Important Dates to put in the diary

Friday 29th May          **Pupil Free Day**
Saturday 30th May        Bunnings BBQ
Monday 1st June          Grade 5/6 Cyber Safety Incursion  Year 5—9.30am  Year 6—11.30am
Wednesday 3rd June       Girls Lightning Soccer Competition
Thursday 4th June        2016 Prep Tour—10.00 am
                           Grade 5/6 ACMI Excursion
                           Twilight Soiree—MPR   6.30pm
Friday 5th June           Grade 5/6 T-ball Competition
Monday 8th June           Public Holiday—No school
Friday 12th June          Final day for expression of interested—Instrumental Music Program
Wednesday 17 June         Grade 3/4 Camp Information Night—MPR 6.30pm

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

Violet, Prep P           Ferris, 1/2O      Ziyao, 1/2C
Ava, 3/4H                Tara, 1/2M       Jean, PrepC
Benjamin, 3/4N           Locks, 1/2R      Manie, 5/6L

AWARDS

Congratulations to our award winners :-

Grade 3’s       Matilda, Prep S       Rachida, 1/2O
Freya, 3/4M    Joe, 1/2R           Josh, 5/6W
Bella, Prep P  Phoebe, 1/2C        Heide, 5/6L
Levi, 5/6W     Sebastian, 5/6M     Sabine, 5/6D
Samuel, 1/2M   Madden, Prep C      Saffron, 1/2M
Saja, 1/2R     Rielly, 5/6D        Mackenzie, 3/4M
Will, 1/2C     Ella, 3/4N          Hamish, 1/2C
Manar, 5/6L    Jack, Prep S        Cooper, 3/4O
Callum, 5/6L   Grade 3/4W          Minnow, 1/2O
Mathew, 3/4G   Gabby, 5/6M         Harvey, 3/4G
Jean, Prep C   Mohammed, 5/6W

Student Report Writing Day - Pupil Free Day

Friday 29- May 2015

A pupil free day will be conducted on Friday 29th May for all teachers to participate in a Student Report Writing Day. There will be NO SCHOOL for all children on this day. Childcare is available. Please contact Childcare on 9742 5040 to make a booking if required.
Dear Parents,

There will be a group of 20 very tired campers returning to school today from a 9 day adventure at Somers Camp. This camp only comes around every 2 years and is only available to Yr.5/6 students attending local state schools. Newport Lakes PS was very fortunate to gain 20 placements for the 2015 Somers Camp and from all reports, the children have thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Apart from the amazing outdoor and adventure activities being offered at the camp, the children get to know many other children of similar age that reside and attend schools in the local Hobsons Bay area. Often friendships begin at Somers Camps that are continued into secondary school and beyond.

PROJECT ROCKIT Next Monday June 1, the Yr. 5/6 students will be attending an anti-bullying and cyberbullying program from a group called ‘PROJECT ROCKIT’.

PROJECT ROCKIT conducts highly-interactive positive-strengths-based workshops that are known to connect with students on their level. Workshops are presented by two highly-trained presenters who have only recently left high school themselves. Their genuine and in-touch understanding of the ins and outs of school life and adolescence has proven to be an incredibly effective way of building credibility with student.

‘PROJECT ROCKIT’aim to deliver interactive, cool workshops that are designed to tackle (cyber) bullying, build empathy and develop social leadership.

The school would like to thank Village Real Estate and the Newport Traders Association for their support in the provision of this exciting initiative and their ongoing commitment to this program in the future. For more information on PROJECT ROCKIT and some of the great things they will be doing with our children check out their website www.projectrockit.com.au. A follow up and summary of the ‘PROJECT ROCKIT’ will be included in the next newsletter.

NAPLAN The NAPLAN assessments were conducted for students in Yr. 3 and 5 last week. The school had a 96-98% participation rate in both Yr. 3 and 5 assessments and most students seemed to handle the tests with little anxiety. Special ‘make-up’ tests were conducted for students that were absent on the day of the tests.

Thank you to all the teachers for ensuring the tests were conducted in an environment that was as least threatening as possible and for their resilience in continuing with their usual teaching despite the disruption that the NAPLAN program enforces upon their regular routines. Results of the NAPLAN assessments should be available to parents mid-term 3.

SCHOOL AND INSURANCE - An education department memo was recently sent to all schools reminding schools/parents that the department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs ie. ambulance.

Student accident insurance policies are available from the private insurance market. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare.

The school council also highly recommends that all families have ambulance cover (unless covered by medical insurance) as an ambulance will be called if there is any concern that a child may require this level of medical attention. The cost of the ambulance will be the responsibility of the parents.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND In the last state budget a new program entitled the ‘Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF) was introduced. The CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, incursions, camps and sporting activities.
If a parent holds a valid means-tested concession card they may be eligible for the CSEF. The annual CSEF for a primary school child is $125 per child. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to any of camps, sporting activities (including swimming) excursions and incursions.

