



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



- John, Prep E
- Zoe, 1T
- Ethan, 3/4A
- Silas, 3/4J
- Ali, 5/6E
- Nicholas, 1A
- Mackenzie, 2H
- Maddie, Prep D
- Riley, Prep D
- Olivia, Prep T
- Eliza, 3/4E
- Thomas, 2A
- Nicholas, 2H
- Bailey, 3/4J
- Willow, 5/6E
- Hayden, 5/6W
- Rachida, 5/6A
- Sonny Duke, 3/4E
- Annabel, 3/4E
- Stella, 5/6W
- Merehana, Prep H
- Sabrina, 5/6W
- Miles, 5/6M
- Kobe, 1T
- Will, 3/4E
- Ahmed, 2A
- Lee, 3/4W
- Ayah, 3/4C
- Thom, 2D
- Xavier, 3/4T
- Peri, 3/4A

## Important dates to put in the diary

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|-------------------------|---|
| Thursday 13th February  | Yr 5/6 Information Session—6pm—MPR            |
|                         | Yr 3-6 School Swimming Trials 7am—8 am        |
| Friday 14th February    | Summer Sport Round 2– Home game               |
|                         | Book Club Orders due                          |
|                         | Icy pole Day                                  |
|                         | Secondhand Uniform sale—3.30pm                |
| Tuesday 18th February   | Meet the Teacher bookings open 4pm            |
| Wednesday 19th February | Preps do not attend—appointments only         |
| Thursday 20th February  | Yr 3-6 School Swimming Trials 7am—8 am        |
|                         | Parent Club Meeting, 7pm MPR                  |
| Friday 21st February    | Yr 5/6 Summer Sport Round 3 @ Williamstown PS |
| Monday 24th February    | School Council Meeting—6.30pm                 |
| Tuesday 25th February   | Sushi Lunch Day—Order via lunch order QKR app |
| Wednesday 26th February | Preps do not attend—appointments only         |
|                         | Meet the Teacher Interviews 2pm—7pm           |
| Friday 28th February    | Yr 5/6 Summer Sport Round 4 @ home            |
| Tuesday 3rd March       | Classroom Helpers Session 9am—10am            |

## Student Awards

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|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Oliver, 1T      | Nasser, 1L    | Jackson, 1A   |
| Xander, 1R      | Nicholas, 2H  | Tate, 2H      |
| Jordan, 2D      | Liam, 2A      | Ryder, 3/4E   |
| Stephanie, 3/4W | Marcus, 3/4J  | Annie, 3/4C   |
| Lola, 3/4T      | Georgia, 3/4A | Tahzeeb, 5/6A |
| Hayden, 5/6W    | Leo, 5/6M     |               |

### School Terms 2020

- Term 1** 28th Jan - 27th Mar
- Term 2** 14th Apr to 26th Jun
- Term 3** 13th Jul to 18th Sep
- Term 4** 5th Oct to 18th Dec

### Pupil Free Days 2020

- 6th March
- 9th June
- 12th August (TBC)

### Public Holidays 2020

- March 9 Labour Day
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### Contact

Elizabeth Street  
Newport 3015 Victoria  
Phone: (03) 9391 8942

## Acting Principal's Report



Dear Parents,

**Parent Information Evenings** It has been wonderful to see our 'new look' class information evenings being exceptionally well-attended and received by our parents this week. Arising from poor attendance two years ago, and with the assistance of parent feedback, it was decided that we would change the old 'lecture' style of presentation and move towards smaller, less formal and interacting groups, which resemble how our classrooms operate during a normal school day.

Parents have commented that the new format has allowed them to get a better understanding of what their children will be learning at school and how they can assist and support this learning at home. I would like to thank all the parents who have been able to attend this week and look forward to seeing many parents at our final session (Yr. 5/6) this evening. Thank you also to our exceptional teams of teachers, who have collaboratively prepared and facilitated presentations of such high quality.



*Parents working in smaller groups learning about our health program and how reading, writing and numeracy is taught in the first year of school at NLPS.*

**Meet The Teacher Interviews** Meet the Teacher interviews will be conducted for all year levels on Wednesday 26 February between 2.00 pm and 7.00 pm. These meetings are an opportunity for parents to provide any information to teachers which might assist with their child's learning and school experience in 2020. Bookings for all classroom and specialist teachers will once again be conducted online via the Compass parent portal. The booking system will OPEN on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 4.00 pm. A detailed instruction sheet will be sent out via Compass.

