



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

Noah, 3/4TH

Caitlin, 5/6WH

Violet, 5/6

Jarvis, 1EW

Jack, 5/6WH

Monty, 2AS

Patrick, 5/6AM

Bivon, 1LR

Madeleine, 3/4TH

George, 3/4JM

Sid, 1LR

Olive, 3/4TC

Heba, 1EW

Henry, 5/6MW

Zahra, Prep SS

Angus, 3/4TC

Matilda, 2AS



OFFICE NEWS

Did you know that any contribution towards Newport Lakes Primary School **Building** or **Library Fund** are tax deductible?

If you would still like to make a contribution to either of these funds for the 2020 - 2021 tax year you still have the opportunity via Compass or in at the office or over the phone. Voluntary contributions to the **Building Fund** provide funds for additional building enhancements and voluntary contributions to the **Library Fund** provide funds for additional library resources.

Thank you to those families who have chosen to pay voluntary contributions to date. Receipts will be sent home via your children's school bags on the 21st June to support your tax deductible claim/s.

Please don't hesitate to contact us in the office if you have any questions.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Student Awards

Addison, Prep HW

Tom, 1AO

Max, 3/4AD

Vincent, 3/4CM

Chloe, 5/6WH

Max, Prep DS

Freya, Prep SS

Khadija, 5/6MM

Lennox, Prep RS

Ivy, 1LR

Addison, 1MW

Bonnie, 5/6EM

Phoebe, 2HJ

Ellie 2DO

Ahmad, 2AS

Lily, Prep DS

Ruby, 2AS

Lily, 2TN

Raff, 3/4JM

Owen, Prep HW

Chelsea, 3/4TH

Helena, 3/4RW

Mackenzie, 3/4TC

Levi, 1AO

Mihika, 1EW

Sid, 1LR

Sarah, 1MW

Hudson, 2HJ

Lara, 3/4JM

Emily, 3/4AD

Elodie, 3/4TH

Daniel, 3/4RW

Thomas, 3/4TC

Charlotte, 3/4CM

Julian, 5/6MM

Connor, 5/6EM

Eden, 5/6AM

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 3—Wednesday 1st Sept

Term 4—1st November

Public Holidays 2021

June 14—Queens Birthday

Nov 2nd—Melb Cup Day

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Dear Parents,

COVID update

It was announced by the Acting Premier today that as of midnight tonight, the state of Victoria will enter into a 7 day lockdown. The Acting Premier has advised that tomorrow Friday 28th May will be a pupil free day. Remote learning will commence on Monday 31st May and all students who can learn from home must learn at home.

- All students will be learning from home, except for students in the following categories:
Children of parents of essential workers who are unable to be supervised at home.
- Children that may be regarded as vulnerable if staying at home.

On-site provision

On-site provision will be available at all government schools, but only for vulnerable students or children of authorised workers, for the purpose of providing continuity of teaching, learning and support.

To assist with staffing and preparation, and if you fall into either of the two categories above, please inform the school by email if you believe you will require supervision for your child/en at school. Please include all days/dates of supervision required in this email if these details are known.

Learning Program—Remote Learning

Despite the very short notification of school closures, the teachers have been able to plan, develop, and deliver, a daily comprehensive online remote learning program for all classes to beginning from tomorrow morning. Teachers ensured children were able to take home from school with them today a workbook, pencil case/ writing materials and some reading material.

Further information on the remote learning program and the on-site supervision program was sent home earlier today via the Compass platform.

Every Day Counts

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind. School is better when your child is there.

Why it's important We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and will achieve academically lower than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

In Victoria school is compulsory for children and young people aged 6 -17 years

Student Absences The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and developing good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

Family holidays - It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term. If you are planning to go on holiday during term time, make sure that you talk to your child's school in advance, and work with them to develop an absence learning plan.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.



