



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

Martin, Prep T
Maddie, 2D
Helen, 3/4E
Souhail, 2A
Emma, Prep T
Isabel, prep D
Evie, 1L
Ruby, 2H
Emilia, Prep D
Chanuki, Prep E
Lexie, 3/4J
Lucy, Prep T
Summer, 1L
Hassan, 2A
Emily, Prep H
Hudson, 1L
Archie, 2H
Ryan, 3/4C
Moath, 2A
Bekkar, 1R
Max, 3/4T
Ashton, 3/4W
Ivy, Prep H
Lily, Prep H
Oliver, 3/4E
Xavier, Prep H
Lola, 3/4T
Harry, 2A
Mariam, 3/4E
Ella, 3/4T
Abby, 2D
Walid, 2H
Zak, 3/4J
Daniela, 1L
Lila, 5/6EW

Important dates to put in the diary

Thursday 22nd October Footy Day & Special lunch
Friday 23rd October Public Holiday—No school
Wednesday 28th October Book Week Dress Up Day
Monday 2nd November Pupil Free Day—Report Writing
Tuesday 3rd November Public Holiday—No School



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 **Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge**

by Mem Fox & Julie Vivas (Scholastic Australia)

Watch it now

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

School Terms 2020

Term 4 5th Oct to 18th Dec

Pupil Free Day

2nd November

Public Holidays 2020

Oct 23rd—Grand Final
Nov 3rd: Melb Cup Day

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Principal's Report



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I cannot express how wonderful it was to have all of our children back to face to face teaching this week and I think many of the parents were also sharing similar feelings. Although I couldn't see the full faces of parents behind their face coverings, I do believe some of the smiles were that large they expanded out past the edges of the masks.

After the initial excitement and sheer joy of catching-up with their friends and peers, the children very quickly got back into the swing of school life and were promptly back to their studies. As was stated in last week's parent information updates, there are numerous actions that will be taken in every classroom to keep our children and staff safe whilst they are at school but we also need the continued support of parents by not sending unwell children to school.

If your child displays any symptoms of being unwell including coughing, sneezing, runny nose, high temperature please do not allow them to attend school. Take them to see your local doctor and ensure they remain at home until they no longer have any symptoms and are feeling better.

I am so proud of the manner in which all the children, teachers and education support staff adapted and managed with the remote learning over both Learning at Home 1.0 and 2.0 programs over the last 2 terms. They all did an excellent job in very difficult and unusual times and displayed the school values of responsibility, resilience and critical thinking in 'bucket loads'.

But those who I have been so impressed with during these extraordinary times have been our parents and carers. For our teachers and children, remote learning was an extension of what we do but for parents it was a completely different role and a different level of responsibility, well beyond what has ever been asked of parents before.

The task of assisting, advising and teaching your child explicit lessons was for most parents an exceptionally difficult and daunting task. Many parents also had to simultaneously continue with their own work as well as keep up with the many tasks that were required to keep the household functioning. I realise how difficult a task this has been for you all and I sincerely congratulate and thank you for everything you have had to undertake over the last 6 months.

Hopefully there have also been many positives and constructive outcomes from the remote learning exercise for many families and it will be a time that we can (at some time in the future) look back upon with fond memories.

2020 Parent Opinion Survey

WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst all parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All parents will be invited via Compass message, to be sent next Monday 19th October, to participate in this year's survey. The Department of Education engages an independent company to conduct the survey and all responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 19th October** to **Friday 13th November**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek. The results of the survey will be used by school council, staff and school leadership to assist in the future planning of our school.



Principal's Report (Continued)

Trees and Sun Shade - As per the information in the last 2 newsletters, after a recent tree audit was conducted at the school, three of our beautiful old eucalyptus trees had to be removed over the last school holiday break. Two of the trees had a disease and the other tree had a large split in its trunk.

All trees had been assessed by an accredited arbourist to have been dangerous due to a high probability of falling branches and needed to be removed. Further maintenance work was also undertaken on the remaining trees in the school grounds to ensure they are also in a safe and healthy condition.

The outdoor stage area was built around one of the trees that had to be removed. The timber decking of the stage is currently being repaired and an application has been made to the 2020 School Shade Grants Program for a sun sail structure to be built over the entire stage area. We are presently waiting upon the outcome of the application and if all going well, we will have the sun sail in place before the end of term.

