Important Dates to put in the diary

Friday 4th September  Prep Incursion—Responsible Pet Ownership
Monday 7th September  Grade 1/2 Incursion—Playground Craze
Monday 14th September  Grade 3/4 Excursion to Immigration Museum
                      School Council Meeting
Tuesday 15th September  Divisional Athletics Carnival
Thursday 17th September  Grade 3/4 Extension Art Incursion
Friday 18th September  Footy Day—Special lunch
                      Last day of Term—2.30pm dismissal
Monday 5th October  First day of Term 4
Saturday 17th October  Photo fundraiser

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

Callum, 5/6M  Chloe, 3/4N  Mac, 1/2M
Saadivya, 5/6W  Lucy, 5/6W  Alex, 3/4G
Imran, 3/4O  Sam, 1/2O  Minnow, 1/2O
Myles, 3/4H  Macayla, 5/6D  Jasper, 5/6M
Lennart, Prep C  Jane, 1/2O

AWARDS

Liam, Prep P  Ethan, 3/4G  Harry, 5/6W
Luke, 5/6L:  Jasper, 1/2O  Bridie, 1/2C
Max, 3/4O  Imran, 3/4O  Alex, 1/2C
Otto, 3/4O  Oscar, 3/4M  Chloe, 3/4M
Chelsea, 1/2M  Sam, 1/2O  Lily, 5/6M
Chloe, 1/2R  Elizabeth, 3/4N  Sebastian, 1/2M
Amy, Prep S  Khadiga, 3/4  Mohammad, 1/2M
Darcy, 1/2M  Jacob, 5/6M  Gaspar, 1/2R
Max, 3/4H  Calen, Prep S  Owen, 3/4O
Heide, 5/6L  Tom, 1/2O  Madeleine, Prep P
Hannah, 5/6D  Chelsea, 1/2M  Charlie, 3/4O
Ethan, 3/4M  Ailish, 1/2L  Angel, Prep C
Leni, 3/4O  Tilda, 3/4G

Prep—Grade 3 Intensive Swimming Program

A Reminder that all completed medical forms and $20.00 deposit for the Intensive Swimming Program must be paid by Friday 11th September.

NO LATE FORMS CAN BE ACCEPTED AS GROUPS WILL BE FINALISED.
Dear Parents,

2015 NAPLAN results

By now our Year 3 & Year 5 parents will have received a copy of their child’s individual NAPLAN reports. We are very proud to share our overall results with you this week. As the table below shows, our results are significantly higher than state mean results across the five areas tested for both our Year 3s and 5s, with our Year 3 grammar and punctuation results being the highest, at 67 points above the state mean, followed closely by Year 3 reading, which is 63 points above the state mean! Also pleasing are our numeracy results for both Year 3s and Year 5s, at 36 and 29 points above the state mean respectively.

The focus of our professional learning teams over the past three years on visible learning, explicit teaching and differentiated curriculum, dedicated intervention programs for reading and numeracy, and our enrichment program, have made a significant contribution towards these exciting results. I would like to congratulate our knowledgeable and hardworking teachers and support staff, as well as our students for striving to always do their best, and you our wonderful parents for your support and encouragement. These results are definitely a team effort and it is a privilege to work in such a vibrant and dynamic learning community.

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Skip-a-thon

At last Friday’s assembly we were able to draw the winners of our eagerly anticipated skip-a-thon raffle, the idea being that for every $10 dollars a child raised towards the skip-a-thon they entered one ticket into the raffle. The following students were the lucky winners:

Henrietta L 1/2L - ipad mini
Gasper T 1/2R - MP3 player
Ella 5/6L itunes card
Jasper PP – Crayola Activity Centre
Jane 1/2O MP3 player
Mia 3/4H Stationery pack
Sammy T – Stationery pack
Ruby G – CC Jeanery voucher

Eli C 1/2 - ipod touch
Caden - headphones
Darcy 1/2O - go-cart
Ned L – Stationery pack
Eli C – Crayola Activity Centre
Findley 5/6W – CC Jeanery voucher
Ferris - Crayola Activity Centre
Lachlan Mc 3/4O - itunes card

