



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

- Tom, 3/4RW
- Jasper, 3/4TH
- Asher, 3/4CM
- Marcus, 3/4TC
- Jackson, 2HJ
- Joana, 5/6AM
- Sunday, 5/6MM
- Ritaj, 5/6AM
- Emma, Prep RS
- Fletcher, 3/4TH
- Flynn, 2TN
- Tom, 3/4CM
- Madi, 5/6MM
- James, 5/6MM
- Zachary, 3/4AD
- Nikolas, 3/4TC
- Stephan, 5/6EM
- Evie, Prep RS
- Bailey, 5/6AM
- Eden, 5/6WH
- Liam, 2AS



Important dates to put in the diary

- Thursday 18th March
 - Preps & New families picnic 5.30pm—7.00pm
 - Parent Club AGM—MPR 7.30pm all welcome
- Friday 19th March
 - Summer Sport v Williamstown Primary Blue (Home)
- Tuesday 23rd March
 - Yr 3/4 Mindfulness Incursion
- Thursday 25th March
 - Prep Excursion to Paynes Orchard
- Friday 26th March
 - Icy Pole Day
- Monday 29th March
 - Yr 5/6 Camp to Echuca
- Wednesday 30th March
- Thursday 1st April
 - Easter Hat Parade 9.05am
 - Last day of term—**2.30pm dismissal**

Student Awards

Harry, 1AO	Olivia, 1EW	Ellery, 1LR	Matilda, 1MW
Tallulah, 2HJ	Ishmail, 2DO	Amelia, 2AS	Max, 2TN
Flynn, 2TN	George, 2/4JM	Nicholas, 3/4AD	Jasper, 3/4TH
Natalie, 3/4TH	Grace, 3/4RW,	Thomas, 3/4RW	Lenny, 3/4TC
Will, 3/4CM	Ben, 5/6MM	Grace, 5/6EM	Finn, 5/6WH
Hazel, 1AO	Aren, 1EW	Farrah, 1LR	Indie, 1MW
Oscar, 2HJ	Sophie, 2AS	Max, 2TN	Nieve, 3/4JM
Harper, 3/4AD	Josh, 3/4TH	Liam, 3/4RW	Angus, 3/4TC
Reem, 3/4CM	Lola, 5/6MM	Tehzeeb, 5/6EM	

School Terms 2021

- Term 1 27th Jan to 1st April
- Term 2 19th Apr to 25th Jun
- Term 3 12th Jul to 17th Sep
- Term 4 4th Oct to 17th Dec

Pupil Free Days 2021

- Term 2—TBC
- Term 3—TBC
- 1st November

Public Holidays 2021

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

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Dear Parents,

Parent Information Sessions – Welcome to our classrooms. In previous years each teaching team has welcomed parents to come to school to give a snapshot of what will be happening in your child's classroom during the year. Due to COVID capacity restrictions, unfortunately this isn't possible in 2021. As an alternative to these sessions, your child's teachers have worked really hard to produce a series of videos for each year level to give parents an insight into what will be achieved at each level this year.

For many of the teachers, including myself, the making of these videos has been very much out of our comfort zones but we believe it is important we can inform and share this information about what your child will be doing and learning at school. The more parents can understand and share in their child's education, the more they can assist at home with their learning and in these times when you are unable to come to school we hope that these videos will let us bring our classrooms to you. We encourage you to take some time to view the videos at your leisure and hope that they will be informative and helpful. A link and password will be sent via Compass to all parents and carers tomorrow to gain access to these videos. The videos will remain on the website for the remainder of the year to enable you to refer to them at a later date if required.

Sick Students It is very important that sick students stay home until they have made a full recovery. We understand that students are eager to be at school and participate in the daily routines. Our COVID-19 Policy is located on our website. There are a number of viruses currently within our community including some severe Gastro. We need to ensure that everyone is safe and supporting each other to stay well. If your child is unwell, please keep them home until they have fully recovered.

Greet them with a Smile, Not a Mobile Greeting your child at the end of a school day is one of the most important times to build up a relationship and find out how their busy day went at school. So when you do this we recommend that you 'greet your child with a smile, and not a mobile.'

Your children can be full of stories of the many wonderful and interesting things they did at school that day but it is important that you are ready to greet them with your full attention and not sharing them with your phone.

Talking about school with your child is important. It shows you're interested in your child's life and value education. Talking together about school also helps you get to know more about what's expected of your child at school, how she or he learns and how they handle the many challenges they come across each day.