The Facilities & Management Sub (FAMS) Committee of School Council are also investigating suitable areas in the school grounds to re-plant further trees and possibly additional sun shades.

Term 4 Public holidays and Pupil Free Days

Friday 23rd October is a Victorian public holiday for Grand Final Day and school will not be conducted on this day.

Monday 2nd November is a pupil-free day and school will not be conducted on this day. This is the Monday prior to the Melbourne Cup Holiday. Teachers will be writing end of year student reports on this day.

Childcare may be available for Newport Lakes Primary students on this day only if there is sufficient bookings for this day. Please contact the OSHC provider, Quantin Binnah for further information and details on 9742 5040.

Tuesday 3rd November is a Victorian public holiday and school will not be conducted on this day.

Footy Fun Day & Book Week— Due to the strict COVID restrictions that have been placed upon schools to allow us to resume 'face to face' teaching, many of the fun and enjoyable extra- curricula activities we conduct at the school cannot proceed until further notice. These include interschool sport, excursions, incursions, camps, indoor swimming classes, choir, Band practice, fresh fruit days, school concerts and having visits from non-essential adults onto the school grounds.

We are still able to conduct activities with our children and staff within the school grounds so we have currently arranging two events to be conducted at school that we believe the students will greatly enjoy.

On **Thursday 22nd October** we will be having a 'Footy Day' involving a host of different fun footy activities to be conducted in and out of the classrooms. The Yr. 6 House Captains are presently arranging handball competitions, Q & A sessions with AFL & AFLW footballers and the traditional Yr. 6 vs (masked) Teachers footy match. Many of the usual curriculum lessons will also have a strong 'footy flavour' on this day to add the fun of the day.

The children are encouraged to come dressed up in their favourite footy colors and a special sausage sizzle (Halal) and frozen fruit icy pole will be provided for the children's lunch on this day.

The lunch will be prepared and provided by the school leadership and office staff. There will be no charge for the lunch and a special note is not required. If you do not want your child to participate in the special lunch, please 'opt out' by notifying the school or your child's teacher.

On the following week, we will be having a special Book Week including a dress up parade on Wednesday 28th October. Further information on this event can be found later in the newsletter.

2021 Class Selection – School leadership is presently investigating the possible grade structures for 2021. Consideration of the student numbers for the whole school, numbers in each grade level, teaching curriculum levels, ensuring that we are within the Education Department guidelines and that we have an even distribution of numbers of students in each class, will all be determining factors in the selection of the best option for next year's grade structure. At this stage, it is very likely that we will have 23 classes but the composition of the grades or the teachers of the grades has not been decided. After the school organisation has been finalised, students will be placed into their 2021 classes.



Principal's Report (Continued)

If any parents believe that their child may be transferring to another school in 2021, it is very important to make the school aware of this information. Notification can be made directly to your child's teacher or an email/ phone call to the school office.

Parents are also able to inform the school if there is any information that they feel is important when considering the selection of next year's class for their child. This is an opportunity for parents to inform the school of any information that would be beneficial or important in the selection of their child's grade in 2021. Parents are requested not to select a teacher, as this will not be considered.

Parents must note that requests made last year or in previous years are not 'carried over' or considered for the 2021 grade selection. If parents believe that an issue should still be considered, it is important that a new request is written to the school.

This request must be written and addressed to the Principal. Requests will be forwarded to the respective Team Leaders to assist the teachers when they are selecting the grades for the following year. **Requests can be made up until Friday 30th October 2020.** All will be given consideration, but no promises or guarantees can or will be made. If you have any queries in regards to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact either Janet Gill or myself at the school.

Morning arrivals and School Ground Supervision Parents are reminded that playground supervision (teacher on duty) is provided before school from 8.45am-9am and after school until from 3.30pm to 3.45pm.

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 should not be in the school grounds before 8.45am as a teacher on duty before this time to ensure the safe supervision of the children.

Personal Accident Insurance and Ambulance Cover The Victorian Department of Education 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. They can be obtained by parents/guardians for individual students.

Parents are also strongly recommend to take out family ambulance cover or check to see if emergency ambulance assistance is covered under their health insurance.

It is school policy that an ambulance will always be called when it is considered it is required.

Sunsmart – Hats to worn in Term 4 - Newport Lakes Primary School is a Sunsmart school and has a policy that an approved school hat must be worn by all children during Term 1 and Term 4.

