



Newport Lakes Primary School

Newsletter March 17th 2022

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

- Ava, Prep HW
- Amelia, 3TC
- Layla, 4AO
- Tom, 5/6A
- Alice, Prep MW
- Asher, 5/6A
- Marcus, 5/6T
- Jackson, 3RW
- Joana, 5/6A
- Emma, 1TN
- Fletcher, 5/6H
- Flynn, 3JM
- Tom, 5/6T
- James, 5/6A
- Madi, 5/6M
- Mika, Prep HW
- Nikolas, 4AD
- Zackary, 4EM
- Stephanie, 5/6M
- Lily, Prep DS
- Evie, 1EW
- Oscar, Prep MW



Important dates to put in the diary

- Thursday 17th March Parent Club Meeting 7.00pm in MPR –**TONIGHT**
- Friday 18th March Yr 5/6 Summer Sports Home game v Williamstown Nth Green
- Yr 4 Excursion to MCG
- Icy Pole Day
- Assembly outside @ 2.45pm
- Sunday 20th March Newport Fiddle & Folk Bush Dance —Band performing at 4.00pm
- Monday 21st March Harmony Day
- Thursday 24th March Yr 3 Excursion to MCG
- Final day to submit Book Club orders
- Friday 25th March Yr 5/6 Interschool Sport Away game v Williamstown Blue
- Ride to School Day

Student Awards

Ike, 1TN	Matilda, 1EW	Maisie, 1EW	Max, 1LR	Aleks, 2HJ
Giselle, 2HJ	Heba, 2DO	Xavier, 2AS	Amelie, 2MV	Evie, 3JM
Spencer, 3RW	Olly, 3TC	Kate, 4AD	Grace, 4EM	Zoe, 5/6M
Tom, 5/6T	Lee, 5/6A			

School Ground Supervision

There is a teacher on yard duty from 8.45am—9.00am every morning. Students should not be in the school yard before **8.45am**.

Before school care is available from 6.30am—8.45am. Bookings and further information can be made at admin@qbcc.org.au or phone 9742 5040.

School Terms 2022

Term 1

29th Jan—8th April

Term 2

26th April—24th June

Term 3

11th July—16th Sept

Term 4

3rd Oct—20th Dec

Pupil Free Days:

Friday 10th June

Monday 31st October

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Elizabeth Street

Newport 3015 Victoria

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Newport.lakes.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Principal's Report



Dear Parents,

It was enlightening to see so many of our new parents join in the school's Prep Picnic last Thursday evening. After 2 years of Covid disruptions and restrictions, it was delightful to have our families getting together, chatting amongst themselves, meeting the parents of their child's new class friends, visiting classrooms, and simply enjoying a safe and leisurely evening at their school. Hopefully this will be the first of many entertaining activities you will enjoy at Newport Lakes over the coming years whilst your child progresses through their primary school years.

Parents Club Meeting – Due to unforeseen circumstances, the parent club meeting planned for last Thursday was unable to proceed but will definitely be **held tonight in the Multi-Purpose Room commencing at 7.00pm.**

To re-ignite the community feel of our school we must continue to conduct family activities we can all participate in and enjoy. The Parents Club has a host of events lined up for the year (Mothers & Fathers Day Breakfasts, icy pole days, fundraising activities, parent information sessions, guest speakers and presenters, school fete etc) but we need parents to show their support and indicate how they can help.

For every parent, this assistance will differ. How much time you can spare, when you are available, and what you can do, will be different for each parent and this is fully understood and appreciated.

Coming along to the meeting doesn't mean that you will be 'roped' into an activity or event but will indicate that you are interested in assisting in making your school a better place for our children and families. What, when and how you can assist is up to each parent but being a member of the Parent Club enables you to have a voice and the school to have a vibrant group of parents with a similar goal.

School Review Last week, the school completed the first of three days of its School Review. The majority of the day was spent reviewing the school's performance over the last 3-4 years against the goals and targets set out in the present school strategic plan, and evaluating the current teacher practices within our school.