**School Ground Supervision** Parents are reminded that playground supervision (teacher on duty) is provided from 8.45 am before school and after school until 3.45 pm.

Students should not be in the school grounds before or after these times unless supervised by their parents or a known adult carer. Students should aim to be at school between 8.45 and 8.55am. This allows them to see their friends, chat or play a short game before school begins at 9.00am.

Students playing in the school ground or on the playground equipment after school **MUST** be supervised by their parents or guardians.

Students remaining at school after 3.45pm will be requested to go to after school care to be supervised. Parents will need to pick up their child/ren from Out of School Hours Care where a fee will be charged.



## Acting Principal's Report (continued)

**ANAPHYLAXIS** We are asking for your help to support the children in our school who are at risk of anaphylactic shock.

**What is anaphylaxis?** Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life-threatening. It is a diagnosed medical condition and must be treated as a medical emergency, requiring urgent medical attention and treatment.

Anaphylaxis affects the entire body. It occurs after exposure to an allergen (for example nuts or dairy), to which a person is already extremely sensitive. It results in potentially life-threatening symptoms, which include,

- Difficult/noisy breathing
- Swelling of tongue
- Swelling/tightness in throat
- Difficulty talking and/or hoarse voice
- Wheeze or persistent cough
- Loss of consciousness and/or collapse
- Pale and floppy (in young children)

No two people are the same in the way their body reacts and allergic reactions can differ each time. Anaphylaxis can be unpredictable and frightening.

**Steady increase in incidence of anaphylaxis** Over recent years we have seen a steady increase in the number of children at our school with anaphylaxis. This is reflected in the general community where Australia has one of the highest numbers of allergic disorders in the developed world.

We currently have 16 students living with anaphylaxis and research indicates that this number will continue to increase in the future.

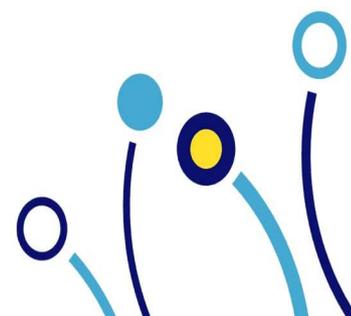
In previous years, the allergens have been mostly nuts, predominantly peanuts, but also other forms of nuts including walnuts, hazelnuts, brazil nuts, coconuts, cashews, pistachios and pecans. This year we have children who have life-threatening allergies to nuts, sesame, kiwifruit and eggs.

**Risk minimisation** At Newport Lakes Primary School we do not have a policy of banning foods but rather endeavour to educate teachers, students, parents and our school community about anaphylaxis and also seek to exclude or limit allergens into the school environment. This is also the advice we have received from Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia. If an allergen is brought into the classroom, procedures are in place to avoid contamination or contact with the anaphylactic child. However, the simple matter is if we minimise the risk of the child coming into contact with an allergen, the less chance they have of having an anaphylactic reaction.

**Our response** All staff receive training twice a year and comprehensive action plans are in place for student suffering from anaphylaxis.

All classes have had lessons about anaphylaxis and the children are aware if there is a child in their class with an allergy. The children have also discussed how they can assist in making their classroom and school a safer and inclusive place to come to each day.

The school will also continue to inform and educate parents by placing notices in the school newsletter and sending home letters to families notifying them if there is a student in their child's class that has an anaphylactic condition to a certain food.



## Acting Principal's Report (continued)

### How parents can help

We ask you to support children in our school at risk of anaphylaxis by:

Teaching your child not to share food with friends

Encouraging your child to wash their hands after eating

Speaking to your child's teachers and labelling all for that you send to school for special events (e.g. birthdays, fetes, etc.)

As mentioned, at NLPS we do not have a policy of banning foods but we do seek your assistance to exclude or limit allergens (for example, peanuts, kiwifruit, eggs, etc) into the learning area of the child with anaphylaxis. This means that we request you to not send your child to school with food items which have been identified and communicated to parents, as an allergen to a child in your child's work area. This makes the classroom and school environment a safer place for every child in the class. We believe this is what every parent wants for every child in our school.

**More information**— If you require any future information on anaphylaxis please contact your child's teacher, the school office or the Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia (A&AA) website <http://www.allergyfacts.org.au/>

**Personal Accident Insurance and Ambulance Cover** Parents are reminded that the Education Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.



Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance.

**Thank you – Voluntary Family Contributions** Newport Lakes Primary School has always prided itself on excellence in a number of learning and wellbeing areas, and many of the facilities we can offer are thanks to your support. *Family Contributions* in to our Building Fund and Library Fund are voluntary and are both tax deductible. These contributions go towards services that maintain our current level of excellence in learning and student wellbeing. In addition to Building and Library we also have a First Aid Health Support Officer. We do not receive Government funding to have a First Aid officer at the school though nearly every one of us has had reason to be grateful for this service on more than one occasion.

**School Council Elections** Congratulations to parents Lisa Faulks, Meredith Kelly and Jo Sutton for their successful nominations to the NLPS School Council. Congratulations also to Michael Morell who is the successful staff nominee. They will be joining David Moss (chairperson), Ann-Maree Dawson (DET), Sarah Yallop, Alphin Culha, Jane Ferguson and Martin Foster to form the 2020 NLPS Council. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our 'outgoing' parent council members Allana Arapakis, Mark Avramoski and Carly Bannon for their significant investment to our school over extended periods of time. Their individual and collective contributions have been outstanding

At our first Council meeting in February we will be electing various roles and sub-committee chairs and further communication will be made about this at that time. Thank you to all members for their interest and ongoing support for our School Council and sub-committees.

A notice will be placed in the next newsletter inviting any parent that may like to be on one of the school council sub-committees (Education, Finance, Facilities & Management and community & Fundraising). Contact details of the leader of each committee will be included if you would like further information about the role of the committee and details of meetings.

We really look forward to another productive year of engagement and governance.

Have a great week everyone.

Janet Gill

Acting Principal



### CLASSROOM HELPERS IN PREP – 2 2020

If you would like to volunteer to help our Prep—2 teachers during the reading hour throughout the year then please sign the form below to attend a 1 hour induction session facilitated by Janet Gill. Parents will need to attend the induction in order to assist in classrooms. We have a record of all parents who have attended our previous inductions, so if you attended one of those you will not need to attend our 2020 induction. We look forward to developing the home-school partnership as part of this initiative. Parents are advised that you require a current Working With Children Card to volunteer at the school. These are available on line at [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au).



Please circle the day that you will attend:

**Tuesday 3rd March 9am- 10 am**                      or                      **Thursday 5th March 9am -10am**

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child/ren name & Class \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend the above Parent Helper Induction Session.





### ACTIVITY: Conversation starters

#### Respectful Relationships @ Home

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**“The biggest single preventative factor for anxiety and depressive illnesses in young people is being in a family that has 5-6 shared meals together with the television and other communication devices off.”**

### Family Conversation Starters

Find a mealtime this week when everyone is home. Take it in turns to ask each other questions using the Conversation Starter Cards.

- Each card includes one question, with topics related to help seeking, personal strengths and emotional literacy, as well as questions about friends, family, school.
- There are 30 questions in total and while some cards may be best suited to older children (mid to late primary/elementary), many of the questions can be answered by pre-schoolers and those in the early grades.
- There is also one blank page of cards so that you can add further questions all of your own.

**Resources: Conversation Starter cards**



## Respectful Relationships (Continued)

“

Who do you admire and why?

”

“

What makes you unique?

”

“

What can you do if you don't feel good about something you see or hear?

”

“

What would you do if you were being bullied?  
If you saw someone else being bullied?

”

“

Which superhero would you most like to be?  
Why?

”

“

Which 3 words best describe you?

”

“

What do you wish you had more time for?

”

“

If a genie granted you three wishes, what would they be?

”

“

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?

”

“

What do you most like about yourself?  
Why?

”

“

What is the funniest thing that happened to you this week?

”

“

What is the bravest thing you have ever done?

”

## Respectful Relationships (Continued)

“

Walk or ride,  
why?  
Swim or fly,  
why?

”

“

Which is more  
valuable - money  
or happiness?

”

“

Which is more  
valuable - talent  
or dedication?

”

“

You are sailing  
away to a  
deserted island.  
Which 3 things  
will you take  
with you?

”

“

Name 5 people  
you could go to  
if you needed  
help?  
Why does each  
person make  
your list?

”

“

If the zoo were  
to send you a  
pet, what  
would you ask  
for and why?

”

“

If you could  
change one  
thing about  
school, what  
would it be?

