

# 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 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.*

*Always was, always will be Aboriginal land.*

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Dear parents and families,

We will welcome all of our parents to the school on the morning of Friday 19th May for our first ever 'NLPS Family Breakfast'. As an alternative to the traditional Mother's Day Breakfast, this year it will be a little different. We recognise that there are many different individuals that have parental roles at our school, and we invite them all to our NLPS Family Breakfast.

We look forward to all of our parents and carers coming to school on their way to work, dropping kids off to pre-school or simply beginning their day by having breakfast at school with their children and other NLPS families.

There will be the usual egg & bacon rolls, cereal, juice and the coffee cart will all available. Information on all details of the NLPS Family Breakfast event is available later in the newsletter or on Compass. Tickets can be purchased on CompassTix <https://compassstix.com/e/mjny4vq69r>

## New Senior Playground

After 13 years of heavy duty 'wear and tear', the senior school playground equipment will be replaced later this year. Many of the parts of the equipment are wearing out and need to be updated and replaced to remain safe for our children.

After numerous meetings with members of playground manufacturers, JSC members and senior students a new and exciting senior playground has been planned for the school. The students even had input and the final say on the colours of the equipment – grey poles, with blue and orange equipment (it looks better than it sounds!).

Funded by school council and money raised at our 2022 School Fete, the new equipment is currently being manufactured and will be installed in early August.

## **Welcome Back**

This week we warmly welcome back Ashlee Johnson (nee Shacklock) from her family leave to replace Lisa Richards in the Prep SS classroom for the remainder of the 2023 school year. Ashlee is an outstanding teacher and is well known to all the children and staff and will be warmly received in the Prep team.

In the current times of teacher shortages, we are very fortunate at NLPS to be able to engage such high-quality teaching staff for our children and classrooms.

## **Prep Enrolments 2024**

We are currently taking enrolments for 2024 Preps. If you have a child that turns 5 before 30th April 2024, and would like to enrol them at Newport Lakes Primary School please download the forms that are available on the school website or alternatively contact the office for assistance.

School Tours are currently being conducted over the next few weeks (May 10th, 18th & 26th) and an online 2024 Prep Information evening is planned for 6.00pm on Thursday 18th May. Bookings for both the tours and the information evening can be made on CompassTix via the school website.

Enrolments for 2024 students should be lodged at the school office before the end of Term 2 (23rd June). Families that are within our 'school zone' or have siblings already enrolled, are eligible for enrolment at NLPS in 2024. It is very important for our school planning purposes that we are aware of any siblings that may be enrolling in Preps next year.

Also, if you believe your child may be transferring or re-locating to another school in 2024, the earlier you can notify the school the greater you can assist the school in its forward planning and preparation.

## **Personal Accident Insurance and Ambulance Cover**

A friendly reminder that the Education Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance. They can be obtained by parents and guardians for individual children.

Parents are strongly advised to take out family insurance cover or check to see if emergency ambulance assistance is covered under their health insurance policy.

The school does not wait for prior permission from parents to call an ambulance. It is the school's policy to always call an ambulance immediately if there is a belief that the emergency service may be required for the health and safety of the child.

## **Pupil Free Day**

A reminder to all parents and carers that a pupil free day will be conducted on Wednesday 24th May 2023. There will be no school on this day for all students.

Onsite childcare is available from the school's OSHC provider Quantin Binnah. Information and bookings for childcare on this day can be made directly to Quantin Binnah at [admin@qbcc.org.au](mailto:admin@qbcc.org.au) or Ph. 9742 5040.

## **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.

### **Murray to Moyne Bike Ride**

Just prior to the Term 1 school holidays I participated in an all weekend charity team bike ride from Echuca to Port Fairy to raise funds for our neighbouring school, Altona North Primary School.

