



Newsletter

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Primary School

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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/Carers,

After a few years of having the worst possible weather of rain, wind and storms, last Friday's NLPS Twilight Fete was conducted in perfect conditions, resulting in a fabulous evening enjoyed by us all. Congratulations to the Fete Committee and the hundreds of helpers that put in so much work into making the Fete a big success for all those that attended.

There was plenty to eat, lots to do and see, awesome rides and activities for the kids, a fantastic program of entertainment, an upstairs recreation area for parents, teachers being water dunked and an amazing array of prizes awarded in the school's raffle and auction.

Friday evening once again demonstrated why Newport Lakes is such a special school. After a number of challenging years where we were separated from our community, the Twilight Fete gave us the opportunity to once again come together as a community, to catch up, relax and enjoy being amongst friends.

A massive thank you to everyone that assisted with this wonderful event – before, during and after. There were literally 'hundreds' of people that helped out in so many ways and without your support this great event just couldn't happen. A huge shout out to Erin and Sam for their amazing co-ordination of the Fete, and also a big thank you for those that came on the evening and attended the event – you demonstrated with your feet (and your wallets) your support your school - thank you!

The aim and purpose of the Fete was always to provide a fun, inclusive event for our community. Some school fetes tend to be quite commercial, where it is about raising money, but this was never our priority. For us here at NLPS, it was about being part of the Newport community and providing an evening for everyone to enjoy. In saying that, I am also pleased to confirm that in excess of \$38,500 was raised which will go towards the further improvements of our school grounds including a new senior school playground which will be enjoyed by our children for many years to come.

After a very successful fete, we felt that we are all suffering from a bit of 'volunteer burnout' and have decided **not** to conduct a 'Democracy BBQ/Cake Stall' at the school this coming Election Saturday. Following on from the Fete, the recent Father's Day Breakfast and Bunnings BBQ, we believe that it is asking too much of our volunteers to conduct yet another event this year.

Thank you to all those that had already made yourself available to assist on the stall on this day, but I believe that it is in the best interest of us all to have a break and I hope you support this decision. Thanking you for your understanding and apologies if this has caused any inconvenience.

Welcome Back Yr.3 & 4 Campers!

A very tired group of Yr. 3 & 4 campers (and staff) arrived back from their 3-day camp at Lady Northcote yesterday afternoon. The children were very active during the 3 days, despite the often inclement weather, participating in a variety of adventure activities including archery, frisbee golf, canoeing, a survival challenge, the low ropes course and yabbing (NB - it was a catch, count and release program!)

For many students, it was their first school camp, including their first time away from home and it was a certainly a challenge for some. But after a good nights sleep, and a good feast of favourite family food, they can be proud that they survived their first camp and are ready to take on more challenges in the future.

End Of Year Gifts

As we come to the end of the year, please keep an eye out for an email from your Class Representative letting you know how you can contribute to thank you gifts for your Class Teachers and the amazing Specialists and Office Staff if you would like to.

Staff Farewells

In 2023, there will be a significant change-over of teaching staff due to teachers taking extended leave. At this present time there will 6 new classroom teachers and 1 new specialist teacher joining the NLPS staff next year. More details on teachers and grades will be in the next newsletter.

There are 6 ongoing teachers that will be on extended leave in 2023. These teachers include: Rhianna Wallace, Eliza Wright, Trami Hoang (all on 12 months leave without pay for the 2023 school year) and Melissa Van Tooren is relocating to regional Victoria and hence will be concluding her teaching at NLPS.

Warren Hales and Lee Rutledge will also be taking extended leave for the year (Long Service Leave & Leave Without Pay). It is likely that both of these teachers will be finishing their classroom teaching days at the end of this school year.

Both Warren and Lee are valued long term teachers at Newport State School / Newport Lakes Primary School and, on behalf of the NLPS community, I would like to thank both of them for all their dedication they have given to our children and our school. It will certainly be the end of a glorious era for our school and both teachers will depart knowing they have significantly contributed and a made a positive difference to hundreds, possibly thousands, of Newport children's lives.

