

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

Ibrahim, Prep D
Helena, Prep H
Jordan, 2D
Thomas, 5/6A
Maya, 3/4C
Vanessa, 3/4J
Grace, 5/6A
Sienna, 5/6 E
Matisse, 2D

Ellie, 1R
Isla, 3/4A

Alyssa, 5/6A
Ari, 1T
India, 5/6M
Colette, 2D
Anes, 3/4A
Lena, 3/4A
Belle, 3/4A
Jake, 3/4C
Levi, Prep H
Elena, 1R
Zidane, 5/6W
Gabriel, 3/4W
Nash, 3/4E
Elke, Prep E
Kate, 2A

Charlotte, 2D
Surya, 5/6E
Lenny, 3/4E
Amelia, 3/4W
Ailish, 5/6M
Olive, 3/4A
Farrah, Prep H
Billie, 3/4E
Panashe, Prep T
Zachary, 3/4C

Important dates to put in the diary

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| Friday 11th December | - Yr 3/4 Beach Program |
| Monday 14th December | - Yr 6 Graduation |
| Tuesday 15th December | - Preps 100 days of school celebration |
| Friday 18th December | - Last day of term—1.00pm dismissal |

Term 1 2021

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| Wednesday 27th January | - Teachers commence |
| Thursday 28th January | - Yrs 1 –6 commence |
| Monday 8th February | - Pupil Free Day |
| Tuesday 9th February | - Preps commence |

Student Awards

Pip, Prep E	Jarvie, Prep E	Xavier, Prep T	Harry, Prep D
Jan, Prep H	Asha, IT	Anne, 1L	Ava, 1A
Max, 1R	Isla, 2H	William, 2H	Huxley, 2D
Reem, 2D	Ahmed, 2A	Harper, 2A	Billie, 3/4E
Tilly, 3/4W	Stella, 3/4W	Silas, 3/4J	Angus, 3/4C
Ella, 3/4C	Max, 3/4T	James, 3/4T	Peggy, 3/4A
Lincoln, 34A	Gabe, 5/6A	Bailey, 5/6A	Lily, 5/6W
Sumaya, 5/6E	Maddy, 5/6M	Elke, Prep E	Teddy, Prep E
Lucy, Prep T	Isabel, Prep D	Emily, Prep H	Evie, 1L
Ishmail, 1A	John, 1R	Eadie, 2H	Ruby, 2H
Hamish, 2D	Mia, 3/4E	William, 3/4W	Eli, 3/4J
Tully, 3/4C	Aurora, 3/4C	Mia, 3/4T	Gabi, 3/4T
Matylda, 3/4A	Lena, 3/4A	Bella, 5/6A	Tom, 5/6A
Harvey, 5/6W	Stella, 5/6W	Rudy, 5/6E	Surya, 5/6A
Cal, 5/6M			

Student charges 2021

Student charges for next year are now up on Compass. Please sign in to compass to view and pay your fees for next year or select payment plan options **to ensure your child/ren have their bookpacks on the first day back at school next year.** First instalment payment was due on 7th December 2020. Fees need to be paid in full or first instalment plan.

If you have any queries in regards to these student charges or payment please do not hesitate to contact the office to discuss.

School Terms 2020

Term 4 5th Oct to 18th Dec

School Terms 2021

Term 1—Jan 27th—Teachers commence
Jan 28th Students Yrs 1 –6 commence
Tuesday 9th Feb—Preps commence

Pupil Free Days

Monday 8th February

Contact

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Principal's Report



Dear Parents,

2020 Year Book It is with much pride that today, we proudly launch the NLPS 2020 Yearbook to our school community. As we near the end of the year and begin to slowly progress back into a normal lifestyle, we will also begin to forget what it was like throughout all of 2020. The 2020 Yearbook is a wonderful compilation of stories, poems, photos, drawings etc from our students, families and staff that gives us an everlasting 'snapshot of 2020' from our school community and one we can share for many years to come. There has been a limited number of hard copies printed but we have also placed the entire book online to be available for all our community to view or upload at no cost. Hard copies will also be available in our school library if any child would like to borrow and share this experience in a book form at home.

I would like to give a HUGE shout out to 2 people, Carly Bannon and Sam Pierce who have placed in an enormous amount of time, effort and energy to produce this superb work. Without the efforts of both Carly and Sam this excellent book and resource would not be possible and on behalf of the school community I thank them very much for making this wonderful reflective journal a reality.

'The year like no other' should be remembered and reflected upon in its real form. The NLPS 2020 Yearbook achieves this by capturing the year through the eyes and lives of our community. I thoroughly enjoyed the book and believe it will be a special place for myself to reflect and remember what was, 2020.

Sensory Garden. Our new Sensory Garden will be completed early next week when we add a water feature, some cubby huts and undertake the planting of tubestock and trees. It has been wonderful watching this special place grow and develop over the last 6 weeks and we all look forward to our garden being a special place for all our children to enjoy for many years to come. A watering roster is also being established to ensure our new plants survive the important first 6 months of growth. If you can assist on this roster, please contact the school office for more details. Over the holidays, new lighting will be installed under the beautiful Eucalyptus at the entrance that will illuminate this stunning tree for our community to enjoy every evening.

