

Newlands Primary School
"Encouraging Excellence"



Newsletter

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Newlands Kids are Great Kids

SCHOOL MOTTO: ENCOURAGING EXCELLENCE

SCHOOL VALUES: COURAGE, PERSISTENCE AND RESPECT

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Dates To Remember - Term 2

May

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| Fri | 13 | Softball – lunchtime Yr's 3 - 6 |
| Sun | 15 | Education Week - begins |
| Tue | 17 | Gymnastics Program Week 5 of 10 School Tours |
| Mon | 16 | School Council Meeting |
| Wed | 18 | Cross –country |
| Thu | 19 | PFA meeting |
| Sat | 21 | Education Week finishes School tours 10.30 – 12.00pm |
| Tue | 24 | Gymnastics Program Week 6 of 10 |
| Tue | 31 | Gymnastics Program Week 7 of 10 |

June

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| Tue | 7 | Gymnastics Program Week 8 of 10 |
| Mon | 13 | Public Holiday – Queen's Birthday |
| Tue | 14 | PUPIL FREE DAY |
| Tue | 21 | Gymnastics Program Week 10 of 10 |
| Fri | 24 | LAST DAY – TERM TWO |

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Lizzie Blandthorn – MLA for Pascoe Vale

On Thursday the member for Pascoe Vale came to Newlands for a 'chat & tour'. I had a wonderful time explaining our great programmes operating at the school, such as Spanish and Performing Arts; the wonderful extra-curricular activities of choir, dance and instrumental music.

We toured the school where I highlighted the improvements to the buildings through the BER. After meandering through the main building I then took her to Block 'C'! I conveyed how the school community has volunteered over many years and worked tirelessly to improve this building all without one cent of support

from the DET or any political intervention on behalf of the school by Liberal or Labor local members.

I did highlight the external condition of the building to her, particularly the condition of the external paint on the windows. I thought it was important for her to understand that on July 2nd it would be this element of the school building her constituents and those from Robin Scot's electorate would see as they passed by to vote!

I did think that the new vehicle number plate message '**Victoria – Education State**' is a hard sell the when the voters see the state of this building as they go to vote.

NAPLAN ASSESSMENTS

The Years 3 & 5 has been completed without issue. The NAPLAN report to parents will available in term three.

Year Six Transition Forms Secondary School 2017

To parents who may not have returned the transition form, could you do so by Wednesday 18/05/2016.

School Parking

As we all know parking around the school is at saturation point and not getting any better. We would ask parents to really consider the safety of all concerned and park a short distance away; say the shopping centre car park. I would also remind parents that the car park at the Cases Training centre is not for school use. And of course parking in the school park is absolutely out of bounds; accept when collecting children the Out of School Hours Program.

Ross Dudgeon

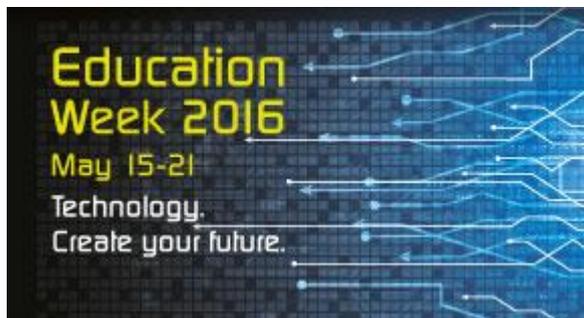
ACTIVITY REMINDERS

Physical Education

Cross country event Wednesday 18th May

The cross country has been increased to 2 before school training sessions; MONDAY and WEDNESDAYS at 8:20 meeting at the office steps. Any students wishing to participate in the event, must attend practice. Cross country will be on Wednesday the 18th of May at the Harold Stevens Athletic track, Coburg. U10's will be running 2km and U12's will be running 3km's. Please encourage your children to run outside of school times if they like as this will prepare them well for the track :)

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Newlands & Education Week

OPEN DAYS

Tuesday 17th May 9.30 – 2.30 pm

Tours: 9.30-10.30am, 11.30-12.30pm, and 2.00-3.00pm

Saturday 20th May 10.30 – 12.00 pm

We are offering prospective 2017 prep parents the opportunity to visit and tour the school on the above days.

Old shirts needed

The art room is in need of some more art smocks. If anyone has any button down shirts in any size to donate, please place them in the box in the office foyer. They'll be sewn up into smocks to fit the kids.

Any queries to Janis Haymes.

janishaymes@gmail.com

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The Parents and Friends Association would love to welcome existing and new members to our May meeting. Come along and find out what's happening at the school and how to get involved. New ideas always welcome. If you can't make the meeting you can always leave any ideas or comments in the PFA suggestion box at the office.

Hope to see you on, Thursday 19th May 7.30 in the After School Care room.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you must go to Vanessa (Ornette and Reuben's mum) and Min (Ruby and Kai's mum) for their fabulous work in co coordinating the recent fete. As well as all the parents, who worked on the stalls, and to everyone for coming along and helping create such a great day.

Also, big thanks, to Bianca our Art Teacher, who for the last few years has helped the kids, make mother and father's day handmade gifts.

Her efforts are really appreciated even more given that this is not part of her job description and is an extra role she has taken on.

An enormous thank-you goes to Ken Harper for his brilliant rendition, of Punch and Judy at the fete. The library was full of laughter and on such a wintry day was a warm treat for us all.

Ken spends a couple of hours a week in the library with a team of volunteers that have turned our library into the beautiful inviting space it now is. Thank you to the group of people that keep our library working so well, for such a small school we are very lucky to have such a vibrant library!

Scienceworks Visit

The F-2 area of the school visited scienceworks as part of their inquiry study – science.



The students were involved in a number of hands-on activities and had a fabulous time.



Special thanks to those parents who attended the excursion. A very tiring experience, but at the same time so wonderful to share the experience with the kids and help the teachers to keep chaos theory at bay during the visit

For Sale – Hay Bales

We still have bales still at the school.

Primary School Attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things are school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference. It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

Day off – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts. "

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice. If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Further information

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:

www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx

**NEWLANDS GALA
COMEDY NIGHT
FRIDAY 12th AUGUST**

**Don't forget to put it
in your; diary, on the
fridge calendar and of
course in the smart
device!**

