



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

- Heidi, Prep DS
- Jordan, Prep SS
- Sienna, Prep SS
- Oliver, 2TN
- Liam 3/4RW
- Luke, 3/4JM
- Zoe, 2HJ
- Dash 1LR
- Amy, 5/6AM
- Alicia, 1MW
- Xavier, 1MW
- William, 3/4CM
- Zoe, 2HJ
- Chloe, 3/4TH
- Eadie, 3/4TC
- Eimear, 3/4TC
- Aurora, 5/6MM
- Cruz, 5/6MM



### Important dates to put in the diary

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| Friday 14th May    | Walk to School Day                                  |
|                    | Yr. 5/6 Interschool Sport v St Mary (Home)          |
| Tuesday 18th May   | 2022 Prep Tour @ 10.00am                            |
| Wednesday 19th May | Yr. 5/6 Science Incursion                           |
| Thursday 20th May  | Yr. 5/6 Science Incursion                           |
|                    | 2022 Prep Tour @ 10.00am                            |
|                    | Parent Club Meeting—Hudson Rd Wine Bar @ 7.30pm     |
| Friday 21st May    | Yr. 5/6 Interschool Sport v W'town Nth Green (Home) |
| Tuesday 25th May   | 2022 Prep Tour @ 10.00am                            |
| Friday 28th May    | Yr. 5/6 Interschool Sport v W'town Gold (Away)      |
|                    | Secondhand Uniform & Bake Sale—3.30pm               |

### Student Awards

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|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Harper, 1AO    | Olivia, 1EW   | Amelie, 1LR   |
| Charlotte, 1MW | Lola, 2HJ     | Daniela, 2AS  |
| Khushi, 3/4JM  | Samuel, 3/4AD | Haiyan, 3/4TH |
| Mariam, 3/4RW  | Eadie, 3/4TC  | Tom, 3/4CM    |
| Nic, 5/6MW     | Silas, 5/6MM  | Jordan, 5/6EM |
| Hudson, 5/6AM  | Macy, /6WH    |               |

### School Terms 2021

- 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—Friday 30th April
- Term 3—Wednesday 1st Sept
- Term 4—1st November

### Public Holidays 2021

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

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## Principal's Report



Dear Parents,

**Mothers 'Day Breakfast** What a delightful and amazing event our Mothers' Day Breakfast was last Friday morning. It was wonderful to see so many of our Mums enjoy this special morning with their families. The sun was shining, the entertainment was plentiful and the food was excellent.

A big thank you to our Parents Club for another wonderful community event and a huge shout out to Andrew Cronin for organising all the catering and co-ordinating his merry band of 'Helper Dads' in cooking up a feast for over 500 hungry people. Delightful musical entertainment was provided by the school choir and the ukulele players and a big thanks to Grant Siedle for his ongoing MC announcements keeping us all informed.

And last but not least, thank you to all the mums and families that were able to come along to school on this morning and join in on this special event on the school calendar. It was just so nice to have you all at school and begin our return to our regular Newport Lakes community.

**Peace Pole** Earlier this week I had the pleasure of participating in the opening or 'unveiling' ceremony of the school's new 'Peace Pole'. The student 'Early Act Club', with support from the local Rotary Club, presented the school with a playground 'Peace Pole' with the message 'May Peace Prevail On Earth' in four significant languages for our school (English, Indigenous-Boonwurrung, Indonesian and Arabic). Located near the Ross St. fence line of the school's new Sensory Garden the pole is a symbolic place where our students and community can contemplate on living in a world of peace.



### What's happening at Newport Lakes?

Every single day there are many different programs and activities being conducted throughout the school to make our children our safer, further their education and challenge their learning. Below are a few of the reports and updates recently presented to school council by staff members on the progress of some of these areas.

#### Student Excellence Program

The Student Excellence Program was set up to deliver a range of initiatives to support government schools to provide a great learning environment and build teacher capability to support and extend their high-ability students. For Newport Lakes, the Student Excellence Program comprises three main actions;

- The appointment of a High Ability Practice Leader who acts as a point of advice for teacher colleagues in relation to high ability students, co-ordinates the Victorian High Ability Program and the Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series, (T. Nicholson)
- Participation in the Victorian High Ability Program (VHAP)
- Participation in the Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series (VCES)



## Principal's Report (continued)

### Victorian High Achievers program (VHAP)

What is VHAP?

