

Newport Lakes  
Primary School

# Newsletter

9th June, 2022

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## Acknowledgement of Country

*Newport Lakes Primary School acknowledges the Yalukit-Willam people of the Bunurong in the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the lands of the school. We pay our respect to the Elders past, present and emerging. As we share our knowledge, teaching and practices, may we also pay respect to the knowledge embedded forever within the Aboriginal custodianship of the country.  
Always was, always will be Aboriginal land.*

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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Similar to health, transport, hospitality and almost all other industries, our school is also being greatly impacted by the current Covid and winter-associated illness concerns that are spreading throughout our community. On most days we are experiencing significant student and teacher absences, but we are managing to the best of our ability to be a resilient school and stable school in this difficult environment.

Although we are experiencing a difficult time, what has been enlightening is the resilience of the children and the support and understanding we have received from our parents. The staff at Newport Lakes, like every school, childcare and pre-school, are doing an amazing job and rely upon the support they receive from their parents to make it through the day. Parent support and appreciation to your child's teacher, kinder teacher or their childcare worker is exceptionally important at this time and is very much valued.

Together, if we work and support each other we will make it through yet another challenge and come out stronger the other side.

### ***School Review and Strategic Plan***

Earlier this year Newport Lakes PS participated in an independent school review. This is a very extensive process that occurs every 4 years in all state schools. The school collaborated with an independent reviewer to reflect on, review & evaluate how Newport Lakes Primary School has performed during this time.

A further purpose of the review is to assist in the development of the school's new Strategic Plan for the years 2021-2025.

The major recommendations from the review to be included into the schools next strategic plan are:

- Review the school's Instructional Model, particularly in Mathematics
- Improve teacher curriculum and assessment knowledge of the Victorian Curriculum
- Improve teacher data efficacy to inform differentiation for all students
- Ensure a consistent approach to implementing students' learning goals
- Improve teachers' knowledge of students' metacognition
- Ensure the inclusion of all students, including neurodiverse students.

The 2021-2025 School Strategic will include the following Goals and Strategies:

#### **Goal 1 Maximise the learning growth for every student in literacy and numeracy.**

##### Strategies:

- Review, enhance and implement the school's Instructional Model
- Build teacher knowledge of the Victorian Curriculum to effectively assess, plan and teach
- Develop a whole school approach to differentiate the learning for all students.
- Improve teacher data efficacy to inform planning for teaching.

#### **Goal 2 Empower all students as active learners**

##### Strategies:

- Implement metacognitive tools to support students to self-regulate, self-monitor and self-direct their learning.
- Build teacher capacity to co-design learning opportunities with students.
- Establish a common understanding around the purpose and implementation of student learning goals.

#### **Goal 3 Maximise health and wellbeing outcomes for every student.**

##### Strategies:

- Build teacher capacity to implement and assess the Personal and Social Capabilities.
- Implement a supportive school environment that promotes inclusion of all students, including neurodiverse students.
- Review and develop communication with parents and carers about their child's learning growth.

I invite all parents to have a read of both the Community Report from the School Review and the new 2021 -2025 School Strategic Plan and they can be located on the school website. [Click here](#) to view.

### ***Enrolling 2023 Preps***

We are currently taking enrolments for 2023 Preps. If you have a child that turns 5 before 30th April 2023 and would like to enroll them at Newport Lakes Primary School, please contact the office to collect an enrolment form or alternatively, enrolment details and forms are available on the school website.

Enrolments for 2023 students should be lodged at the school office before the end of Term 2, 24<sup>th</sup> June. Families that are within our 'designated neighbourhood zone' and siblings are given first preference for enrolments.

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

### ***Farewell to Janet***

Over the last year, the school's assistant principal, Janet Gill has been on leave to travel around Australia. Enjoying the lifestyle so much, Janet has decided to officially retire at the end of this term when her leave expires.

On behalf of the Newport Lakes School community, I would like to thank Janet for all her work and commitment she has given to the school over the last 10 years. We all hope that she continues to enjoy her retirement and calls in and see us all when she returns from her travels. A farewell video from Janet was played at assembly last Friday.

The ongoing Assistant Principal position will be advertised on the Education Department's online recruiting program (Recruitment Online).

### ***Pupil Free Day***

Tomorrow (Friday 10th June) will be a pupil free day to allow for staff to join in a professional learning day. All teachers and classroom education staff will be participating in a program on UDL. UDL stands for Universal Design for Learning, and the guidelines behind it form a framework to guide teaching and learning that ensures that **all** learners can access and participate in meaningful, challenging learning opportunities, directly at their point of need. We feel that this approach aligns strongly with the inclusive education focus of our Strategic Plan and we are very excited to have Amanda Corby from Illume Learning share her expertise in this area on Friday.