Principal's Report (continued)

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

School refusal - School refusing children will experience significant emotional distress not only when going to school but also at the thought of going to school; they may be absent from school for weeks or even months at a time. School refusal differs from truancy as children generally stay home with the knowledge of the parents and despite their best efforts to encourage their child to go to school.

Being away from school for one day a fortnight is equivalent of missing 1.5 years over 13 years of school.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Inform the school
- Speak with your child's classroom teacher and find out what work they need to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Training Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Chronic or ongoing attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice being issued to parent/s.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Top attendance tips for parents

- Schools want to work in partnership with parents – act early if you have any concerns by contacting your child's school and asking for advice and support
- Remember that every day counts
- There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes and their social connectedness
- Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day
- Open and prompt communication with your child's school about all absences is a good idea
- Avoid making routine medical and dental appointments during the school day or planning family holidays during the term
- Seek help from your school if you are concerned about your child's attendance and wellbeing. Schools want to work in partnership with parents to support student attendance and wellbeing.

Audits are currently being undertaken on student attendance of all Western Melbourne schools. Notification was given that 25 students from Newport Lakes PS have had 10 or more days absent from school in the first 60 days of the 2021 school year. For many of these students, this equates to missing 1 day of school every week which places them in the category of 'chronic absenteeism' and they are at a high risk of their education being severely impacted unless their attendance improves and a decrease in the number of days in their daily attendance is recorded.

The school and your child's teacher are here to assist in ensuring your child attends school regularly. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can assist.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews will be conducted for all grade levels on Wednesday 23rd June from 2pm- 7.00pm.

The interviews will be conducted as face-to-face interviews with parents being requested to QR code upon entry into the school. QR codes will be available at the school gate and at the doorway of all classrooms.

To further the school's work on student agency, the Yr 3/ 4 & Yr 5/ 6 classes will be conducting parent-teacher-student conferences where the student will lead the session.

Further notification of the details on how to book an interview time for your child/ren will be posted to all parents via Compass in the near future.



Principal's Report (continued)

Prep Enrolments 2022

We are currently taking enrolments for 2022 Preps. If you have a child that turns 5 before 30th April 2022, and would like to enrol them at Newport Lakes Primary School please contact the office to collect an enrolment form, alternatively, enrolment details and forms are available on the school website.

Enrolments for 2022 students should be lodged at the school office before the end of Term 2, 25th June. There has been very strong interest in the school and a significant increase in the number of parents attending the school tours and information session than in previous years. Families that are within our 'school zone' or have siblings already enrolled, are eligible for enrolment at NLPS in 2022.

It is very important for our school planning purposes that we are aware of any siblings that may be enrolling in Preps next year.

Also, if you believe your child may be transferring or re-locating to another school, the earlier you can notify the school the greater you can assist the school in its forward planning and preparation.

Lost Property

If your child seems to be missing an article of their school uniform, then it is a good chance that it has found its way into the school's 'Lost Property Department' ie. lost property box.



If parents are up at school after the lockdown period, please feel free to call in anytime between 8.45am and 4.00pm to see if any of the clothing, lunch boxes, drink bottles etc belongs to your child. There is quite a bit there so allow yourself a good 5-10 minutes to rummage through all the uniforms.

If you are on the school grounds for longer than 15mins you must QR code your details upon entry.

Personal Accident Insurance and Ambulance Cover

A friendly reminder 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 and guardians for individual children.

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

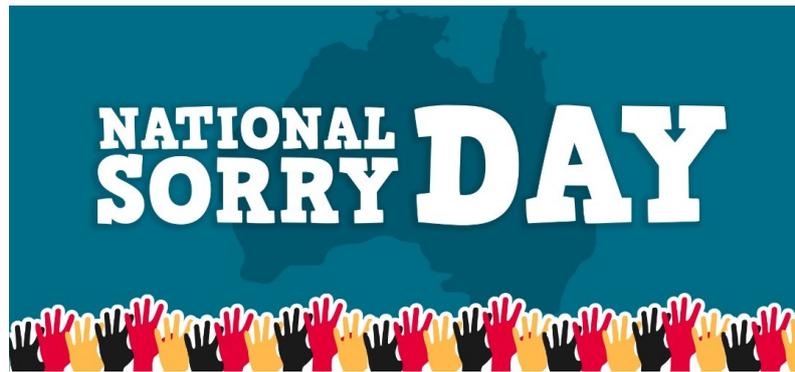


Wishing you all a great week.

