

# 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

### Swimming Program

The Prep - Year 2 intensive 10-day swimming program concludes tomorrow. It has been a very tiring two week period for all the children and staff involved but the benefits of conducting the program make it well worthwhile.

After the initial couple of days of establishing a routine of preparing for the session, transporting by bus, a quick change into the bathers, arranging into ability groups, having a lesson with a qualified swim teacher, getting changed back into school clothes, back onto the bus, lunch at all sorts of odd times, and then continue with schoolwork, was a difficult task but once a procedure was established the program was conducted like *'a well-oiled machine'*.

Well done to all the students for being part of the program and we hope that you have learnt and extended your swimming and water safety skills over the last two weeks. Enjoy your upcoming four-day break and hopefully rest and re-charge in readiness for the remainder of the term.

A huge thanks to Mr. Antoniadis for all his work and time in organising and co-ordinating the program and all the office staff and education support staff for their assistance in making the program such a wonderful success.

## **Auslan LOTE at NLPS**

All Victorian state schools are required to include a LOTE (Language Other Than English) in their school curriculum. At Newport Lakes Primary School, Arabic and Indonesian have both been school's LOTE language in the past.

After being unable to employ a suitable Indonesian teacher for 2022, the school decided to trial Auslan as the LOTE language to be taught in all year levels. Although we could not gain the employment of an Auslan teacher we were able to be part of an online Prep-6 Auslan program conducted by Auslan Education Services (AES). This course included a weekly online Auslan lesson individually produced for all grade levels that the NLPS classroom teachers could administer and supervise. The program was also supported by resources developed by AES for each lesson.

Although not as engaging, effective or enjoyable as a face-to-face lesson, the online program did allow our school to trial Auslan as our LOTE language. Feedback indicated that the having Auslan as the school's LOTE was very popular and strongly supported by our students, teachers and parents. This feedback was also confirmed by a formal survey of all the 3 groups conducted in term 3. It was also commented that Auslan was a more practical and inclusive language for the NLPS children to learn.

There was overwhelming support to continue Auslan as the school's LOTE language, especially if a Auslan teacher could be employed to teach the children as the online lessons may become less engaging and effective as time progresses.

I am very pleased to announce to our community that an experienced Auslan teacher, Pricilla Patterson, has been employed to begin at NLPS in 2023 in an ongoing position. Pricilla is an excellent and engaging teacher and will be a wonderful asset to our school teaching staff and curriculum.

Similar to our Classroom Music and Drama programs, that share a specialist teaching year (ie. one semester (2 terms / 6 months) of Classroom Music and one semester of Drama\*), we will be doing the same for Auslan LOTE and Library. Throughout the year, each class (Prep - Year 6) will attend one semester of Auslan and one semester of Library, each with their own designated specialist teacher. From 2023, every child in Yr. 1-6 will now attend 6 different specialist programs throughout the year, each being taught by a trained specialist teacher in that subject. (*\*In Prep, Music and Drama is combined in the one subject, Performing Arts, for the entire year.*)

The specialist subjects for each class will include.

- Physical Education (all year)
- Visual Art (all year)
- Classroom Music (*one semester*) / Drama (*one semester*) (Prep – Performing Arts all year)
- Library (*one semester*) / Auslan LOTE (*one semester*)

We are very proud of the quality, variety, and depth of the curriculum that we offer and deliver to our children at NLPS. We strongly believe in teaching the 'whole child' and to give every child the opportunity of becoming a lifelong learner.

## **2023 Classes**

Parents are given the opportunity to inform the school if there is any information that they feel is important or beneficial when considering the selection of next year's class for their child. Parents are requested not to select a teacher, as this will not be considered.

Parents must note that requests made last year or in previous years are not 'carried over' or considered for the 2023 grade selection. If parents believe that an issue should still be considered, it is important that a new request is written to the school. This request must be written and addressed to the Principal and sent via school email address. Requests will then be forwarded to the respective Team Leaders to assist the teachers when they are forming the grades for the following year.

