

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,

Welcome Back to Term 2 I hope all families had the opportunity to have an enjoyable Easter and holiday period. A number of children have told me about some of the wonderful trips and activities that they were able to participate in over the term break.

After completing another full term of uninterrupted school, we look forward on continuing our journey of returning to some form of normal schooling for the remainder of the year and beyond. It is only after an event such as Covid that you get to really appreciate the normal events of life, such as a family holiday or coming to school and work every day.

We must continue to be vigilant as we are still experiencing a Covid pandemic, and a possible influenza outbreak may occur within our community in the winter months. Through all this, the safety of our students and staff must remain paramount. If your child is experiencing any symptoms or illness, please always heed on the side of caution and ensure your child does not attend school until their health has improved and they are safe to be with others at school.

I look forward to building on the gains we have made in term one and continue a journey of rebuilding the school's wonderful feel of community.

Welcome to Newport Lakes Primary School

Following the retirement of our much-loved Sue and Kayleen from the school office, this week I extend a very warm welcome to Brodie Thomson and Kerry Breeze to our school administration team. Brodie will be working on Monday - Friday and Kerry will be at school on Monday, Thursday, and Friday. Both Brodie and Kerry have extensive experience working in school offices and look forward to being a part of the Newport Lakes Primary School community.

It will obviously take some time to build up the local knowledge of our school, but this will certainly occur over time. In the meantime, please feel drop into the front office and introduce yourself to Brodie and Kerry and welcome them to our wonderful school.



ANZAC Day

I had the delightful pleasure and pride of accompanying the school captains to the Newport RSL ANZAC Day ceremony conducted in Paines Reserve, Newport on ANZAC Day. Emily and Finn read the story of Vivien Bulwinkel, an amazing and courageous woman who served as a nurse in WW2 and for decades following the war received many honours and awards for her work in public health. The school captains also laid a wreath on behalf of the Newport Lakes Primary School community.

On the previous morning at school, we also had a small recognition ceremony where the students assembled in front of the flagpole, a poem was read by the school captains and Sophie U from Grade 4 played the Last Post and Reveille on her trumpet.

All staff and students then participated in a minute of silence to remember those who had given so much for our country.

Pupil Free Days

As part of the Victorian Government Schools Agreement (VGSA), all teachers (except principal class members) are eligible for a professional practice day (PPD) each school term. The day is used for teacher administration, professional learning, school visits etc. and the school employs a Casual Relief Teacher (CRT) to replace the teacher for that day. These PPDs are taken by teachers throughout the term on agreed days negotiated between the teacher and the principal to meet the needs of the school. Due to the chronic shortage of CRTs that schools are experiencing state-wide, it is not possible at this present time for schools to replace all teachers for their PPDs.

The Education Department has recommended that all teachers are to be allocated their PPD on the one day and no students are to attend school on this day (pupil free day).

The day selected for the staff at Newport Lakes PS is Wednesday 24th May 2023. As there are 2 public holidays in term 2 (Tuesday 24th April and Monday 12th June) it was decided to conduct this pupil free day on a Wednesday to ensure that there is some form of equity in the amount of specialist lessons (PE, Music, AUSLAN, Library, Drama, Art) that the children attend during the term.

Providing there are sufficient numbers requiring the service, childcare will be available at the school on Wednesday 24th May 2023. Bookings can be made by contacting the school's OSHC provider, Quantin Binnah on 9742 5040 or admin@qbcc.org.au.

Blackshaws Rd. Road Survey

Over the last few years there has been a significant increase in the traffic on Blackshaws Rd. Large building programs, re-alignment of traffic flow, increased housing and major traffic works have all contributed to a much busier road making it very difficult for pedestrians and cyclists to safely cross this street.

School Council have made repeated requests to the Hobsons Bay council, and then to Vicroads, for improved safety for our families and community.

Vicroads are currently conducting an online survey seeking to understand how pedestrians, bike riders and all road users experience Blackshaws Rd. It is very important that the school community uses this opportunity to have our say towards an improved traffic flow at the eastern end of Blackshaws Rd.

As Blackshaws Rd. is a major road in our area and has a significant impact on all our lives, now and in the future, I would strongly urge that all parents and families take 10 minutes to complete the survey. This is an opportunity to be part of the future planning of our community and without your input, your voices may not be heard.

The link to the survey is:

<https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/planning-and-projects/melbourne-road-projects/blackshaws-road-and-kororoit-creek-road-survey>

The survey will be open from Monday 24 April – Sunday 21 May and should take 10-15 minutes to complete.

Mid-year student reports and Parent Teacher interviews

In 2023, term two will only be nine weeks in duration.* To include both the mid-year reports and the parent teacher interviews before the completion of the term was going to be very difficult, so for this year it has been decided to make available the reports in the last week of the term but conduct the parent teacher conferences and interviews early in term 3 (Thursday 20th July).