David Moss
Principal

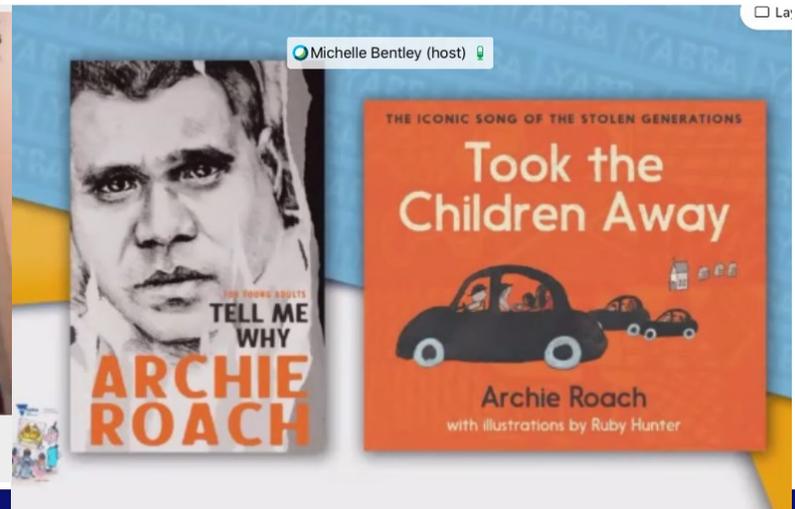


National Sorry Day



National Sorry Day is a special day that occurs in Australia on 26th May every year. It is a day of remembrance and commemoration held to highlight the impact of past policies of forcible removal on the Stolen Generations, their families, and their communities.

This year, the 3/4s were fortunate enough to attend a virtual visit with songwriter and author, Archie Roach, who wrote about his experience in *'Took the Children Away'*, which was originally a song. The event was attended by approximately 170 schools and 9000 students across Australia. Newport Lakes students were lucky enough to have some of their questions answered by Archie, such as 'Is Archie Roach your Aboriginal name?' and 'How long have you been writing?' It was a privilege meeting Archie and students appreciated listening to him share his story with them.



School Council Update

Key updates from the school council meeting held 10th May:

- The 2020 Annual Report was presented and ratified by School Council. This was also an open opportunity for parents and members of the community to attend the meeting for this presentation. The Annual Report will shortly be made available on the school's website.
- Student Excellence Program – Congratulations to Tarsh Nicholson who has been appointed as the High Ability Practice Leader to act as a point of advice for teacher colleagues in relation to high ability students. As noted in the last newsletter, 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. Newport Lakes PS students in this program will have the opportunity to participate in the Victorian High Ability Program (VHAP) or the Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series (VHAP).
- Story Dog – Newport Lakes students are responding well to Miso, the trained Labrador Retriever who has been working with students at NLPS to assist with reading and comprehension. This wonderful opportunity has been made possible by the Story Dogs organisation.
- NLPS Birthday – Did you know our school turns 165 this year!! School Council are discussing opportunities to commemorate this fantastic milestone. More to come on this.
- Art Show – Dates for the 2021 NPLPS Art Show will be 9-12th August with the theme 'Alice in Wonderland'. This is a great opportunity to highlight the wonderful work our Art specialist Laura does with all our students. Stay tuned for further updates in early Term 3.
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Next School Council Meeting – Monday 7th June, 2021.