Apart from a bit of head wind on the Saturday afternoon, everything else went very well and we all made a safe arrival to Port Fairy on Sunday. I would like to sincerely thank the many families that wished me all the best and made generous donations of sponsorship for the ride. I am very pleased to inform you that our team raised total of \$16 560 to go directly towards the student wellbeing programs and the children in need at the school.

### **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.

I hope you all have a good week.

David Moss

**Principal**

### **Principal for a Day – Mr Tom Ritchie**

After his parents paid a very generous price for the NLPS School Fete auction item, Tom Ritchie from Year 3 got to be acting principal for the day on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Tom's day started with a meeting with the Assistant Principal, Carly Bannon, to discuss the day's tasks and priorities and he then met with the local federal member, Mr Tim Watts. Tom was proud to show Tim around the school and discuss all the good things we do here, including spending time chatting with Tim in the 3JM classroom about the learning they have been doing. He also suggested some more funding for a soccer pitch upgrade might be a good idea!



Tom, sorry, Mr Ritchie, was also able to spend time checking in on how students were going in the classrooms and was able to report most were engaged and on task! He then put his 'Principal's Report' together for the afternoon's assembly, where he made sure to talk about the positives (after he had a little growl about the rubbish in the yard!). As you can imagine, talking in front of 550+ students and parents can be a bit daunting, so Tom decided that Carly could give the report to the live audience. At the end of the day, Tom left a note to David to update him on the days activities.

Well done to Tom for being such a great ambassador for our school in front of our special guest and for getting into the role the way that a true principal would. We all loved having you as our Principal for a Day!



## 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.

**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

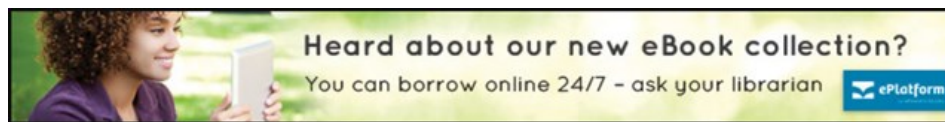
Tickets on sale via Compass  
(eggs | bacon | rolls | cereal | juice | coffee)

**LIVING REAL DREAMING BIG**

**National Families Week**  
15-21 MAY  
[www.nfww.org.au](http://www.nfww.org.au)

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

## Library News



What should you expect over the next 1-2 weeks?

Since NLPS subscribed to ePlatform in August of last year we have had 3277 total online loans.

For Prep-Year 2 students, they will be taking home the promotional poster with their login details stapled. Prep students will take these home in their yellow take home reader bags. Follow the 3 easy steps to access our online library.

For Years 3-6 I will be handing out details in library or to classroom teachers. If you would like an additional digital copy, please email [Krissy](mailto:Krissy) in the Library.

Tips: The library runs far better via the app compared to the website.



## Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and NLPS is excited to be participating. The PRC application offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
- a modern user-friendly interface
- rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 8 September 2023.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Email Teacher Librarian Krissy Barr for a digital copy of login details.

Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books. Year 3 and 4 students will login this term during a library session. Years 5-6 will login to participate either this term (5/6L and 5/6J) or next (5/6A, 5/6M and 5/6E) during library. If you would like to support your young person in keeping up to date, again email Teacher Librarian Krissy Barr for a digital copy of login details.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: <https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge>

## Prep Zoo Excursion

On Tuesday the 4th May, the Preps went on their first ever NLPS excursion to Melbourne Zoo and what fun we had!

We began the day with an Educational Workshop run by zookeeper, Jess, who taught us all about the Giant Tortoise - and we even got to feed one! From there we spent some time exploring the zoo garden before beginning our trek around the zoo.



We saw the whole lot, from dingoes to monkeys, lions to butterflies, and everything in between. It was amazing to see the animals up close and personal and to watch how they interacted with each other and their enclosed environment. This gave us a great insight into our Big Question for this term, How do living things thrive and survive? Overall, it was a fantastic learning experience.

A huge thank you goes to the parent helpers that attended on the day. We couldn't do this excursion without you!

