



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

Luke, 1A
Leo, 1R
Jasmyn, 3/4A
Phoebe, 1L
Mac, 5/6W
Matilda, Prep H
Finn, 3/4T
Zayn, 1A
Elise, 3/4A
Jaxon, 1A
Saada, Prep D
Fatima, Prep E
Max, 1R
Ahmed, 3/4W
Jane, 5/6A
Aleksander, Prep T
Willow, 5/6A
Seamus, 3/4A
Madeleine, 5/6M



Story Time

Take 5 minutes and **show your children** one of our beautiful Story Time videos.

Each fortnight we are adding new videos to our website of our amazing NLPS teachers & leaders reading a story to your kids.



This week's story is

What's a Yiayia?

by Stella Stamatakis (Butter Finger Books)

Watch it now

<https://newportlakesps.vic.edu.au/story-time>

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

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Principal's Report



Dear Parents,

The most common question I am asked when I have seen parents at school, down the street or at a café is 'Do I know when we are starting back at school?' The simple and honest answer is 'unfortunately I don't and I will possibly find out the same time as everyone else - when the Premier announces it at a press conference'.

My guess is that we will not be returning this term, but all going well and if the COVID numbers are consistently lower than they are now, then hopefully we will all be back for the beginning of term 4. It is also most likely it will be a staggered return eg. P-2 first and then 3-6 similar to the return from the previous remote learning and it will only occur if the Chief Health Officer and Government believe it is safe for the children and staff to return to school.

It has been a difficult time but I believe we will come out of the experience a stronger and more resilient school, community and state. This is not the first time that our state has had to face severe adversity nor will it be the last. We have survived and prospered in the past and I am confident we will do it again.

The most important thing for our children at this time is for the significant people in their lives including their parents, teachers and family to have a positive mindset and ensure that they feel confident, safe and optimistic that we will all get through these difficult times and will all be OK.

As we now enter into the final weeks of the term, I wanted to express my utmost gratitude to the parents/carers and staff who are juggling the unparalleled challenges of family life and work commitments in these crazy COVID times.

Since stage 4 lockdown has been introduced, times are getting even tougher as we all support the children with their academic and wellbeing needs, however the adults must make sure their wellbeing is addressed too.

Teaching staff participated in a 'resilience' session last week with a DET Wellbeing Officer who provided a range of personal, professional and organisational strategies we will build upon to support each other.

Some of the following personal wellbeing strategies might resonate with parents and carers during this time of upheaval:

- ◆ Plan meal breaks and exercise into your day/planner at home and work.
- ◆ Maintain the parts of your previous daily 'work' routine that you can for a sense of normality.
- ◆ Talk to friends, family, partners.
- ◆ Find time in your week to unplug and go technology free.
- ◆ Do things you enjoy, favourite hobby.
- ◆ Keep a gratitude journal/diary/phone note to help yourself to stay positive.
- ◆ Don't forget to celebrate life events and achievements.

Like all of you, the teachers and I eagerly await the day we can all be onsite together again. We miss our daily interactions with our students and one another and whilst we are meeting more regularly online, this is a poor substitute for the real thing. As always, the minute we have news we will share it with all of you.



Principal's Report (Continued)

2021 Enrolments (existing or new families)

Thank you to the families who have already returned a 2021 enrolment form. For those yet to submit an application, please do so as soon as practical. The forms are available from the office or on the school website and the office staff are able to support you if you need any assistance in completing the form. Early numbers for next year helps us forward plan with greater assurance.

Quick reminders and notices of upcoming events

- Year 4, 5 and 6 students will participate in the annual DET Attitudes to School Survey in the coming weeks.
- The virtual online Disco will be conducted on Friday 11th September for P-2 and Friday 4th September for Yrs. 3-6. This is an optional event and hopefully may bring a bit of fun and connectedness into the lives of our children.
- All teachers will be participating in Term 4 planning day on Monday 14th September and after the morning 'check-in' will not be available online on this day.
- Prep 2021 enrolment confirmation notices have now been sent to all prospective Prep families.
- Term 3 concludes on Friday September 18th at 2:30pm.