The Review Panel visited classrooms, observed lessons, conducted student focus groups and analysed school performance reports, parental feedback, annual surveys and school data. Recommendations from School Council and staff for the school's future goals in the new Strategic Plan to be framed around Numeracy (Academic) and Neuro-diversity (Student Welfare) will be further investigated and considered by the Panel in the upcoming days of the review.

The next stage of the review will be conducted later this term and will involve a deeper analysis of classroom practices and further input from parent, teacher and student focus groups. School Council will be presented with a report to share with the school community in term 2.

Morning Drop Off As from tomorrow morning, parents are welcome to bring their child/ren to their classroom line up area before school between 8.45-9.00am if they believe it will assist their child's start of day. Many parents have given feedback to the school on how the gate drop off has improved their child's resilience, self-management and independence but this may not be the case for all children.

If your child is not experiencing any difficulties in separation, we recommend that you continue your existing morning procedure but if you believe that accompanying your child to the class line-up will assist, then parents are most welcome to do so.

Please remember that **all visitors** onto the school grounds must be fully vaccinated and either wear a face mask or strictly adhere to the current social distance guidelines.

Our school is a daily workplace for over 40 staff every day and the threat of Covid exposure is still very high in schools, especially primary schools where vaccination rates are low and less than half the students wear masks.

The safety of our students and staff still remains the highest priority and it is very important that Covid safe practices continue to be maintained at NLPs. We are all very grateful to be back at school and no-one wishes to return to remote learning or have any of our children, or their teachers, absent or isolated from their school due to an unnecessary exposure to the Covid virus



Principal's Report (continued)

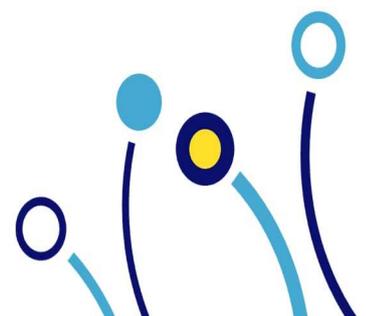
Newport Folk Festival Our school band will have its first public performance for the last 2 years when it appears on stage at the Newport Folk & Fiddle Bush Dance, to be conducted up at the Newport Lakes Reserve this Sunday afternoon at 4pm at the amphitheatre.

The weather forecast is looking very good for a pleasant Sunday afternoon so if you are looking for a wonderful family day come along to your local park and support your school band.

Harmony Day & Ride to School Day Next week we have 2 terrific days for our children to enjoy – *Harmony Day* on Monday 21st and *Ride2School Day* on Friday 25th March. Both days are an opportunity to make being back at school a little special and are always enjoyed by our children. Details of both events are included in this week's Newsletter, and we look forward to all our children participating in these activities.

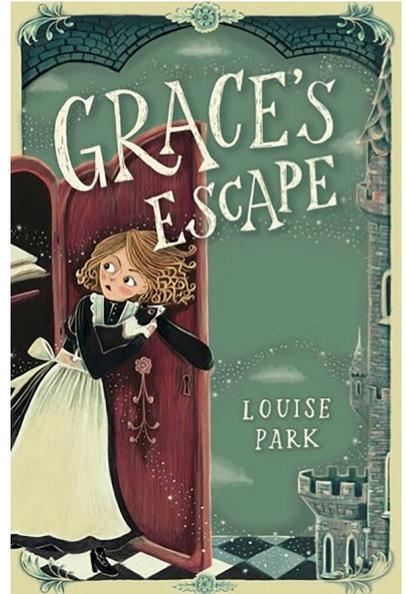
I hope you all have a good week.

David Moss
Principal





On Wednesday 23rd February, 10 Grade 4 students were selected to participate in the PETAA - Young Writer's Workshop hosted by the very famous author, Louise Park. Louise is well known for her novel, *Grace's Escape*, as well as many more! Louise spent the day sharing all of her tips and tricks on how to become an amazing writer.