*Term 4 will be 11 ½ weeks in duration

School Lunch Orders

As I'm sure all parents can appreciate, price increases in almost all foods and services have been ongoing. Our local lunch order provider, KingWill catering have also been exposed to all these price increases in food, packaging, rental, transport, and service fees.

"The only way KingWill Catering can continue in this climate is to pass on increased costs to you our valued customers. We have tried to keep at a minimum hoping our customers will continue to support our business. These increases will be current as of day one in term two.

As I'm sure you can appreciate, we will need to revisit pricing regularly and adjust accordingly to continue to provide a quality product to our customers and enable us to continue the business and employ our staff."

The school will continue to utilise the KingWill Catering as our lunch order provider every Thursday. Unfortunately, price increases have been necessary and beyond their control, but they have never compromised on their quality or the service that they have provided to the school.

Sunsmart and School Hats

As per the school's Sunsmart Policy, students are only required to wear approved sun hats in terms one and four. Although not compulsory, students are welcomed and encouraged to continue to wear their hats on sunny days or whenever they feel comfortable to wear their hats.

If a child would like to wear a warmer hat in terms two and three, school beanies are an approved item of the school uniform and are available from our uniform supplier (see school website) or can also be

purchased from the school office. Other hats other than those included in the school uniform list (eg. baseball caps, football beanies) are not permitted as part of the school uniform.

Newport Lakes PS 2022 Annual Report Presentation

The 2022 NLPS Annual Report will be presented at a public meeting prior to the upcoming school council meeting to be conducted at 6pm on Monday 15th May 2023.

Parents are invited to attend the presentation of the Annual Report and then remain for the school council meeting to begin at 6.30pm.

The Annual Report provides principals and school councils with an opportunity to share the year's achievements and progress with the school community. This includes reflecting on the school's performance and explaining the impact of school improvement efforts on student outcomes.

The preparation and publication of an Annual Report is a legislative and regulatory requirement for all schools and reflects the Department of Education's commitment to building pride and confidence in our government schools and highlights the importance of transparent communication about school performance with our school communities.

Grade 3 / 4 school camp

I would like to wish all the Grade 3 and 4 students and staff all the best for a wonderful three-day camp to Lake Dewar next week. It will be the first time many of the children have been on a school camp or any similar experience. I'm certain it will be an exciting and fun time filled with many engaging and challenging activities conducted over the three days.

The children will arrive home on Wednesday evening full of stories from their experience but without doubt, will also be tired and exhausted. For families that are able to do so, we recommend allowing your child to sleep in and have a rest at home on the Thursday to recover from the camp. If this is not possible, students are most welcome to come to school to be supervised in passive activities on this day.

I would like to thank all the staff (teachers and education support) and their families for being available to care, conduct and supervise the students on the camp and giving our students this experience.

I hope you all have a good week.

David Moss

Principal

Parents Club News

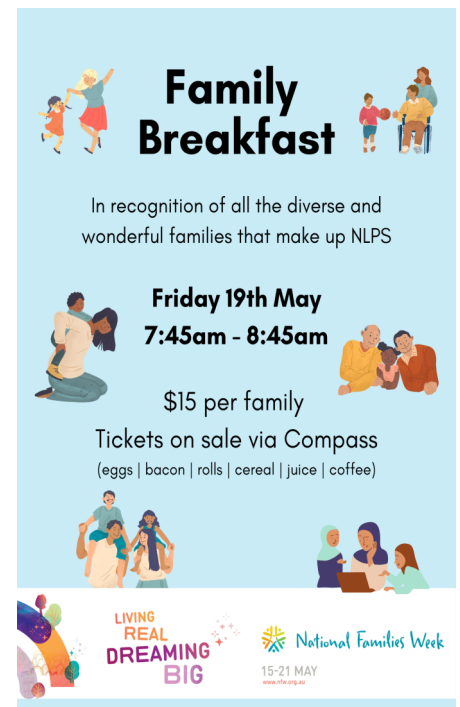
Welcome to term 2 folks! Parent Club have a few things in the pipe line and our first event is always a popular one! Enjoying an egg and bacon roll for brekky, a delicious coffee from a local coffee wizard and listening to our tiny humans sing and play along with Tracey.

This year things look a little different...

Parents Club and NLPS acknowledge that ALL families are special and all roles within a family are special and unique to your family. With that, we believe celebrations such as Mother's Day are unique and special for each family. We know that not all families look the same and that not all families have someone who fits into the traditional role of Mum or Dad.

Moving forward and in the true spirit of true inclusion, we wish to honour all individuals who play parental roles and acknowledge the amazing diversity of all our families. As such we invite all members of our school community to join us in celebrating International Day of Families on May 19th.