Simple, positive and specific questions about parts of the day can get your child talking and avoids the 'yes – no' answer. For example you might want to try a few of these:

- What's the news from school today?
- What was fun?
- What did you like best at school today?
- What does your classroom look like at the moment?
- Who did you hang out with today?
- What subjects did you do today?
- What projects are you working on at the moment?

We are always trying to develop the speaking and listening skills of our children in school and you can greatly assist and extend these skills by just being there with your full attention so when picking up or greeting your child this week remember to 'greet your child with a smile, not a mobile.'

Prep Picnic This evening we have the traditional 'Prep Picnic' to welcome all our Prep children and their families to our school. The Prep teachers, Janet, the Office staff and myself will all be available and look forward to meeting all our parents.

We will also be conducting school tours for parents that haven't had the opportunity to visit your child's classrooms and other school facilities. The evening begins at 5.30pm on the basketball court / outdoor stage area.



Principal's Report (continued)

'The Man Box' – Parents Information Session Tuesday April 27 6 - 7.30pm

The Respectful Relations Team, working in co-operation with the school's NLPs Parent Club has a terrific opportunity coming up of presenting a very valuable and informative parent's information session.

In term two on Tuesday 27th April, the team at 'The Men's Project' are coming to work with Newport Lakes Primary School 5/6 students, with our staff, and with our parent community. Members of the school's student wellbeing team attended professional learning run by The Men's Project in 2020 and thought that their valuable research and positive messages about healthier masculinities would complement our Respectful Relationships work.

Man Box Fact Sheet :*The Men's Project was established in 2017 to develop new ways of engaging with boys and men to reduce violence and other harmful behaviours and support them to be their best selves. One of our goals is to promote positive cultural and attitudinal change surrounding masculinities and gender equality through community engagement, advocacy and effective alliances. We also work to develop new evidence-informed prevention and early intervention approaches that build capacity to address the underlying drivers of violence and other harmful behaviours. Our work is based on extensive experience working with boys and men, a holistic approach and strong partnerships. We strive to complement the work of other organisations by engaging boys and men to understand their attitudes including through our Man Box research.*

Information about the 'Men's Project / Man Box' can be viewed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KdRrjCOqzZY>

The Man Box session will be conducted on Tuesday 27th April between 6-7.30pm in the school's Multi-Purpose Room. Even though The Men's Project will be working with only 5/6 students, we believe the information presented in the parents' session would be useful for all families.

Due to COVID restrictions there will be limited numbers permitted and all visitors will need to pre-register and QR Code upon entry to the event.

Further details about this very important session and how and when you can register for this Parent Information session will be sent home via Compass and included in the next newsletter.

Entry to School Grounds Parents and carers are permitted to come into the school ground during the afternoon when they pick up their children but if you are going to be on site for a period of greater than 15minutes you must register at the QR Code located at the school gates.

Parents are also welcome to our outdoor assemblies on a Friday afternoon when they are conducted outdoors on the football field in front to the Gymnasium. Outdoors assemblies are obviously dependent upon the weather conditions but whilst the weather remains moderate and mild (ie. not too hot, too cold, too wet or too windy- that's Melbourne for you) then the assemblies will be conducted outdoors beginning at 2.45pm – just please remember to QR code at the gate and maintain correct social distance requirements.

Hoping you have a good week.

David Moss

Easter Hat Parade



An Easter Hat Parade will be conducted on the last day of term, Thursday 1st April . **All hats need to be made at home.** The parade will begin at 9.05am, weather permitting. Parents are most welcome to remain when they drop off their children and watch the parade. Parents must register on the QR code at the gate upon entry into the school grounds.

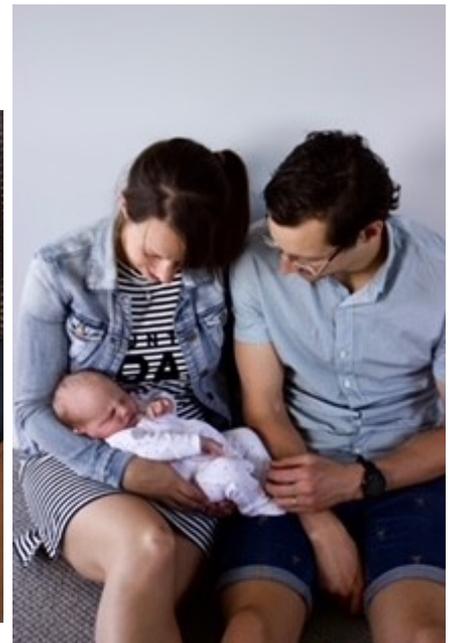


Congratulations to Emma & Brendan on the safe arrival of Edward Michael O'Loughlin born on the 19th January weighing 3.26kg.