There will be no school for children on this day. Childcare is available and further information and bookings can be made by contacting the school's OSHC provider Quantin Binnah on 9742 5040 or by email [admin@qbcc.org.au](mailto:admin@qbcc.org.au).

### ***Did you know.....***

The first task undertaken every morning in every classroom is the marking of the attendance roll. The attendance roll is undertaken electronically on the Compass Student Management program. Every child is either marked as being P (present) NP (not present).

This data is then saved by the teacher and uploaded onto the school's main system. If a child is marked NP and a parental reason has not been received for the absence, the parents will then be sent an automatically generated SMS message to inform them that their child is not at school. This is to immediately inform parents that your child is possibly not where they should be or where the parents believe their child is located i.e.. safely in their classrooms.

This is a required safety system that was implemented in all schools a number of years ago after a child was mistakenly left in a hot car all day when the parent was of the belief the child had been dropped off at school. Fortunately, the child survived and technology has allowed for a system to be implemented that improves the safety of our children and for this tragic accident not to occur in the future.

I hope you all have a great week.

David Moss  
Principal

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## Practice for Academic and Entrance Tests

Looking for ways your child can get some practice with testing prior to sitting academic and entrance tests for high school? Here are some ideas:

EduTest offers practice tests that students can work through at home. These can be purchased from their website. <https://www.edutest.com.au/pa-online.htm>

Sign up for the Australian Mathematics Competition – it is on in early August. Students in year 3-6 will receive an invitation through Compass. The cost is around \$7.50

The Australian Maths Trust (who run the Australian Maths Competition) also offer past papers for free. You have to 'purchase' them through their shop but they are a free digital download. You would choose the Upper Primary paper for students in years 5 and 6 and Middle Primary paper for students in years 3 and 4.

<https://shop.amt.edu.au/collections/amc-resources/products/amc-past-papers-pdf?variant=42161579917486>

ICAS offers a suite of assessments. Parents are able to sign their children up (but please note that students have to sit the test at the registered testing site at Bundoora as NLPS does not run these assessments). Parents are also able to purchase past papers for students to use as practice.

<https://www.icasassessments.com/shop-parents/>



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## JSC (Junior School Council) News

Hello all parents and guardians, the JSC has organised a free dress day on Thursday 23rd of June (the second last day of school). Students are allowed to pick an appropriate outfit for school. Students are encouraged to bring a gold coin donation and all the donations go to RSPCA. JSC chose RSPCA because we want animal cruelty to stop and to give animals a home that been treated badly.



***What is  
Australia's  
story?  
As part of our Big  
Question Time the  
Grade 3s were  
inspired to use  
weaving with  
natural materials  
to create these  
lovely art  
pieces.***



**SAVE THE DATE - FETE is coming this year!**

Parents Club and many many other amazing parent helpers are organizing our school Fete. Stay tuned for many call outs for help, donations & ideas to make this event great.  
For now...save the date!

Follow the official Fete Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/NLPSTwilightFete>



