

Newport Lakes  
Primary School

# Newsletter

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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.

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### Principal's Message

Dear parents,

With only 35 more sleeps to go, we are beginning to get very excited about this year's school production entitled 'Little People, DREAMING BIG'. All the details on when, where and what are in a special news item included in this week's newsletter.

Tickets will go on sale online for \$25 per ticket from next Monday. Unfortunately, this year it was not possible to have allocated seating. A major addition that we have included in this event is a Live Stream of the show with an access link available at no cost being released via Compass prior to the production date. This will make it possible for family and friends who are unable to make it to the show to be able to watch from the comfort of their home – no matter where they live.

All other details that you we need to know are available in the special news item but if you have any further queries, please send an email to the school.

### Books, books and more books

Thanks to the generosity of our wonderful parents that contributed to the school's Library Fund earlier this year, we were able to purchase over \$15,000 worth of exciting and engaging books this week and will soon have them in the classroom libraries throughout the school.

Purchased through a reputable bookseller, it was important that we sought quality literature for our children. We also ensured that there was a range of topics; fiction, non-fiction, graphic novels and dyslexia friendly books – hopefully something for everyone.

In addition to the books for classrooms, thanks to the school's Library Fund, we will also be introducing our school's new ebook and audio book library via the ePlatform app. Our aim is for all students to eventually have access to borrowing ebooks and audiobooks via downloading them onto their own personal devices. This new initiative will give our children and families access to over 4000 titles that can be borrowed weekly at school or whilst at home. Access to our new digital library will occur over the remainder of the term, beginning with our senior students and then on to our lower levels and families.

Promotion and instruction on the digital library will be undertaken in the students weekly Library lesson and in upcoming newsletters.

### **First 100 Days of School**

Congratulations to all of our Prep students who completed their first 100 days of school this week. Dressed up as the senior citizens of the school, our Preps and their teachers began the day with a stunning dress-up parade for their parents and peers and then completed an exhausting day of old-time activities.

How much they have all changed and how far they have all progressed in their learning since beginning school earlier this year in February?

It was a wonderful and exciting achievement to complete this milestone in early August whereas due to the last 2 years of Covid and remote learning, this special event was not celebrated until much later in the year. It continues to be a challenge but we certainly all enjoy being at school.

Have a great fortnight,



David Moss

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

Every parent has access to a wealth of information regarding their children at school via the parent portal on the school's student management system, Compass.

Included in the parent portal is information on attendance, school contacts, excursions notices, and all the school news. Parents are able to notify the school of their child's absence, the reason for the absence, and check upon past absences. They are also able to send emails directly to their child's teacher and refer back to any previous news feed they have received via Compass.

Parents can also access all of their child's present and past student reports. According to our records, there are still only 49% of parents that have accessed their child's 2022 mid-year report. Teachers have placed much effort and time into your child's student report to ensure parents have a comprehensive understanding of their social and academic development. I encourage all parents to look up the most recent report and share the commentary with their child.

The parent portal can be accessed on Compass 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and remains active whilst your student is enrolled at Newport Lakes Primary School. The student's NLPS file is no longer available once they move onto Yr. 7 or transfer to another school. If parents wish to keep a copy of the student report, you can either print off a hard copy or download the file to store on your own home device.

Although many of the features of Compass are fine on a mobile phone, we have found that access to student reports is best undertaken on a PC.

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## NLPS School Community Maths Survey

As part of our work for School Council, and in line with the school's renewed focus on the teaching and learning of Numeracy in 2022 and beyond, the Education Subcommittee is wanting to gauge our school community's attitude to towards maths at home and have put together a survey we'd like our families to complete.

The survey can be found here - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G2BZBMH> and will not take very long to complete (3 - 5 minutes should cover it!). We have had some excellent responses to community surveys recently and would appreciate the same support for this one too. Thank you in advance for your time and support.

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## Book Character Dress Up Day

Hello parents and guardians,

In Week 7 we are having our book character dress up day! Like our other dress up days, you can come to school with a fun costume from a character in your favourite book. We are also having a dress up parade with the whole school, starting at 9:15am (weather permitting) so you can show off your look. Parents and guardians are welcome to come and watch the parade, and the teachers are going to have a cool cat-walk at the end of the parade. The parade will be held on Thursday the 25th of August. We also have prizes for the best dressed student in each year level.

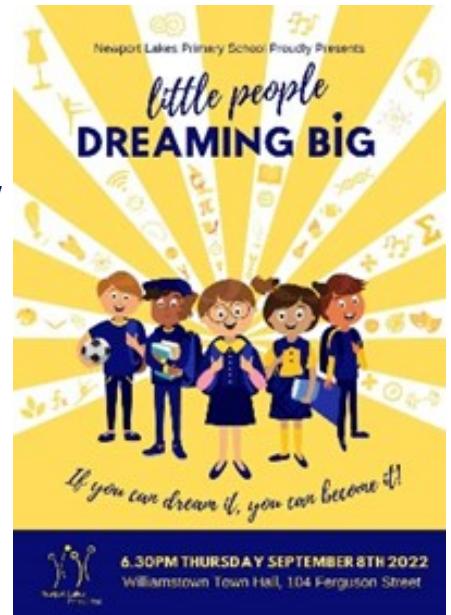
Thanks from the house captains

See you there!