Hats can purchased online through the uniform supplier or at the school office at the cost of \$10. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly printed on the hat so it can be easily identified.



Lost Property As we are endeavouring to limit adults entry into the school grounds, Carolyn, our first aid assistant, will be sorting through the lost property weekly and returning any found items to the children's classrooms rather than having parents check through the lost property box for misplaced clothing.

Please ensure that your child's name is written CLEARLY AND LEGIBLE on any item of clothing that your child may take off at school (windcheater, jacket, hat, etc) and the item will be returned to your child's classroom if it turns up in the Lost Property Box.

School Photos 2020 – Although we still have Advanced Life Photographers booked for our 2020 school photos, at present photographers are unable to come onto the school grounds due to COVID restrictions. We are hoping that the restrictions may be lifted by this date and photos can proceed.

If this does not occur, then the school will take its own class photo and have then printed ourselves for every child in the school.

It is important that a child has a lasting memory of the children and teacher in their class and although our own photos may not be as flash or professionally produced, we will ensure that every child has a visual memory of their 2020 class.

Hoping you have a good week

Regards

David Moss
Principal



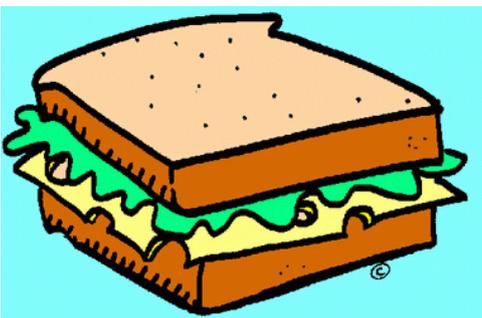
BOOK CHARACTER DAY

It's that time of year again when we are ready for a dress-up!
On **Wednesday October 28th** Newport Lakes Primary School will be celebrating Book Week with our annual 'dress up as your favourite book character day'.

This year's theme is 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'.

Weather permitting we will have a parade on the astro turf, but unfortunately this year due to restrictions, parents are unable to attend.

LUNCH ORDERS



Lunch orders return next week
All orders need to be placed by 8am on
Thursday morning via the QKR app.





Grade 1 online incursion

via WebEx during remote learning

We think it's pretty fair to say that the grade ones LOVED the online incursion about native Australian animals. We decided to do this as a method of researching information about our big question, 'How do animals experience change in their lives?' Brandon from *Wildlife Xposure* was wonderfully engaging and taught us SO MUCH! Below are some of the comments made by children in grade one.

'We saw these animals; possum, tree frog, rainbow lorikeet, goanna, shingle back lizard and a python.'

- Ari 1/T



'I really enjoyed the part where the crocodile opened his mouth.'

- Kobe 1/T

'The best part was when I got to see a baby crocodile. It was so cute and little. It is one year old... its teeth were little and sharp.'

- Tallulah 1/A

'I couldn't believe it when he said that the crocodile could bite a human in half!'

- Nina 1/L

'Nocturnal animals only come out at night. I found

out that the crocodile can live past 100 years old.'

- Ethan 1/R

'Thankyou Brandon for showing us your amazing animals. The best part was when the little crocodile opened its mouth.'

- Radin 1/R

'I found out that saltwater crocodiles can bite your finger off! I also found out that turtles have claws to climb rocks.'

- John 1/R



'I couldn't believe it when I heard that crocodiles existed during dinosaur times.'

- Spencer C. 1/L

'I was scared when the crocodile opened up its mouth.'

- Zoe F. 1/L

'What surprised me was that lizards are cold blooded.'

- Oscar 1/T

'I found out that some lizards' tails look like heads to scare birds.'

- Zoe 1/T

'What surprised me was the speed of the lizard.'

- Monty 1/L

'I thought it was funny when it looked like the lizard had two heads.'

- Summer 1/L





Author Of The Week



By Gemma, 2A

I am clever and shy.
 I wonder when I can have a play date with friends.
 I hear the soft breeze blowing through the blossoms.
 I see a beautiful sunset reflecting off the calm sea.
 I want to be able to travel to Canada
 I am clever and shy.
 I fell like escaping covid and flying away.
 I worry that this world will never really be the same.
 I cry when I know more families are torn apart because of covid.
 I am clever and shy.
 I understand that this lockdown won't last forever.
 I dream I can turn into a witch to defeat covid.
 I try not to think covid is outside the window.
 I hope I will get to play with my friends soon.
 I am clever and shy.

