



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 and present. 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 and families,

Phew - the weeks are really flying by now and here we are in week 9, meaning we are almost at the end of term. As per usual, there are lots of things going on in our amazing school!

Year 5 & 6 Camps

This year, we split the classes up and they have headed off this week and last to enjoy 3 rollicking days at Billabong Ranch, which is near Echuca. The students (and staff!) had a wonderful time participating in activities such as horse riding, paddle boats, low ropes course, bungee trampolines, mini golf, bush first aid, orienteering, outback spectacular show and night walk. We trust that the children slept well when they returned. We appreciate that families, who were able to do so, allowed the students to rest at home on the Thursday after camp in order to assist with the school meeting its Time in Lieu requirements with minimal impact to student learning.

Retiring Staff

For those of you that may not be aware, our much-loved admin duo, Sue High and Kayleen Meehan, will be retiring at the end of this term. We are very sad to see them both go, but are so happy that they are about to embark on the next rewarding chapter of their lives.

Sue started here in 2009 and has been the backbone of the school's smooth running ever since, not to mention the star baker on birthdays and special occasions. Kayleen has been in the office on a part time basis since 2007 and has been involved in the school community even longer as a parent. Kayleen is also the person guaranteed to get the school into whatever particular season it may be, particularly Christmas. Both of these wonderful women leave behind a legacy of dedication and support to students, staff and families alike.

If you are in the school over the coming week, please feel free to pop into the office to say thank you and goodbye to these valued staff members.

We have hired Kerry Breeze to replace the 3 day admin role - with a focus on finance and OH&S. Brodie Thomson has recently accepted the full time admin role and will begin next term. Both women come with many years of experience in school administration roles in other settings and we are delighted to welcome them to our school.

Also note that Lisa Richards of Prep SS is on maternity leave from the end of the term and will be replaced by a very well-known face to NLPS, Ashley Shacklock. We wish Lisa the very best of luck with baby number two!

Ride2School Day

Last Friday the school yard was filled with a huge number of wheels – bikes, scooters and even roller skates! Not only did the students have a lot of fun, enjoy some early morning exercise, build confidence in riding their bike or scooter around the local streets, they also had a chance to talk and chat with the persons they travelled with, reduced the amount of traffic in and around our school and decreased the carbon footprint that their family made on the planet that day.

The name of every child that walked, rode, skated or scooted to school on the day was placed into the Ride2School raffle and five winners were drawn out at last week's online assembly. Congratulations to all that took part and to our generous sponsor, Specialized, for donating the raffle prizes.

The benefits of either walking, riding or other similar modes of transportation are endless and the Ride2School Day demonstrates that it is possible for many of our students and parents to come to and from school by this means rather than using their car to make these trips. We hope that the lighter mornings resulting from the conclusion of daylight savings this weekend, may provide an opportunity for your family to continue the practice of getting to school motor vehicle free.

ANZAC DAY Badges

This year ANZAC Day will be on the Tuesday of the first week of Term 2. Our school will be represented by the School Captains at the Newport RSL ANZAC Day Ceremony, to be conducted at 1300 hours on Tuesday 25th April at the Newport Cenotaph. The School Captains will be visiting the classrooms everyday next week selling ANZAC Day items including; badges (\$2 & \$5), key rings, bag tags and wrist bands. All proceeds from the sale of the ANZAC Day items goes to our local Newport RSL to assist with the wonderful work they do for our ex-service men and women and the community.

Ramadan

The holy period of Ramadan began last Week, on March 22 and continues until April 20. Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection and community. Adult Muslims fast each day of Ramadan from dawn until dusk, for the duration of the month. We would like to wish all of our Muslim students and families a 'Ramadan Mubarak' during this special time of their year.

Mobile Phones & Devices (Including Smart Watches)

In accordance with the Education Department's 'Mobile Phones – Use by Students Policy' issued by the Minister for Education, personal mobile phones are not permitted to be used at NLPS during school hours unless an exception has been granted. For the purpose of any government [school's mobile phone policy](#) (found on our website), it includes any device that has access to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network- therefore, any device that may connect to or have a similar functionality to a mobile phone **including tablets or smart watches**. A number of parents have supplied their children with a mobile phone for safety reasons for when they travel to and from school. In these cases, the students must turn off their phones, or smart watch internet connectivity, whilst they are at school (including the school grounds) and store them in a safe place for the full school day. Students should not access or turn their phones on until after they leave the school grounds.

Mobile phones, tablets and smart watches owned by students are considered as valuable items and are brought to school at the owner's (or student's) own risk. Students are encouraged NOT to bring a mobile phone or smart watch to school unless they have a compelling reason to do so. Please note that NLPS does not have accident insurance for accidental property damage or theft and any item brought to school is done so at the owner's risk.

If you wish to communicate with your child during school hours, it is important you use the official channels, in line with the DET policy of no mobile use by students during school hours. Please call or email the office so they can pass on any important message to your child instead.