Emma made a special visit to school recently and some of Emma's students from last year had the pleasure of meeting Eddie.

We wish Emma, Brendan and Eddie a lifetime of love, health and happiness together.

New
Baby
Boy



LUNCH ORDERS

Could all parents please ensure you have updated your child's class details on QKR
There will be no lunch orders on the last day of term, 1st April.



Division Swimming Carnival

On Thursday, 11th March, eight of our students returned to the Werribee Olympic pool to compete in the Division Swimming carnival.

All eight students swam exceptionally well and have qualified for the Western Region Swimming Carnival by finishing in the top two in an individual event or by winning their relay.

The next carnival is due to take place on Tuesday, 30th March at the Kardinia Aquatic Centre in South Geelong. We wish our students all the best at the next stage of competition.

Results from the Division Swimming Carnival were:

Student	Event	Placing
Raff S	9/10 Boys 50m Freestyle 9/10 Boys 50m Butterfly	1 st 2 nd
Lucas A	11 Boys Freestyle 11 Boys Butterfly	1 st 1 st
Emily Z	9/10 Girls Breaststroke 9/10 Girls Butterfly	2 nd 1 st
Patrick Z	9/10 Boys Breaststroke	1 st
Chloe Z	9/10 Girls Backstroke	4 th
Lara F	9/10 Girls Butterfly	4th
Lucas N	12 Boys Backstroke 12 Boys Butterfly	2 nd 2 nd
Emily Z, Lara F, Chloe Z & Jasmine N	9/10 Girls 50m Freestyle Relay	1 st

PLAY POD 2021

Our new 2021 Pod Squad members received their badges at assembly last Friday. We would like to thank our Pod Squad team for being such great helpers at the end of each lunchtime as they assist all the students to pack up the pod scrap.

As you can see from the photos below they had a terrific time with Rob from Reverse Garbage Truck several weeks ago unloading a truckload of new scrap for the pod. And our Preps had a ball making all sorts of creative constructions - from rocket ships and boats to obstacle courses. You might like to read the following article about the benefits of creative play for the healthy development our young people.

Janet Gill – Assistant Principal



BENEFITS OF PLAY

Play allows children to use their creativity while developing their imagination, dexterity, and physical, cognitive, and emotional strength. Play is important to healthy brain development. It is through play that children at a very early age engage and interact in the world around them. Play allows children to create and explore a world they can master, conquering their fears while practising adult roles, sometimes in conjunction with other children or adult caregivers. As they master their world, play helps children develop new competencies that lead to enhanced confidence and the resiliency they will need to face future challenges. Undirected play allows children to learn how to work in groups, to share, to negotiate, to resolve conflicts, and to learn self-advocacy skills. When play is allowed to be child driven, children practise decision-making skills, move at their own pace, discover their own areas of interest, and ultimately engage fully in the passions they wish to pursue. Ideally, much of play involves adults, but when play is controlled by adults, children acquiesce to adult rules and concerns and lose some of the benefits play offers them, particularly in developing creativity, leadership, and group skills. In contrast to passive entertainment, play builds active, healthy bodies. In fact, it has been suggested that encouraging unstructured play may be an exceptional way to increase physical activity levels in children, which is one important strategy in the resolution of the obesity epidemic. Perhaps above all, play is a simple joy that is a cherished part of childhood.

Children's developmental trajectory is critically mediated by appropriate, affective relationships with loving and consistent caregivers as they relate to children through play. When parents observe their children in play or join with them in child-driven play, they are given a unique opportunity to see the world from their child's vantage point as the child navigates a world perfectly created just to fit his or her needs. (The word "parent" is used in this report to represent the wide range of adult caregivers who raise children.) The interactions that occur through play tell children that parents are fully paying attention to them and help to build enduring relationships. Parents who have the opportunity to glimpse into their children's world learn to communicate more effectively with their children and are given another setting to offer gentle, nurturing guidance. Less verbal children may be able to express their views, experiences, and even frustrations through play, allowing their parents an opportunity to gain a fuller understanding of their perspective. Quite simply, play offers parents a wonderful opportunity to engage fully with their children.