By Minnie 2A

I can't travel, I can't play, I can't see my friends. I can't do anything but, shop exercise and draw Chalk on the pavement. We're getting through the sadness and depression. There are many ways to escape, But we prefer to obey. If we obey, we get better, Then we can play in the sunshine together. The happiness will come. The pools will open. The virus is gone. We celebrate. We laugh, we travel again! Next pandemic, will be a while. We will have a normal life again! Hooray! We can play! We can travel! We can see our friends! I can see my family again! We book a plane, we fly to Tasmania. We're there! I see my cousins, I see my loved ones, I play with my cousins, it's summer. We water balloon fight, we swim in pools. Summer is over we fly back home we play in parks until the next pandemic comes.

By William 2H

The King of Viruses
 Corona
 Corona means crown
 It feels heavy
 Like how we are desperate to be free

We are grateful for sunny days, nice food
 We wish to be free
 to play with our friends to have fun

Imagine when we can go to the movies with our friends
 Or travel on a plane
 Visit a beach and play all day
 Hip, hip hooray



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A seven session parenting program for parents of teens

Would you like to learn how to:

- communicate more effectively with your teen?
- understand your teen better?
- help your teen to manage those difficult emotions?
- help to prevent behavioural issues in your teen?
- teach your teen how to deal with conflict more effectively?

Tuning into Teens shows you how to help your teen to develop emotional intelligence. Research shows teens with higher emotional intelligence:

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- are able to deal with peer pressure better
- are more able to cope positively when upset or angry
- have fewer mental health issues and substance abuse difficulties
- have greater career success

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and Hobsons Bay UP





WILLIAMSTOWN
IMPERIALS CRICKET CLUB

GIRLS CRICKET

AGES 9 - 13

EVERY GIRL IS WELCOME



GIRLS CRICKET



After the enormous success of our first girl's season, 2020/21 season will be the second season for girls cricket at Williamstown Imperials Cricket Club. Girls cricket at Williamstown Imperials is all about having fantastic summer fun, making new friends, developing new skills & playing a non-contact sport, all within your local community. **Absolutely no experience required or needed.**



Williamstown Imperials is located on the stunning Fearon Reserve
27 The Esplanade, Williamstown. Our away games are within the Western region



Training / Games will be scheduled on a Monday and Wednesday night. Depending on rego numbers/ages registered, will depend on which night is the training/game night.
Training 5pm - 6pm. Games 5pm - 7pm.



The cost of the season is \$220. This includes: Training top, training shorts, playing top, playing knitted vest, hoodie, training ball & all game costs



The equipment required - White pants. Gloves. Pads. Bat. Helmet. Due to COVID, we are unable to share equipment, however, a generous club sponsor had donated **10 full girls kits**. If you require, the club can lend you an entire cricket kit for the season at no cost.



To register, please email wiccjuniors@gmail.com and we will promptly send you the instructions



Any questions, please go directly to our Girls Coach, Emma Pawlowski.
Emma has an extensive sporting background and also coaches womens football. 'Coach Em' welcomes any questions you may have - 0403 310 707 / wiccjuniors@gmail.com



Williamstown Imperials Cricket Club

"Keep your eye on the Gold and the Blue"

WOOLWORTHS JUNIOR BLASTERS CRICKET

GIRLS AND BOYS AGED 4-8 OF ALL SKILLS AND ABILITIES
LEARN SKILLS ON CATCHING, THROWING, BATTING & TEAM WORK
ALL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED!



Each Junior Blasters Starter Pack includes:
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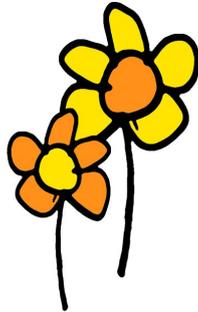


Parents join in the fun!

or..have some adult, relaxed fun with an open bar & BBQ
set on Fearon Reserve, The Esplanade, Williamstown (beach side)
Starts Friday 13th November (covid dependant) @ 6 - 7:15pm

Registration - Mycricket.com.au - Search 'Williamstown Imperials Cricket Club' or contact
Daniel Slattery for any questions - 0425 754 418 / wiccjuniors@gmail.com





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