To apply, a parent can obtain a CSEF application form from the office or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. A parent Information pamphlet on the CSEF is included later in the newsletter.

**SCHOOL LITTER** The children and staff work very hard on reducing the litter in our school ground. Students eat most of their lunch in their classrooms but there are always a few slower eaters who need to take out their lunch or snack outside to complete their meal.

We have 10 bins blue or yellow ‘wheelie bins’ that are placed around the school yard as well as the large recycle bins we have in each school building.

Children are strongly encouraged to use the bins correctly and place all litter in the bins when out in the yard. All children and teachers participate in a weekly litter pick up on a Friday afternoon after lunch to ensure our yard is kept as clean as possible. Occasionally the weekly clean-up is not possible due to wet weather or whole school activities but in general, we do a very good job of keeping our yard as clean as possible.

The greatest type of litter in the yard is generally the plastic re-seal zip bags (good idea but do not reduce the litter), chip or crisp packets, fruit boxes, yoghurt packets and yoghurt tubs. All of these food items are very high in fat or sugar content and if these were reduced or not packed as lunch or snack items, there would be less litter brought to school and the children would possibly have better diets. Food for Thought (and less litter)!!

I hope you have a good week

David Moss
Principal

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**2015 ESSENTIAL EDUCATION EXPENSES, BOOKPACK, LEVIES & VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS**

The final instalment of fees will be due and payable on the 30th June. Statements will be sent out next week to all families that elected to pay by instalment. It would be greatly appreciated if you could please finalise this account by the due date.
School Council met on May 18 and we had Member for Williamstown Wade Noonan as our special guest. Wade promised to do what he could to support the school with refurbishments and redevelopment of buildings in the 2016 State budget. David Moss presented the annual report to the meeting and we reflected on the progress made by NLPS students and the needs of our growing school.

**Fundraising** has been allocated in small grants to purchase new dictionaries, Oxford and Macquarie, for the classrooms and percussion instruments for the music program. Other grants in the pipeline include a new compost bin, outdoor chess and checkers and book purchases for reading circles in the upper grades.

As many of you will already be aware Ellen Morabito will be developing an **instrumental music program** on a Tuesday and application forms are available from the web site and the front office.

**Parents Club** needs a coordinator. There is an established committee looking for someone to take on this very rewarding and important role. A job share would also be possible. It’s a great way to get involved and support your school community. Please contact Sue Phillips or Jacqui Lomas or let the office know and they can put you in touch.

A new art project is about to get underway at school, this is the next step in brightening up the school and we will be working with Laura (art teacher). Simple skills like painting and tracing required, nothing complicated. If any parent would like to be involved please get in touch with Kylie Halarakis on gkhalas@bigpond.net.au

**Community and Fundraising Committee:**

**Christmas Celebration**— Register your interest, if you are keen to be involved with the planning of the Christmas celebration please register your interest with Jacqui Lomas. **Grade 6 Graduation** – Asking for any Grade 6 parents who are keen to be involved in the planning of their child’s graduation to get in contact with Melinda Lagerwey. We would like to encourage everyone to get involved with the **2016 Fete** planning. The working party that will plan and organise the fete has already started to meet and they need plenty of support. Please contact Nicole to get involved nicole.mansfield1@yahoo.com.au.

**It’s our Birthday** next year – 160 years – we are looking for any parents that would be able to provide their expertise to review and redevelop the book on the history of Newport Lakes Primary School please contact Jacqui Lomas.

Finally, the school’s **Positive Behaviours** policy will be the focus of the next education sub-committee meeting and we are hoping to provide the school community with updates as this policy is rolled out across all levels of our school.

Best wishes,

Louise
Great news! Our parents club have funded the purchase of 10 chess/checkers sets. These sets have been ordered and will be arriving soon. Over the next couple of weeks stay tuned during assembly for details about Thursday chess and checkers club!

ICAS update
Please take note of the following dates (spelling has been changed) that the tests will be administered at school.

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Australian Mathematics Competition

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Brainteaser
What word in the English language uses all five vowels plus Y in alphabetical order and uses each one only once?

Answer: Facetiously - this means not seriously
SPECIAL GROUP PHOTOS -

$10.00 each

Junior School Council and School Leader photos are on display in the office. If any parents are interested in purchasing these photos, please send the money in an envelope clearly labelled with your child’s details and which photo you would like. Please place all orders prior to Friday 5th June.
Head Lice

Head lice is common in every childcare, kinder and school including Newport Lakes PS. At present, we seem to have a higher than normal number notifications of head lice at school.