Dear Parents, Friends, and Families,

NLPS is buzzing with excitement as we sing, dance and rehearse our 2022 production '*Little People, Dreaming Big.*' Inspired by Maria Vegara's biography series '*Little People, BIG DREAMS*', this year's production is a creative collaboration between teachers and students and showcases the exceptional talents of our NLPS students. After a few years of restrictions, we are looking forward to having each one of our NLPS students on stage and experiencing a live Arts performance.



**SYNOPSIS:**

Set in our unique Play POD, students discover a time machine and undertake a journey where they meet outstanding and inspiring people who have achieved incredible things. On our journey through time the students discover that the famous people they meet demonstrated resilience, responsibility, respect, compassion and were critical thinkers as they overcame challenges in their childhoods.

Focusing on inclusion and diversity, the characters we meet on our journey display excellence in Literacy, Numeracy, Art, Performing Arts, Sport, Science, Exploration (BQT), Design and Technology, aligning with the rigorous Educational Program we provide at Newport Lakes Primary school.

**DATE:** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September

**TIME:** 6.25pm

**STUDENT ARRIVAL TIME:** 5.30pm (All Students)

**VENUE:** Williamstown Town Hall

**TICKETING INFORMATION:**

- Tickets on sale Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August on Compass
- Cost \$25 per ticket
- Unallocated Seating
- Limit 2 tickets per family for initial release

**LIVESTREAM:** This year's production will also be available via Live Stream. Information regarding the live stream and access link will be available closer to the production date.

**PROGRAM:** A digital program will be available for the production, this will be released prior to the production date.

**COSTUMES:** All costume information has been sent home via Compass. If you have any concerns please contact your class liaison representative.

We can't wait for you to see our wonderful production and thank you for your continued support of our Arts program. After a few years of missing out on live performance opportunities we are expecting some students to be a little anxious about performing. We are working closely with your children to support them through these challenges, and encourage them to embrace their nerves, channel them into excitement.....and DREAM BIG!!!

From Michelle and Tracey.



**MARK YOUR DIARIES!**

The TWILIGHT FETE will be held on Friday 18 November, 3.45pm-8pm.

LIKE us @NLPSTwilightFete for all the latest news and ways you can help!



**Any electricians out there?**

**WE NEED YOU!**

We are on the hunt for a big-hearted local sparky to join Team Fete.

This hugely important volunteer role involves powering up the rides, making sure the stalls are operating safely and remaining on standby throughout the day.

Please email [newportlakesfete@gmail.com](mailto:newportlakesfete@gmail.com)

**Twilight Fete Plant Stall - Calling All Green Thumbs!**

Now is the time to get into the garden if you want to propagate some great pot plants in time to sell at the Fete!

We'd love the help of any green thumbs within our school community, so if you can contribute get in touch via Facebook @NLPSTwilightFete or join our Elizabeth St Plant Stall private group.



## 2022 Calendar of events

Month	Date/s	Time	Event
<b>AUGUST</b>			
	Frid 5th		Yr 2 Science Incursion
	Wed 10th		District Athletics
	Mon 22nd		Book Week/Book Fair
	Thur 25th	9.10am	Book Character Parade
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
	Thur 8th	6.30pm—8.30pm	School Production
	Fri 9th		Pupil Free Day—No School
	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 (TBC)	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



# 2022 REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

## NEWPORT CALISTHENICS CLUB RECREATIONAL DISABILITY TEAM!

Calisthenics is an Australian sport with performing at its heart. It uses aspects of dance, gymnastics, ballet, and apparatus use for both recreation and competition teams. Recreational classes are held for the primary purpose of participation, with goals to improve physical fitness, and social participation.

### PARTICIPANTS

Caters for boys and girls with a Disability, aged between 7 and 14 years

### FEES

- Registration Fee: \$85 + GST
- NCC Membership Fee: \$150

### GOAL

Provide an opportunity for the participants to perform on stage as a team or soloist at the NCC 90th Anniversary End-of-Year Concert held on the 12th of November 2022

### CLASS PROGRAM

Dates: 30th August - 8th November  
Day: Tuesday  
Times: 5:30pm till 6:30pm  
Location: Laverton Secondary College

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**THE YOUNGER SUN**

# The 156-STORY TREEHOUSE

## COME AND MEET ANDY!

The Sun Bookshop is excited to announce a special event.  
Join Andy Griffiths to celebrate the release of The 156- Storey Treehouse by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton

**Price **FREE****  
But bookings essential

**WHEN:**  
Wednesday  
September 7th  
From 3.30-5pm

**WHERE:**  
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