The VHAP is a series of 10 X 50 minute online lessons focussing on extending students in either English or Mathematics. Students are allocated to a class group of up to 25 other students from around Victoria. They meet weekly with their 'online' teacher to take part in their lessons.

Students for the VHAP are centrally selected by the department, based on an algorithm that includes students NAPLAN results as well as Compass report data (I have not been informed about how the algorithm might be modified to take into account our year without NAPLAN last year).

Newport Lakes had 7 students participate in the first round of the VHAP in Term 4 last year – 3 in English and 4 in Mathematics. Whilst there were some teething problems, most students reported that they benefitted from the program and, with the benefit of hindsight, would repeat their choice to participate.

In Term 1, just one student was selected to participate in the Maths program. The same student was very excited to be invited to participate in the English program this term – a testament to his enjoyment of the first.

This term we have 20 students participating in English and 1 student in Mathematics (with 3 other students who declined their offers.) The students seem to be enjoying their courses; I intend to collect more formal feedback data later in the term.

### Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series (VCES)

What is the VCES?

The Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series is a new series of high-quality, funded extension activities across all areas of the curriculum. Schools can nominate students to participate in activities within the series according to their abilities and interests.

The Department is partnering with more than 20 expert education and not-for-profit organisations, universities, Tech Schools, teacher associations, and science and mathematics specialist centres to deliver activities within the series. Classroom teachers from Newport Lakes have nominated students to participate in classes ranging from 'Think like a computer' to 'Write for the screen' and 'Biomimicry'. Students have been engaged and excited and spoken of these courses enthusiastically at their conclusion (see below).

Direct quotes from students following a writing workshop:

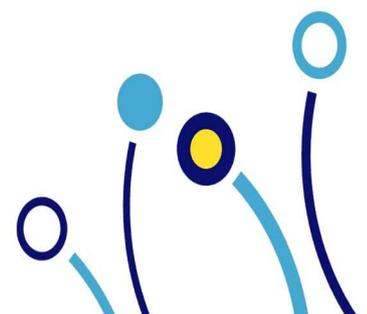
*"In the work shop I learnt that anything can be inspiration for writing  
Here is my intro for a story:*

*A lone 737 stealth signature soared through the cloudless sky surrounding the Australian desert. It touched down to the tarmac with the precision of a surgeon, then rolling to a stop at the Joint defence facility in Pine Gap 18 miles from the desert town of Alice Springs. Out of it is what comes next..."*

*"It was great! The author gave us a really good way of coming up with ideas and answering 20 questions so we understood everything about our character that we can go into detail about. She also told us a good way to start our story and we all put in the chat what we thought and our character answers, it was fun!"*

*"It was awesome! We were given some photos to be inspired by, then we had to answer 20 questions to help build our story. Yes I learnt how to know my character, how to end my story, and how to extract ideas from pictures. I also met author Lili Wilkinson, the daughter of Carole Wilkinson! The author of Dragon Keeper."*

Tarsh Nicholson, NLPS High Ability Practice Leader



## Principal's Report (continued)

### First Aid report

Below is a short summary of the actions from the First Aid Centre so far during 2021.

At Newport Lakes Primary School we currently have:

19 Students who are at risk of an anaphylactic reaction.

18 with allergies.

48 students who have asthma reliever medication.

2 students who live with chronic medical conditions.

Currently 2 students are requiring administration of regular daily medication.

Up until the end of April 2021 there were 749 presentations to sick bay. (ave 13.5 per day)

There has been 1 anaphylactic reaction requiring administration of an Epi Pen and ambulance to be called to school.

#### *Staff Training*

Staff were briefed at the start of the year on who our medically at risk students are, instructed on the policy and procedures to respond to a medical event. All staff were also given a training session on Anaphylaxis

#### *Student Sessions*

Sessions on how to support fellow classmates with medical conditions have also been conducted to specific classes.

Together with the 5/6 teachers, students had a session on menstruation, including who and where to find support.

New first aid kits bags have been purchased, clearly labels and with the school logo.

All medication kept onsite is checked monthly to ensure it is in date and parents are contacted to replace expiring medication.

Parents are informed via Compass and when necessary a phone call, of student's attendance to sickbay.