**Parent Clubs / Fete Meeting Schedule - 7pm-8pm**

**July 16th - Next THURSDAY - Location TBC**

August 18th

October 6th

November 3rd

December 8th

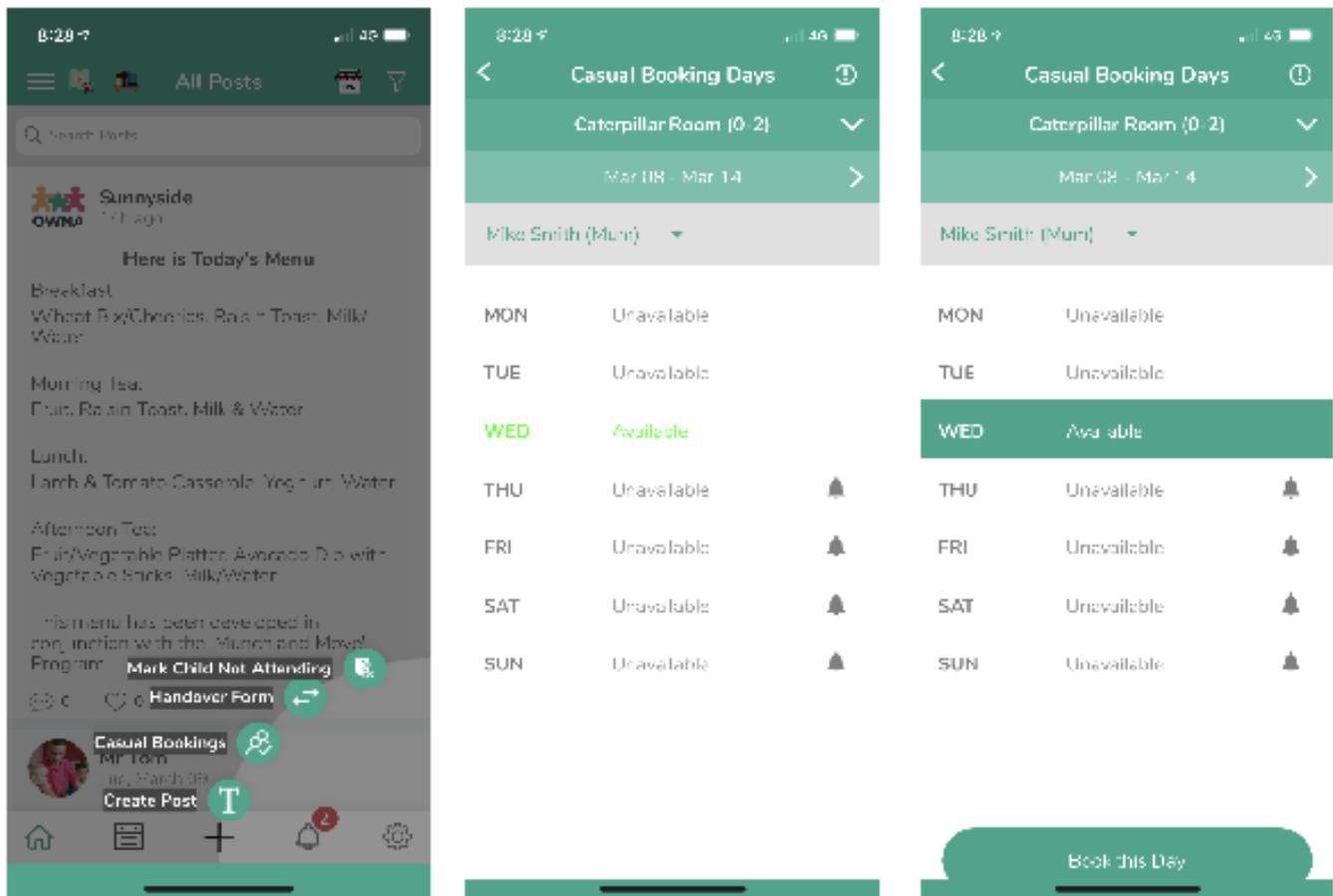


# Newport Lakes Vacation Care Program- Term 2 2022

<p>Mon 27<sup>th</sup> June</p>	<p><b>TOONWORLD – MODEL MAKING INCURSION</b></p> <p>Beadng, Music, Dance, Drama, Board games, Construction blocks, Team sports, Outdoor play etc</p> 	 <p><b>Brickworks Incursion</b></p> <p>Beadng, Music, Dance, Drama, Board games, Construction blocks, Team sports, Outdoor play etc</p>	<p>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> July</p>
<p>Tue 28<sup>th</sup> June</p>	 <p><b>Werribee Cinemas Lightyear Excursion</b></p> <p>Beadng, Music, Dance, Drama, Board games, Construction blocks, Team sports, Outdoor play etc</p>	<p><b>Bowling Excursion to Wyncity</b></p> <p>Beadng, Music, Dance, Drama, Board games, Construction blocks, Team sports, Outdoor play etc</p> 	<p>Tue 5<sup>th</sup> July</p>
<p>Wed 29<sup>th</sup> June</p>	<p><b>FUNDAY MULTI ACTIVITY DAY INCURSION</b></p> <p>Beadng, Music, Dance, Drama, Board games, Construction blocks, Team sports, Outdoor play etc</p> 	<p><b>Fun Day Multi Activity Day Incursion</b></p> <p>Beadng, Music, Dance, Drama, Board games, Construction blocks, Team sports, Outdoor play etc</p> 	<p>Wed 6<sup>th</sup> July</p>
<p>Thu 30<sup>th</sup> June</p>	 <p><b>Ninja Obstacle Course Incursion</b></p> <p>Beadng, Music, Dance, Drama, Board games, Construction blocks, Team sports, Outdoor play etc</p>	<p><b>Werribee Cinema Minions Rise of Gru Excursion</b></p> <p>Beadng, Music, Dance, Drama, Board games, Construction blocks, Team sports, Outdoor play etc</p> 	<p>Thu 7<sup>th</sup> July</p>
<p>Fri 1<sup>st</sup> July</p>	<p><b>SCIENCE WORKS Excursion</b></p> <p>Beadng, Music, Dance, Drama, Board games, Construction blocks, Team sports, Outdoor play etc</p> 	<p><b>TO BE CONFIRMED INCURSION</b></p> <p>Beadng, Music, Dance, Drama, Board games, Construction blocks, Team sports, Outdoor play etc</p> 	<p>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> July</p>
<p>For the Snack of the day - Ask our amazing educators what is on the menu! Vacation Care cost: \$70 per child per day for incursions and \$80 per child per day for excursions. <u>Activities as listed above are subject to change.</u> See Terms and Conditions when applying online.</p>			