Play is integral to the academic environment. It ensures that the school setting attends to the social and emotional development of children as well as their cognitive development. It has been shown to help children adjust to the school setting and even to enhance children's learning readiness, learning behaviours, and problem-solving skills. Social-emotional learning is best integrated with academic learning; it is concerning if some of the forces that enhance children's ability to learn are elevated at the expense of others. Play and unscheduled time that allow for peer interactions are important components of social-emotional learning.



Extract taken from: The Importance of Play in Promoting Healthy Child Development and Maintaining Strong Parent-Child
<https://pediatrics.aappublications.org>



Icy Pole Friday is happening at lunchtime next Friday 26 March. We have had 3 so far with great feedback on how amazing the NLPS Leaders have been in assisting Kate and her fabulous group of volunteers. For all students wanting to purchase a fruit based icy pole please ensure they bring 50 cents on each Friday that icy pole day is on! Icy Pole Friday also occurs in Term 4. Please reach out to Kate Gilbert or nlpsparentsclub@gmail.com now if you can assist.

Virtual Pre Loved Uniform Sale



We ran 2 highly successful Virtual Pre Loved Uniform Sales in 2021 already with the next sale being IRL (in real life) early in Term 2. Please pop any donations into the Office prior to 23rd April. Over \$400 was raised.

2021 Annual General Meeting – TONIGHT - Thursday 18 March, 7.30pm in the MPR

All welcome! At the AGM we will review the few activities in 2020 and start planning for 2021. Come along and have your say or nominate to be part of the Executive Team. The roles of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary are open for nomination. For more info on the exec roles, contact nlpsparentsclub@gmail.com

Friendship lists – have you heard from your Class Rep?

Thanks to all of those parents and families who signed up to the Class Friendship Lists. All Class Reps have now received their Class list of names and contact details. The List will be shared by the Class Representative within the class only (not the entire year level). If you have not yet heard from your Class Rep please note they have only been allocated as of this week and will be in touch as soon as they can.





Are you interested in playing
Basketball?



Join to have fun!
All ages welcome
7 – 21

Winter season starts in
April 2021

For more information, please visit
williamstownmagic.com
or contact

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boysregistrar@williamstownmagic.asn.au

Girls Registrar – Jo
girlsregistrar@williamstownmagic.asn.au



2021-ALL AGE
GIRLS PRE-SEASON
TRAINING TIMES



UNDER 10-16 GIRLS
DAY:

FRIDAYS 6.30-7.30PM

VENUE:

BRYAN MARTYN
OVAL NEWPORT

For more info contact:
NPJFC Girl's Coordinator:
Billy Wickham:
0402 786 021
OR email:
info@npjfc.com.au
OR: go to news at:
www.npjfc.com.au

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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Open Day

Thursday 18th of March 2021

Tours at

9.30am | 11.30am | 2.00pm | 5.30pm

Principal's address and transition
information presentation at 6.00pm

Please call to book a tour

Williamstown Campus Yr 7 - Yr 9

Kororoit Creek Rd, (03) 9393 5800

Altona North Campus P - Yr 9

Millers Road, (03) 9392 8600

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The Circle
of Security®
Parenting™
Group

At times all parents feel lost or without a clue about what our child might need from us. Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what your child was really asking from you. The Circle of Security® Parenting™ (COS-P) group is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened.

Using the COS-P model developed by the Circle of Security originators, our trained Facilitators work with parents and care-givers to help them to:

- Understand their child's (0-8 years) emotional world by learning to read emotional needs
- Support their child's ability to successfully manage emotions
- Enhance the development of their child's self esteem
- Honour the innate wisdom and desire for their child to be secure

When: 21 April 2021– 9 June 2021
1:30-3:00pm

Where: Wyndham Park Primary School
77 Kookaburra Avenue, Werribee

Cost: FREE!!

Numbers are limited, please register by contacting Sharon or Kate on 9680 8444.

Contact information

Find out more information by contacting the Integrated Family Services team:

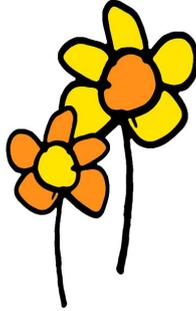
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MacKillop Family Services acknowledges the Traditional Custodians and their Elders in each of the Communities where we work.



 **Newport Lakes** Primary School

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