*Carolyn Brien First Aid Coordinator*

### Tutoring program

*Tutoring Learning Initiative – Newport Lakes Primary School*

NLPS is committed to tailoring the curriculum to our students' needs and meeting its requirements to implement the Victorian Government funded 'Tutor Learning Initiative' (TLI) program which supports schools to address disruptions to students' learning as a result of COVID-19.

#### LITERACY SUPPORT GROUPS

- Run in a similar way to the previous Literacy Support program, but without any one on one sessions.
- Approximately 75 students met the criteria we set for this extra support in 2021 in Literacy (being below benchmark in both Reading and Writing)
- Sharon is running 11 groups (43 students) that have been seen in Term 1 and now into Term 2
- These 43 students are from Years 1, 2 and 5/6.
- Sessions take place 2-3 times a week (totalling 1.5-2hrs) and are undertaken in small groups of 3-5 students of like needs. In Term 2, we were able to give more time to most students, allowing for more 1hr long sessions, instead of a very quick 30 minutes!
- 15 Year 3/4 students below benchmark in literacy, but not numeracy, are getting two intense phonics/writing basics (grammar/punctuation/text structure) based sessions with ES staff (1hour total).

#### NUMERACY SUPPORT GROUPS

- Narelle is currently working with Year 3/4 students below standard in the Number and Algebra strand.
- This term we have 32 Year 3/4 students participating in the program – 8 groups.
- Sessions take place 2-3 times a week (totalling 1.5hrs) and are undertaken in small groups of 3-6 students of like needs.
- The former Year 3/4 G.R.I.N. (Getting Ready in Numeracy) program has now been offered to Year 2 students (3 students in each of the four grades, 3 sessions a week).



## Principal's Report (continued)

### CURRENT SITUATION AND BEYOND

- LITERACY
  - ◇ All students have shown improvements in automatic recall of graphemes (letter/s), corresponding with the correct phoneme (sound)
  - ◇ 3 of the 5 Yr. 1 groups have moved on from single sounds and can write simple CVC / CCVC sentences
  - ◇ Year 2 students have improved their ability to read and spell with common consonant digraphs (e.g. ng/ch/sh/th) are moving onto vowel digraphs
  - ◇ Year 5/6 students have built on their work with the 6 spelling strategies in the classroom and have worked intensely on the phonology, morphology and orthography strategies in their support groups
  - ◇ Year 5/6 students improved their understanding of the structure of narrative and persuasive texts, and their ability to self-correct their writing
  - ◇ Formal individual/post assessment for current Literacy Support Group students will take place in Week 5 & 6
- NUMERACY
  - ◇ Numeracy post testing occurred last week of Term 1
  - ◇ All students' demonstrated improved confidence and ability to take risks with their maths learning
  - ◇ Students showed growth in the topic areas of place value, addition, subtraction, length, 3D solids (time is still an issue for many and the only reason they have stayed on the program)
  - ◇ 5 students graduated out of the program
  - ◇ 5 new students have started this term
- On-going formative assessment, and more formal pre and post testing measures, and regular discussions with tutors and classroom teachers means that every 10-15 weeks, student participation will be reviewed.
- Note that NLPS does not offer out of class support in Literacy AND Numeracy at the same time as we feel the disruption to the students' school routine would be too much – plus puts pressure on families for two lots of follow up practise at home.
- Year levels being seen will be reviewed/swapped between the two support types.
- Potentially, students below in one area of literacy (just reading or writing) will also be able to be seen later in the year – but this depends on current student progress/achievement and cannot be guaranteed.

Carly Bannon, *TLI Co-ordinator*

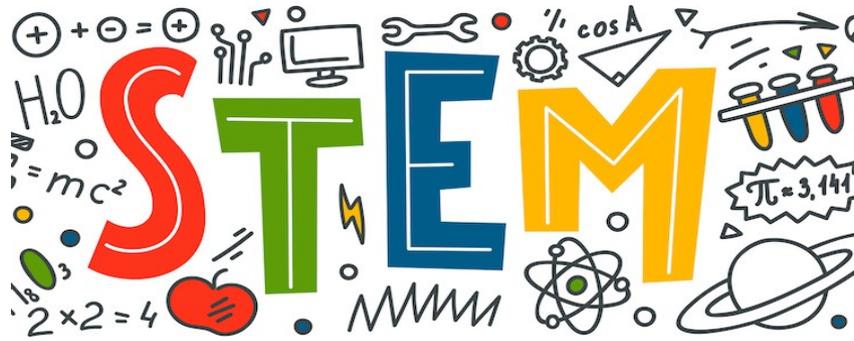
**Covid Safe** We are all enjoying returning to a 'normal' way of life but it is very important that we are not complacent in being Covid safe. Children that are not feeling well, showing any symptoms including a runny nose, sore throat, fever, a cough or high temperature should **not** be at school.