Requests can be made up until **Friday 28th October 2022.**

Once this very difficult task of class selection is in process, late considerations cannot be accepted so this date is the final opportunity for parents to inform the school.

**If any parents believe that their child may be transferring to another school in 2023, it is very important to make the school aware of this information. Notification can be made directly to your child's teacher or an email/phone call to the school office.**

### **SunSmart Protection**

Although the current weather may be a little 'gloomy' we all know that as the year progresses and we move into the summer months, it will become much warmer and the sun can be dangerous to our children.

During terms 1 and 4 we implement a SunSmart Policy to encourage behaviours at Newport Lakes Primary School to minimise the risk of skin and eye damage and skin cancer.

Over the next two weeks, Carolyn, the school's first aid co-ordinator, will be visiting all classrooms and giving a quick 'SunSmart' lesson to the children. Apart from the teaching the children the importance of the 'Slip, Slap and Slop' message, she will also be demonstrating the correct way in which sunscreen should be applied and when it is required (i.e., before recess, lunch and going outside for other activities such as PE). The message will also be continually reinforced throughout terms 1 and 4 by the classroom teachers.

A poster will also be left with each grade to be displayed in a prominent position in the classroom to remind children before recess & lunchtime to apply sunscreen, which will be readily available in all classrooms.

### **Prep and Yr. 6-7 Transition**

Early in November we welcome our 2023 Foundation (Prep) children to Newport Lakes Primary School for the first of their two days of pre-school to school transition program. We currently have 98 new children beginning in our Foundation or Prep classes for the 2023 school year.

Our visiting students will spend two half days at NLPS in preparation to begin their education in 2023. As well as the formal transition program, where the children spend time with the current 2022 Prep teachers in the Prep rooms, there are also a number of 'informal play times' conducted in the afternoons over a 4 week period in the playground.

In these optional sessions the children get to play with other new 2023 preps and parents can get to meet each other whilst supervising their children playing on the equipment.

Later in the term, the Year 6 students will have the opportunity of visiting their new state secondary school on Tuesday 13th December, 2022. This is a state-wide Yr.6-7 transition day for all state secondary schools. Some Independent and Catholic secondary colleges may have chosen an alternate date and parents will need to check with the school for details.

## **Remembrance Day 11th November**

Remembrance Day is a very important day on Australia's commemorative calendar. It's a day when we acknowledge those who died while serving in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. Remembrance Day is held on 11 November each year. This is the anniversary of the Armistice that ended fighting with Germany in World War I. People in Australia, and many other countries, observe one minute's silence at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month because that's when the Armistice came into effect.

At Newport Lakes PS we will conduct our own school commentative service on the morning of Friday 11th November and all classes will attend.

The school captains will also begin daily visits to classrooms from next week with Remembrance Day red poppies for \$2 and \$5, wrist bands for \$3, and bag tags (\$4) for sale to the children. All proceeds from the sale of the items will go directly to our local Newport RSL.

## **Parent helpers required**

November is a big 'community' month for our school with 2 very important events being conducted, the Twilight Fete and the Democracy Sausage Sizzle. These events involve significant community participation both in attendance and also in voluntary assistance.

At this stage we are having difficulty attracting sufficient helpers for the Democracy Sausage Sizzle to be conducted on 26<sup>th</sup> November– even to the extent we may need to cancel this stall unless we attract some additional volunteers.

The BBQ at a polling booth is often regarded as the 'Big Winner' of the day and the one at NLPS is locally accepted as one the best Democracy Sizzles in the Williamstown Electorate.

We realise that with both events being conducted so close to each other (18<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Nov), we are asking a lot of our parents in assisting with both activities but they are both important high profile community events and it would be excellent if we can conduct an amazing Fete as well as an election winning Democracy Sausage Sizzle.

If you can assist with an hour or two on this day, it would be greatly appreciated. Details of how to put your name on the roster is included in the newsletter.