Congratulations to all our winners and a big thank you to everyone who contributed to our fabulous grand total of $11,914.90! What a brilliant effort! These funds will go towards enhancing our teaching and learning programs, ie., mathematics materials for classrooms, music and drama resources - and our Year 6 graduation evening.
Teacher Professional Learning - Mathematics
Last Thursday on our pupil-free day the teachers and support staff involved themselves in a very hands-on, thought-provoking and highly engaging mathematics professional learning day, facilitated by mathematics education consultant Michael Ymer. Michael provided teachers of all levels with a number of adaptable, open-ended and real-life activities that typically take approximately one and a half to two hours at a time to teach. Each lesson is rich in content and scope. We were challenged to think about our classroom table arrangements, in order to cater for a wide range of student learning needs in each room, as well as the idea that we all learn and think better when we are standing up! I have walked into several classrooms this week and noticed students involved in their maths lessons whilst standing around a high table. Michael has made an immediate impact on teachers’ teaching of numeracy at Newport Lakes Primary School and the students are certainly enjoying their lessons too! Michael showed us how to make teaching and learning maths far more relevant and fun for everyone! And fortunately for all of us, Michael returns to our school for two days in the first week of term four to demonstrate lessons in classrooms in each level across the school. We can’t wait!

As a result of the work we did with Michael we will use some of the funds raised in our highly successful skip-a-thon to buy useful and much-needed mathematics materials for every classroom.

Social Media
Since our last newsletter we have had an incident occur involving a number of our Year 5/6 children. The children were ‘chatting’ online after school. Generally it was just banter, mostly just ‘silly things’ but at times inappropriate and bullying language was used. When things began to be unacceptable two of our students acted very responsibly and ended their involvement in the ‘conversation’. It is very pleasing to note that one of the parents of the students was monitoring her child’s ipad use and asked the children to end the ‘chat’. There are several areas for concern in relation to this matter because some of the conversation took place after 10pm and most of the discussion took place without parent supervision.

This is a timely reminder to all of us...

We cannot stick our heads in the sand when it comes to our children using social media. We need to be as involved as possible in what our children do online, even making an effort to play the games they enjoy, so that we remain aware and in-touch.

We must ensure that students know how to use social media responsibly.
Our school teaches cyber-safety in depth, but students still require adult supervision. They need ongoing guidance, as often they do not understand the full impact of their actions.

Children will make mistakes and it is our task as educators and parents to ensure that they learn from these mistakes and become responsible citizens.

**Book Fair**

We have lots of bookworms at our school! Our community spent $6000 dollars on books at the Book Fair last week during book week and the school received $1800 dollars worth of brand new donated books from Scholastic for our school library. Thank you to everyone who supported Book Fair in 2015, particularly to those parents who gave up lots of their time to open each day before and after school!

Have a great week everyone.

Janet Gill
Acting Principal

On the last Friday of term 3 (18th of September), Newport Lakes Primary School will be holding a footy day. Students can dress up in the colours of their favourite sports team, and bring a gold coin donation. There will be a student-teacher footy match. There will also be a sausage sizzle for lunch on that day.

The money raised will go towards Oxfam.

Oxfam is an international charity that support people in need that live in third world countries. At Newport Lakes Primary School, we care about helping people who are less fortunate.

We hope to see you dressed up in your favourite team colours!

The Junior School Council

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**A message from Susan, Cristy and students:**

The students at Newport Lakes Primary School are very fortunate to have such a wonderful Parents’ Club that works hard to raise money to support special programs.

With their support, we were lucky to be able to buy a wonderful Levelled Literacy Intervention Kit to assist in Reading Intervention. The children enjoy reading the colourful fiction and non-fiction texts in the collection. The books compliment an existing kit.

We send a big ‘Thank you’ to the Parents’ Club for their support and to Wendy Oates for all of her hard work in processing all the books. Your fundraising efforts are greatly appreciated!
CONGRATULATIONS
Well done to these students who won the school awards for RESILIENCE. These awards were given out at assembly last Friday August 21st

Daniel W, 3/4O
Daniel D, 5/6L
Sunday, Prep C
Jack P, 1/2R

For these two weeks we are focusing on RESILIENCE.

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

The Welfare Team

In Term 4 the Art Room will trial communal art smocks. The Art room has two class sets (small size and medium size) that will be used. Individual art smocks will be returned during Term 3. Please do not buy a new art smock as yet. In Term 4 parents will be informed of any changes to the art smock situation for 2016. Any questions please email or speak to Laura Russell - Art Teacher

Family Maths Morning
Tuesday October 13th
Prep—6
9.30 am - 11.00 am
Morning tea afterwards
Grandparents welcome
Melbourne Writers Festival - THE BIG DRAW

“Develop your own distinct style of drawing”. - Leigh Hobbs

Grade 5/6 students Angelo, Elsie, Kira W, Silvery, Sylvie, Grace, Rumi, Hannah, Callum and Hamish attended ‘The Big Draw’ as part of the Melbourne Writers’ Festival at The Edge auditorium at Federation Square.