School Organisation for 2023

Although there still may be changes between now and when we begin the new school year, based on the numbers that we currently expect, we are planning to have 23 grades in 2023 with straight grades from P-4 and composite grades in Yr. 5/6.

Our current enrolment is 545 and we are expecting to increase to approximately 555-560 in 2023. The expected school organisation is as follows;

Principal / Assistant Principal

23 classrooms;

5 x Foundation (Preps)

4 x Yr.1

3 x Yr.2

3 x Yr.3

3 x Yr.4

5 x Yr.5/6

Specialist staff (PE, Visual Art, Drama, Music, Library, LOTE – Auslan)

Further updates on teacher placements and new staff to Newport Lakes PS will be in the next newsletter.

End of Year Assembly & Dismissal

School will be dismissed for all students at 1.30pm on Tuesday 20th December. Weather permitting, an assembly will be conducted on the school oval at 12.55pm featuring a special farewell to our Year 6 students.

Parents are permitted to attend the assembly but please remain at the rear of the assembly area.

After the general school announcements at assembly, the Year 6 children will then be farewelled through the traditional Newport Lakes 'Avenue of Honour' formed by all the teachers and children in the school. This year the students will perform a lap around the school oval with all students (Prep-Yr.5) providing an avenue of honour to bid them farewell.

Parents are also most welcome to attend the Yr. 6 farewell around the school oval. All students will return to their classrooms after the assembly. Teachers will dismiss their children from outside the classrooms at 1.30pm and parents are permitted to greet and converse with their child's teacher at this time.

Any child remaining at school after 1.30pm will need to attend after school care.

School Office Staff Shortage

One of our wonderful office staff, Kayleen, recently suffered a severe thunderstorm asthma attack requiring hospitalisation. Although feeling much better, it will be a slow and gradual recovery and it is unlikely Kayleen will be able to return to work for the remainder of the year.

Even in the best of times, it would be very difficult to replace our office staff but in these current days of staff shortages finding a suitable substitute is going to be difficult.

Due to this reason, the office response time to phone calls, messages, queries etc. may be longer than usual. We ask that parents only contact the office when necessary, noting that often an email may be a better and more convenient means of corresponding with the school office when possible.

Have a great week,

David Moss
Principal

School Council Update

We are almost at the end of another year and on behalf of school council I wanted to say a huge thanks to our school community for coming out in style at this year's fete!

What an event it was, so good to see our community buzzing and happy like days of old pre-pandemic. A massive shout of thanks to Erin Stubbs and Sam Pierce, Parent's Club and all our wonderful parent and teacher volunteers who put in so much time and effort to make this event the success it was. It was brilliant and not possible without each of you so THANK YOU!

A further thanks to Parent's Club for all they have done this year to try and bring our school community back to life, including – Mother's Day Breakfast, Father's Day Breakfast, Election BBQ, Bunnings BBQ and support for the School Production.

These events have been pivotal in getting our school community together again to socialise and enjoy time supporting our children, so we thank all those involved to make this happen.

Thanks also to my fellow School Councillors, David, Carly and all our teachers in what has not been the easiest of years. Your support particularly with the School Production night, fete and generally supporting the school through all the work you do makes NLPS the wonderful community that it is.

Looking forward to a great December as we head towards the festive season and long holiday break.

Meredith Kelly – School Council President



A fabulous day in the sun!

With blue skies above and the sun shining, the school was buzzing with anticipation.

Throughout the day we saw excited little faces as the kids perused the set up, lots of busy volunteers getting things in place, teachers preparing to get wet, rides being inflated, ice cream trucks arriving, fairy floss floating through the air, and those delicious falafel all lined up and ready to be cooked.

The stage was full of amazing songs and dance acts all afternoon, and the bagpipes playing us out at the end of the night is always a special moment that signifies the end of another successful community event.

