



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

- Ali, 5/6AM
- Nicholas, 2DO
- Mckenzie, 3/4TC
- Maddie, 1AO
- Ollie, 1MW
- Olivia, 1EW
- Eliza, 3/4JM
- Nicholas, 3/4AD
- Thomas, 3/4RW
- Willow, 5/6MW
- Hayden, 5/6WH
- Archie, Prep RS
- Annabel, 5/6EM
- Sonny Duke, 5/6MW
- Lennox, Prep RS
- Rafael, Prep RS
- Stella, 5/6WH
- Audrey, Prep HW
- Merehana, 1EW
- Sabrina, 5/6MM
- Zarley, 1MW
- Miles, 5/6MW
- Emme, Prep SS
- Kobe, 2AS
- Will, 3/4CM
- Ahmed, 3/4AD
- Lee, 3/4RW
- Ayah, 5/6AM
- Lily, Prep HW
- Thom, 3/4AD
- Xavier, 5/6AM
- Peri, 3/4CM
- Tehzeeb, 5/6EM
- Xavier, Prep DS
- Mason, Prep DS
- Maggie, 2TN
- Olive, 3/4atc
- Siya, 3/4AD
- Ethan, 5/6MW
- Sereene, 3/4JM
- Emily, 3/4AD
- Laila, 5/6MM
- Julian, 5/6MM



Important dates to put in the diary

Friday 19th February	Yr 5/6 Summer Sport v St Mary's (Home) Before school swimming trials
Monday 22nd February	Meet the Teacher Bookings OPEN - 4PM
Tuesday 23rd February	2021 Prep Tours—9.15am & 3.00pm—Bookings essential
Wednesday 24th February	2021 Prep Tours—9.15am & 3.00pm—Bookings essential
Friday 26th February	Yr 5/6 Summer Sport v Williamstown Nth Gold (Away) Icy Pole Day
Wednesday 3rd March	Meet the Teacher Interviews 2pm—7pm
Tuesday 9th March	School Photos
Thursday 18th March	Preps & New families picnic 5.30pm—7.00pm



During term 1 and 4 all students must wear a Newport Lakes Primary School hat.

Hats are available for sale at the office for \$10.00.

Please ensure your child's hat is clearly labelled with their name.

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Pupil Free Days 2021

- 8th February
- Term 2—TBC
- Term 3—TBC

Public Holidays 2021

- March 8 Labour Day
- June 14 Queens Birthday
- Nov 2nd: Melb Cup Day

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Dear Parents,

Due to the state lockdown, all schools across Victoria were unfortunately closed for 3 days this week. Schools did not receive notification from DET that they would be closing until after 2.00pm on the Friday leaving very limited time to undertake a transition to remote learning before dismissal for the week.

With the co-operation of the staff we were able to notify students of the arrangements of the school closure, ensure children were able to take home materials (a work book, pencil case, take home book to read etc), arrange an onsite supervision program for the 3 days, put in place a short term remote learning program, arrange daily online check-ins and update the school website in readiness for Learning at Home 3 program.

I was then able to inform parents by 5.30pm of the arrangements for their children for the following week, which then allowed parents to arrange what was going to be a difficult time for us all.

I believe the school did a remarkable job to respond to these unanticipated circumstances in such an exemplary way and in such a short time.

Unfortunately it was not possible to loan out ipads to families in need as devices are required to be wiped totally clean to ensure there are no photos, writing, work or details of any student on the device before being available for loan. The device then has to be totally re-formatted for that student's year level for them to work at home. The repeat procedure then has to be undertaken when the device is returned to school. For a 3-day remote learning program, this was not a viable option.

It was wonderful to greet the children on their return to school this morning. Let's hope there are no further unplanned disruptions for the year but if they do occur we will then manage each one as the best we can. The health and safety advice we have received from the Education Department is consistent with the advice that was in place until Friday 12 February, but changes have been made to face mask advice.

From Thursday 18 February, school staff when not teaching and all visitors and parents must wear a face mask at school, unless an exception applies:

- in all indoor spaces
- in all outdoor spaces when 1.5m physical distance cannot be maintained.

If parents or carers are picking up their child at the end of the day from within the school grounds or need to visit the school office they are requested to observe this guidance.

I once again thank all our families for their understanding and support during these times.

Pupil Free Day

The pupil free day planned for **Friday March 5th** has been **cancelled** and this day will now be a normal school day.

Meet The Teacher Interviews

Meet the Teacher interviews will be conducted for all year levels on Wednesday 3rd March 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 2021.

Bookings for all classroom and specialist teachers will once again be conducted online via the Compass parent portal. Bookings will open on Monday 22nd February and detailed instructions of the process will be sent to parents via Compass.