The drawing workshop was conducted by both well-known illustrators Leigh Hobbs and Ann James. Hobbs and James demonstrated their different drawing styles and students participated in drawing activities. Also, if you have a look closely in the photo below, you may see a famous author speaking from behind the podium to us! Billie B Brown fans it’s Sally Rippin!!!

After being inspired to draw, students walked to Birrarung Marr where they sat and drew the city skyline.
Student Feedback

“I like the Big Draw because we got to see Leigh Hobbs and Ann James draw.” – Rumi
“I enjoyed watching the illustrators use different materials such as mud to create amazing pictures” – Hannah
“It was inspiring to find our own way to draw. It taught us that we all draw in a very different way.” – Kira W
“I liked being shown the multiple styles of drawing” – Elsie
“I loved this excursion. This has helped me with my drawing significantly.” – Callum
“I really loved doing this and it inspired me to do lots of good drawings” – Angelo
“The workshop was great because we saw all the different drawing styles and ways to draw”. – Hamish
“It was fun, the thing I liked the most was when Ann James did a drawing of a cat with ink”. – Grace
ICAS Spelling

The ICAS spelling results have arrived and certificates will be presented at assembly next week.

15 students participated - 2 students received a Distinction, 4 students received a Credit, 1 received a Merit and 8 received Participation certificates.

**Distinction**
Year 3 – Zali Ferguson, Hannah Lawrence

**Credit**
Year 4 - Sienna Johnson, Finn Mead
Year 5 - Ryan Edwards, Silvery Moon Thein

Congratulations to all participants on your achievements!

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We would like to say a huge thank you to Wendy Oates for co-ordinating the very successful book fair. We raised approximately $6,000. Wendy was here every day, including very early in the morning and this was greatly appreciated by everyone. The book fair would not be possible without a team of helpers.

Thank you to Rose Keevins, Jacqui Lomas, Kim Mace, Kate Tapping, Deb McGrath, Allana Arapakis, Chris Phillips, Kristen Orange and Andrew Hannaford.

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**FETE 2016 UPDATE**

We will have a special Fete Announcement at the School Assembly 3pm Friday 4th September.

Please come to see & hear the exciting news!
What a difference a week makes - and a little encouragement from our principal, thanks David.

We had a fantastic turnout at the meeting on Monday night. The great thing was we had parents from a variety of year levels. We also had a large number of parents express their interest but that the Monday night timeslot is a challenge to meet, your interest is appreciated. We talked about the role of Parents Club, all that had been achieved by the club and community and how we could maintain this key aspect of our community.

We were able to go through the remainder of events for this year and have allocated co-ordinators for each. Whoa! We are still in search of the overall co-ordinator role, that can be shared, and if you are interested please do not hesitate to ask either myself, Jacqui Lomas, or Kylie Halarakis, the School Council President, for more information.

We would like to thank Nicole Mansfield, our wonderful Fete Co-ordinator, for giving us an update on the Fete. And letting us know to attend the assembly for the official launch.

so to the Events…

The Biggest Sausage Sizzle
On the last day of term, Friday September 17th, the students are able to dress up in their footy colours for the day. We also have a teachers versus Grade six footy match, one to watch if you can!! And we hold a lunch. This year we are attempting the Biggest Sausage Sizzle. We figure we might be cooking 500 plus sausages. Selina McPherson has taken on the challenge of team leader for this and already has 5 keen helpers. BUT if you fancy joining the challenge please email Selina, accounts@the-office.com.au. As we finish the day at 2.30 lunch will be served at 12.30 so helpers will be needed at 11.30. Thanks Selina and Good Luck team!

Term Four Icy Pole Days
Yes we then start talking term 4 and our ever popular Icy Pole Days. Simone Edwards is co-ordinating these days, Thank You, and she will be calling for helpers in the next few weeks.

Family Portrait
NLPS is holding a family portrait fundraiser on Saturday 17th October at the amphitheatre in Newport Lakes Reserve. Thanks to Leonie Newey for co-ordinating this. The booking information is attached at the end of the newsletter. It is filling up fast but if you would like to be notified of extra booking times, please email your preference to leonienevey@yahoo.com.au. This will only happen though if Saturday fills.

If the weather isn't on our side, the portraits will be taken in the MPR at school.

Special Lunch
We love a different lunch and the chance NOT to pack lunch so we will be having a lunch day later in Term 4, probably PIZZA! Simone Edwards will be main co-ordinator but will call for helpers closer to the date.

