Important Dates to put in the diary

Friday 26th June
- Prep Pyjama Party - Breakfast at school
- Final day for payment of fees
- Last day of term 2.30 pm dismissal

Monday 13th July
- First day of term 3
- Grades 5/6 Fire Education Incursion

Wednesday 15th July
- Fete meeting 7.30 pm

Wednesday 15th - 17 July
- Grade 3/4 Camp

Friday 17th July
- Grade 1/2C, 1/2R & 1/2M—Williamstown Historical Tour Excursion

Monday 20th July
- Grade 1/2L & 1/2O—Williamstown Historical Tour Excursion

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

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

Lily, Prep P
Alex, 5/6L
Cody, 5/6W
Eliza, Prep C
Saffron, 1/2M
Annie, Prep S
Jai, Prep P
Macayla, 5/6D
Will, 1/2C
Kiowa, 1/2C
Kiera, 3/4M
Ned, 3/4H
Emily, 1/2R
Lily, 1/2M
Grace, Prep S
Harvey, Prep C
Madden, Prep C
Kitty, 3/4N
Xavier, 1/2C
Willow, Prep P
Findley, 5/6W
Mali, Prep C
Hamish, 1/2C
Nora, 3/4O
Ella, 3/4N
Zion, 1/2M
Eina, 1/2C
Jojo, 5/6L
Henry, 3/4H
Emily, 3/4O
Lexi, 1/2C
Khadija, 3/4H
Imogen, 3/4G

AWARDS

Congratulations to our award winners:

Eliza, Prep C
Luca, 3/4N
Ethan, Prep P
Jane, 1/2O
Caden, 3/4O
Illeana, Prep C
Haysam, 5/6L
James, 1/2M
Phuc, 1/2R
Nicholas, 5/6D
Eina, 1/2C

Annie, Prep S
Jack, 5/6M
Marina, 3/4M
Ruby, 1/2L
Eli, 1/2C

LAST DAY OF TERM - 2.30 PM DISMISSAL
Dear Parents,

School Uniforms

The new school uniform shop went online this week and is now open ‘24/7’ to take parents’ uniform orders. We believe it will be a much more efficient and convenient system of ordering and purchasing uniforms for parents and will also hopefully reduce some administrative tasks from the school office. Online orders can be delivered on a weekly drop off to the school (no charge) or delivered directly to the home for a fee of $10.00. Parents are also most welcome to visit the Double C store in Laverton, 18 minutes from Newport down the Princess Freeway.

Parental feedback on our school uniform and the new online ordering system is very important to us and most welcome. If there are any views, recommendations or feedback you believe would be helpful to the school or our uniform supplier, please send an email to the school. subject: uniform;

Children’s Health

We have had a number of recent reports from parents of children having cases of head lice.

Head lice have been around for many thousands of years. Anyone can get head lice. Head lice are small, wingless, blood sucking insects. Their colour varies from whitish-brown to reddish-brown. Head lice only survive on humans. If isolated from the head they die very quickly (usually within 24 hours). Children get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with another person who has head lice. Head lice do not have wings or jumping legs so they cannot fly or jump from head to head. They can only crawl. Many lice do not cause an itch, so you have to look carefully to find them. Head lice are found on the hair itself and move to the scalp to feed. They have six legs which end in a claw and they rarely fall from the head. Louse eggs (also called nits) are laid within 1.5 cm of the scalp and are firmly attached to the hair. They resemble dandruff, but can’t be brushed off.

Further information on headlice can be located at the Victorian Government Better health Website: http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/bhcv2/bhcarticles.nsf/pages/Head_lice_(nits)

With the mid year holidays approaching, it may be an excellent opportunity of having a ‘check up’ of your children. A close inspection of their hair in a well-lit position of natural light is the place to do this.

We all lead very busy lives and sometimes it is difficult to do these things that we know we should do but cannot find the time to complete the tasks. The term breaks can be a good opportunity to set some time aside to undertake these tasks.

Enrolling 2016 Preps

We are currently taking enrolments for 2016 Preps. If you have a child that turns 5 before 30th April 2016, 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.

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.

Contacting your Child’s Teacher (as per earlier newsletters)

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss a matter in regards to your child it is very important that you arrange to meet with your child’s teacher. This can be done in a number of ways including:

- Dropping in to the classroom before school (8.50-9.00am) Only suitable for brief messages.
- Arranging a meeting at a time suitable for both parties. This can be done by sending a note to the teacher, emailing the school (place teacher’s name in subject box) or leaving a message and contact details at the school office for the class teacher to contact you.
- Emailing the teacher (as above).