M2M Charity Bike Ride

This weekend David will be participating in the Murray to Moyne Bike ride to raise funds for the Student Welfare programs of our neighbouring school, Altona North Primary School.

David has passed on his thanks to the many families that donated funds in support of his ride. Your donations will go a long way in assisting local children and families in need.

All sponsorship towards the ride can be made using this 'my cause' link.

<https://www.mycause.com.au/page/303512/murray-2-moyne-cycle-relay-team-101>

We wish David and the other team members all the very best for a safe and enjoyable ride.

End of Term 1

The end of Term 1 will be on Thursday 6th April. Weather permitting, an outdoor school assembly will be conducted on the school oval at 1.45pm, and students will then return to their classrooms before being dismissed at 2.30pm. Parents and families are most welcome to attend the outdoor school assembly. Students still in the school grounds at the completion of a teacher being on duty after school (2.45pm on the last day) will be placed into after school care and charges will occur.

School resumes for Term 2 on Monday, April 24, noting that Tuesday, April 25 is a public holiday (ANZAC Day).

I hope you all have a safe and relaxing holiday and I look forward to seeing you all next term.

Carly Bannon
Assistant Principal

An update from the 2023 NLPS School Council

The NLPS School Council recently met for our first meeting of the school year.

If you are a new family to the school or not familiar with the role of the School Council you can find more information on the NLPS website: [School Council – Newport Lakes PS](#)

We will provide updates via the school newsletter to keep the school community in-touch with the work undertaken by the School Council.

Highlights - March Meeting

The March meeting is typically jam-packed as there are members to farewell and welcome, office bearer positions to elect, sub-committees to form, financial reports to review, an update from David and a discussion about the priorities for the year ahead.

We are pleased to confirm your School Council representatives for 2023 are as follows:

Parent Representatives	Role/Sub Committee	Parent of
Steph Viljoen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• President• Finance• FAMS*	Keagan, Grade 4
Lauren Sammartino	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vice-President• Community Engagement• Liaison to Parent's Club	Grace, Grade 1 Eva, Grade 4
Jo Sutton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secretary• Community Engagement• Education	Jemima, Grade 6
Leah Campbell	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Treasurer• Finance	Isla, Grade 5
Veronica Barbetta	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education• FAMS	Felix, Grade 6
Murray Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FAMS	Mia, Grade 3 Miles, Prep
Kristy Clucas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Engagement	Taylor, Grade 1 Hudson, Grade 4
Kim Gilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Engagement	Esme, Grade 1
Staff Representatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•	
David Moss	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Principal• Finance• FAMS	n/a
Carly Bannon	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assistant Principal• Education	n/a
Mathew Williamson	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 5/6 Educator• Education	n/a
Kellie Holdich	<i>Kellie is our School Business Manager and joins each school council meeting to provide an update on the school financials. Kellie is not a formally appointed representative.</i>	n/a

*Facilities, Maintenance and Services

Martin Foster's formal appointment on the School Council ended in 2022, however he has kindly agreed to continue as Chair of the FAMS Sub-committee for 2023. Martin is a significant contributor to our school community and plays a key role managing the School's relationship with Quantin Binnah as well leading other key initiatives. Martin's continuing presence will provide important continuity and transference of knowledge as he enjoys his last year as a parent at our school.

The School Council Welcomes...

Newly appointed parent representatives **Kim Gilson** and **Leah Campbell**.

Kim is a senior clinical psychologist and is passionate about children's mental health and well being. Her experience and expertise will be a valuable addition to the School Council.

Leah has kindly contributed her skills and expertise as a Chartered Accountant 'unofficially' to the School Council and Finance Sub-Committee over the past few years and we are thrilled to welcome her in an official capacity this year.

We welcome **Mat Williamson** (Year 5/6 Educator) as the appointed staff representative (replacing Amy O'Dowd). Mat is a passionate and dedicated member of the NLPS staff and we welcome his energy and enthusiasm to the School Council.

The School Council Farewells...

We would like to thank our outgoing 2022 School Council President, **Meredith Kelly**, for her leadership and contribution to both the Council and school community more broadly over many years. Meredith's warmth, care and commitment for our school has been enormously appreciated and will be missed.

We would also like to thank and acknowledge the contribution of **Amy O'Dowd** who completed her two year appointment as a staff representative at the end of 2022. Amy has been an important contributor to the Education Sub-Committee, and we appreciate her input and commitment.

School Council Key Priorities 2023

- Continued support and monitoring of the school strategic plan.
- Continued oversight and approval of school budget and financials.
- Ongoing management and operation of the OSHC service
- Leading and supporting key school improvement initiatives including replacement of senior playground, installation of solar panels and creation of staff courtyard area.
- Support Parent's Club to engage with the school community via events and fundraising.
- Review, update and/or create education policies.
- Proactively seek community partnership opportunities, grants etc. to help continue to build on our wonderful school community and opportunities for our students.
- Focus on uplifting communication between school and home.
- Focus on student well-being.
- Seek feedback from the school community.

