

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,

Parent Information Sessions, Parent Teacher Interviews and Open Classrooms

A big thank-you to all the classroom and specialist teachers for the virtual Parent Information Sessions conducted last week. There was strong online attendance to all the sessions and feedback from parents has been very positive.

The sessions gave parents an overview of their child's curriculum as well as a summary of other activities and events such as homework, significant events, school camps, etc. If parents were unable to log on during the evening, a recording of the session or the accompanied slides are available on the Compass News Feed.

Following on from these sessions are the 'Meet the Teacher' interviews to be conducted next Thursday 9th March between 2-7pm. Information on how to book your P-T interview with your child's teacher and specialist teacher has been sent to all parents via Compass.

Later in the term, all the school's classrooms will be open for parents and carers to come along to school and visit. Teachers will be on hand, but the expectation is that the children will be able to give parents a guided tour of their classroom and a rundown of the wonderful work they have been doing in their class. The open classroom sessions will be conducted between 3.30pm- 4.15pm on Thursday 16th March.

Pupil Free Days 2023

The following Pupil free days have been proposed for this school year.

- Term 1 Friday 10th March (Teacher training subject: Numeracy)
- Term 2 Wednesday 24th May – (Professional Practice Day / (teacher planning)
- Term 3 Friday 21st July (Teacher training subject: STEM / Neuro diversity)
- Term 4 Monday 6th November—Student Report Writing

There will be no school for students on these days. When there is sufficient interest, childcare will be available for the Newport Lakes PS families on these days by the school's OSHC provider.

Swim Team

Congratulations to the school swim team that competed in the regional trials at the Werribee outdoor pool this week.

The children and staff had a wonderful day with a very credible second place and many of our students going onto the next stage. A big thank you to the parents that were able to come along on the day and support the children.

A report on the swim sports day will be available in the next newsletter.

Thank You for Supporting our Parents Club

It was very pleasing to note the large numbers of parents that were able to attend the very important Parents Club meeting on Tuesday evening to elect the office bearers for 2023 – without the support of these parents the club could not continue to be an important element of our school community.

Events arranged by our Parents Club, such as the Family Day breakfasts, parent information workshops, Bunnings BBQ's, classroom friendship lists, World Teachers Day, icy pole days, parental social events, School Fete etc. are an important part of what makes Newport Lakes Primary School such a special place.

Without these activities our school would still be a safe and engaging place for our students to learn but it would just lack that community feel which our school is so well known for having. Our Parents Club provides that 'little bit extra' which all our students and staff enjoy so much about our school, and we were all very pleased that its future is secure.

Parent Workshops

Following on from the very successful Parent workshop on '*How to help your child with Maths at home*', our next workshop, '*Chaos to Calm*' is planned for the evening of Tuesday 28th March. Presented by Chrissy Davies, the workshop aims to give parents strategies on creating happier and safer home and classroom environments. Chrissy is an engaging and sought after guest speaker when it comes to understanding children and how they move through our world.

Brought to you by the NLPS Parents Club, the workshop is yet another example of how our Parents Club enriches our school.

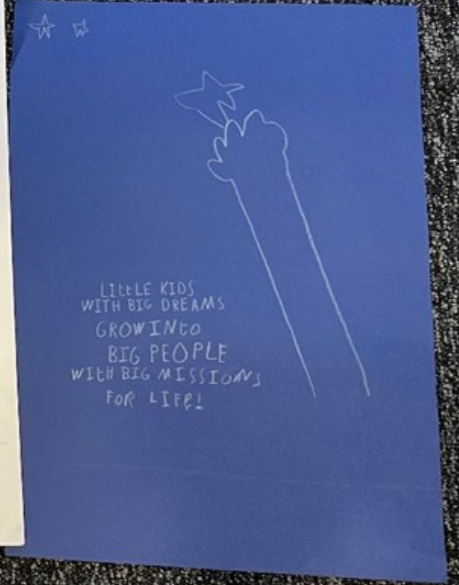
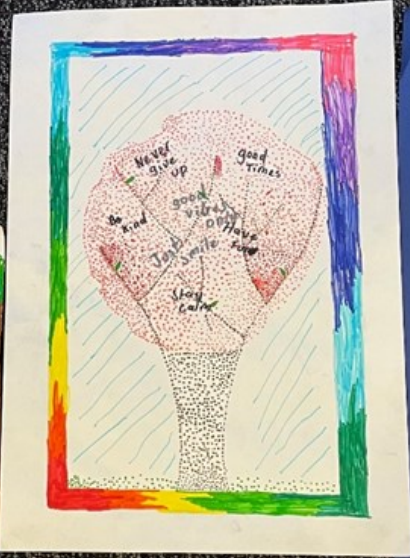
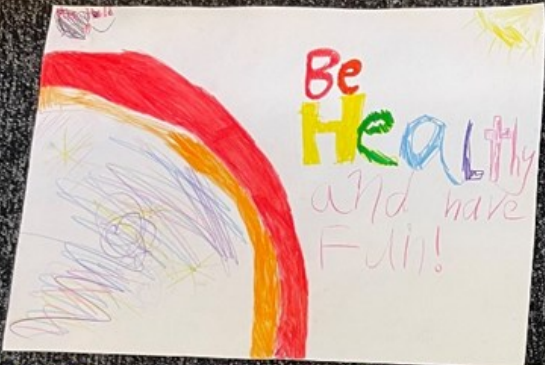
I hope you all have a great week.