All visitors to our school grounds MUST register with the QR code located at the school gate if they are at the school for any longer than 15 minutes. It is very important that we all work together to keep our school and community safe.

I hope you all have a good week.

David Moss  
Principal





# STEM CLUB NEWS

## STEM (SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING MATHS)

We recently had our first STEM Club for the term last week and was blown away by the turn out!

Thank you to everyone who attended the club and a special thanks to all the 3/4s who helped to prepare and set up.

So, if you are someone who is curious about the world and love finding out how things work, why not join Trami and Ann-Maree for STEM Club every Wednesday at lunch time.

Some of the areas that we will be exploring are:

Coding

Forensic Science

Engineering & Construction

Chemical Science

And lots more!



What do engineers need to consider before building?

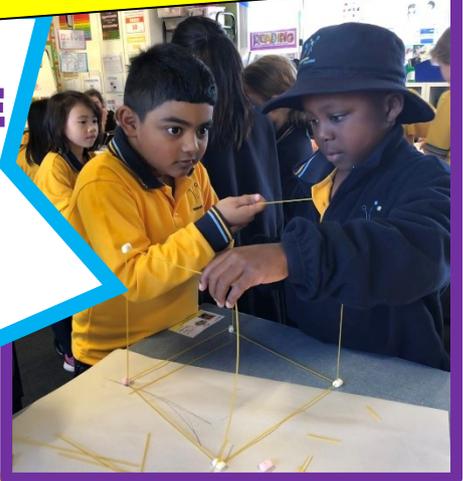


What shapes are the best for supporting weight?



## STEM CHALLENGE

Build the tallest tower using only spaghetti and



How much weight can a



How can you make spaghetti sticks stronger?

## SPORTS NEWS

### State Swimming Finals

On Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> May, four of our students went to the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre to swim in the Victorian Swimming Finals in the 9/10 Girls 4x50m Freestyle relay.

Chloe Z, Emily Z, Lara F and Jasmyn N finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place in the state which is a wonderful effort.

It has been over ten years since our school had any representation at this level in swimming.

We are so proud of the girls and their efforts throughout the swimming program in 2021 and we wish them well in their future endeavours and hope they continue to enjoy and excel in swimming.

### District Cross-Country

On Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> April, twenty-two students from Grades 3-6 went to Mclvor Reserve in Yarraville to compete in the District Cross Country.

Overall, our school finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place and we managed to get nine students qualify for the Division Cross Country which is due to take place in Werribee on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Well done to all the students who had a go at the trials in week one of this term and to the students who made the team.

Results of our top ten place getters are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age/Competition</u>	<u>Place</u>
Luca Z	9/10 Boys – 2km	9th
Lena D	9/10 Girls – 2km	6th
Jasmyn N	9/10 Girls – 2km	10th
Maalek B	11 Boys – 3km	6th
Leo B	11 Boys – 3km	8th
Lucas N	12 Boys – 3km	1st
Cruz M	12 Boys – 3km	5th
Annie S	12 Girls – 3km	7th
Chloe S	12 Girls – 3km	8th

### School Athletics Carnival

On Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, all the students in Grades 3-6 went to the Newport Athletics Track to participate in the school's athletics day.

It was a pleasure to see all the students dressed in their house team colours and competing in the different track and field events on a sunny day, particularly after the event was cancelled in 2020.

The high jump and 100m events were held during the week 3 PE lessons back at school.

Students who performed well in particular events by finishing in the top two places will qualify for the District Athletics Carnival due to take place in August.



# ACTIVE KIDS ARE SMARTER KIDS



**FRIDAY 14 MAY 2021**

**Until they're ten, children must always hold  
an adult's hand when crossing the road**

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@nationalwalksafelytoschoolday



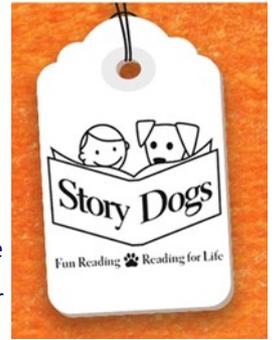
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#WSTSD

### Meet Miso, our Story Dog!



We are so excited to announce that we have a new student here at Newport Lakes, albeit furry! Miso is a trained Labrador Retriever and will be working with students at NLPS to assist with reading, through the Story Dogs organisation.

