

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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Dear Parents,

Little people, DREAMING BIG – Wow! What a show. The school's first production in 4 years was an over whelming success for all. Feedback from parents and families has been extremely positive, all the teachers and staff are exhausted but delighted, Michelle and Tracey were thrilled with the outcome and the students have just had the BEST time.

For myself as the principal of this wonderful community state school, I could not be more pleased. I am exceptionally proud of your children, our staff and the show that was produced and presented for our community.



The production performed last Thursday evening was the end result of over a year's work by our very talented performing arts teachers and the many hundreds of hours of working with our children was evident in the final performance.

The show was just a delight from start to finish and represented everything we endeavour to do in teaching the 'entire child' at Newport Lakes Primary School.

The \$25 per ticket was also incredible good value as not only did this cover the cost of production of the wonderful show on the evening but also the hire of the Williamstown Town Hall, the staff required to prepare, pack-up and clean the venue, the excellent audio equipment and crew essential for a live stage show, the hire of the 3 buses required to transport the children to and from rehearsals throughout the day and the videographer and video stream-link that allowed over 1.5 thousand log ons to the live stream from their homes and venues whether that be a couple of kilometres away or half way around the world.

An edited 2 hour edition of the entire production is now also available for parents, families, and children to view and share the show at their leisure in the future – all included in the cost of your ticket. Please feel welcome to log on and enjoy:

[*school production - little people dreaming big*](#)

Following up from the school's very successful 'Fathers Day Breakfast' conducted the week prior, we are beginning to get the return of that *community feel* at our school. We now have the opportunity of a bit of a break before we get our school ready for the return of our wonderful School Fete on the evening of Friday November 18th – only 64 sleeps to go.

NAPLAN

We are generally not a school that 'chases' NAPLAN scores or overly highlights the NAPLAN data but we have recently received the 2022 school results and it should be noted how well Newport Lakes PS continues to achieve in these national assessments.

It is an expectation that a school of our demographics will achieve higher than the national and state means, and we did this in all NAPLAN scores.

It is the schools' achievements in the *Top 2 Bands of NAPLAN scores compared against similar schools* that is the yardstick that the Department of Education & Training use to measure success for schools similar to Newport Lakes PS.

In 9 of the 10 assessments (4 in Yr3 * & 5 in Yr.5) , the percentage of Newport Lakes PS students score was the same or higher than similar schools.

- (In the Yr 3 Grammar & Punctuation our percentage score was 67% and the similar school score was 68% - 1% lower)

This is an outstanding result for our school and every teacher, parent and student should be very proud of this achievement.

It must also be noted that some of the NLPS students did not achieve as high as others and some were below the expected standard. Remote learning was very difficult for many of these children and has hindered their learning over this period.

These children will need additional support to make up for the loss of learning during the last 2 years and we plan to continue to provide and help these kids as we progress into the future.

These results are a testament to the excellent work that is being undertaken in every classroom, every day at Newport Lakes Primary School. The professionalism, passion and skill of every teacher and education support member have contributed to these results and they are to be very proud of these achievements. We, as a school community, are very fortunate to have such a dedicated team of staff to teach our children.

Assistant Principal Appointment

Congratulations to Carly Bannon for successfully being appointed as the ongoing substantive Assistant Principal at Newport Lakes Primary School after a very rigorous selection process.

Carly has been undertaking the acting Assistant Principal role for the last 18 months whilst Janet Gill has been on leave. After Janet officially resigned earlier this year, the position was advertised gaining considerable interest and Carly was the successful applicant.

On behalf of the entire school community, I pass on our very best wishes to Carly and am very confident that she will continue to be an excellent leader for our school.

New Polo Shirt Design

At the beginning of this school year, a new style of school uniform was trialed, including a new polo shirt. Overall, the changes to the uniform have been very successful including some of the new options and making navy blue the dominant colour.

Feedback from parents and students highlighted some possible improvements with the polo shirt with a strong preference to a polo similar to the staff and the Yr. 6 design but in navy blue and gold. The students also preferred the embroidered logo rather than the printed design.

After a number of school meetings with the supplier, and strong approval from students, a new updated polo will be released in Term 4. The expected date parents can order the new polo is Monday October 17 and immediate supply should be available.

As a special one-off deal to parents, the existing light material short sleeve polo shirt with the printed logo will be offered for the reduced price of \$15.00. This polo remains part of the school uniform for at least the end of 2023 and is fine for the children to wear at school. The special one off deal allows the supplier to reduce their stock and the parents can pick up a bargain while stocks are available.

End of Term A reminder that we are finishing up for term 3 at 2.30pm on Friday 16th September and we begin term 4 at 9.00am Monday 3rd October. I hope you all have the opportunity of enjoying the term holiday break with your children.

David Moss

Principal

Did you know?.....

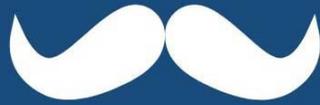
Sunsmart Newport Lakes Primary School is a 'Sunsmart School' and has a policy that all students are to wear an approved sunhat (bucket or legionnaire style) during terms 1 & 4.