School community feedback and engagement

As the School Council is made up of a majority of elected parent representatives, we are here to represent you – parents and carers of our students. We strongly encourage you to engage with our School Council representatives to share your ideas, concerns or feedback.

You can reach us via email NLPSSchoolCouncil@gmail.com or feel free to approach us in the school yard (our photos on the website will help you find us!).

We are looking forward to an engaging and productive 2023.

NLPS School Council

This a reminder about our upcoming parent information session presented by the engaging Chrissie Davies, of <https://www.chaostocalmconsultancy.com>.

**'What do you see when you look at me?' - an inspiring and informative community event
Presented by Chrissie Davies**

Date: Tuesday the 4th of April

Time: 7:30 - 8:30pm

Format: online

*Free event - **NLPS parents and carers only** - we appreciate your understanding with this and ask that you do not forward this link.*

The link for this meeting has been sent out to parents via Compass.

WHAT DO YOU SEE WHEN YOU LOOK AT ME?



An inspiring and informative community event

- Separating the child from the behaviour; supporting your child at home
- Viewing behaviour through a brain based lens
- Different but NOT less: being an inclusive and supportive community
- Neuro affirming language and perceptions about behaviour
- Naughty, rude, disruptive OR distressed, dysregulated, overwhelmed, in need of support?
- Why it is SO important for families and educators to work collaboratively in schools
- Understanding supports and accommodations in the classroom
- Utilising and communicating your knowledge and understanding of your child's needs: you are the EXPERT when it comes to your child and you have valuable knowledge to share
- Your role in your child's learning success
- The importance of a strengths based model in education for our neurodivergent kids

Chrissie Davies - The Child Charmer



Key Note Speaker
Author of "Love your brain"
Therapeutic educator
Passionate child advocate
Trauma informed approach
Neuro affirming education
Mama of two wildlings

www.chaostocalmconsultancy.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Month	Date/s	Time	Event
MARCH			
	Fri 31st	9am—10.30am	Icy Pole Day Yr 1 Grandparents Day
APRIL			
	Mon 3rd	6.30pm	Yr 5/6 Drama Incursion Yr 1 Playground Craze Incursion School Council Meeting
	Tues 4th	7.30pm—8.30pm	Yr 5/6 Drama Incursion Parent Information Sessions—Chaos to Calm By Chrissie Davies - Via zoom
	Wed 5th		Yr 3 & 4 Basketball Incursion
	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
	Fri 28th	10.00am	2024 Prep Tour
MAY			
	Mon 1st—Wed 3rd		Yr 3/4 Camp—Lake Dewar
	Tue 2nd		Prep Excursion to Zoo Yr 1 Excursion to Animal Land
	Thur 4th	10.00am	2024 Prep Tour
	Wed 10th	10.00am	2024 Prep Tour
	Wed 24th		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



IGNITE A PASSION FOR THE GAME!



Bryan Martyn Oval (Home of Newport Power Junior FC), Newport
Saturday Mornings 9am – 10am starting 29th April 2023



Scan the QR Code for registration details, or
Head to <https://play.afl/auskick>



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

Town Hall, 104 Ferguson Street
20 to 31 March



Monday	12:30 pm – 8 pm
Tuesday	12 pm – 8 pm
Wednesday	12 pm – 8 pm
Thursday	8 am – 8 pm
Friday	8 am – 3 pm



PLAY BASKETBALL



GIRLS UNDER 12s

Are you interested in playing with us?

Please get in touch asap so we can put a team together.
Marius: 0447457711 Maria: 0413334417



TRAINING MONDAY



GAMEDAY SUNDAY

Come and Try
LACROSSE
MONDAY APRIL 3RD

Recruiting players in U10, U12, U14, U16, U18 & Seniors.
New players welcome! No experience or equipment required.
We nurture players to be the best that they can be!

JUNIORS: 5:30-6:30 | SENIORS: 6:30-7:30 | SAUSAGE SIZZLE
PJ LYNCH RESERVE, MASON ST, NTH ALTONA (BEHIND BAY FIT)

email: recruitment@newportladieslacrosse.com.au

www.newportladieslacrosse.com.au



LEO HOFFMAN RESERVE PARK AND PLAYGROUND UPGRADE



HAVE YOUR SAY - LEO HOFFMAN RESERVE

Hobsons Bay City Council is upgrading Leo Hoffman Reserve in Newport. The playground and park facilities will be upgraded to provide improved passive and active recreation for the local community.

This first stage of the consultation process provides the community with the opportunity to reimagine the reserve.

Come along to the drop-in session to share your ideas with council officers.

When: Sunday 2 April, 1.00pm to 3.00pm

Where: Leo Hoffman Reserve
Newcastle Street, Newport

You can also share your ideas on Council's Participate page using the QR Code.



For more information please visit,
www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/