## Year 3/4 Camp

Last week the grade 3/4s went on an enjoyable camp. We had a wonderful time. There were lots of activities including making damper, hut building, adventure tunnelling, geocaching, the amazing race, kayaking and the flying fox. After a full day of activities, we were exhausted and starving. Luckily, the food was delicious! We had pasta, chicken, hamburgers, ice-cream and much more.

On the first night, we went on a walk in the dark around the camp, led by our captain, David Moss and then watched a movie. On the second night we had a talent show. The judges were Ann-Maree, Michelle and Olivia. We had a cabin competition for the cleanest and best decorated cabins. Camp was lots of fun and hopefully next year's camp is just as good.

By Georgia, Olly, Bella and Lukan (on behalf of all the Yr 3/4 students)



## Dance Program 2023

The Dance Program is up and running for 2023. Here is an update from one of our students Ahmed Kacem.

For the first time ever in NLPS history, we are going to be releasing a Newport Lakes film! The purpose will be to show case the talents we have here at Newport Lakes Primary. Collaborating with Supreme Incursions, the students are completing a four week Dance Program.

Each year level is focusing on a different culture style of dancing. With each of the year levels jamming to a different type of dance style, the film is sure to be a highlight for the community for 2023. The foundation students are focusing on Chinese dancing. The Grade 1 students are learning Latin American dancing. The Grade 2 students will be leaning Bollywood dancing. Grades 3 & 4 students are learning Greek dancing while our seniors students in Grade 5/6 are getting funky with Afrobeats! The film will feature singing, dancing, acting, instruments and will showcase all of the amazing talents we have at this school. We are excited to present this film for you, which will be released at the end of Term 3. Here are some photos of our students participating in the dance program!



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Month	Date/s	Time	Event
<b>MAY</b>			
	Thursday 11th	11:30 - 1:30	Science Day Activities
	Friday 12th		Year 4 Hands on Science Incursion
			Year 5/6 Interschool Sport
	Thursday 18th	10:00am	2024 Prep Tour
		6:00pm—7:00pm	2024 Prep Parent Information Evening
	Friday 19th	7:45am—8:45am	Family Breakfast - Book on Compass
			Year 5/6 Interschool Sport
	<b>Wednesday 24th</b>		<b>Pupil Free Day</b>
	Friday 26th	10:00am	2024 Prep Tour
			Year 5/6 Interschool Sport
<b>JUNE</b>			
	Friday 2nd		Year 5/6 Interschool Sport
	Friday 9th		Year 5/6 Interschool Sport
	<b>Monday 12th</b>		<b>Public Holiday—No School</b>
	Wednesday 14th		Prep Incursion TBC—Market Fresh
	Wednesday 21st		Year 4 Excursion TBC
	<b>Friday 23rd</b>	<b>2.30pm dismissal</b>	<b>Last day of term 2</b>
	<b>Mon 26th June— Fri 7th July</b>		<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>
<b>JULY</b>			
	Monday 17th		Athletics Carnival
	<b>Friday 21st</b>		<b>Pupil Free Day</b>
	Wednesday 26th		Year 4 Robogals Incursion TBC



## CALENDAR Continued....

Month	Date/s	Time	Event
<b>AUGUST</b>			
	Wednesday 16th	5:00pm	Literary Lights (more details tbc)
	Monday 21st		Book Week/Book Fair TBC
	Friday 18th		Year 5/6 Author Visit
	Thursday 24th		Year 1 & 4 Author Visit
	Friday 25th		Year 3 Author Visit
	Wednesday 30th		Prep Author Visit
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
	Friday 15th	<b>2.30pm dismissal</b>	Last day of term 3
	<b>Mon 18th—Fri 29th</b>		<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
	Monday 2nd		Term 4 Commences
	Friday 6th		OK2BEME Day
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
	Monday 6th		Pupil Free Day –no students at school
	Tuesday 7th		Public Holiday—No School
	Wed 8th — Fri 10th		Art Show
	Thursday 23rd		Year 5/6 Robogals Incursion
	Friday 24th		Year 5/6 Robogals Incursion
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
	Wednesday 20th	1.30pm dismissal	Last day of term 4

# COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS



## Open day at Home Road Kindergarten

Sunday 21st May  
10am to 12pm

You're invited to explore our facilities and meet our fantastic team. Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony with Aunty Fay Muir at 10am.

