



Newsletter

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Newport Lakes
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,

We are quickly approaching the completion of yet another very successful year at Newport Lakes Primary School. Coming out of two years of Covid disruptions of isolations, restrictions, and remote learning it has been a year to re-establish and rebuild. To be able to celebrate a full term without a disruption and then eventually to have a full year of learning without a lockdown and a return to remote learning has been a time to rejoice.

Hopefully our Covid days are a time of the past and will slowly fade away to be a distant memory. But there may be a new challenge on the horizon, and we should use our Covid years as an opportunity to build our resilience to overcome any other obstacles we may face in the future.

A focus of the school in 2022 was to return to normal and to build back up our community events, gradually and safely, to bring our parents back into the school.

Excellent events such as the Mother's & Father's Day breakfast mornings, the school production (Little people, DREAMING BIG), classroom helpers and our amazing Twilight Fete all permitted our school doors to safely open and permit our community to return.

When we re-visit the highlights for the year, many have a common feature – they all have significant parent and community involvement. When we have visitors to our school they will often remark on how “the school has a good feel”. I believe this is due to many features but having strong parental involvement creates a genuine feeling of community for our school which makes our children more relaxed, comfortable and happy. On behalf of all our children and staff, I thank you all for being part of our school and for helping us in so many ways and look forward to continuing the journey of building this relationship in 2023.

School Organisation

There will be a number of changes to our school organisation next year with new staff and considerable movement of teachers around the grades. We are very fortunate to have such professional and talented teachers that accept new roles to keep themselves challenged and provide an opportunity to continuously learn new skills and practices.

The school organisation for 2023 will be as follows:

2023	Teachers
Principal	David Moss
Assistant Principal	Carly Bannon
Prep 5 classes	Hannah Whittaker Diana Stefanovic Sarah Smith / Lisa Richards Mitchell Webster Erin Meade
Yr.1 4 classes	Amy O'Dowd Issy Jack Shayne Robson Emma Barger
Yr.2 3 classes	Mike Morrell Denise O'Shea Emma O'Loughlin / Heidi James
Yr.3 3 classes	Tammi Cordell James Munro Olivia Flanagan
Yr. 4 3 classes	Ann Maree Dawson Tarsh Nicholson Tracey Doherty
Yr. 5/6 5 classes	Jill Kelly Mat Williamson/Trami Hoang Alanna Maguire Lucinda Porter Eliza Warne
Tutoring / Intervention	Carol Martins Bianca Egan
Physical Education	Terry Antoniadis
Visual Art	Laura Russell
LOTE - Auslan	Pricilla Patterson
Drama	Michelle Sullivan
Music	Tracey James (Classroom/Instrumental)
Library	Krissy Barr
Office Staff	Kellie Holdich: Business Manager Sue High Kayleen Meehan: Administration Assistants
First Aid	Carolyn Brien
Education Support Staff	Helen Hayden Lleyton Lammardo Courtney Forrest Clare Hopkins Antonella Pappalardo Jacqui Quigley Alan Zhing / Tri Dung Vu (IT)

We welcome 7 new teachers to our school next year, 6 classroom and 1 new specialist teacher.

Emma Barger and Lucinda Porter will be transferring from Altona College and Altona Green PS respectively and Shayne Robson will be returning to teaching after an extended family leave. Shayne previously taught at the Williamstown Campus of Westbourne and part time at Footscray City Primary School.

Isabella Jack, Eliza Warne and Olivia Flanagan are our 3 new Graduate teachers that have been outstanding in their pre-service placements and come highly recommended. We believe all these new teachers will be excellent additions to the wonderful professional and dedicated staff we have at our school.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we also welcome Priscilla Patterson as our new Auslan LOTE teacher. Priscilla is currently teaching Auslan at Deer Park North, and we very much look forward her taking our current online Auslan program to a whole new level.

Considering the difficulty that many schools are presently experiencing gaining suitable staff, to be able to attract and employ the high quality of teachers to join our staff in 2023 is a very pleasing result for our school.

End of Year Student Report The 2023 end of year student report will be available from next 4.00pm next Monday 19th December on the Compass Parent Portal. If parents do not have their username, password or have difficulty accessing the Parent Portal, please contact the school office and assistance will be available.

In the current report we have simplified the format to attempt to 'say more with less words.' The teachers have focused on the skills and outcomes of each subject and how your child has achieved in each area.

We encourage parents to log on and read your child's report with them when it becomes available next week whilst it remains current and relevant. Apart from a review of their present progress, there are also some goals, aims or aspirations that parents can discuss with their child and possibly assist in planning or achieving these goals.

Each child's report will remain and always be available on Compass whilst they are attending NLPS.

School Camps in 2023 - School camps are always a very special for our children and they never like to miss out on them due to clashes with family events.

To assist with your long term 2023 planning the dates for the camps are :

Yr. 3 & 4	Mon 1 st – Wed 3 rd May 2023	Lake Dewar Myrniong
Yr. 5	Mon 27 th – Wed 29 th March 2023	Billabong Ranch Echuca
Yr.6	Mon 20 th – Wed 22 nd March 2023	Billabong Ranch Echuca

School concludes on Tuesday 20th December at 1.30pm.

End of Year Assembly— An assembly will be conducted at 12.40pm featuring a special farewell to our Year 6 students and a few of our departing staff. After the general school announcements, the Yr.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 special event will be conducted on the school oval immediately after the assembly. Parents and friends are invited to the assembly. All students will then return to their rooms and will be dismissed at 1.30pm directly from their classrooms.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL UNSUPERVISED STUDENTS REMAINING AT SCHOOL AFTER 1.45pm WILL BE PLACED IN AFTER SCHOOL CARE.