I hope you all have a good week and can enjoy some of the better Spring weather. Take care and keep safe.

David Moss
Principal



NLPS SPECIAL YEARBOOK

Details for Student Submissions

2020 has been a year like no other! It has been very different for us here at NLPS, and the whole world. Our school is compiling and publishing a very special yearbook that will be made available to families to help mark the uniqueness of this year and to remember what it was like to live, learn and work through. We would LOVE to hear from our students about how things have been different for them, and how they've felt during this strange year, as well as what they are looking forward to. Student and teacher contributions will be collated together over the coming weeks. Although we might not be particularly keen to reflect now on how the coronavirus has affected our lives, we are hoping this collection of writing will prove to be a valuable 'memory keepsake' for the future of both the individual and shared experience of the NLPS community and to look back on this extraordinary year from a more positive place, valuing what we have learnt about the world, our community, our family and ourselves.

So, before Term 3 is over, as part of class writing sessions, students will be asked to plan, draft and edit their own piece of text for the yearbook, which they then can submit to the school (that is, the writing task is expected to be done but submitting it for publication is optional, but strongly encouraged!). This task will be part of the learning at home program, but your child may like to devote some additional time as submissions will be accepted up until October 16th.

Note that you will need to make sure you help your child to revise and edit their work very carefully as the school will not be editing the pieces - so whatever that is handed in, that's what will get published. Therefore, please make sure that you and your child edit their work carefully checking that;

- It makes sense when read out loud
- It has the correct punctuation
- It has the correct spelling
- It has paragraphs, if needed (new idea / topic = new line)

WHAT WILL BE INCLUDED:

There will be slightly different requirements for each year level and your child's teacher will clarify this further with students. Through various types of text, they are encouraged to reflect on and write/draw about;

- Their experiences – how has their life been different this year? The good, the bad and the strange!
- The different feelings and emotions felt – what's made them happy? What have they been sad or worried about?
- What are they looking forward to and/or hoping for the future?

LENGTH / SIZE:

Written pieces should ideally be a maximum of A4 in size. **Drawings** must be no bigger than A4 in size, making sure that the image or its parts are not too dark/small as it will be scanned. (Note that some students' drawings may be selected to be used on the front cover of the published book/s)

WHAT FORMAT TO SUBMIT IT IN:

If handwritten:

- Carefully edited submissions must be neat and legible, making sure that the handwriting is dark enough to come up when scanning

If digital:

- For Prep-Year 2s, edited PDFs are preferred, but other formats, such as Word are OK as long as the font used is dark, consistent and at least size 12 and it is laid out neatly (in paragraphs etc.)
- Save the file as their name and grade e.g. BradleyWilliams56Z.doc
- For Year 3-6, we prefer Google Docs - class teachers will help to sort this out via Google Classroom

WHEN / HOW TO SUBMIT:

All submissions will need to be in by the end of Week 2, Term 4 (October 16th) but feel free to hand them in earlier.

If handwritten/drawn: Place them into an envelope or plastic pocket marked with your child's name and grade and drop them into the school letter box on your daily walk or on the way to food shopping. If you prefer to wait until the end of stage 4 restrictions, that's OK too. There is no need to come into the school itself. Submissions will be collated and scanned.

If digital: For students in Prep-Year 2, please send the document to your child's class teacher. Year 3-6 students can just let their teacher know their Google Doc is complete via Google Classroom.