We had a cracking Fete Committee and it was a joy to work with you all, and we are super grateful for your support in getting this event off the ground. A big thank you also to the wonderful volunteers who helped throughout the day with set up, running the stalls and packing up at the end of the night. We couldn't do these events without you.

Thank you to all the amazing businesses and individuals who gave so generously to both our raffle and auction. They were bursting with great prizes and helped raise much needed funds to go towards the playground refurbishment.

A very special thank you to David Moss who has been an absolute pleasure to work with on the last two fetes. No matter what crazy idea we come up with he has supported us, encouraged us, laughed with us, and allowed us to host these two fetes. And close behind Mr Moss are Kellie, Sue, Kayleen and Carolyn... the dream team!

Last but not least we'd like to thank all the kids of NLPS, who's smiling faces are the main reason we love being a part of this school community and running these events for everyone to enjoy.

It's a HUGE job running a fete, and despite being extremely rewarding, it also consumes a lot of our time and energy. So as our time at NLPS draws near, it's with a heavy heart that we have decided to hand over the torch to the next team.

Lots of love,

Erin and Sam - 2019 & 2022 Fete Coordinators





VACATION CARE



Newport Lakes

Vacation Care Program- Term 4 2022/23

<p>Mon 2nd Jan</p>	<p>New Year's Day Public Holiday All Services Closed</p> 	 <p>WILD ACTION Incursion</p>	<p>Mon 9th Jan</p>
<p>Tues 3rd Jan At NP ONLY</p>	 <p>FACE PAINTING & GLITTER TATTOOS NP ONLY - Incursion *Please advise if your child cannot have the tattoo or face paint</p>	<p>INFLATABLE WORLD Excursion *Please sign the excursion consent form on OWNA</p> 	<p>Tue 10th Jan</p>
<p>Wed 4th Jan At NP ONLY</p>	<p>VILLAGE CINEMA: STRANGE WORLD NP ONLY EXCURSION *Please sign the excursion consent form on OWNA</p> 	 <p>Science Dome Planetarium Experience Incursion</p>	<p>Wed 11th Jan</p>
<p>Thu 5th Jan At NP ONLY</p>	 <p>FUN DAY @ Newport NP ONLY In Centre</p>	<p>IMAX Cinema Dinosaurs of Antarctica 3D Excursion *Please sign the excursion consent form on OWNA</p> 	<p>Thu 12th Jan</p>
<p>Fri 6th Jan At NP ONLY</p>	<p>Young Engineers NP ONLY - Incursion</p> 	 <p>Ooey Gooey Messy Play Incursion * Please pack spare clothes as the children will be making a mess</p>	<p>Fri 13th Jan</p>
<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> Terms and conditions are available online at https://www.qbcc.org.au/enrolment-terms-and-conditions</p>			

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Month	Date/s	Time	Event
NOVEMBER			
	Fri 25th		Icy Pole Day
	Tue 29th	2.30pm—3.30pm	2023 Prep Play Date
DECEMBER			
	Thurs 1st		Prep Movement Incursion
	Wed 7th	2.30pm—3.30pm	2023 Prep Play Date
	Thur 8th	9.00am—1.00pm	Yr 4 Team Building Incursion
	Fri 9th	9.00am—11.00am	Yr 1 Circus Incursion Icy Pole Day
	Mon 12th	6pm—8pm	Yr 6 Graduation Prep Scienceworks Excursion
	Tues 13th		Yr 1 Excursion to ACMI Yr 7 Transition Day
	Wed 14th		Yr 6 Big Day Out Yr 4 Beach Program
	Thur 15th	2.30pm—3.30pm	Yr 3 Beach Program 2023 Prep Play Date
	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



Christmas Tree FUNDRAISER 2022

From 8.30am to 5.00pm *(Unless sold out)*

Every weekend from
26th November - 18th December

Bunnings Altona,
Corner Millers Road and Ross Road, Altona

Prices start at \$60. Tree stands also available

Supporting KARIWARA DISTRICT SCOUTS

Scout Groups in Hobsons Bay and Maribymong