## **World Teachers' Day**

World Teachers' Day is held internationally on Tuesday 5 October. As it usually falls during the school holidays in many parts of Australia. In Victoria, we celebrate World Teachers' Day tomorrow on Friday 28 October 2022.

It is a chance to recognise and celebrate the teachers who are making, or have made, an impact in our lives. Whether you're a current student, have children in school, or have been out of school for many years, World Teachers' Day is a chance to say, 'thank you'

We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful, professional and caring staff at Newport Lakes Primary School and on behalf of the entire school community I wish all of our teachers a wonderful day and we all greatly appreciate everything you do for our children.

I hope you all have a bit of luck with a Melbourne Cup sweep and an enjoyable and relaxing break over the long weekend.

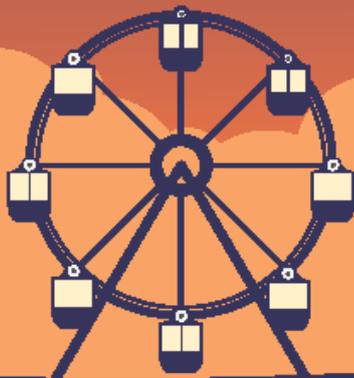
David Moss

**Principal**



# Twilight Fete

Friday 18th November • 3:45pm to 8pm  
Elizabeth Street Newport



Food & drinks • Entertainment • Inflatable rides & games  
Cakes & jams • Plants • Craft activities & gifts  
Community Groups • CWA Devonshire Tea

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# Twilight Fete

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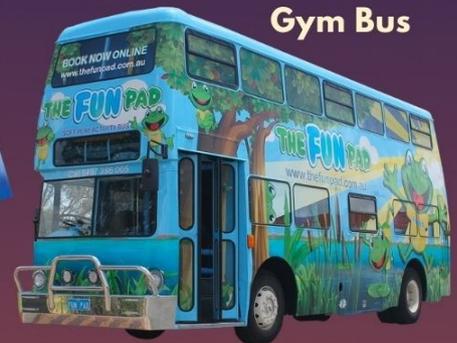
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Haunted House



Combat Challenge



Splash Tank

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WRISTBANDS

ON SALE  
NOW



Climbing Tower

Please [click here](#) for link to purchase wristbands.



## **DONATIONS & DROP OFF DATES!**

### **JAMS & PRESERVES - DROP OFF**

Drop off your homemade jams and preserves to the school office anytime from Friday 4th Nov onwards!

### **LUCKY JARS - DONATE!**

Thanks to those who have made Lucky Jars for this hugely popular stall. We're still accepting donations, so don't stop now - keep filling jars with random goodies, stationary, crafts, wrapped lollies, and other small items, and drop them into the office anytime.

### **CHOCOLATE TOSS - DROP OFF**

Next time you're at the supermarket, chuck a family block of chocolate in the trolley for our Chocolate Toss. Drop off at the school office anytime from NOW!

### **BAKED GOODS - DONATE!**

Can you bake some yummy cakes, biscuits, or other delicious goodies for our cake stall? We'll be accepting baked goodies the morning of fete day!

### **PLANT STALL - DROP OFF**

Attention all green-thumbs! Bring your plants to school on Thurs 17 Nov 3.30pm-5pm and Fri 18 Nov 9am-12pm. Drop off point to be advised!

Contact us @NLPSTwilightFete or email [newportlakesfete@gmail.com](mailto:newportlakesfete@gmail.com)



## LET US ENTERTAIN YOU!

### FETE DAY STAGE SCHEDULE

<b>4.00pm - 5.00pm</b>	<b>SCHOOL PERFORMANCES</b> NLPS Concert Band Junior & Senior Choirs
<b>5.15pm - 5.30pm</b>	<b>Lifestyle for Kids</b>
<b>5.35pm - 5.50pm</b>	<b>MDX</b>
<b>6.00pm - 6.15pm</b>	<b>Love to Dance School of Ballet</b>
<b>6.30pm - 6.50pm</b>	<b>Hyde Street Youth Band</b>
<b>6.50pm - 7.10pm</b>	<b>LIVE AUCTION!</b> Sponsored by ComptonGreen
<b>7.10pm - 7.40pm</b>	<b>Hobsons Bay City Band</b>
<b>7.50pm - 8.00pm</b>	<b>Victoria Scottish Pipes and Drums</b>