Below is up to date information on head lice and treatment taken form the Victorian Government Health Website

Head lice are small, wingless insects that live, breed and feed on the human scalp. They do not carry or transmit disease. They have been around for millions of years and, in fact, predate human evolution. Direct contact is required for transmission from person to person. Lice will crawl from head to head without discrimination.

**Head lice facts** - A female louse will lay between three to eight eggs (nits) per day on the hair. The eggs are attached to the hair fibres within 1.5 cm of the scalp, and rely on warmth from the head to hatch. Head lice do not have wings or jumping legs, so they cannot fly or jump from head to head. They can only crawl.

People get head lice from direct head-to-head contact with another person who has head lice. This can happen when people play, cuddle or work closely together. Head lice are most common among children and their families. If your family has head lice, tell anyone who has had head-to-head contact with them, so that they can check and treat their family if needed. There is no need to treat the whole family, unless they also have head lice.

Concentrate on treating the affected person’s head. There is no evidence to suggest that you need to clean the house or the classroom. The only linen that requires changing is the affected person’s pillowcase.

The itchiness may not disappear immediately after treatment. Persistent itch is not a reason to repeat the treatment.

**Finding head lice** - Half of the people who have head lice never scratch their head, so itching is not a reliable sign. Lice can be hard to spot because they move quickly. The easiest and most effective way to find head lice is to use the conditioner and comb treatment weekly. This includes:

**Step 1.** Comb hair conditioner onto dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This makes it difficult for lice to grip the hair or run around.
**Step 2.** Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.
**Step 3.** Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.
**Step 4.** Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least four or five times.
**Step 5.** If the person has been treated recently and only hatched eggs are found, you may not have to treat them again, since the eggs could be from the old infection.
**Step 6.** If lice or eggs are found, the person should be treated.

**Treatment for head lice**
The two preferred treatment options available for initially treating head lice are the ‘conditioner and comb’ method and the use of an insecticide.
Using insecticide products
Any head lice treatment product you choose should carry an Australian Registered or Listed number.

If you use lotions, apply the product to dry hair. For shampoos, wet the hair, but use the least amount of water possible.

Head lice live in the hair and go to the scalp to feed. Therefore, head lice products must be applied to all parts of the hair.

Care should be taken when using these products:

- if you are pregnant or breastfeeding
- in children less than 12 months old
- in people who have allergies, open wounds on the scalp, or asthma.
- All products can cause reactions. If you are unsure, check with your pharmacist or doctor.

Insecticide resistance is complex and common, so you need to check that the lice are dead. If the insecticide has worked, the lice will be dead within 20 minutes. If the lice are not dead, the treatment has not worked and the lice are resistant to the product and all products containing the same active compound. Find a product with a different active compound or speak to your pharmacist or doctor.

No topical insecticide treatment kills 100 per cent of the eggs, so treatment must involve two applications, seven days apart.

If you choose not to use an insecticide, the comb and conditioner method described above can be used every second day until no live lice have been found for 10 days.

Head lice combs
Head lice combs with long rounded stainless steel teeth, positioned very close together, are the most effective. However, any head lice comb can be used.

Treatment failures
If the initial treatments have failed and live lice are still being removed with the conditioner and comb treatment, see your doctor for a referral for to a dermatologist for specialist treatment. This may involve the prescription of medication.

Preventing head lice
There is no product available that prevents head lice. However, tying long hair back and checking weekly for lice, using the conditioner and comb method, can help prevent the spread.

Where to get help
Your doctor
Pharmacist
Local government health department
Public Health, Department of Health Victoria Tel. (03) 9096 0000

Things to remember
Head lice have been around for thousands of years and anyone can get them.
Using the conditioner and comb method once each week will help your family control head lice.
Head lice do not carry disease.
Song writing workshop with Andrew Swift

Members of the Senior Choir undertook a song writing workshop this week, when renowned Melbourne singer and songwriter, Andrew Swift came to NLPS as part of the enrichment program.

Andrew spent two hours with 17 students on Tuesday the 26th of May, to speak with the students and tell them about what it is like to be a professional touring musician, as well as what it takes to write and record his own songs.

The students learned some really great tips and had a chance to put these tips into practice while writing their own songs, which will later be performed or recorded. The students came up with some amazing results and even got to record a song with Andrew!

Well done to these students, it was a productive session and very inspiring!
**Instrumental Program**

We have received great feedback about the upcoming instrumental program, and beginning to receive expression of interest forms. If you do not have a form and are interested in enrolling in music lessons on any woodwind or brass instrument, enrolment forms are available on the website or please pick one up from the office.

Have a think about what instrument you may be interested in, some are difficult for younger students. Generally, recorder is a good instrument to begin with for Preps and Grade 1’s and some Grade 2’s, and it is easy to transfer skill over to other instruments later on. For some students in grade 2, and students in Grades 3 to 6, other woodwind and brass are good options. This is just a guide, and depends on lung capacity and size of the students to reach keys and manage a heavy instrument. Please email me (morabito.ellen.e@edumail.gov.au) if you have any queries, and I would be happy to assist with instrument choice.