”

“

Which book  
character are  
you most like?  
Why?

”

“

If you were to  
redecorate  
your bedroom,  
what would it  
look like?

”

“

If you were  
to receive a  
present right  
now, what  
would you like  
it to be?

”

“

What is one  
thing you don't  
know how to do  
that you wish  
you could?

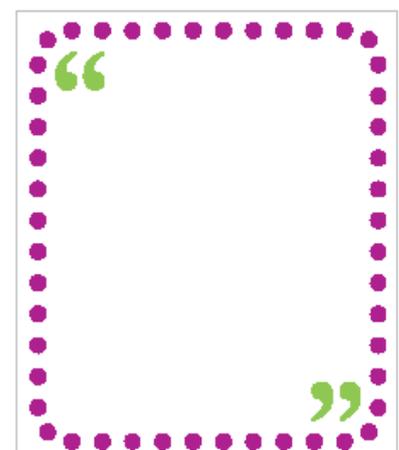
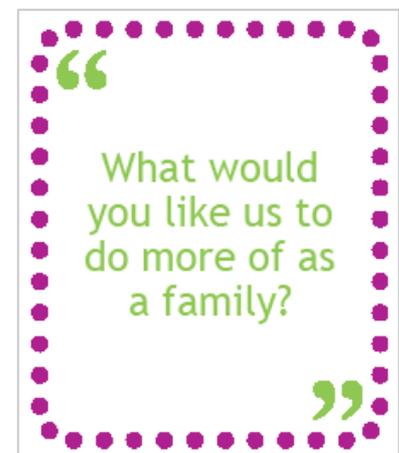
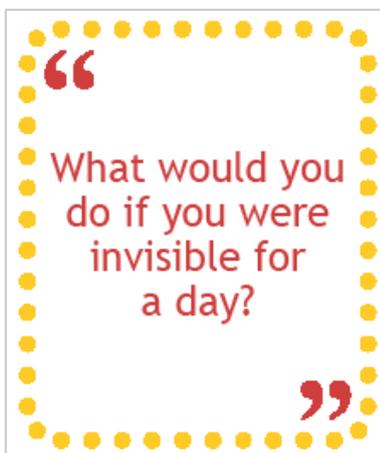
”

“

What is your  
favourite movie?  
What makes it  
so special  
for you?

”

## Respectful Relationships (Continued)





### Welcome to 2020

Parents Club is on the look out for more families to be involved this year and we'd welcome your help (big or small). There are lots of ways to support the school and your kids. You can:

- Be a Class Representative (see below for more info)
- Help cut and distribute fruit to Prep, Grade 1 and 2 classes on a Monday morning
- Donate items for the second-hand uniform or bake sales
- Coordinate or help out at event (like the Bunning BBQ or Mother's Day or Father's Day breakfasts)
- Attend a Parents Club meeting (held monthly) and have your say or be part of the Parents Club executive team

To join our email list to hear about upcoming activities or to offer your support, contact [nlpsparentsclub@gmail.com](mailto:nlpsparentsclub@gmail.com)

### **ALL WELCOME: Parents Club AGM - Thursday 20 Feb**, 7pm in the Multipurpose Room

Come along and have your say or nominate to be part of the Executive Team. The roles of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary are open for nomination. For more info on the exec roles, contact [nlpsparentsclub@gmail.com](mailto:nlpsparentsclub@gmail.com)

### Friendship lists (sign up online by 21 February)

Parents and families who would like to communicate with other families in their class to organise birthday parties and play dates, (or search for lost hats and jumpers!) are encouraged to sign up to the 'Friendship list'. The list of names and contact details will be shared by the Class Representative within the class only (not the entire year level). To sign up, so to: <http://bit.ly/NLPS2020>

### Parents Club is seeking 'Class Representatives'. Main responsibilities:

- Be the point of contact between Parents Club and your class by using the Friendship list to promote activities / events
- Share the Friendship list of email addresses with your class so people can get in touch to arrange play dates etc
- Regularly check your emails
- Organise a group present for your teacher at the end of the year

To be a class rep or to discuss further, nominate yourself on the Friendship list sign up page – details above.

### Second hand uniform sale – Friday 14 February at 3.30pm outside the multipurpose room

Parents Club will run a few second hand uniform sales throughout the year, the first one being this week. Big thanks to everyone who has donated clothes. Cash preferred.