As always, please feel welcome to contact any of our school council members with suggestions or ways you would like to assist in making our school a better place. Alternatively leave your details and area of interest at the school office and a member of the school council will be in contact.

Meredith Kelly
President



Yr 2 Excursions—ARTVO

The pictures at ARTVO create a virtual reality picture.



At ARTVO they don't hang pictures on the wall instead they paint the walls, and even the floor. There are many pictures at ARTVO. It took 14 artists, 4 months, to paint everything.

It took 2 buses to get all the grade 2's to ARTVO.

This was my favourite photo, where I am falling off the speeding jet ski! It looks so real.

We were chasing the girls who were surfing on a dolphin.

To make it look real we had to act like we were on a moving ski and look scared.

By Bernard

27.4.2021



Our ARTVO EXCURSION

Would you like to look like you are in a painting? Well, if you do you have a lucky chance. You can go to ARTVO and pose in paintings. But make sure you don't pose incorrectly! Like, if there is a shark eating you, you need to look scared, not happy. Or if there's a steel hammer wedged in volcanic rock, you have to look like you are using all your strength to pull it up.

Fourteen different artists created this wonderland.

My favourite painting was...I don't know?! Okay, I'll start with the polar bears because it was like they were floating in the freezing seas of Antarctica. Then there was the angry bulldog that we had to escape from by climbing up an electric pole. What about an optical illusion? There was one where if you moved your head it looked like the houses were moving.

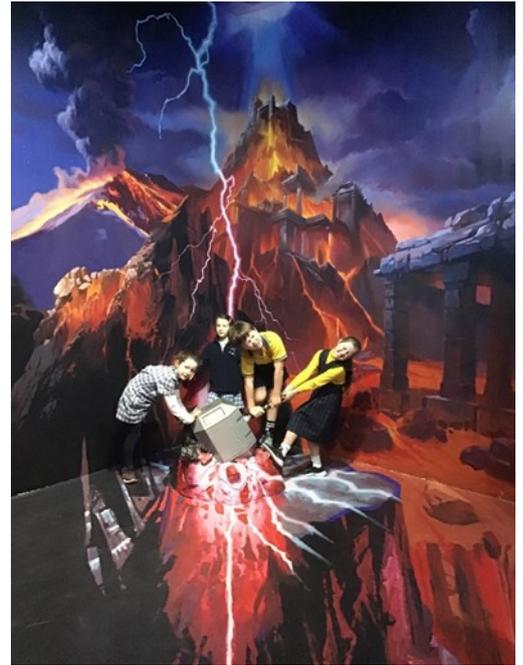
ARTVO is an amazing place to enjoy a day of art.

This photo is of the scene of the angry bulldog guarding an open castle door. The dog stands in the stone archway and there is paint peeling off the walls. The only escape from the dog is to climb up the pole.

To make this painting look real we had to look scared and cling tight to the pole. But it looks like one of us is going to be torn and chewed up!

By Zoe F.

27.4.2021



OUR ARTVO EXCURSION

ARTVO is an art gallery that lets people go into the paintings and parents(or teachers) take photos of their kids. Visitors have a great time showing their emotions in the paintings.



There were many parts of ARTVO, that surprised me, but the one I loved the best, was the painting of us surfing on a sea eagle wave. The final photo looked so real and the painting was realistic too.

The hover board in Space was also really cool, it looked like we were really surfing really fast through Space.



This photo is of me surfing my dolphin Splash with Harley hanging off her flipper. Behind us we have Oscar trying to turn the jet ski and Zoe is just enjoying the ride. In the background there are Splash's friends jumping around. To make this sea adventure look real we had to think about our facial expressions, and how to position our bodies.