It is very important to your child’s education that there is always clear and direct communication between school and home.
Mobil Bright Futures Awards

I had the pleasure of attending a presentation of the Mobil Bright Futures award earlier this week with the school captains. The students took along a ‘Lego Model Robot’ and a ‘Solar Boat’ the Yr.5 / 6 children have been working on in their technology inquiry unit at school.

The school was presented with a grant of $4,000 to assist in the purchase of the Lego Mindstorm Junior Soccer Kits. Together with a similar grant from the Parents Association, the school was able to purchase 4 kits (8 robots) to share amongst the working groups.

(photos see below)

Building and Grounds Updates

A number of tasks will be completed over the holiday break including new carpet in the Prep C classroom, new fences along Elizabeth St. and the rear laneway and a number of landscaping projects to further improve our playgrounds.

The oval regrade will also be completed over the holidays and will be available for use in term 3. I am sure this will of great news to all our children and staff

Farewell to Hayley

We will be saying farewell to Hayley, one of our wonderful Childcare Staff over the holiday break. Hayley has been with the school’s childcare service for the last 5 years and has cared for hundreds of our children during that period of time. Hayley has been promoted to the new co-ordinator position of a childcare service in Laverton.

On behalf of the parents, staff and all the children of Newport Lakes Primary School I would like to say a very big thank you to Hayley for being a huge part of our wonderful childcare service and wish her all the very best for the future.

Hayley will remain over this upcoming holiday care program and will begin her new co-ordinators role at the beginning of term 3.

End of Term – Early Dismissal

This Friday is the last day of term and school will be dismissed at 2.30pm from the classrooms. This week’s school assembly will be conducted at approximately 12.30pm in the MPR after the children have had their extra ‘play break’ as a prize for all the positive behaviours they have displayed over the term to fill up the school’s marble jar.

As I look into the school diary we have our new instrumental music program beginning, a Yr. 1/2 excursion and the Yr.3/4 camp all in the first week of term!

Melinda (5/6L Teacher) is also having a well-earned rest and will be on leave for all of term 3 and will be partaking in some international travel– have a great time, Melinda.

I hope all families have an upcoming enjoyable and safe holiday. I will be taking some long service leave later in term 3 (last 4 weeks of term) so a quiet time of catching up on some tasks at home and at school will be in store for myself during the upcoming break.

I am certain Term 3 will be another very busy time and the two weeks rest will be an excellent way to prepare for the upcoming term

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday period.

David Moss
Principal
Pictured at the Mobil Bright Futures Awards is David, school captains, Kira, Jacob and Cole and Andrew, Manager Mobil Refinery Altona.
Council Matters

Your School Council came out into the cold to meet on June 22. We discussed a range of matters including the great interest shown in the **instrumental music** program due to start in Term 3 on Mondays and Tuesdays with music teacher Ellen Morabito. The anti cyber bullying presentation by **Project Rockit** was a great success. This even was run by young people and was very well received by the Grade 5/6 students.

The Education Sub committee has been working to polish the **Student Engagement & Wellbeing Policy**. We hope to integrate protective behaviours training with this as well. Protective behaviours are aimed at helping children be safe and respected.

Join us for our midyear **Working Bee, Saturday 25th July @ 9am** 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 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 an hour or two, we'll kick off at 9am, and finish at midday. We are after the following equipment/tools to assist in the various jobs.

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

Please email Mark Arapakis ([marapakis@optusnet.com.au](mailto:marapakis@optusnet.com.au)) if you’re available to come along.

**The Oval:** School Council would like to thank students, staff, parents and families for their patience with the establishment of the oval. The children have done so well coping with the small space for play times, and thank you to teachers for taking children down to the oval during your lunch break. We know it has been crowded in the playground and we are very grateful for our schools community’s good will and patience.

We are really excited to have the area opened up and we hope everyone enjoys the space.

Warmly, Louise
Congratulations to Arki, Gus, Ruby L, Chris, Liam M, Ruby G, Heide, Audrey, Daniel D and Grace V. They gave me one of my most memorable and proudest days to be called a teacher from Newport Lakes. These students’ contributions, performance and behaviour at the NGV annual Philosothon was exceptional. Our talented students stayed focused throughout the day and contributions showed a great deal of thought, reasoning and reflective thinking.