Sunshade Unfortunately the school was not successful in its application for a DHHS Sunshade grant to place a new Sun Sail over the outside deck and stage area where one of our old trees was removed due to its vulnerability of the tree losing branches. The deck area has since been repaired and the children love playing and using the stage but it also gets very hot now the shade tree is gone. School Council have decided to proceed and self-fund the \$8k Sun Sail project to ensure we have another area where our children can safely play outdoors all year round at school.

It has also been decided to install external canvas awnings on all the western windows on the relocatable buildings. Although all of these classrooms are air-conditioned and have internal blinds, they still become very hot on days above 30C. It is anticipated that external blinds will support keeping the heat of the sun out of the classrooms and will assist in maintaining a more comfortable learning environment for our children and staff. Both the sun sails and awnings are to be installed over the end of year holiday break.

Graduation. Our year 6 students will be celebrating their Graduation next Monday 14th December. Due to COVID restrictions on m2 space per adult visiting the school, it was not possible to conduct a presentation where parents could attend. As an alternative, a considerable amount of work has been undertaken by the Yr. 5/6 team and a host of others to 'livestream' the presentation and film clips prepared for the ceremony.

Thank you again to our supportive community during very challenging times. I thank you for your flexibility and positivity. Together we can achieve amazing things.

It has been a difficult year for us all but we have had a special feeling for our yr.6 students who are in their last year of primary school. Thanks to the wonderful work of their teachers, much has been undertaken to retrieve some of these special times for our yr. 6 co-hort.

The Yr.5/ 6 camp, the Big Night In, the athletic sports, a live streamed graduation, the beach program and a Big Day Out have all been arranged by their teachers going beyond and above to ensure our Yr. 6 students thoroughly enjoy their last months of primary school and remember these times as some of the best days of their young lives.



Principal's Report (Continued)

End of Year Assembly & Dismissal. School will be dismissed for all students at 1.00pm on Friday 18th December. An assembly will be conducted in the school gym at 12.20pm featuring a special farewell to our Year 6 students but unfortunately parents are currently not permitted to attend our indoor assemblies.

After the general school announcements at assembly the Yr.6 children will then be farewelled through the traditional Newport Lakes 'Avenue of Honour' formed by all the teachers and children in the school. This year the students will perform a lap around the school oval with all students (Prep-Yr.5) providing an avenue of honour to bid them farewell.

Parents are most welcome to attend the Yr. 6 farewell around the school oval but must adhere to the strict social distancing guidelines in school grounds.

All students will return to their classrooms after the assembly and will be dismissed from their classrooms at 1.00pm. Any child remaining at school after 1.00pm will need to attend after school care.

A final (shorter) newsletter will be available next week to conclude the year.

Hoping you all have a good week

Regards

David Moss
Principal



We would like to say a big thank you to Michelle (Lily's mum) for co-ordinating the Book Club for the school. The students thoroughly enjoy receiving their books and without parent help this would not be possible. The Morley family are relocating at the end of this year and we wish them all the very best and appreciate all the help Michelle has provided with Book Club.



the year that was...



Our digital year book is ready to read.

During Learning At Home each student had the opportunity to submit work that reflected on their year.

The 400+ pieces of work have been collated into a digital book on a password protected website page. Enjoy reading

Read our digital
book here



NewportLakesPS.vic.edu.au/2020-BOOK/

Password: NLPSCOVID





Wow we have made it! A huge thank you to the school community, the children, the staff, the families – we've survived! And I'm sure we are all very happy to see the back of 2020 and welcome 2021 and its new adventures.

On Wednesday, Thursday & Friday – 25th to 27th November 2020, we had our second extremely successful Online Face Book Uniform Sale we made \$450 across the 3 days that will go to our local women's charity. A massive thank you to all those that donated and purchased! We will look at a mix of online and return to face to face in 2021 in line with any restrictions and guidelines.



2020 Thank You Gifts

We've had an amazing uptake with the end of year gifts for all of our fabulous Office staff, Support staff, Admin, IT, Maintenance, Crossing People, Janet and David. You have one last day to donate any amount you would like.

App.grouptogether.com (Office and Specialists Xmas Gifts) OR money can be taken into the office. Closing on Friday 11/12/20.

All Class Teacher gifts are co-ordinated via their own rep – if you have not had contact or are unsure please email NLPS Parents Club. nlpsparentsclub@gmail.com and we will get you in touch with them.

2021 AGM will be held in February with the return of the school year. Please take the break to think about joining the Committee as a member or on the Executive. We are sad to be losing our amazing Secretary Prue Handbury who has been doing an amazing role these past 2 years. Prue you have been a key contributor and all round fabulous individual not just within Parents Club but the wider school community.

Please stay safe and well over the break. See you in 2021

Lisa, Erin, Prue and Maria

NLPS Parents Club Exec





Are you interested in playing Basketball?



Join to have fun!
All ages welcome
7 – 21

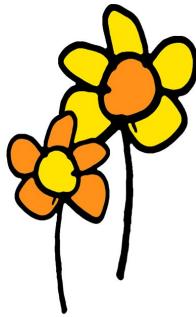
*New season starts in
February 2021*

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SCHOOL TERMS 2020

Last day of Term 18th December—1.00pm dismissal

School Term 1 - 2021

27th Jan (Teachers commence)

28th Jan—Yrs 1 –6 commence

9th Feb—Preps commence

- 1st April (last day of term)