



Principal's Report



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

Georgia, 1A
Grace, 1T
Huxley, 2D
Lucas, 5/6A
Samuel, Prep H
Penny, Prep H
Emily, 2A
Natalie, 3/4C
Mitchell, 3/4A
Aimen, 3/4W
Reema, 2D
Mia, 3/4T
Owen, 3/4T
Thomas, 3/4A
Stella, 3/4W
Ruby, 1T
Lucas, 3/4T
Renee, 3/4W
Derek, 2D
Ella, 3/4C

Dear Parents,

We are now nearing the end of week 6 of this very unusual term 3 and I must commend every child, parent and carer on how they are managing and coping with these difficult times.

I believe all of us (students, parents and teachers) wish that we were back at school coping with the usual end of term 3 activities including the Athletic sports, Walk-a-thon fundraiser, the Fathers Day breakfast and our amazing school production, but that is just not possible at this time. As I look out my window and the rain is presently falling, I am even missing our wet day lunchtimes.

Hopefully we still may be able to conduct some of these activities when we return in term 4, preferably not the wet day timetables, and we can reflect on this very strange, and let's hope, very unusual time in all our lives.

At Newport Lakes we pride ourselves of building resilience in all our children and I know that we will come out of this experience a stronger, supportive and more independent learning community.

Managing the Coronacoaster - On Tuesday 25 August, the Department of Education and Training is presenting a free webinar for parents and carers by renowned child psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, on building family resilience during coronavirus (COVID-19).

Parents and carers play a vital role in helping children feel safe through uncertain times.

Dr Carr-Gregg's webinar is aptly named Managing the Coronacoaster – Tips for building resilient families in the coronavirus era.

In this webinar, Dr Carr-Gregg provides tools and strategies for parents and carers to help manage the lockdown and remote learning. Topics include:

- your supportive role
- setting the emotional tone
- focusing on what you can control
- how to deal with disappointment
- further resources and where to get help.

Dr Carr-Gregg's presentation will run for 45 minutes. This will be followed by a 15-minute question-and-answer session in which parents and carers can ask Dr Carr-Gregg questions.

School Terms 2020

Term 3 13th Jul to 18th Sep

Term 4 5th Oct to 18th Dec

Pupil Free Day

2nd November

Public Holidays 2020

Nov 3rd: Melb Cup Day

Contact

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Webinar details

- **When:** Tuesday 25 August
- **Time:** 7:30pm
- **Duration:** 45-minute presentation followed by 15-minute questions and answers session
- **Format:** online via Webex
- **Cost:** free

How to register

To register and for more information visit the [Managing the Coronacoaster – Tips for building resilient families in the coronavirus era eventbrite page.](#)

Newport Lakes Primary School – a diverse community Preparing an application for a grant this week I came across some interesting facts about our school which I thought I may share with you all.

We presently have 525 students enrolled, 47.43% are male and 52.57% female.

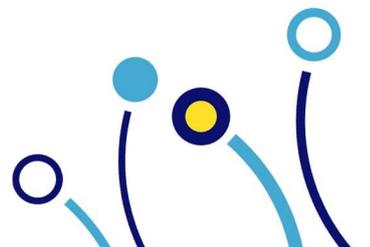
The percentage of foreign born students in each grade level is 8% in Preps, 5.7% in Yr.1, 4.1% in Yr. 2, 8.6% in Yr. 3, 6.9% in Yr. 4, 8.1% in Yr. 5, 8% in Yr.6 and a school average of 7.05%.

We have 0.57% of our students have an indigenous background.

The top 10 countries of birth for our parents is 65% Australia, 7% United Kingdom, 4% Lebanon, 4% New Zealand, 2.5% India, 2% Vietnam, 1.5 % USA, and 1% for Germany, Malaysia and South Africa.

The school was established on July 8th, 1855, as the Cambridge School and was located near the Newport Train station. It was moved to Elizabeth St, Newport on November 5th, 1856 and its name was changed to Newport State School No.113. The school is one of the oldest continually operating schools in Victoria and recently celebrated its 165th birthday this year (in Lockdown).