Olive - 4EM

We had so much fun at the writing workshop. We got really helpful tips for writing narratives, for example, you should create a problem for your character and make it really hard for them to solve. We got to write our own stories and every tip from Louise made our stories better and better. All the participants from the other schools got to share their ideas and stories too! Everyone was so kind. At the end of the day, we got to publish our stories on the iPads. Here's some little bits to share...

Luca—4EM	Olive 4EM	Nina - 4EM
<p>Bam! I just closed the door before the grenade exploded. I was running like mad. Whatever that thing was, it must have got a gold medal in an Olympic sprint because he was speedy, alright! Bam! Another grenade blew. The room was in sight. I jumped over some broken wood, but he was right behind me now...</p>	<p>When I turned my head, I saw the most gorgeous, magic unicorn. It was white, with a sparkly, pink mane. It was an amazing sight, because she was standing under a rainbow. But, the most incredible thing was that she could talk! The unicorn let me stroke her fuzzy main, it was silky with no knots. She said her name was Indy.</p>	<p>I smelt a gust of dirty wind slap across my face. It smelt like burned rubber. Footsteps were printed in the snow leading to a little hut with smoke coming out of the chimney. I sneezed. Dust was coming into my nose and started my allergies. I started to move away from it and began to walk to the tunnel. But, it was gone...</p>

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

FRIDAY 25TH MARCH



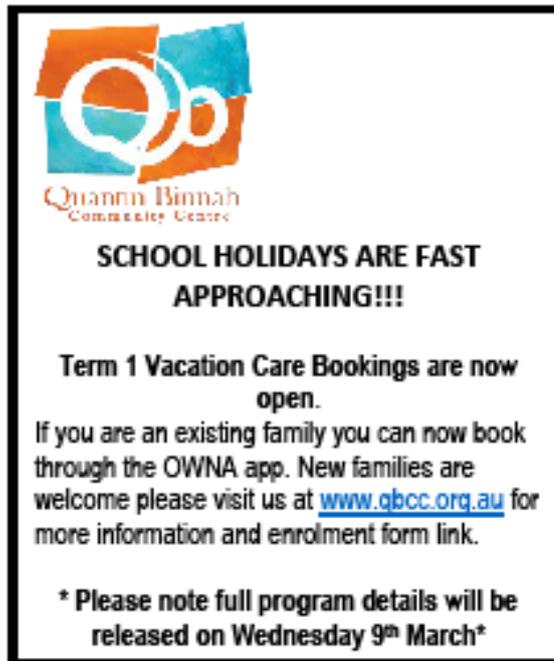
Join in the celebration and ride, walk, scoot or skate to school on National Ride2School Day.



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SCHOOL**

ride2school.com.au





Important Information in regards to Bookings from NLPS families for Vacation Care

We are writing to advise that Vacation Care bookings are now open for priority access for all Families enrolled at Newport Lakes Primary School. Please note, **After the 17th March, Vacation Care Bookings will be open to families in the area who require care and priority access for Newport Lakes Families will no longer apply.** We are opening our bookings early to ensure those who need care can book early – **please note our vacation care activities brochure will be available from the 9th March.**

Vacation Care Enrolment Process:

1. If you are currently enrolled for Before and After School Care – You will need to use the app to make your bookings for each of the dates you require by booking them as a casual day.
Please see instructions for booking a casual booking @ <https://www.qbcc.org.au/enrolments> - please click the heading Enrolment Key Information (OWNA) and follow instructions for how to make a casual booking via your app.
2. If you are not currently enrolled for Before and After School Care – please complete the enrolment form which can be found at <https://www.qbcc.org.au/enrolments> Click on School Age Care and then Newport Lakes to open the enrolment form. Please select Newport Lakes from the select a service - drop down box. Once you have completed the enrolment, including signing the Direct Debit Request and the CWA, you will be sent an invitation to download the OWNA parent app. Once you have downloaded the app please follow the instructions as above.
3. To ensure your enrolment is completed accurately, to give time for us to support you if required and to guarantee a place, please ensure you do not leave your enrolment to the last minute.