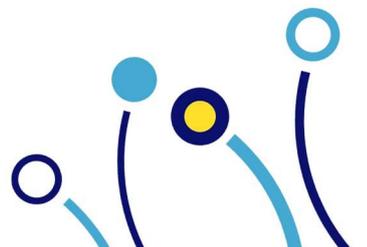


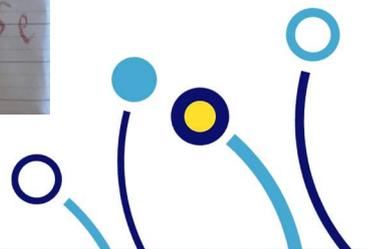
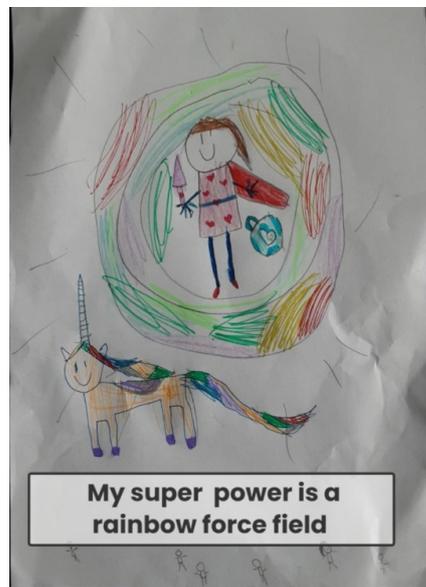
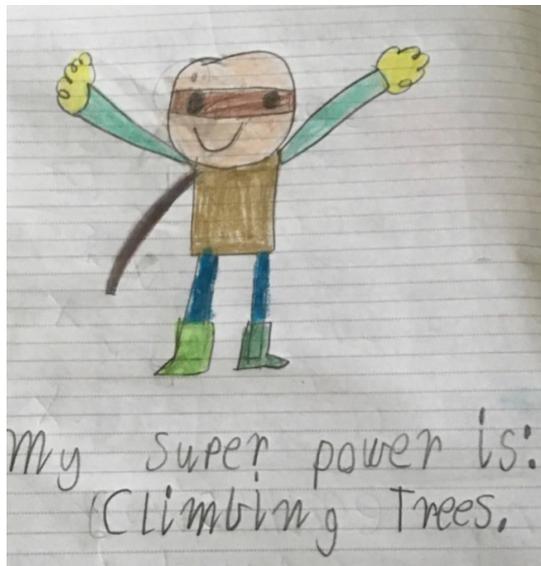
Grade One Online Incursion

We are all Superheroes!

Some superheroes came to visit us last week but they were unlike any we had met before! These cape-wearing crusaders reminded us that we all have our own super-powers and that everyone is special in their own way! We know that boys and girls are equally strong and capable! We discovered our own super-powers and learnt how to be super friends too!







Grade 2 Wildlife Xposure Virtual Incursion



On Tuesday the 1st of September, the grade 2 students participated in a virtual wildlife incursion run by Wildlife Xposure. Our Wildlife host Xavier was absolutely fantastic! During this hour long incursion we got to get up close with Luna the Ring Tail Possum, Betty the Kangaroo Rat, Alba the Barn Owl, Petrie the Fruit Bat, Stumpy the Stump Tail lizard, Bella the Goanna, Tommy the Long Neck Turtle, Greeny the Green Tree Frog, Melanie the Black Headed Python and Blondie the Saltwater Crocodile. The students were completely engrossed by the experience and were able to ask questions about these animals at the end. What an incredible experience!

What the kids had to say:

Emily- Xavier did great because he was handling those animals so carefully and not letting them get hurt. I think that everyone should try it out. You get to see animals, learn facts and get to have fun with Xavier the animal keeper!

Hassan- The wild life excursion was so fantastic and we got to see so many cool animals.

Minnie- The wildlife incursion host Xavier taught us really brilliant facts about lots of animals around the world. My favourite was the fruit bat. It was so calm!

Edwin- It was so awesome seeing so many Australian animals at once. Thank you!

Layla- Xavier was the BEST! He told us about loads of animals. I loved when the owl flew into the screen and the green frog looked really sticky. 10/10 incursion. Thank you Xavier!