- Sausage sizzle
- Cake stall
- Lucky jars
- Farm animals
- Face painting
- Coffee van



**Home Road Kindergarten**  
44 Home Road, Newport Victoria 3015  
Open Monday to Friday, 8:30am – 4:00pm



**Hobsons Bay TOY LIBRARY**  
**MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE**  
Over \$1600 worth of prizes to be won!

**BUY TICKETS NOW**  
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!



**PURCHASE ONLINE**  
1 TICKET \$2  
5 TICKETS \$10  
12 TICKETS \$20  
20 TICKETS \$30



### SCHOOL READINESS INFORMATION SESSION

Presented by Andrea Cummins from Early Life Foundations, this informative session provides many practical and important strategies for the family and for the child on how to prepare for this important transition.

Andrea has over 25 years of experience as an Early Childhood Teacher and specialist inclusion support facilitator.

Local Primary School representatives will also be in attendance to address questions families may have.

Designed for parents and families, this online session covers:

- What is school readiness and why is it important?
- How do I assess my child's readiness for school?
- How can I assist with my child's school readiness?
- What if my child is not ready?

**WHEN:** Thursday 25 May 2023 **WHERE:** Online via Zoom

**TIME:** 7:00pm to 8:30pm

**RSVP:** <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/hobsons-bay-school-readiness-parent-information-session-tickets-628953796737>  
email [earlyyears@hobsonsbayvic.gov.au](mailto:earlyyears@hobsonsbayvic.gov.au) or call 1300 179 944

**FREE EVENT**

Hobsons Bay City Council is committed to being a child safe organisation and has zero tolerance for child abuse. Council acknowledges the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of these municipal lands and waterways, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.



## BRING A FRIEND!

Newport Power Auskick Centre

**Saturday 13th May**  
**9am-10am**

**Bryan Martyn Oval, Newport**

[play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)



**WILLIAMSTOWN FOOTBALL CLUB JUNIOR ACADEMY**

- ✓ 5 x specialised sessions
- ✓ Skill and Technique Development
- ✓ High-performance Coaching/Testing
- ✓ Train with WFC's elite staff and players
- ✓ Access to DSV stadium and facilities
- ✓ Ages Groups: 9-10yrs & 11-12yrs
- ✓ \$350. Includes merchandise pack
- ✓ Limited Availability

### DETAILS

Price: **\$350**  
Incl. Merch Pack and free WFC membership.

Ages: 9-10yrs & 11-12yrs

### Session Dates:

1. Monday 29th May 4.15pm - 5.45pm
2. Monday 19th June 4.15pm - 5.45pm
3. Tuesday 4th July 2pm - 4pm
4. Thursday 6th July 2pm - 4pm
5. Thursday 20th July 4.15pm - 5.45pm

Saturday 22nd July (TBC)

BBQ Breakup, Presentation & half-time Academy Game

**Limited spots available.**



### OVERVIEW

The Williamstown Football Club Academy is a high-performance football talent program for emerging junior players aged 9-12yrs in Hobsons Bay.

The program is designed to provide players with access to WFC's elite coaching and playing staff whilst training at our first-class facility at DSV stadium.

Over 5 specialised sessions your child will learn the fundamentals of football, focusing on strengthening players abilities and providing a unique football development opportunity for young boys and girls.



## REGISTER YOUR INTEREST .....

✉ [admin@williamstownfc.com.au](mailto:admin@williamstownfc.com.au)

📍 DSV Stadium  
Morris Street, Williamstown

**Limited spots available.**