Contact us @NLPSTwilightFete or email [newportlakesfete@gmail.com](mailto:newportlakesfete@gmail.com)

# SAUSAGE | CAKE | VOTE

BBQ at school for the State Election

# PLEASE HELP

Saturday Nov 26th



**Halal Sausages  
Egg & Bacon Rolls**



**Cake Stand**



**Vote**

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**We need volunteers to help host a bbq & cake stall. Keep an eye out for a compass alert - and please sign up to do a 2 hour slot!**



## Understanding Aboriginal Cultures and Perspectives Week

### **Free Dress Day**

Friday November 11, 2022

Students are encouraged to wear **red**, **yellow**  
and **black**.

A gold coin donation will be collected with the  
funds raised being donated to the Indigenous  
Literacy Foundation.



## ICY POLE DAYS



### Trent Roberts: Local Author Visit

The Year 4 students were excited, engaged and entertained by local author Trent Roberts. The lemon juggling and interactive storytelling was well received by students. Students enjoyed learning that Trent was also screenwriter and involved in popular programs such as Little Lunch. In the lead up to Trent's visit during library students were encouraged to complete an art activity relating to his novel *Stunt Kids*. Students were left wanting to know more about the *Stunt Kid* characters and were thrilled to hear Trent read snippets from his book during his visit. Here are some highlights from students:

- “Trent was super funny and the legit lemon was amazing”.
- “I bought my own copy of Trent’s book and I cannot wait to read it”
- “ I liked hearing about Trent’s life and the slides he showed were really good”
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As a teacher librarian it is a delight to see so many of the Year 4’s bring their own signed copy to library eager to read the next chapter.





# World Teachers' Day

## 28 October 2022

Celebrate the teachers who are making, or have made, an impact on your life.

Use the hashtag **#thankvicteachers** on social media to say 'thank you' to your favourite teacher/s.

Visit [www.vic.gov.au/world-teachers-day](http://www.vic.gov.au/world-teachers-day) for a digital thank you card and more information.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Month	Date/s	Time	Event
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
	Thur 27th		Yr 3 Science Incursion
	Mon 31st		Pupil Free Day—No School
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
	Tues 1st		Melbourne Cup Holiday—No School
	Fri 4th		Icy Pole Day
	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 Yr 4 Crazy Chemicals Incursion 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)
<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	<b>1.30pm dismissal</b>	End of Term 4
<b>JANUARY 2023</b>			
	Fri 27th		Staff Commence
	Mon 30th		Yrs 1-6 Commence
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
	Tue 7th	<b>9am—1.30pm</b>	Prep Commence
	Wed 8th	<b>9am—1.30pm</b>	Preps attend
	Thur 9th		Preps attend full days



We're excited to launch our Newport Ladies Lacrosse Club Summer Series! 🏏🌞🌟

Overseen by our Director of Coaching (World Champion & 3-time Australian Women's Lacrosse captain, to name a few of her accolades) Stacey Morlang Sullivan, who will be accompanied by a rotating cohort of our senior Victorian & Australian reps.

Sessions will be held every Sunday at PJ Lynch Reserve from 6 November to 4 December 2022, with U14/U16 from 9.30-10.30am followed by U16/U18 from 10.30-11.30am.

We'll also be holding sessions for our U10 & U12 Minis from 8.30-9.30am on Sunday 6th November.

Everyone is welcome so bring a friend and introduce them to the fast and fun game of lacrosse 🏏

For more information, please email [recruitment@newportladieslacrosse.com.au](mailto:recruitment@newportladieslacrosse.com.au)