Prep Playdates
And then we start talking about next year! As part of the prep orientation program Parents Club co-ordinate informal playdates in the playground for next years preps. They run on 4 different afternoons from 2.45 - 3.30pm. Betty Avramovski, Katrina Gowans and Selina McPherson will be in charge of this event. Thank you. For those with preps starting next year ,the dates come home in the Prep Orientation pack.

PHEW!!
And we have not even touched on the Xmas concert! More on that next newsletter.

And just think,
Unless someone like YOU cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better IT’S NOT.
- The Lorax

Jacqui Lomas - jlo35310@bigpond.net.au
Parents Club Member
Premier’s Reading Challenge

Just a reminder that if you are participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge, all books need to be logged and entered on www.education.vic.gov.au/prc by 4th of September. No data can be entered after this date. The Co-ordinator (Diana) will verify each entry. Certificates will be issued early Term 4.

NLPS is holding a family portrait fundraiser on Saturday 17th October at the amphitheatre in Newport Lakes Reserve.

Once you have made your booking, please forward your $15 to the school office. We are only taking bookings for Saturday at present but if demand is there, there is potential to open bookings for either Friday afternoon/evening or Sunday. If you would like to be notified of extra booking times, please email your preference to leoniенewey@yahoo.com.au. This will only happen though if Saturday fills. If the weather isn’t on our side, the portraits will be taken in the MPR at school.

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District Athletics Carnival

On Friday, 21st August, we had eighty-four students from grades 2-6 attend the District Athletics Carnival at the Newport Athletics Track. Despite the windy weather, a great day was had by all and we had many students take home ribbons.

Newport Lakes won the carnival overall which is a fantastic effort.

There will be information sent home to some members of our Athletics team shortly that provides information for the next level of competition which is due to take place on Tuesday, 15th September. It looks like we will have somewhere between 33 – 36 students who have qualified which is extremely pleasing for all concerned.

Thanks to the teachers who attended the carnival and to the many parents who came out to cheer on our students.

3/4 Hoop time

On Wednesday 26th August, 23 Grade 3 and 4 students went along with Carol to Altona Stadium to take part in the McDonald’s Hoop time Basketball competition. It was the first time that we had a Grade 3/4 basketball team! We had two boys’ teams and one girl’s team. We played against many local schools including St. Margaret Mary’s, Altona Primary and Wembley Primary. The girls made it through to the semi-finals. Each student was a fantastic ambassador for our school – showing resilience, responsibility and trying their very best. It was a long and busy day, but everyone had lots of fun. A huge thank you to all the parents who came along and helped coach and keep time and score, especially to Rhanie Mitchem and Selina McPherson who gave up their whole day to look after the boys’ teams. Looking forward to the next opportunity for 3/4s to represent their school in the sporting field!
A special request from your School Banking Co-ordinators

A big thank you to all students that participate in the school banking program. We have already raised close to $900 in commission payments for our school to date this year.

It is really great to see so many students complete their School Banking deposit slips themselves, as this is a great way to get the students involved. However, it would be really helpful if a parent could spend some time to sit with their child(ren) to teach them how these should be completed correctly. Please ensure:

- the amount indicated on the deposit slip matches the amount received,
- both the Account number and the Student number are recorded,
- the amounts are correctly represented on the deposit slip (right justified),
- both the deposit slip and deposit stub are completed. In particular, the detail in the deposit stub is your record of the amount your child has banked for that week.

In addition, if money needs to be split across one or more sibling accounts eg. $10 note into two $5 deposits for two students, please ensure both deposit books are handed in together to one of the classrooms.

If you can help us to follow these few simple rules, it will greatly assist us with processing the deposits each week.

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 dari.nick@gmail.com
Newport Lakes Primary School Biggest Sausage Sizzle
Lunch Order for FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER

Please complete this OPTIONAL lunch order form to be returned no later than FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER. One student per form, please.

Surname: __________________________ First Name: __________________________
Grade: __________________________

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Please note the Sausages are from Eddie the Butchers in Mason Street and are Halal. The Vegetarian sausages will be the Eatwell brand and will be cooked separately. Sauce will be available for the students.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS/EVENTS**

**Junior Cricket**

Open Invitation
Play cricket this summer!

Spotswood Cricket Club
Donald Moleon Reserve, The Avenue Spotswood

For further details, please contact Simon O’Grady — 0413 762 142 or email Simon.OGrady@gmail.com
Dona Richards — 0410 128 991

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