Check out the link for more videos of Xavier and his awesome creatures: <https://www.wildlifexposure.com.au/wild-kidz-vidz-activity-sheets>







Author Of The Week

The Year Ones have had a particular focus on the 6 + 1 writing traits recently and our wonderful Authors of the Week, Georgia and Yasmin, were able to explain how they used strategies such as 'lift-a-line' and traits such as word choice, sentence fluency, organisation and conventions to make their writing more interesting for their readers. I'm sure you'll be impressed with their narratives...

By Georgia 1A

One day there was a hippo. His name was Fred. He lived in a zoo in South Africa, that felt like the wild. But he could do something very unusual – he could talk! The weird thing is though, Fred was the only animal that he knew of that could talk. He wished his friends could talk so they could all understand each other.

He also had some animal friends and their names were Emily the Elephant and Zoe the Zebra. He liked throwing, catching and rolling a ball with them. That was their favourite game to play, in fact, they would play it all day if they had time to! Fred was getting bored though so he decided...

One day the hippo did something very naughty. He broke out of the zoo! A few hours later he found himself crossing the road! He went to restaurants, cafes, bus stops and buses. What an adventure he had. At last he came home. Fred was thinking he would go again tomorrow.
Do you think he should?



By Ruby, 1T

Dear Duncan, It's me happy pink crayon here. I know you like pigs and fairy floss and flamingos and you love juicy pink watermelon. So if you just think about these pink things and how they make you feel you should use me more , if not give me to your sister she would love to use me everyday.
From your friend, Pink Crayon.

By Flynn, 1T

Dear Duncan, It's cool crayon here. I'm thinking we should have a party for the crayons because some of them have been sad. It's good to support each other. Can we do it by Friday? What do you think?
From your friend Cool Crayon.





Athletics

Athletics carnivals are traditionally run every year for students in Grades 3-6.

We have recently received news that the District and Division athletics carnivals, which normally take place in Term 3, have been cancelled for 2020. This news, despite being unfortunate, is not a surprise given the current climate.

As a school, we are still determined to run a school athletics carnival and have tentatively locked in November 5th as the date. This of course, is dependent on us receiving assurance from the relevant authorities that it will be safe to do so. We are open to doing this to give our students an opportunity to participate in a day that for many, is one of the highlights of their school year and to provide our Grade 6 students with one final opportunity to participate in their school's athletics carnival.

Despite our best intentions, there is still a strong possibility that we will be unable to run this event. In the meantime, we will keep our fingers crossed and hope that we will be able to proceed with our plan come November.

Dance Program

The school's dance program has also been re-scheduled to take place at the beginning of Term 4. The overall schedule has mostly been finalised but may change slightly because it is somewhat dependent on whether or not our P-2 Intensive Swimming Program will go ahead. What we do know for certain is that if we return to on-site schooling at the beginning of next term, the first 3-4 weeks of the PE program will exclusively focus on dance.

Supreme Incursions have once again been chosen to come in and run the dance program with our students. They have provided an amazing dance program at our school for a number of years and we are looking forward to continuing our strong relationship with them once again.

P-2 Intensive Swimming Program

The school's intensive swimming program for our junior students normally takes place in weeks 3 and 4 of Term Four every year. By this stage, we are normally well on the way to promoting the program and organizing the program with staff, bus companies and the people from the pool.

At this stage, we are unsure if we will be able to run the swimming program in 2020.

At Newport Lakes PS, we really value the swimming program as it provides our students with important life skills and water safety knowledge that will stand them in good stead. As a result, we will make a final decision on this program as late as possible in order to give the program every possibility of going ahead.

More information on the swimming program will be provided as it comes to hand.



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.



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**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

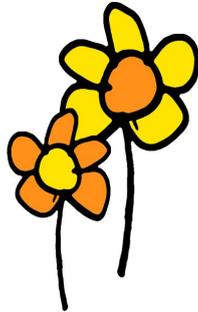
DESSERTS

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

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