I hope all the children and staff have a huge rest over the End of Year Break, as they will certainly need all their energy for a huge 2023. I look forward to seeing everyone (Yr.1-Yr.6) when school resumes on Monday 30th January 2023 and the new preps when they begin the following week on Tuesday 7th January 2023.

A brief newsletter will be available next week to finalise the year.

I hope you have a good week.

David Moss
Principal

Victoria-wide single-use plastics ban – from 1 February 2023

Single-use plastics make up a third of the litter in our environment and are difficult and costly to clean up. They pollute the environment, harming wildlife and contaminating our food and water. They are also a poor use of resources – they are often used for only a few minutes and generate significant waste that is not recyclable. They can often easily be replaced with reusable products.

Under new regulations, from 1 February 2023, Victorian businesses and organisations (including schools) will not be able to sell, supply or provide a number of single-use plastic items. The ban applies to the following single-use plastic items made from conventional, degradable or compostable plastics:

- Drinking straws
- Cutlery including knives, forks, spoons, chopsticks, sporks, splades, food picks and sporks
- Plates
- Drink stirrers and sticks
- Cotton bud sticks

The ban also applies to:

- Food service items and drink containers made from expanded polystyrene. This includes expanded polystyrene plates, cups, bowls, clam shells and any cover or lid that is also made from expanded polystyrene.

Newport Lakes Primary School will be implementing the Victorian government's single-use plastics ban in the items we use as a school community including lunch orders, OSHC, catering at community events, classroom and staffroom activities and other school events etc. We will not be using any banned single-use plastic items from 1 February 2023.

Exceptions to the ban

People who need single-use plastic drinking straws due to a disability or for a medical need will still be able to purchase and use these items. If your child needs to continue using single-use plastic drinking straws because of a disability or medical need, please let our Carolyn, First Aid Co-ordinator details and their classroom teacher know and we will ensure that there is a supply available for your child's use at future school activities.

The Victorian government has produced a useful [Fact Sheet](#) explaining which items are banned and which are not, including information about exemptions.

Student lunches and snacks from home

Offences relating to the ban do not apply to private or domestic activities at home, e.g. individual families' decisions about lunch packaging. The intention of the government's new regulations is to remove these items from the supply chain prior to reaching the customer.

At Newport Lakes PS we already encourage no packaging or single use plastics in food brought from home for your child's snack or lunch and the plastic cutlery is no longer available with our weekly lunch order service.



LIBRARY NEWS

2023 Premiers' Reading Challenge

Congratulations to NLPS students that participated in or completed this year's **PRC** challenge. As a school we read and finished 5122 books with 149 students completing the challenge. A special shout-out to this year's reading champions:

Helen 5/6W

George 4EM

Charlotte 2HJ

Annabel 5/6A

Tate 4EM

Jonah 1LR

Mimi Prep HW

Talia 3TC



Pictured are students from 4EM with their PRC completion certificates.





MORE LIBRARY NEWS

Hobson's Bay Library Incursion

Monday, November 14th library classes were treated to lessons presented by our local public library. A special thanks to our presenters Georgia Ensor and Laura Lethlean.



Poetry sessions included engaging Year 1 and 2 students through story reading, activated the senses with natural materials, warmed up descriptive skills with group discussion and contributed to a giant grade 1/2 Poetry tree. Georgia and Laura introduced some Boon Wurrung words to our tree and students had a chance to walk their way up the tree and perform their own spoken word poetry!

Class 5/6M focused on a Comic Club Zine making session - Escape from the Island. Georgia and Laura assisted students with the creation of unique island maps complete with tricky challenges, allies and the creation



Students kept dry and warm during lunch by listening to the text *The River* by Sally Morgan and contributing to a collaborative chalk drawing.

Georgia and Laura encourage students to sign-up to the **Big Summer Read 2022-2023**. The public library are offering 3x Prize Packs for three lucky primary school-aged winners of the Bigger Summer Read. See below for more details of some seriously fruity characters!

Hobsons Bay
Libraries

BIG SUMMER READ 2022 - 2023

**Don't let literacy skills slide
away over summer!**

Hobsons Bay Libraries is here to support your child's reading.

The BIG Summer Read combats the 'summer slide' in literacy learning. It is a statewide Libraries Victoria Campaign and aims to ensure ALL Victorian children have access to the resources they need to maintain their literacy skills over the summer school holidays.

We are offering local and statewide prizes as an incentive for children to enter the challenge. Children are asked to log their books in a simple app called Beanstack. For every 10 books they log, their name goes into the prize draw.

If you would like more information head to a Hobsons Bay Library branch or pop on our website for links.

Final chance to help Breathe Melbourne & win \$200

Thank you to those who have completed the Breathe Melbourne parent survey. **For those who haven't, we'd love you to take part. Here is the link: <https://redcap.link/tlzdlg6t>. The survey will close on Monday, December 11th.**

The survey is completely anonymous and should only take 10 minutes. Participating will help Breathe Melbourne learn about asthma care and air quality views in Melbourne's inner west. This is important information to help improve these aspects of life within our community.

By participating, you will have the chance to win a \$200 VISA voucher.

Thank you for helping our school to take part in this exciting project.

Thank-you,
STEM team



Although feeling much better, Kayleen remains in hospital and she will have a slow and gradual recovery and unfortunately won't be able to return to work for the remainder of the year.

We are sending all our love and best wishes to Kayleen for a speedy recovery.

Kayleen has passed on her thanks for all the lovely messages she has received from the students and staff.

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. Activities as listed above are subject to change. 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
DECEMBER			
	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



Give life. Give blood in Williamstown.

19 to 30 December



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