Students are to bring along their hats to school every day during Term 4 and a 'no hat ~ no play' rule will apply.

Parents should clearly label their child's hat and continuously check that the label remains legible. It is also recommended that all students have their own water bottle with them every day at school. This bottle will be accessible to the children during class and **must only contain water**. Please do not fill with juice, cordial, etc.



FATHER'S DAY



EGG & BACON BREKKY
FRIDAY SEPT 2, 2022



THANK YOU!



An afternoon at Newport Lakes



Written by: Flo (PMW),
Ellis (PHW), Shaun (PSS)
and Luca (PDS)



On Thursday afternoon, all of the preps strolled over to Newport Lakes. We met with the park ranger, Suzette, who took us for a walk around the gardens and spoke to us about nature and the Yalukit Willam people who lived there before us. Suzette showed us lots of things about the plants and lakes there. We learnt about the different foods the Yalukit Willam people ate and how they survived from the land. We used our senses to listen and look very quietly for wind in the trees and birds chirping, we also smelt the flowers blossoming. We used our sense of touch to explore rocks, seedpods and crunchy leaves. We were very brave crossing the stepping stones at the end of our



YEAR 3 HABITATS



HABITATS BY GRADE 3



YEAR 3 HABITATS (CONTINUED)



Twilight Fete

HAMPER DONATIONS

We need everyone's help to build the best hampers since last fete ;) We are asking families to donate one themed item* from your child's year level. We will curate a series of amazing hamper prizes that will feature in our online raffle.

PREP

YOUR THEME IS...

ART & CRAFTS



* New items only, nothing second hand please. Think anything arts & crafty...textas, crayons, pencils, colouring books, sketch pads, paint, smocks, finger paint, glitter pens, art books, scissors, tape etc

GRADE 1

YOUR THEME IS...

SUMMER FUN

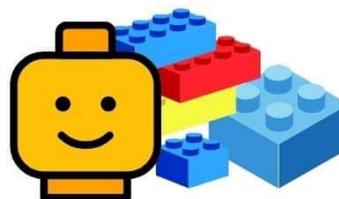


* New items only, nothing second hand please. Think things like... beach towels, sunscreen, sand toys, beach umbrellas, beach tent, picnic sets, picnic rugs, water toys, water floats, sunglasses, hats, icy pole moulds etc

GRADE 2

YOUR THEME IS...

LEGO



* New items only, nothing second hand please. Think things like... Lego boxes, key rings, Lego boards, t shirts, Lego movies, Lego books, Lego hats, Lego t shirts, Lego water bottles.

GRADE 3

YOUR THEME IS...

GARDEN FUN

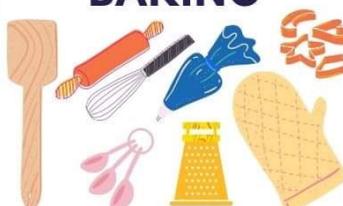


* New items only, nothing second hand please. Think things like...watering can, gloves, seeds, pots, rake, spade, buckets, potting mix, trimmers etc (no live plants please)

GRADE 4

YOUR THEME IS...

BAKING



* New items only, nothing second hand please. Think things like... Baking tins of any shapes and size, aprons, cook books, sprinkles, patty cases of any shape and size, cookie shapes, rolling pin, piping bags and nozzles

GRADE 5/6

YOUR THEME IS...

GOURMET GOODIES



* New items only, nothing second hand please. Things like...non-alcoholic drinks, soda, lemonade, crackers, chips, nuts, cocktail shaker, cocktail recipes, ice cube trays (any food items donated must be within the use by date and strictly no fridge items. No Alcohol please)

TIME POOR? WE CAN HELP!

Cash donations/ gift cards also accepted and we will purchase an item on your behalf. place money/card in an envelope labeled with the theme & drop into the office

DROP OFF
NLPS OFFICE
SEPT 12 - OCT 7

VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Newport Lakes Vacation Care Program- Term 3 2022