**Instrumental Music Soiree**

Newport Lakes Primary School will be having their first Soiree for the year where 25 students will present a piece on the instruments they are learning. The Soiree will be held in the Multi-purpose room, on Thursday the 4th of June, beginning at 6:30. The evening has been organised by Rachael and Patrick Lawrence, and we would like to welcome anyone to attend and maybe even be inspired to begin music lessons at school! The students have been rehearsing hard on various pieces and the evening promises a variety of music, instruments and levels. We will be taking small donations on the evening to go toward tuning the piano for future. We hope to see you there; come and support the talented instrumental musicians of NLPS.

**GRADE 3/4 CAMP**

A camp information session will be held on 17th June at 6.30pm in the MPR. Forms will be sent home next week and full payment will be required by Friday 19th June.

TOTAL COST OF CAMP - $275.00
eTips: Issue 2

Below is an explanation of each item in the Digital Citizenship Survival Kit.

**Padlock** - remind students to set strong passwords and to set up password locks on all their devices. Lock em down!

**Toothbrush** - I tell students to think that passwords and toothbrushes are very similar in the fact that you NEVER want to share passwords.

**Permanent marker** - everything that you put online is permanent... even if you delete after posting. Odds are someone has retweeted, favourited or taken a screen shot if the material was questionable.

**Toothpaste** - imagine that the information that you're putting online is like toothpaste coming out of the tube. Once it is out it is almost impossible to put it back in the tube.

We encourage you to refer to these items when discussing how to be **smart, safe and responsible online**.

They are a great way to remember how to behave online!
Our school uniform shop will be going ‘online’ as of the beginning of term 3. We will still be using the same supplier ‘Double C Jeanery’ and the uniform and costs will remain the same but as of next term, the school uniform can either be ordered online or purchased directly from the Double C shop in Laverton.

The Laverton store is open 7 days a week and is only 18 minutes’ drive from the school to the shop. Online orders can be delivered on a weekly drop off to the school (no charge) or delivered directly to the home for a small fee.

Hats, School Bags and Book Bags will still be sold at school but all other items will only be available online or from the store.

As of Monday 15th June the online facility will be available and then there will be a transition period until the end of the term where uniforms will be available online and from the school.

Parents will be able to purchase online (www.dcsuniforms.comau) as well as from a link from the Newport Lakes Primary School website.

At the beginning of term 3, new uniforms will not be available from the school. We believe it will a much more efficient and convenient system for parents and the school office. Further details of the new system will be available in the next newsletter.
Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

• $125 for primary school students
• $225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date
You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
CSEF Application Form

Newport Lakes Primary School

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname
First name
Address
Town/suburb State Postcode
Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

OR

Foster parent* OR Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (the department) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- the department will use information I have provided to the DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to the DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid unless I withdraw it by contacting the school or the department.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from the department and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- some personal information may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services, for the purpose of evaluation and monitoring of concession card services.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

Signature of applicant ___________________________ Date ____ / ____ / ____
CSEF eligibility

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 - Eligibility
To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:
• on the first day of Term two, or;
• on the first day of Term three;
1. Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
2. Be a temporary foster parent, and;
3. Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria
School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.
For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.
CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date
CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term two (13 April 2015) or term three (13 July 2015).

Payment amounts
CSEF payment amount
The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student:
• Primary school student rate: $125 per year.
• Secondary school student rate: $225 per year.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student’s date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

How to complete the application form
NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
   Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your Centrelink card - unless you are claiming as a Foster Parent or Veterans Affairs Pensioner. You will also need to provide your Centrelink card to the school.
   If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, tick the appropriate box. In this case, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
   The CSEF payment is paid directly to your child’s school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
   - enter SURNAME AND FIRST NAMES in full.
   - enter the DATE OF BIRTH e.g. 15/09/2008.
   - enter the YEAR LEVEL, unless the student is ungraded, e.g. attending a Special School or Language Centre, then enter ‘UNGRADED’ in the YEAR LEVEL column.
   - Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.
Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.
FC Williamstown is delighted to again be hosting The Girls Lightning Tournament On Wednesday 3rd June from 9.30am to 2.30 pm at FC Williamstown, JT Gray Reserve, Kororoit Creek Road, Williamstown. (opposite Kennedy’s)

Families and Friends of the Players will be very welcome to come along as spectators.

The Club is very keen to encourage girls in our sport and increase the number of girls at our club with an U13’s girls team. If you are interested in getting involved just talk to one of the Club Officials or email us at info@fcwilliamstown.com.au

www.fcwilliamstown.com.au