## Booking a Casual session

1. In the App (Logged in as parent)
2. Click on + to begin
3. Select Casual Booking to add child
4. The screen will display on a week by week basis. Find the date you would like to book



**AVAILABLE DAY:** If it is available it will be displayed in green.

1. Click on the day.
2. Click on the Book this day.
3. Booking confirmation will appear on the screen

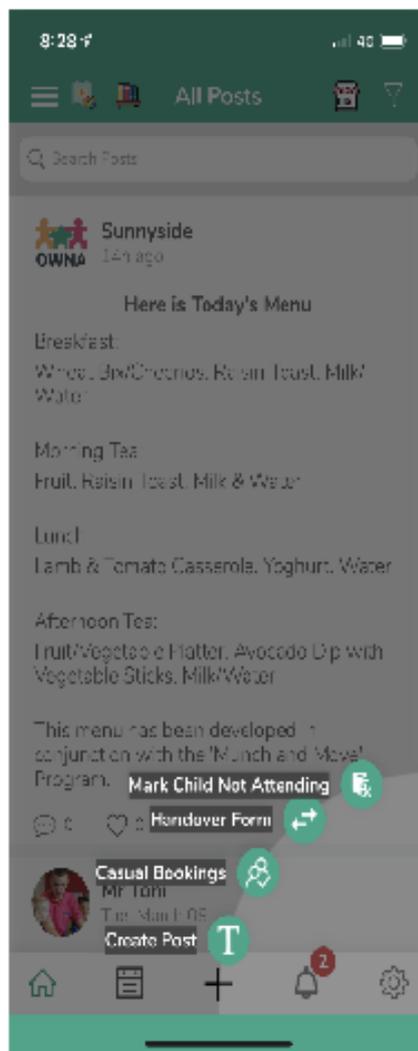
**UNAVAILABLE DAY:** If it is not available a bell icon will display.

1. Click on the bell.
2. Click on Yes if you want to be alerted if this day becomes available.
3. A notification will appear on the screen.

## Marking your child absent

### CANCEL BOOKING:

1. In the App (Logged in as parent)
2. Click on + to begin
3. Select **Mark your child not attending**
4. Select your child, date and sign



## 2022 Calendar of events

Month	Date/s	Time	Event
<b>JUNE</b>			
	Fri 10th		Pupil Free Day—No School
	Mon 13th		Queen's Birthday Holiday—No School
	Mon 20th		Prep Excursion to Melbourne Zoo
	Thur 23rd		Free Dress Day—Gold coin donation to RSPCA
	Fri 24th	2.30pm dismissal	End of Term 2
<b>JULY</b>			
	Mon 11th		Term 3 begins
	Wed 20th	2.00pm—7.00pm	Parent Teacher Interviews
<b>AUGUST</b>			
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
	Thur 8th	7pm—8pm	School Production
	Fri 16th	2.30pm dismissal	End of Term 3
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
	Mon 3rd		Term 4 begins
	Mon 17th—Fri 28th		P-2 Swimming Program
	Mon 31st		Pupil Free Day—No School
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
	Tues 1st		Melbourne Cup Holiday—No School
	Mon 7th—Wed 9th		Yr 5/6 Camp (Phillip Island)
	Fri 18th	3.45pm—8pm	School Twilight Fete
	Mon 21st—Wed 23rd		Yr 3/4 Camp (Lady Northcote)
	Sat 26th		Victorian election (Democracy Sausage sizzle)
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
	Mon 12th	6pm—8pm	Yr 6 Graduation
	Wed 14th		Yr 6 Big Day Out Yr 4 Beach Program
	Thur 15th		Yr 3 Beach Program
	Fri 16th		Yr 5/6 Beach Program Day 1
	Mon 19th		Yr 5/6 Beach Program Day 2
	Tue 20th	1.30pm dismissal	End of Term 4



**WHILE STOCKS LAST NLPS GOLD POLO TOP  
(LONG OR SHORT SLEEVE) - \$5 EACH  
ONLY AVAILABLE AT DOUBLE C JEANERY**

**SHOP PICK UP ONLY - NO HOLDS – FIRST IN BEST DRESSED**