## Celebrating your child's birthday in the classroom

Birthdays are special and we know that many students at Newport Lakes Primary School love to celebrate their birthday with their classmates and some families may even choose to send along something from home.

For families wanting to bring a special treat to share, please provide small, individual treats for all class members eg. cup cakes, honey joys, chocolate crackles, fruit skewers. Please ensure that all treats are nut free.



Alternately, families may consider providing a small gift such as an item of stationery to reduce the amount of sugary food bought into the classroom eg. a sticker, eraser or pencil.



Please **DO NOT** bring in lollipops, lolly bags, ice-cream cakes or whole cakes that need to be cut up and distributed.



For families of children with allergies, please provide your child's teacher with a selection of small allergy friendly treats from home to be given to your child when a birthday is being celebrated.

Parents who do not want their child receiving food-based birthday treats must let their child's teacher know and also have the option of providing an alternate treat box for their child.

# 2020 Photo Day

## Envelope and Order Instructions

Dear Parents and Students,

Newport Lakes Primary School PHOTO DAY IS **MONDAY 23RD MARCH, 2020**

School photo order envelopes have been or will be distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

**\*\* IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE – ONLINE ORDERING FOR SIBLING PHOTOS WILL CUT OFF ON 22-03-2020 \*\***

**ONLINE ORDERING** Your child's school photos are now available for secure online purchase, please note if you are ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope to the school

### 4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

Step 1 **Click Here** - For online ordering process for your school.

- OR - Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) before photo day and enter your school code [CT6 TAG XVM] Step 2: Enter your student's details

Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)

Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

**\*\* Online Orders will attract a \$1 service fee**

Please Note: Late fees will apply once orders are closed (5 days after photo day)

**FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTOS** No envelope required if ordering online

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Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) before photo day and enter your school code [CT6 TAG XVM]

Family/Sibling photo orders online close on [22-03-2020]

Orders can be placed by returning an envelope up until photo day with cash or cheque enclosed

### ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE

**ENVELOPES WILL BE HANDED TO EACH CHILD, PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED ONE**

**Step 1: Student Details:** Complete the student details section on the front of the order envelope.

Please use black or blue pen.

**Step 2: Purchase Details:** Complete the purchase details on the front of the envelope.

**Step 3: Payment Method:** Select your payment method.

Credit Card – Online Only at [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au)

Cash – Please enclose correct money – no change is given under any circumstances

Cheque – Make payable to Advancedlife Photography with your name & address on the back of cheque

Please allow 60 days for your cheque to be finalised - a \$25 fee will apply to any dishonored cheque payments

Please Note: A portrait and a class group photograph will be taken of every student at the school, regardless of purchase. Photographs of your children taken as part of a class group are only permitted to be distributed within their own class. Your child's name will appear on the class group photo. If you Do Not wish your child to be photographed, please contact your school office with your instructions prior to Photo Day.

Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries regarding your child's school photo order.  
[info@advancedlifevic.com.au](mailto:info@advancedlifevic.com.au) or 03 9852 1133 Advancedlife Team



# GET IT TOGETHER!

**ABC ME** are hosting a festival of fun for the hit TV series **GET IT TOGETHER!**

Join host **Kayne Tremills** for an evening of **magic, clowning & comedy** suitable for all of the family!

**WHERE:** The Melba Speigeltent in Collingwood

**WHEN:** Wednesday 4th March, 2020  
from 5.30pm - 7.30pm

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[meontv@your.abc.net.au](mailto:meontv@your.abc.net.au)





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**Wednesday 9am-2pm**

**Friday 9am-2pm**

***3hr Sessions Costs: \$42 or \$35 Sibling Care***

**9am-12pm or 11am-2pm**



### PARENT INFORMATION

Child Enrolment forms & attachments must be completed prior to leaving your children in care.

Children Immunisation records must be shown/sighted by a staff member.

'No Jab-No Play' Legislation

### Clothing

Parents to bring necessary items: Bottles, Nappies & change of clothes.

### Meals

Please bring 2 snacks, Lunch & Appropriate drink.

\*The centre encourages Healthy Nutrient Foods &

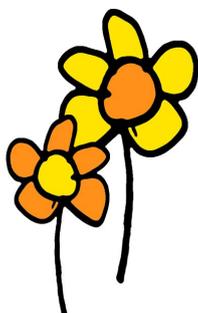
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