Tickets are now available to purchase via Compass Tix . <https://compasstix.com/e/mjny4vq69r>



Family Breakfast

In recognition of all the diverse and wonderful families that make up NLPS

Friday 19th May
7:45am - 8:45am

\$15 per family

Tickets on sale via Compass
(eggs | bacon | rolls | cereal | juice | coffee)

LIVING REAL DREAMING BIG
15-21 MAY
www.nlps.org.au

National Families Week

The 2023 Premiership Cup comes to Newport Lakes Primary School

Late in term one, we were lucky enough to have Matt Egan from the Geelong Football Club, come to visit NLPS! Matt works as the head of player development at the club, and as a Newport local, he was kind enough to bring the cup to share with our school. He shared his experiences as a retired AFL footballer, as well as what it was like to be a part of the best team in the 2023 season. Matt also related a lot of the players' experiences to our school values and the role of hard work and effort. Part of his job is collaborating with current Geelong players on their current and future goals; just like all students have individual learning goals at NLPS, so too do AFL footballers!

Many thanks to Matt for his time on the day... certainly one to remember.



20% Discount on Sports & Co-Curricular Group Photos available until 13/05/2023

Dear Parents,

These school sports and co-curricular groups were photographed on 7/03/2023:

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| Arts & Band Captains | | |
| House Captains | | |
| School Captains | | |

You can now view and purchase the group images listed above and if you place your order before 13/05/2023 you will get a 20% early order discount. Just click on the link below. Please note the discount will be automatically applied at checkout.

Images can also be viewed by visiting www.advancedlife.com.au entering the code: CT6 TAG XVM and clicking on "Group Photos"

Important

- Sports and co-curricular group photos can only be purchased online, **PLEASE DO NOT** return payment to your school
- If your child's group or team is scheduled to be photographed at a later date, you will receive an additional email notification when the images are ready to be ordered
- Photos will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after the discounted **early** order period has closed
- Past years' photographs including sports, co-curricular and representative groups are also available at your school's **advancedorder** and your child's **advancedyou** photo sites

advancedlife would like to express our appreciation to Newport Lakes Primary School for placing your trust in us. Please remember we offer a 100% money-back guarantee on our products to ensure your peace of mind. We would also love to receive your feedback or resolve any issues you may experience, to ensure your satisfaction. If you have any questions, comments or feedback relating to your **advancedlife** experience, please contact us at www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

Student Voice: Junior School Council (JSC)

At Newport Lakes Primary School we acknowledge that Student Voice is a powerful driver to motivate learning and recognise that all students are able to participate, learn and lead. Student voice acknowledges that students have unique perspectives on learning, teaching, and schooling and should have the opportunity to actively shape their own education.

Student voice equals students actively participating in their school, communities and the education system, contributing to decision making processes and collectively influencing outcomes by putting forward their views, concerns and ideas. Junior School Council (JSC) is one avenue where students are able to access authentic opportunities to develop a voice. The chance to be heard and be involved as key stakeholders ensures that view points from a range of perspectives are heard and this in turn leads to more informed decision making.

Junior School Councillors have now been elected from grades 1–6. In 2023 the makeup of JSC sees one representative from each class. The JSC will meet on a fortnightly basis at lunchtimes. Congratulations to the following students on being elected by their peers.

Heidi, Bianca, Issy and Samantha

(JSC Staff)



| GRADE | JSC REP |
|-------|------------|
| 1AO | Zoe B |
| 1IJ | Joel H |
| 1EB | Ines Mc |
| 1SR | Luca B |
| 2MM | Daisy G |
| 2DO | Ainsley Mc |
| 2EO | Jasper T-S |
| 3JM | Tom R |
| 3OF | Emily B |
| 3TC | Jack M |
| 4AD | Eva S |
| ATN | Flynn Mc |
| 4TD | Olly R |
| 56E | Oliver Y |
| 56L | Nina M |
| 56A | Salome U |
| 56J | Caitlin K |
| 56M | Chloe Z |

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Month | Date/s | Time | Event |
|------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| APRIL | | | |
| | 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 |
| | Thur 18th | 10:00am | 2024 Prep Tour |
| | | 6:00pm—7:00pm | 2024 Prep Parent Information Evening |
| | Fri 19th | 7:45am—8:45am | Family Breakfast - Book on Compass |
| | Wed 24th | | Pupil Free Day |
| | Fri 26th | 10:00am | 2024 Prep Tour |
| 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 | | | |
| 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



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| 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



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Drawn on May 13th

Support the
Hobsons Bay Toy Library & be in
the running to spoil Mum on
Mother's Day even more than
normal!



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12 TICKETS \$20
20 TICKETS \$30