Story Dogs' mission is to make reading fun for children, so that they can hopefully become confident, lifelong readers. No child should be left behind in literacy, and we believe that Miso is the perfect, furry friend to lend a helping paw!

So far this term, Miso, alongside his handler, Rebecca, has been visiting Prep R and 3/4TC to work alongside the children to develop their reading and comprehension skills.

We can already see the joy that Miso brings to all staff and students at NLPS when he visits, and we look forward to Miso becoming a household name here.

Obviously, it will take a little bit of time for Miso to visit all of the classrooms at our school. We know that our students will be patiently waiting for his arrival in their learning community, but until then, we encourage all students to read to a dog/cat/fish/ teddy bear, etc. at home!

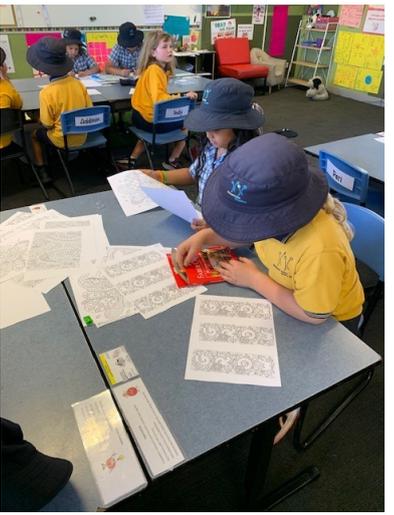
We sincerely thank Rebecca and Miso for volunteering their time to work with our students... how lucky are we?!



# ~ Calming Club ~

Hi NLPS families

We are Lola and Amelie from Grade 4. We run the calming club. The calming club is for people who get stressed or people who don't enjoy the loud crazy lunchtime. We have different activities such as rocket writing, mindful colouring, calming games and a lot more! It's on every second Tuesday at the second half of lunch. Calming club is always open for prep to 6 as we feel everyone should have a choice whether they want to calm/relaxed or energetic. We love that people are enjoying it and we hope to keep it going!



### Mothers Day 2021

An amazing sunny morning, the NLPS choirs singing & delicious egg & bacon rolls...what more could you ask for at our annual Mothers Day brekky! It was wonderful to be back at school, enjoying time with the kids & all our families. We hope everyone had a great morning. We would like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE thank you to everyone that pitched in & helped to make the event a success....



**Parents Club** for getting the ball rolling.

**Andrew Cronin** for putting his hand up to be the event lead.

**All the volunteer Dads & NLPS teachers & staff** for helping to get things set up, food prepared, people fed & school cleaned up.

**Grant Siedle** for being our wonderful MC. **T**

**Tracey & the children of the senior & junior choirs & the ukulele group.**

**Tony Mead** for the chalk artwork.

**Sarah Pope** for delicious chutneys.

**Sam Pierce** for the posters/flyers.

**The Hickford Family** for the delicious bacon.

### Uniform & Bake Sale

Up next for Parents Club is our first uniform & bake sale, back at school. The sale will take place at 3:30pm on Friday May 28th (after assembly) If you have any clean, good quality uniforms for donation, please drop them at the office by May 24th at the very latest. Please keep an eye out for an email from your class rep about info on the bake sale, if you are able to help make some yummy treats.

For anyone that would like to get involved with Parents Club, our next monthly meeting is being held on **Thursday May 20th, 7:30pm at Hudsons Road Beer & Wine.**



### Fete 2022

Who can name the event in this photo?! That's right...good old fete day 2019! We have started pulling together an amazing team to work on our 2022 Fete (April 1st...here we come!) Jump onto the Facebook page for updates & see how you might be able to get involved.

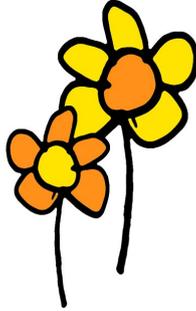
**Take Care  
Parents Club**





# MOTHERS DAY EGG & BACON BREKKY





 **Newport Lakes** Primary School

**SCHOOL TERMS 2021**

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