David Moss,
Principal

Wellbeing Poster Competition to help decorate Sam's office

Over the last two weeks children were invited to design and make a poster, that has an inspirational quote on it. This could be one that they made up or they could have used their favourite quote. Please find below some of our wonderful entries. It was far too difficult for the judging panel to choose just one poster, but we were able to narrow it down to a few. The winning posters will be displayed in Sam's office, so feel free to pop your head in to see them. However, having said that all entries were winners in their own way and will be displayed around the school to inspire and motivate people. Thank you to the children who not only took the time to make a poster, but also shared hope and positivity around our wonderful school. Samantha Meddis





2023 Photo Day

Online Order Instructions

Dear Parents and Students,

Newport Lakes Primary School PHOTO DAY IS 07-03-2023

Your school prefers orders to be placed online.

However, if unable to order online, please complete your order using the Envelope at your school office.

It is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

**** IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE – ONLINE ORDERING FOR SIBLING PHOTOS WILL CUT OFF ON 06-03-2023 ****

ONLINE ORDERING Your child's school photos are now available for secure online purchase, please note if you are ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope to the school

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

Step 1 [Click Here](#). - For online ordering process for your school.

- OR - Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [CT6 TAG XVM]

Step 2: Enter your student's details

Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)

Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

****Online Orders have a 1.5% merchant fee applied when using Visa, Mastercard or PayPal.**

Please Note: If you miss photo day, portrait and group packages can still be ordered online for 7 days afterwards with no late fees. After that time, late orders will require separate processing and handling and therefore will incur a \$15 late fee per package.

FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTOS No envelope required if ordering online

3 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

- Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [CT6 TAG XVM]
- Family/Sibling photo orders online close on [6/03/2023]
- Orders can be placed by returning an envelope up until photo day with exact cash amount.

ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE

PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO RECEIVE ONE AND RETURN ON PHOTO DAY ONLY

Step 1: Student Details: Complete the student details section on the front of the order envelope.

Please use black or blue pen.

Step 2: Purchase Details: Complete the purchase details on the front of the envelope.

Step 3: Payment Method: Select your payment method.

Credit Card – Online Only at www.advancedlife.com.au

Cash – Please enclose correct money – as change is not available

Please Note: A portrait and a class group photograph will be taken of every student at the school, regardless of purchase. Photographs of your children taken as part of a class group are only permitted to be distributed within their own class. Your child's name will appear on the class group photo. If you Do Not wish your child to be photographed, please contact your school office with your instructions prior to Photo Day.

Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries regarding your child's school photo order.

info@advancedlifevic.com.au or 03 9852 1133

Advancedlife Team

eSafety 101: how eSafety can help you

This 30-minute webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.

It will cover:

- who we are
- what you can report to eSafety
- helpful advice and resources for parents and carers.

Term 1 dates (Australian Eastern Daylight Time)

8 February 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm

21 March 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Setting your child up for success online

This 30-minute webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people in primary school.

It will cover:

- age-appropriate expectations and boundaries
- online risks and strategies to keep your children safe
- where to find support for you and your child when things go wrong.

Term 1 dates (Australian Eastern Daylight Time)

8 February 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm

28 February 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm

14 March 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm

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Getting the most out of gaming

This 45-minute webinar provides families with strategies for supporting children and young people to have safe, positive experiences when playing games online. It is designed for parents and carers of children aged 7 to 14.

It will cover:

- when gaming can be beneficial and strategies to promote better in-game experiences
- how to keep children safe online – using safety and privacy settings in games and platforms
- strategies to promote more balanced gaming and how to create smoother transitions from game-play to other activities
- the key online risks and where to find help for things like bullying and harassment in games.

Term 1 dates (Australian Eastern Daylight Time)

14 February 12:30 pm to 1:15 pm

14 March 7:30 pm to 8:15 pm

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VICTORIA POLICE —STOPIT service

STOPIT is a new Victoria Police text notification service enabling commuters, including school students, to report any form of inappropriate behaviour that makes them feel uncomfortable, frightened or threatened on the public transport network.

How STOPIT works

The STOPIT service enables commuters to use their mobile phone to promptly, easily and discreetly report inappropriate behaviours.

To use the service, commuters simply text 'STOPIT' to 0499 455 455. This triggers an automated response that includes a link to where the commuter can provide more details about what's just happened.

When people report these types of inappropriate behaviours, police can investigate and identify offenders to improve safety on public transport for everyone.

Parents and carers are encouraged to consider discussing the new service with students who travel on public transport. Students who use mobile phones outside of school hours are encouraged to save the STOPIT number in their mobile phone.

Please note, STOPIT is for reporting non-urgent incidents on public transport. Always phone 000 in an emergency.