On line excursion to NSW: Out of necessity, we are all experiencing new ways of performing old tasks. Participating in real world activities by attending excursions and incursions is a method that we have frequently used in teaching to engage and give our children experiences to inspire their learning. Being in lockdown and having restrictions on what we can and cannot do has limited these excursion experiences in which our children can participate.



Principal's Report (Continued)

Using our critical and creative thinking skills we have adapted to a new way of looking at problems. All this week the Yr. 3/ 4 students have been participating in an on-line virtual incursion/excursion to the Australian Reptile Park in NSW, with Park Rangers who presented a show "Living Things in Their Natural Environment."



The Australian Reptile Park is located at Somersby on the Central Coast, New South Wales in Australia. It is about 50 kilometres North of Sydney. The Park has one of the largest reptile collections in Australia, with close to 50 species on display.

The show is linked to the Yr.3/ 4 BQT inquiry 'Is interdependence the key to survival?' Each class learnt about the different habitats of a range of animals including a Tawny Frogmouth, crocodile, and a variety of lizards and pythons and a koala.

The kids and teachers have found the online excursion experience to be exciting and educational. It was particularly helpful that it was structured around key curriculum learnings. The Rangers were also extremely entertaining to watch!

Some of the student's responses have included: "The ranger was so knowledgeable, I learnt a lot and would like to work with animals when I'm older." "That was awesome!" "Can we do it again?" "I wanted it to go all day." Numerous students posted in our Google Classroom "Thank-you, I loved that- it was so interesting."

At the end of the remote learning we will once again evaluate the effectiveness and benefits of many aspects of the program and it is likely that we will see a number of these new methods and genres become an increasing part of our everyday 'normal' teaching.

I hope you have a great week

Stay safe

David Moss





Author Of The Week

The Year 1s have been learning about a new revising strategy for improving their writing this week. It's called 'Lift a Line'. The idea is to take a sentence and add more specific or precise words and details. Archer did a great job of his 'Lift a Line'.

Here is the published piece:

*Susie sat on the fourth-highest branch of the plum tree in her front yard. **She was eating juicy red plums.** The tree was thick and leafy and nobody could see her. That was the way Susie liked it.*

Archer took this line above, and he wrote:

She was eating juicy red plums because it was her favourite food. She liked plums as they were sweet and delicious.

Meanwhile the Year 2s have been studying and writing a range of different types of poetry. Here are two fabulous examples: Tate's is 'free verse' and Edwin's is an 'I Like...' poem.

"Night Sky" by Tate

*Bright stars in the city,
Lighting up the night,
Some big some small,
Making shapes in the sky,
Next to them is the moon,
The great round ball,
Shining like sparkling gold,
With a dark purple sky,
But to the sun it is goodbye,
All of that together makes our beautiful night sky.*

"I Like" by Edwin

*I like the sight of beautiful rosellas gliding in the wind.
I like the sound of waterfalls streaming down solid boulders.
I like the smell of marvellous cake floating, wafting and vanishing throughout the room.
I like the feel of gold-yellow sand brushing off my toes.
I like the taste of delectable apple pie, warm and happy.*





WELCOME BEN RICCI

Hi. My name is Ben Ricci and I teach Indonesian to grades 2 – 6 at Newport Lakes Primary. The students call me Pak Ben. I have visited Indonesia many times and taught at a school in Bali for 10 years. It was a wonderful experience and gave me an insight into many aspects of Indonesian life and culture. I am passionate about Indonesian language and culture and want to instil in the students a love and appreciation of all things Indonesian.

I hope to meet you at some stage. If you have any questions, please drop me a line.

Salam hangat

Pak Ben

The following is a message Jackson Castiglione (former drama teacher at NLPS currently on leave for 2020). Outside of teaching Jackson works as an artist and director collaborating with children to devise professional performances, podcasts and short films

Dear Parents

I want to share an exciting project I am working on that your child can potentially be involved with.