Mon 19 th Sep	CRAFTS WITH QB INCURSION Dream catchers, Beading, Music, Dance, Drama, Board games, Construction blocks, Team sports, Outdoor play etc 	Cupcake Decorating Incursion Foam Art, Beading, Music, Dance, Drama, Board games, Construction blocks, Team sports, Outdoor play 	Mon 26 th Sep
Tue 20 th Sep	Werribee Zoo Excursion Cardboard Safari Animals, Beading, Music, Dance, Drama, Board games, Construction blocks, Team sports, Outdoor play etc. 	WOODWORK Incursion Book Marks, Beading, Music, Dance, Drama, Board games, Construction blocks, Team sports, Outdoor play etc. 	Tue 27 th Sep
Wed 21 st Sep	Werribee Cinema Paws of Fury Excursion Beading, Music, Dance, Drama, Board games, Construction blocks, Team sports, Outdoor play etc 	AIROWORLD Excursion Bracelet making, CD Décor, Bead Puppet, Beading, Music, Dance, Drama, Board games, Construction blocks, Team sports, Outdoor play etc. 	Wed 28 th Sep
Thu 22 nd Sep	FUNDAY Multi Activity Day Incursion 3D Wooden Flower making, Tornado Kits, Beading, Music, Dance, Drama, Board games, Construction blocks, Team sports, Outdoor play etc. 	MAGIC SHOW Incursion Colour diffusing art, Friendship Bracelet Beading, Music, Dance, Drama, Board games, Construction blocks, Team sports, Outdoor play 	Thu 29 th Sep
Fri 23 rd Sep	GRAND FINAL DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY All venues closed 	Werribee Cinemas DC League of Super Pets Excursion Eye Masks, Beading, Music, Dance, Drama, Board games, Construction blocks, Team sports, Outdoor play etc 	Fri 30 th Sep
<p>For the Snack of the day - Ask our amazing educators what is on the menu! Vacation Care cost: \$77 per child per day for incursions and \$88 per child per day for excursions. <u>Activities as listed above are subject to change.</u> See Terms and Conditions when applying online.</p>			

2022 Calendar of events

Month	Date/s	Time	Event
SEPTEMBER			
	Fri 16th	2.30pm dismissal	End of Term 3
OCTOBER			
	Mon 3rd		Term 4 begins
	Tue 11th		Robogals Workshop Incursion—Yr 4
	Wed 12th		Whole School Science Day
	Fri 14th		Yr 2 Excursion to Melbourne Zoo
	Sat 15th		Bunnings BBQ
	Mon 17th—Fri 28th		P-2 Swimming Program
	Mon 31st		Pupil Free Day—No School
NOVEMBER			
	Tues 1st		Melbourne Cup Holiday—No School
	Mon 7th—Wed 9th Mon 7th		Yr 5/6 Camp (Phillip Island) Yr 3 Mindfulness Incursion
	Thur 10th	6.30pm	2023 Prep Transition Day 1 2023 Prep Parent Information Session
	Thur 17th		2023 Prep Transition Day 2
	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)
DECEMBER			
	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
JANUARY 2023			
	Fri 27th		Staff Commence
	Mon 30th		Yrs 1-6 Commence
FEBRUARY			
	Tue 7th	9am—1.30pm	Prep Commence
	Wed 8th	9am—1.30pm	Preps attend
	Thur 9th		Preps attend full days

The Age editorial team recently recognised Bayside P-12 College with a Schools that Excel Award. The following link takes you to the message Andrew Harnett (Bayside College Principal) sent home to his community shortly after the announcement: [Bayside P-12 College - Principal's Update](#)



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FUN, FITNESS & FRIENDSHIP!

Little Athletics summer season 2022/23 kicks off on October 8 and will run through to March. Weekly competition takes place on Saturday mornings at the Newport Athletics Track from 8:30am (Under 6 to Under 8 athletes) and 10am (Under 9 to Under 17). Registration is now open at www.lavic.com.au. Two-week trial available for newcomers but athletes must register via the above link first. To stay up to date, follow us:



TeamApp: Search for Williamstown Little Athletics and join "Season 22/23" access group



www.willylac.com.au

Williamstown Wolves Baseball Club



school holiday
BASEBALL
clinics

Skills training for new & experienced players, scratch matches and fun!
All levels of experience welcome!

TUES 27 SEPT	WED 28 SEPT
9am - 3pm	9am - 3pm
ages 12 & under	ages 13-17

\$50 per player inc welcome pack, lunch, snacks & drinks

Scan QR code or book online at www.trybooking.com/CCBBG



Greenwich Reserve | The Strand | Newport
email juniors.wwbc@gmail.com for further information
www.williamstownbaseball.com.au

WILLIAMSTOWN CRICKET CLUB



Est. 1852

JOIN OUR CLUB!
REGISTRATIONS
OPEN

Williamstown Cricket Club invites registrations for the upcoming 2022/2023 Season.

Woolworths Junior Blast
Woolworths Master Blast
Under 11 Boys and Girls
Under 13 Boys and Girls
Under 15 Boys
Under 17 Boys

Register online at:
www.playcricket.com.au
Search: Williamstown Cricket Club

Williamstown Cricket Ground
Morris Street, Williamstown

Contact:
Cameron Smith (0423 401 659)
or cameron.smith@cdcplumbing.com





**Give life.
Give blood in
Williamstown.**

12 to 23 September



Williamstown
Pop-up Blood Donor Centre
Williamstown Town Hall
104 Ferguson Street
Open 8 am to 8 pm



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A visual journey in chromatic rhythms

Art Students Exhibition



15 - 29 October 2022
OPENING RECEPTION: Saturday 15 October, 4:00 - 6:00 pm
Woods Street Arts Space, 44 Woods Street, Laverton.

This project is proudly funded through Hobsons Bay City Councils
New Art community art funding stream package.