Principal's Report (continued)

At the present, we are planning to conduct the 'meet the teacher' sessions 'face to face' with the following provisions.

- Staff and visitors to the school (parents and carers) must wear a mask during the meeting.
- Visitors will be required to log on to the QR code before their first interview. QR Codes will be available outside all classrooms.
- Interviews MUST keep to their scheduled time. They are **not** permitted to run overtime.
- If a parent cannot meet the scheduled time the interview session will be re-scheduled until another day.

If the proposed arrangements for 'meet the teacher' change, parents will be notified of any amendments via Compass.

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 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.

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. They can be obtained by parents/guardians for individual students. Parents are also strongly recommended to take out family ambulance cover or check to see if emergency ambulance assistance is covered under their health insurance.



Cross at the Crossing

The behaviours our children see are the behaviours they copy. We have a school crossing with a crossing supervisor on both Elizabeth St. and Newcastle St. Please ensure you are modelling the correct road safety behaviours by using the crossing. Walking through parked traffic is dangerous and develops dangerous habits.

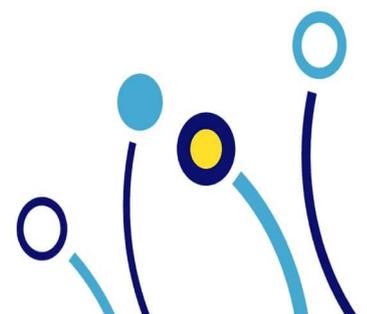
Icy Pole Day

Our icy pole days have once again proven to be incredibly popular with the warmer weather continuing. We are so fortunate to have many parents who volunteer their time every second Friday to our icy pole days in terms 1 & 4 - a big thank you for their time and support. It has also been wonderful to see our House Captains take on the role of serving and assisting all the children on these days. They do an excellent job in helping out on the stalls and continue to be excellent role models as young leaders of our school.

Icy pole days make Fridays very special for many of our students. The next icy pole day is on February 26th.

Hope you have a good week

David Moss
Principal



PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

Parking for the purpose of dropping off and picking up students is always a major problem around most schools and Newport Lakes PS is no exception. But if ALL parents abide by the local road rules, demonstrate some compassion and show some common sense we can considerably reduce the congestion, improve the traffic flow and make it safer for everyone in the community.

When used correctly, we have very successful 'Pick up & Drop off only' zones outside the school entrances in Elizabeth and Ross St. with the distinguishable blue lines and signage.

In these areas 'No Parking' means that you can stop your car and get out to help your kids in and out of the car (and kiss them goodbye – if they let you). However, the driver cannot move more than 3 metres from the car. In most instances this will allow you to help them onto the adjacent footpath, but no further.

Generally, No Parking signs don't have a specified time on them. In this case, the Road Rules allow you to stop for up to 2 minutes, and 2 minutes ONLY. Any longer and you can be fined and you are taking up a parking space for another parent to drop off/ pick up their child.

By having a different line colouring, it is believed that this will make it easier for drivers to distinguish these parking areas. Please make it easier for everyone by abiding with these important traffic management rules.

School Council strongly recommends when picking up your child from school, park in one of the surrounding side streets, walk a few minutes to school, pick up your child upon dismissal (with a smile) and then enjoy a casual walk back to your car and have a talk with them about their day at school. This is far more relaxing, much more rewarding and keeps you out of the 'traffic chaos' around the school.

It also 'frees up' some parking space for those less able such as the elderly or the parent that maybe struggling with younger siblings and a baby.

An even better option is to ride, scooter, or walk to school if this is possible.

Local Traffic Inspectors will be patrolling all school zones over the next weeks including Newport Lakes PS. Significant penalties and fines will be issued to those not observing the rules. I urge all parents to avoid these unnecessary fines by simply obeying the rules – you have been informed and alerted.



HOUSE CAPTAINS



Hi, My name is Stella and I am honoured to be the 2021 blue house captain, I will motivate you, I will cheer for you, I will praise you, I will make you laugh, I will make you feel proud of yourself, and most importantly I will make sure that Blue House will work as a team united as one.

A great man once said "winners never quit and quitters never win" or "It's not whether you get knocked down, it's whether you get up,"

I hope that we have a better year than 2020 and that we will have an opportunity to finally have some fun. Thanks for voting for me!

Stella



Hi Red house, I'm Amelie and I'm red house captain. The reason I ran for red house captain was because I want to encourage everyone to be the best person they can be. I aim to be a great leader. I'm interested to listen to your ideas and I am dedicated to be a fair and loyal house captain. I love to run at Williamstown little athletics and dance, act and sing at musical theatre. . GO RED HOUSE!