At the start of the day the children were divided up into 10 groups of 10 with children from: MLC, The King David School, Eitham College, Brunswick East, Lloyd Street, Brighton, Northcote, St Bernadette’s, and Serpell Primary Schools. They remained in these groups for three sessions before joining up into large groups for team presentations. Many of our students were chosen by their peers to be the representative of their group. (Sharon Rodgers)

**Student Feedback**

I loved philosophizing about the abstract artwork, because we could express our own opinion.
I learnt about some of the artwork at the gallery. I really enjoyed the whole thing!
I enjoyed meeting others and competing against other schools, having fun and learning.
I found that philosophy was a fun subject to study
I really enjoyed going to the Philosothon. It was really fun getting to discuss and analyze the different artwork.
CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to these students who won the school awards for COMPASSION.

Lucas (Prep C)
Saffron (1/2M)
Sarah (3/4M)
Daisy (5/6M)

Next term we look forward to learning who the big winners are for showing RESILIENCE.

Keep up the great work with upholding our school values everyone!

Punctuality and Student Safety:

Student safety is of the utmost concern for all at Newport Lakes PS. It is expected that if your child arrives late for school (after 9:00am) that s/he is 'signed in' to school by an accompanying adult. It is only in this way that we can guarantee a child is known to be present at school that day.

Unfortunately we have had recent experiences where students are dropped off after 9:00am in the street outside the school, the parent/carer has driven off, and the child has made their way to their classroom, only to find that their class is not in the classroom. It is only then that the child/ren have reported to the school office and we have become aware that the child is in attendance.

This becomes a serious safety risk, as parents are then relying on the child to 'do the right thing' and find an adult in the school to help them, not panic and try to leave the school grounds.

Teachers mark their attendance rolls promptly at 9:00 am each day. Please help us to keep your children safe by signing them into school at the school office if your child is late arriving for whatever reason.
Fete 2016 - update

A big thankyou to the wonderful committee members who have commenced working on next years’ Twilight Fete (Save the Date - Friday 18th March 2016); Jemma Reynolds, Sue Phillips, Katrina Gowens, Noel Landry, Helen Hayden, Michelle Kinniburgh, Carol Martins, Kylie Halarakis, Nicole Mansfield. If you see any of these magnificent people, give them a pat on the back for committing their time to the biggest school fundraising event of 2015/2016!

We have been busy bees; The Show Rides have been booked, the Fete Logo created, the Marketing plan done, the Stalls are being finalised…… watch this space, in early August, we will be launching the 2016 Newport Lakes Primary School Twilight Community Fete.

Want to be part of our amazing team, but not sure how to assist?? want to know more?? Got an idea for a Stall?? When we launch the Fete in August, we will be looking for ‘Stall Co-ordinators/Team Leaders’, so if BBQ’s are ‘your thing’, or maybe baking/sweets are up your alley, or maybe you are a Green Thumb, we will be signing up people on the day!!

Fete Sponsorship – We are also looking for any school parents/families that own /work in businesses in the area, which would like to be considered as a Sponsor to contact Nicole Mansfield for a Sponsorship Pack.

Speak with any of the friendly Fete Committee members for more information, or contact Nicole on the below details.

Nicole Mansfield
Fete Co-ordinator
0408 829 722
nicole.mansfield1@yahoo.com.au

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Attention Parent/Guardians of Grade 6 students

In Term 4, we will be holding a Graduation Ceremony to celebrate the accomplishments of our Grade 6 students. In the lead up to the event, we require assistance in planning and organising various aspects for the night (decoration, invitations, set-up etc).

If you are interested in being part of this exciting event please contact Laura D'Agostino ASAP.

The 5/6 Team (James, Mathew, Melinda and Laura)

Second-hand Uniform Sale

A second-hand uniform sale will be held on the last day of term Friday 26th June from 8.00am—9.00 am in the Multi purpose room.

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 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 project appeared on Channel 31 “Today’s Schools: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQnJvKrla_w

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 included at the end of this newsletter or available for collection from the office.

Please see Laura Russell in the Art Room or contact Allana Arapakis, Parent Club representative on aar-apakis@optusnet.com.au if you have any questions or would like the pattern emailed to you.
"TEDDIES 4 TIMOR" PATTERN

Teddies can be made in a variety of styles. The pattern describes a teddy with pants and a shirt, but the pattern can be varied. The important thing is that the teddy has a personality of its own!
The teddy can be made in two sizes: large or small. Stitch and row numbers for the smaller teddy are shown in brackets.