RISING (www.rising.melbourne), a new festival slated to take place from 26 May–6 June 2021, has commissioned me to begin the early stages of development for a theatre work to be presented as part of the inaugural program. The work centres around the childhood experience of parental separation, and is intended to come from the point of view of children; using their words, perspectives and ideas. The intention of the work is to assist young people in finding their voice, and to show them that their thoughts and ideas are of value. Equally it is an opportunity for a wider audience to learn through their perspectives and experiences, which are both intimate and universal.

The interview questions will be carefully crafted to ensure the conversation is from the child's point of view, exploring their perception of this event with them.

Interviews will take place via Zoom video conferencing and be conducted by myself, Jackson Castiglione.

Criteria for taking part:

- You are comfortable with me interviewing your child over Zoom. Please note to allow the child to speak freely, we request you are not present during the interview.
- Your child is aged between 7 and 10 years. (This can be a little flexible)
- You are divorced or separated but both parents are OK with your child sharing the story. (Understanding that your child's story will de-identified).

The resulting show will include a cast of 6 children in front of a live audience. Interviewees interested in this additional opportunity will be invited to an easy and gentle audition process to join the cast. Successful cast members will be paid an industry standard fee and asked to engage in 15-20 days of rehearsal process. We expect this to begin late 2020 or early 2021 leading up to a performance in May/June 2021.

If you and your child are interested, please contact me via jacksoncastiglione@gmail.com

Finally, I kindly ask that you do not share this invitation outside of the school community. If you know of someone who may be interested in the opportunity, I am more than happy to reach out to them directly and sensitively, ensuring they are aware you have passed on their details.

Cheers

Jackson Castiglione



Exciting News!

Photo day is coming in Term 4

Date: Friday, 13 November 2020

Dear Parents,

Please rest assured that we have been working hard with your school during remote learning and have provided them with a document detailing COVID-19 safety and social distancing procedures for photography.

It is a privilege to work with your school and we are excited that we will again be able to provide your community with a memory of the 2020 school year.

Kind Regards,

The *advancedlife* team

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Homemade school lunch order meals are available for local delivery to Newport, Williamstown and Spotswood areas. All will be supplied frozen to your house via contactless delivery. Delivery will be on Wednesdays between 10.30 – 1pm.

HOW TO ORDER:

It's simple! Please message either Nicole 0409115944 or Jo 0402781496 with your order and drop off details. We will give you our banking details for your payment to be made to us. Please send a copy of your banking transfer to us also.



EST. 2018
**KINGWILL
CATERING - JO
& NICOLE**

**LUNCH ORDERS
AT HOME**

Fasta Bolognese	All lunch
GF Pasta	specials
Bolognese	are
Fried Rice Bacon	\$5.00
Fried Rice	each
Vegetarian	
Mac 'n Cheese	
Chicken Noodle	
soup	
GF chicken noodle	
soup	
Veggie soup	

FAMILY MEALS

Chicken & Leek Pie	\$25.00
(feeds 6)	
Quiche - Vegetarian	\$18.00
or Lorraine	
(feeds 6)	
Roast Lamb &	\$28.00
Vegetable Pie	
(feeds 6)	
Lasagna (feed 8)	\$30.00

DESSERTS

Mango Ice cream	\$2.50
Berry ice cream	\$2.50

**CONTACT NICOLE 0409115944
OR JO 0402781496**

**ORDERS CLOSE TUESDAYS AT
10.30AM FOR LOCAL DELIVERY'S
MADE ON WEDNESDAYS BETWEEN
10.30AM - 1.00PM**

**PLEASE NOTE THE BUSINESS OPERATES AS A
PRIVATE ENTITY AND TAKES SOLE
RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL GOODS AND
SERVICES DELIVERY**

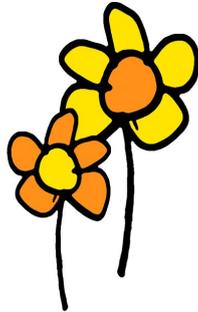
Give life. Give blood in Williamstown

104 Ferguson St, Williamstown
Mon 24th to Fri 28th



Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

12.30pm – 7.00pm
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1.00pm – 7.00pm
8.00am – 3.00pm



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