Amelie



When I was in Grade 3, I broke my elbow doing high jump at the school sports. It hurt, I mean it really, really hurt, but I didn't know it was broken. I still had the 200m race and I was determined to run! I put my jumper on and tucked my arm inside it, like a sling. I ran as fast as I could with only one arm. I came second. Mum was cross with me for running. She grabbed me and rushed me to hospital. I'm telling you this story because I want you to know, I will never give up. I will do everything I can to help Green House win the Sport Cup! Even if my arm is falling off...literally! I play tennis, netball and basketball. I love sport. I love cheering for my friends when I'm watching from the sidelines. You may think I'm pretty quiet, but I'm not, I can yell really loud. I have two brothers, you probably remember them, Leo and Sam and they were both Green House captains. They also lead Green House to victory! I hope I can do the same. Green blood obviously runs in the Simmonds family veins. GO GREEN!

Annie



I want to inspire the kids in green house to try their best and have fun in both sports and games. Since prep I have always looked up to the green house as being kind , considerate and resilient people and I want to be one of those people

Lucas



The reason why I wanted to be Yellow House Captain is because I wanted to help the school. I want to show people that I will be a good House Captain and the main reason is I just want to have fun in my last year of primary school. So, thank you Yellow House for voting me as one of your House Captains and I'll see you around.

Will



Hi I'm James and I am one of your new Red house captains. I would like to congratulate all of the other house captains on getting this position as well. Thank you red house for voting for me and I will try my hardest to be the best captain red house could have. Thanks

James



Hi my name is Madeleine, as you probably know I am your blue house captain. I love to play sports and to encourage my team mates, and that's what I will do with all of blue house. I will try my hardest to help everyone and make sure you do the best you can. I will cheer you on from the side line's and always help you if you need it no matter what the situation is. I will always help you even if it's tying your shoe lace or helping you to the finish line. GO BLUE HOUSE

Maddy



Well done everyone. Snap lockdown done and dusted and now we can get back to the usual program! We kicked off the term with much loved icy pole day on Friday the 12th. Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers and grade 6 leaders...all the kids were very happy indeed! Our next icy pole day will be Friday the 26th of February, so don't forget your 50c.

This Friday (February 19th) we are holding the first secondhand uniform sale for the year. We are still not able to be back fully on-site, so we are running the sale online. We'll be hosting the sale on the **"Friends of Elizabeth St" Facebook page, from 11am**. All uniforms have been washed and are in good condition. **Items will be listed in sizes and the the first people to comment SOLD will be able to purchase items.**

Collection of items will happen over the weekend from our local parent volunteers homes. Thank you for being patient and understanding with us as we run this event. Parent Club will perhaps look and run a little different this year, as we navigate through this "new COVID norm" and we follow the schools lead and direction. We would still love people to jump on board though and get ready for events as they hopefully pop up. We will be holding our AGM on March 18th, after the Prep Welcome Picnic, so do come along if you would like to learn more about Parent Club, get involved and meet some other NLPS parents. We also have started talks about our next Fete (yep...we said it!) so keep a look out for info on that and how you could get involved as the years rolls along.

Take care
Parent Club Team

2021 Photo Day

Envelope and Order Instructions

Dear Parents and Students,

Newport Lakes Primary School PHOTO DAY IS 09/03/2021

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 08/03/2021 ****

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 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: If you miss photo day, portrait and group packages can still be ordered online for 7 days afterwards with no late fees. After that time, late orders will require separate processing and handling and therefore will incur a \$15 late fee per package.

FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTOS No envelope required if ordering online

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- Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [CT6 TAG XVM]
- Family/Sibling photo orders online close on 08/03/2021
- Orders can be placed by returning an envelope up until photo day with exact cash amount.

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

Cash – Please enclose correct money – as change is not available

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 or 03 9852 1133

Advancedlife Team

Parents and prospective students are warmly invited to attend our

WILLIAMSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

BAYVIEW CAMPUS

Open Night

Tuesday 4 May 2021

4:00pm - 5:30pm

Bookings are essential and can be made via our website

Due to strict visitor numbers (100 adults, children not included), please only attend the Open Night if your child is commencing secondary school in 2022.

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Live Streamed Presentation

Links to presentations and workshops will be available on our website

Campus Tours

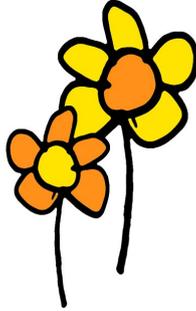
A number of small group tours are on offer at the Bayview Campus across the week until mid-May.

Please refer to our website to book a place
(no more than 15 visitors per tour).



WILLIAMSTOWN
HIGH SCHOOL

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