Payment:

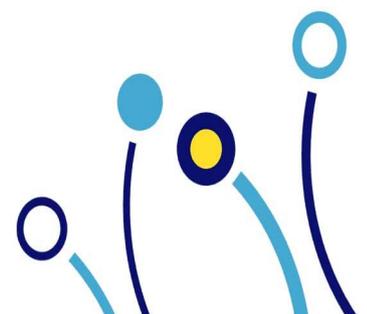
As per our enrolment agreement terms and conditions, payment is paid a week in advance of care by direct debit – so direct debit needs to be set up before your child's place in vacation care can be confirmed.
We hope your children have an enjoyable time with us.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

The Admin Team

Quantin Binnah Community Centre





Class Friendship Email List



Every year, NLPS Parent's Club organises a completely optional class friendship email lists for parents to join. This is one of our ways to get information to you like:

School Social activities
Upcoming school social events
Reminders of activities

You will receive the email list of all families in your class - which is very handy when your child meets new friends & you need to arrange a playdate!

Scan & add your email so you
DON'T MISS OUT
on important information



2 or more kids at NLPS? Then please fill this form for **each** class list
(eg: fill form in for grade 4AO, and fill in the form again for 5/6M)



Harmony Day/ OK2BEME Day at Newport Lakes Primary School 2022

We have decided this year to celebrate **OK@BEME** day on **Monday 21st of March** with Harmony day. We have decided to do this as Harmony day celebrates **'Every single person is different no matter how big or how small so let's celebrate our differences and learn from each other and stand tall'**.

Did you know?

- Nearly half (49 per cent) of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was.
- We identify with over 300 ancestries.
- Since 1945, more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia.
- 85 per cent of Australians agree multiculturalism has been good for Australia.
- Apart from English, the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Arabic, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Italian, Greek, Tagalog/Filipino, Hindi, Spanish and Punjabi.
- More than 70 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.

To celebrate this year we would encourage you to bring something that represents your family's traditions or cultures to eat for a snack.

Students can also choose to wear an outfit from their family tradition or choose to wear rainbow colours on this day.

We look forward to celebrating this day with you!

'The colour of our petals are influenced by what we absorb from our roots. So don't be afraid to proudly share your culture and unique attributes.

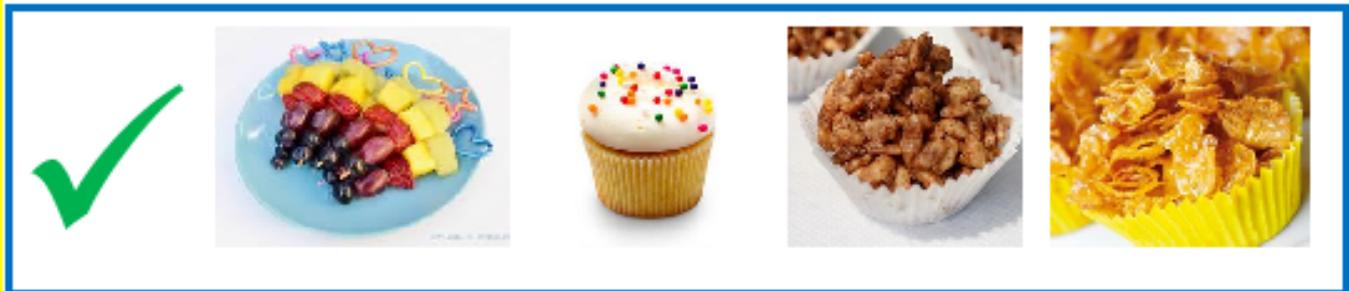
Grade 2 Mind and Body Incursion



Celebrating your child's birthday in the classroom

Birthdays are special and we know that many students at Newport Lakes Primary School love to celebrate their birthday with their classmates and some families may even choose to send along something from home.

For families wanting to bring a special treat to share, please provide small, individual treats for all class members eg. cup cakes, honey joys, chocolate crackles, fruit skewers. Please ensure that all treats are nut free.