For more information, refer to sexual and anti-social behaviour on public transport on the Victoria Police website

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Month	Date/s	Time	Event
MARCH			
	Thur 2nd	5.30pm –7.00pm 4.30pm—5.30pm	Prep Picnic Prep Classrooms Open
	Fri 3rd	9am—11.00am	Yr 5/6 Interschool Sport @ Newport Gardens
	Tue 7th		School Photos
	Thur 9th	2.00pm—7.00pm	Meet the Teacher Interviews
	Fri 10th		Pupil Free Day—no students at school
	Tues 14th		Division Swimming Carnival
	Thur 16th	3.30pm—4.15pm	Yrs 1—6 Open Classrooms for parents
	Fri 17th	9am—11am	Yr 5/6 Interschool Sport @ home Icy Pole Day
	Mon 20th—Wed 22nd		Yr 6 Camp- Billabong Ranch
	Thur 23rd		Yr 3 Science Incursion
	Mon 27th—Wed 29th		Yr 5 Camp—Billabong Ranch
	Wed 29th	Yr 3 & 4	Basketball Incursion
APRIL			
	Thur 6th	2.30pm dismissal	Last day of Term 1
	Fri 7th –Fri 21st		SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
	Mon 24th		First day of Term 2
	Tue 25th		Anzac Day—No School
MAY			
	Mon 1st—Wed 3rd		Yr 3/4 Camp—Lake Dewar
	Wed 24th May		Pupil Free Day
JUNE			
	Mon 12th		Public Holiday—No School
	Fri 23rd	2.30pm dismissal	Last day of term 2
	Mon 26th June -- Fri 7th		SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
JULY			
	Mon 17th		Athletics Carnival
	Fri 21st		Pupil Free Day
AUGUST			
	Mon 21st		Book Week

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Month	Date/s	Time	Event
SEPTEMBER			
	Fri 15th	2.30pm dismissal	Last day of term 3
	Mon 18th—Fri 29th		SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
NOVEMBER			
	Mon 6th		Pupil Free Day –no students at school
	Tue 7th		Public Holiday—No School
	Wed 8th—Fri 10th		Art Show
DECEMBER			
	Wed 20th	1.30pm dismissal	Last day of term 4



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TRAINING
MON & WED

GAMEDAY
SUNDAY

Come & Try
LACROSSE
Fun & High Energy Game!

Recruiting players in U10, 12, 14, 16, 18 & seniors.
New players welcome! No experience or equipment required.
We nurture players to be the best that they can be!

PJ LYNCH RESERVE, MASON ST, NTH ALTONA (BEHIND BAY FIT)

EMAIL: RECRUITMENT@NEWPORTLADIESLACROSSE.COM.AU
FOR MORE INFORMATION

WWW.NEWPORTLADIESLACROSSE.COM.AU

TACKERS



Bookings are now open for school holiday sailing programmes

TACKERS is a fun games-based sailing program designed for kids aged 7 to 12. It's a great introductory program for kids to allow them to try sailing in a friendly, protective and fun environment.

TACKERS is all about having a great time with other kids, playing loads of games and going on adventures while learning how to sail together.

TACKERS 1 - Having Fun / TACKERS 2 - Tricks & Techniques

11-14 April 9.00am-2.00pm

GET MOVING builds on skills learnt in Tackers 2 and Junior Fleet so that junior sailors can develop their confidence and sailing and racing skills in their own boats. GO FASTER is at a more advanced level for junior sailors to further improve their sailing skills and hone their racing skills in their own boats.

GET MOVING / GO FASTER 17-19 April 9.00am-4.00pm

Cost

WSC members \$224 | Non-members \$280

Book early to guarantee a place:

www.williamstownsailingclub.org.au/events

Enquiries

Email: tackers@williamstownsailingclub.org.au

www.williamstownsailingclub.org.au



Volunteer to mentor a young person at your local high school



Raise will provide best-practice youth mentoring at your local high school in 2023.

Teenage years are tough
Across Australia, 1 in 4 young people are unhappy with their lives – having a mentor to guide them can change the course of a young person's life. As a volunteer showing up each week, your support will empower them to better cope with life's challenges and help them become more resilient and hopeful for the future.

Volunteer to mentor
Anyone can become a mentor. You'll be fully trained and equipped to support a year 8 or 9 student. The Raise matching process ensures we don't match students to anyone they already know or their family has a connection with.

Raise Youth Mentoring Program
raise.org.au/mentor

Come and Try



Who: 5-12 year olds NEW to the game of hockey
Where: Footscray Hockey Club, Fogarty Ave Yarraville (Down by the Westgate Freeway)
Time: U6 & U8: 5.15 – 6.00pm
U10 & U12 and above: 6.00 – 6.45pm
Dates: Wed 22nd Feb, 1st & 8th & 15th Mar
Cost: FREE !

Equipment: Hockey sticks and shin guards are available to borrow by new players. Please arrive 10-15 minutes early to have a hockey stick fitted.



Welcome to just turn up!

Enquiries: Contact Come and Try Coordinator Nicole Virtuoso
0424 132 715 come-and-try@footscrayhockey.com.au

www.footscrayhockey.com.au Facebook: @footscrayhockey

