the full class photo. These photos can only occur once a year so it is important that extra care and attention is taken to ensure your child and his or her class look their absolute best on this day.

**ANZAC Day**

The school will be conducting its own very special ANZAC Day ceremony at school on the morning of Friday April 24th at 10.30 am.

One of our parents, Lieutenant Colonel Fiona Curtis, will be presenting to the children and our own student leaders will be reading a poem, playing the last post and laying a wreath. Weather permitting, the ceremony will be conducted at the flagpole area outside the Multi-Purpose Room and parents and families are most welcome to attend.

Student Leaders will also be selling ANZAC Badges and other items at school every day for the following week. ANZAC Appeal items for sale include:
- Badges $2, $5
- Wrist Bands $3
- Bag Tags $4
- Pens $5

Proceeds from the sale of the ANZAC Appeal items will go directly to our local Newport RSL.

**2015 SCHOOL CONCERT**

Unfortunately due to reasons beyond our control we will not be able to conduct a school concert this year. After the success of ‘On the Road with Jack’ in 2013, we were going to conduct another school production of similar quality and standard in 2015. But to stage such a show you require a suitable venue which unfortunately will not be available this year. The Williamstown Town Hall will be undergoing extensive renovations and will not be available for hire. We have visited other possible venues including the Newport Substation, the Altona City Theatre and local high school halls but all would not be suitable for the purpose of our show, due to lack of size and/or required facilities.

As an alternative for this year, we are proposing to conduct a less formal ‘Christmas Pageant’ on an outdoor stage in early December to ensure every parent has the opportunity of seeing their child on stage this year. Further details of this event will be available later this term. A booking has been made and accepted for the school production to be conducted in the following year in 2016.

I have just returned from a fabulous time at the Yr.5/6 camp at Lake Dewar near Bacchus Marsh. We had a fantastic time and it was great for me to get to know the senior children on a less formal basis and to see them challenge and enjoy themselves away from school.

A big thank you must also be given to all the teachers and staff that came along to camp to ensure all the children had a safe and enjoyable time. Without their extra help and assistance these experiences would not be available for our children.

I hope you have an excellent week.

David Moss
Principal
**Hobsons Bay State Schools Yr. 7 Expo**

Student and teacher representatives from our local state secondary schools will give a short presentation about their school and the ‘transition journey’ from primary to secondary school to the Yr. 5/6 children.

**Details of the day:**

**Date:** Thursday 23rd April 2015  
**Time:** 11.30am – 1.00pm  
**Venue:** Newport Lakes Primary School . Multi Purpose Room, Elizabeth St. Newport

**Secondary School Attending:**

Bayside Secondary College (Altona Nth & Williamstown Campus )  
Footscray City College  
Gilmore Girls College  
Williamstown High School

Each secondary college will also have an information table and be available to share further information about their school and answer questions after the presentations.

Parents are most welcome to attend but are reminded that the target audience of the Yr. 7 Expo will be the children.

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**FETE COMMITTEE - MARCH 2016**

Would you like to join a fantastic team of dedicated parents and staff to work behind the scenes of the next NLPS Community Fete in 2016?? Yes, that is right, planning for Fete 2016 has kicked off.

Do you want to be part of the decision making process of what stalls / rides will be on offer? Do you have a great idea for the Fete? Do you want to learn more about Community Grants / Sponsorship and how they work?

To make our school fete successful, it takes a massive amount of Commitment, Planning, Teamwork and lots of Communication! So the earlier we get started and the more committee members we have, the more rewarding the Fete will be.

We are looking for 3-4 more passionate people to be part of the Fete Committee. If you have experience / or work in Marketing/PR, Social Media, Event Management/Catering/Logistics, Finance/Budgeting, Office Administration or maybe you are Newport’s Social Butterfly, with access to many wonderful contacts/connections within our Community, or you maybe like me, and have no experience at all, there is a. role to suit everyone!

If you would like to know more, please have a chat to myself, Kylie or David, or leave your details with the front office, and we will contact you.

Nicole Mansfield (Chloe’s mum – 1/2R)  
0408 829 722  
nicole.mansfield1@yahoo.com.au
YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR MOTHER’S DAY
GARDEN PARTY PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

Date: Friday 8th May 2014
Time: 7:45am - 8:45am
Where: Outside the Multi-Purpose Hall
Cost: $12 per family
Food: Pancakes, ice cream, fruit & juice

RSVP: For catering purposes, please indicate numbers of adults and children and provide the correct money in an envelope by **no later than Friday 1st May.**

Coffee Cart...As we know how much a good coffee OR hot chocolate means to many, we have organized for the coffee cart to come to the school.

We would like to invite you to wear a fancy or fun hat to celebrate this day! Prizes for the best effort!

**MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST... PLEASE CUT AND RETURN BY FRIDAY 1ST MAY**

Name: ___________________ Surname: ___________________ Grade: ____________
(Please write the name of your child returning the form)

Please write below the numbers of adults and children eating:

Adults: [ ] Children: [ ] ENCLOSED $12: [ ]

We would like to invite our Newport Lakes Primary School Dad’s to come and be involved in serving our wonderful Mother’s on this day. There will be a variety of roles that we would appreciate your involvement, such as setting up & packing away, serving, volunteering at the Coffee Cart, cooking, waiting on tables etc. If you would like to assist in this fun, hat wearing garden party please indicate below.

Dad’s Name: ___________________ Surname: ___________________

Email contact: ___________________ Mobile: ___________________

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

Selina McPherson ...... AND ...... Sulari Nielsen
accounts@the-office.com.au        peterandsulari@gmail.com

Your NLP5 Mother’s Day Co-ordinators
DADS NEEDED.....
Would you like to assist in our Mother’s Day garden party pancake breakfast?

We would like to invite our Newport Lakes Primary School Dad’s to be involved in serving our wonderful Mother’s on this day. If you would like to assist in this fun, HAT WEARING garden party, please fill out and return the reply slip that is on the Mother’s Day invitation form that will be sent home and is on our school website, or contact Selina or Suliari.

Date: Friday 8th May 2014
Time: Set up at 7:00am – Pack up till 9:30am
Where: Outside the Multi-Purpose Hall
RSVP: By returning the separate form or emailing us prior to Friday 1st May

Selina McPherson ...... OR ...... Suliari Nielsen
accounts@the-office.com.au peterandsuliari@gmail.com

We are in urgent need of some....

- Experienced Dad’s to assist with our Coffee Cart on the day
- Flat plate BBQ’s (that can be transported to the school)
- Donations of lemons

Areas of assistance for Dads: Cooking and mixing of pancakes, volunteering at the coffee cart, serving ice-cream & fruit, waiting and serving tables, cutting & chopping, serving juice, decorating, setting up and packing away

Please contact us if you are able to help by donating items or are a Dad that can assist on Friday 8th May!

Selina & Suliari
Your NLPS Mother’s Day Co-ordinators

P.S: We would like to invite all Dads to wear a fancy or fun hat to celebrate this day! Prizes for the best effort!
PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE

The 2015 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge – which encourages children to read more books and to read more widely – is now open.

The Challenge aims to help children and young people develop a love of reading with the support of parents, teachers, early childhood professionals, schools and classmates.

To take the Challenge, children must read a set number of books and record their efforts online. There are over 9000 titles on the Challenge booklist, which is updated regularly by an expert panel which includes teachers and librarians.

Any students interested in participating can download a consent form from the school website and return it to their classroom teacher. Once forms are received log in details will be provided to parents so you can enter all books read.

If you have any queries please see Diana Stefanovic (Prep S) or go to the website http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc

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EASTER HAT PARADE/RAFFLE

A big thank you to all the families who purchased raffle tickets and donating goods for our Easter Raffle. A total of $1600 was raised. Well done! Congratulations to all the raffle winners.

A special thank you to Michelle (Grace, Prep S' mum) for all her hard work in organising a very successful raffle.

All the students looked wonderful in their Easter hats and even the Easter bunnies helpers made a special appearance.

They were very mischievous and hopped around all over the school, and one even ended up in sick bay after eating too much chocolate.
FREE ENTRY
44 Woods Street Laverton

Pop Up Garage Sale at Woods Street Arts Space, Laverton

Adults and kids clothing, vintage homewares, books, vinyl, cakes, artisan products and more

SUNDAY 26 APRIL 10AM TO 3PM

Live entertainment from DJ Nathan McCarter
FREE face painting and kids art workshop
Food and coffee trucks

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Presented by Woods Street Arts Space and Hobsons Bay City Council

Hobsons Bay City Council
Class 3/4H have artwork that will be on display for the 5 x 7 Art Prize.
Williamstown High School is holding an Information Evening on Tuesday 5 May 2015 between 6.30pm – 8.30pm at the Williamstown High School Bayview Campus.

You are most welcome to come along and attend the session, join a guided tour and peruse displays.

School Tours will operate every Thursday at 9.15am, until the end of May. Please go to our website www.willhigh.vic.edu.au to register your tour place.

Williamstown High School
Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program
for Students of Exceptional Academic Ability

In 2016 Williamstown High School will provide a Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program for Year 7 students who have exceptional academic ability. This program offers students the opportunity to undertake challenging learning experiences that are tailored to meet the needs of students of outstanding academic achievement. There is a greater emphasis on higher order thinking and learning skills and independent learning and research. Extension leads to in-depth study and the integration and application of knowledge at a higher level.

Enquiries and applications to enter the program should be directed to the school on 9399 9228. Applications for the Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program close Friday 1 May 2015. The test will take place on Saturday 9th May, 2015.