Alternately, families may consider providing a small gift such as an item of stationery to reduce the amount of sugary food brought into the classroom eg. a sticker, eraser or pencil.



Please **DO NOT** bring in lollipops, lolly bags, ice-cream cakes or whole cakes that need to be cut up and distributed.



For families of children with allergies, please provide your child's teacher with a selection of small allergy friendly treats from home to be given to your child when a birthday is being celebrated.

Parents who do not want their child receiving food-based birthday treats must let their child's teacher know and also have the option of providing an alternate treat box for their child.



WILLIAMSTOWN
HIGH SCHOOL



WILLIAMSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL
BAYVIEW CAMPUS
Tours

Parents, carers and students (Year 7, 2023) are invited to join us for a campus tour led by a member of our leadership and transition team.

During Term 1, tours run twice weekly at the Bayview Campus.
Bookings are essential and can be made via the trybooking link on our website.

Please review the Department of Education and Training Placement Policy at www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/enrolment/guidance/placement-policy and note the Priority Order of Placement. Designated neighbourhood schools can be confirmed by using your address at www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au

We look forward to introducing you to Williamstown High School.

Karen Anderson
Campus Principal - Bayview Campus

Gino Catalano
College Principal

Bayview Campus (Middle Years) Bayview Street, Williamstown 3016 Phone 9399 9228 www.willhigh.vic.edu.au



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HIGH SCHOOL



Parents, carers and students (Year 7 2023) are invited to join us on

WILLIAMSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL
BAYVIEW CAMPUS
Open Night

Tuesday 3 May 5:45pm

- 5:45pm - 6:00pm** Welcome and be seated
- 6:00pm - 6:45pm** School leaders, Campus and College Principal presentation
- 6:45pm - 7:30pm** 3 x 15 minute sessions on:
- ◆ Grade 6 to 7 transition program
 - ◆ Marine Education Centre
 - ◆ Select Entry Accelerated Learning program (SEAL)
 - ◆ Accelerated Sports Program
 - ◆ Classroom Music and the Instrumental Music program.

Please visit our website to register your attendance.

Bayview Campus (Middle Years)
Bayview Street, Williamstown 3016
Phone 9399 9228

Penaeo Campus (Later Years)
Penaeo Street, Williamstown 3016
Phone 9397 1884



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Ring: Key Assets 1800 932 237 or 1800 WE CARE

Email: info@keyassets.com.au

Web: canifoster.com.au or keyassets.org.au

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GIRLS
AGED 7-15

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Altona Lacrosse Club will introduce you to one of the world's fastest growing sports through a FREE program for boys and girls aged 7-15.

WHEN

Thursdays 5.30 – 6.30pm
Starting 10th Feb and continuing until end of March (coinciding with our pre-season training)

WHERE

PJ Lynch Reserve, Mason St, Altona East

WHO

Boys & Girls aged 7-15

BRING

Comfortable clothing, runners and drink bottle
ALL EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED



WANT TO REGISTER OR FIND OUT MORE
Please contact Susie 0409 048 813
recruitment@altonalacrosse.com.au



Vacancies available for four-year-old kindergarten

Please visit our website to check our 2022 timetable. Face to face centre tours available.

For more information, or to book a tour, please contact Carly Conlan on **9391 2958**, or email manager@homeroadkindergarten.vic.edu.au



Home Road Kindergarten
44 Home Road, Newport Victoria 3015
Open Monday to Friday, 8:30am – 4:00pm





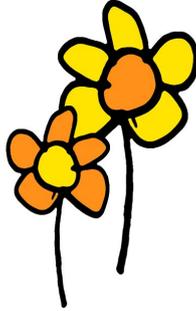
Give life. Give blood in Williamstown.

104 Ferguson St, Williamstown VIC 3016
14 March to 25 March



Monday 14 March	9.00am – 3.30pm
Tuesday 15 March	12.00pm – 7.30pm
Wednesday 16 March	12.00pm – 7.30pm
Thursday 17 March	8.00am – 7.30pm
Friday 18 March	8.00am – 3.00pm





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