8 ply yarn (acrylic preferred - no angora or mohair)

Needles: No. 9 (3.75mm) or No.10 (3.25mm) needles (Loose knitters use no 10)

LEGS & PANTS

Leg 1
- Cast on 12 (9) stitches
- Knit 34 (26) rows
- Change colour for pants
- Knit 8 (6) rows
- Leave stitches on needle

Leg 2
- Same as Leg 1

Pants
- Join both legs by knitting across both legs
- Knit 14 (10) rows to finish pants

SHIRT

- Change colour for shirt
- Knit 18 (14) rows

Sleeve

- Cast on 12 (9) stitches at the beginning of the next 2 rows
- Knit 18 (14) rows
- Next 2 rows cast off 12 (9) stitches (this forms the arms - 24 (18) stitches remain)

HEAD

- Change colour for head
- Knit 34 (26) rows

Cast off
Repeat this procedure to make the other side of the teddy.
FINISHING

1. Make two bodies the same
2. Sew on face

3. Join two bodies together leaving a gap at the top of the head for filling
4. Fill with Hobby Fill (nylon filling) and sew top of the head together.

5. Pinch corners of head and sew to form ears
6. Gather around the base of head to form neck

7. Embellish with plaited yarn tie, knitted scarf or ribbon
   Too cute!
Happy Birthday!!!!

The tables were strew with a wonderful assortment of cupcakes - rainbow, footy colours, sprinkles, frogs...
The sellers were prepared in advance and the cash box ready..
The lines were loosely organised with the witches hats set...

And then they came...

How long does it take to sell 420 wonderful cupcakes???
About 28 minutes.

So far we have raised an amazing amount of over $800.00.

Thanks to all the teachers and in particular David, Sue and Kayleen for supporting and making sure all ran smoothly.

A BIG thank you to all the great parents who supplied the amazing cupcakes and to the mums who were able to set up, sell and pack up.

And Happy 159 Newport Lakes Primary School! Here’s to 160 next year… cupcakes and more.

Cheers
Jacqui Lomas

SCHOOL BANKING SHOWBAGS

Why not pop into one of the following Commonwealth Branches to open up a School banking account during the school holidays?
- Altona Gate
- Werribee Plaza (Pacific Werribee)
- Wyndham Village

Open up a Youth Saver account, make a small deposit, bank at school the first week back in term 3 on Monday 13 July and your child will receive a super show bag at the branch! Our school will also go in a draw to win a $100 Coles Myer voucher.

The School Banking program is a fantastic way to encourage your child to save. Your child receives a token each time they make a deposit at school and once they have collected 10 tokens, they can claim a reward. We run school banking at school every MONDAY. It also helps raise about $1,200 for our school each year.

If you have any questions, please call/email the School Banking Co-ordinators (Parent representatives): Allana Arapakis on 0400 113 333 or aarapakis@optusnet.com.au or Daria Hewitt on 0402 329 611 or daria.nick@gmail.com
Temporary closure of the Hall Street pedestrian underpass
Monday 6 July – Friday 31 July

While we upgrade signalling cables, the pedestrian underpass between Melbourne Road and Hall Street, Newport, will be temporarily closed. This work is essential to ensure the ongoing safety and efficiency of the network.

In order for this upgrade to take place, fencing around the underpass near Britt Court will be removed for machinery access.

For your safety during this time, please use the underpass at Newport Station, located approximately 1km east of this crossing.

We thank you for your patience during these important upgrade works.

Christine Walker
Community Relations Advisor

FOOTBALL: the fun game for all!
BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 4–9

Club:  Altona East Soccer Club
Venue:  Paisley Park Pitch 2, Ross Rd Altona.
Start date:  Saturday July 11th (6 sessions)
Contact:  Robert 0408 804 098

Register at miniroos.com.au

Keyboard & Guitar Music Program

Dear Parents and Students,

ABC Music Group is seeking new enrolments for students interested in joining the INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM in TERM 3. Lessons are after school on Mondays and the program provides a fun introduction to music and also assists students thinking to continue their music education in secondary school.

PROGRAM FEATURES

1. 30 minute group lessons
2. Keyboard are provided for each student during lessons
3. Parent/Guardian will be invoiced for the cost of the lessons

Keyboard – Guitar ($135 per term plus 2 keyboard books $35 or guitar book $20)

To enrol please go on our website or pick up a form at the school office

http://www.abcmusicalgroup.com.au then to “Enrol Now” then to “After School Program” or phone 9427 8849

“I would teach the children music, physics and philosophy, but the most important is music, the patterns of music are the keys to all learning” – Plato

Williamstown Juniors Netball Club (WJNC)

Interested in netball?

We will soon be looking at our teams for the Summer Season at Altona Netball Stadium which starts in Term 4. We are recruiting players of all ages from 9/u to 17/u. We are particularly looking for 8 and 9 year olds who would like to play their first game! If your child wants to be part of a great local club we would love to see you at WJNC. Please contact Nicki Bokma - 0411043950 for further details.