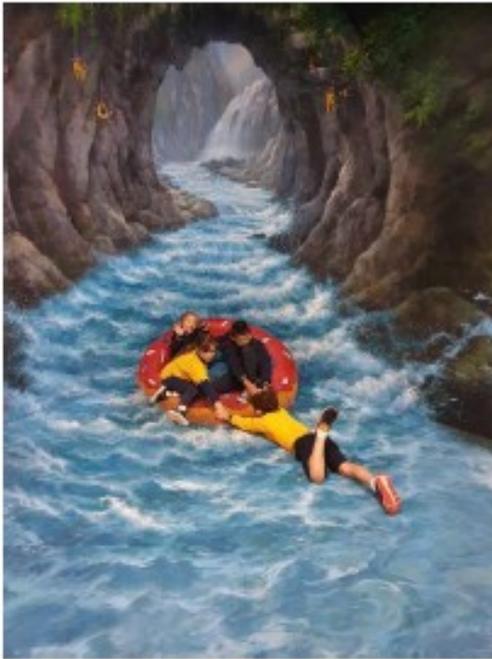
By Nina (27.4.2021)



Yr 2 Excursion—ARTVO (Continued)



Yr 2 Excursion—ARTVO (Continued)



JSC Suggestion Box Poster COMPETITION

This year we have decided that instead of having a JSC book, we are introducing the Student Suggestion Box!



But why should JSC have all the fun! We are inviting YOU to create a poster to advertise this wonderful new initiative started by our JSC members. If your poster gets selected, it will not only be displayed around the school, but you will be interviewed for Newport Lakes TV and your poster will be placed in our newsletter. How great is that!

To enter our competition your poster must include:

1. Details about what the box is for – suggestions to improve the school/problems that need to be solved
2. Details about where it is kept:
 - 5/6 – outside music room
 - 3/4 downstairs portable near printer
 - Grade 2 – grade 2 corridor
 - Grade 1 – in one of the breakout rooms between the grade 1 classrooms
 - Prep – in Prep corridor near library
3. Some visuals of some sort to make it eye catching
4. On A3 paper

The JSC members will be collecting these posters any time before the 2nd of June. That gives you 2 weeks to start design your poster!

We cannot wait to see what you create.

From Newport Lakes JSC





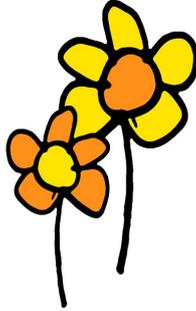
Lunchtime Activities

Term 2



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Library Gr. P-6 <i>Library 2.00- 2.30</i>	Library Gr. P-6 <i>Library 2.00- 2.30</i>	Library Gr. P-6 <i>Library 2.00- 2.30</i>	Library Gr. P-6 <i>Library 2.00- 2.30</i>	Library Gr. P-6 <i>Library 2.00- 2.30</i>
Junior Choir Gr. P-2 <i>Music room</i>	Art Gr. P-6 <i>Art Room</i>	Ukulele Gr. 3-6 <i>Music room</i>	Senior Choir Gr. 3-6 <i>Music room</i>	Art Gr. P-6 <i>Art Room</i>
Indoor Sport Gr. 3-4 <i>Gym</i>		Indoor Sport Gr. 3-4 <i>Gym</i>	Indoor Sport Gr. 5-6 <i>Gym</i>	Indoor Sport Gr. 5-6 <i>Gym</i>
	Drama club Gr. P-6 <i>MPR</i>	Willi High Games Gr. 1 <i>Front yard</i>		Wool club Gr. P-6 <i>Heidi's Room</i>
	Calming Club Gr. P-6 <i>Carol's room (fortnightly)</i>	STEAM Gr. 3-6 <i>Trami's room</i>	Gardening Gr. P-6 <i>Vegie Boxes</i>	Board Games Gr. P-6 <i>Ann-Maree's room</i>
	Early Act Gr. 5-6 <i>Mike's room (fortnightly)</i>	JSC Gr. 1-6 <i>Ashlee's room (fortnightly)</i>		





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PUPIL FREE DAYS 2021

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PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2021

Public Holidays 2021

June 14 Queens Birthday

Nov 2nd: Melb Cup Day