

Newlands Primary School
"Encouraging Excellence"



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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

June

Sat	18	Working Bee
Mon	20	Gymnastics make-up day
Tue	21	Gymnastics program Last Week
Fri	24	LAST DAY of TERM

Dates To Remember - Term 3

July

Sat	2	Election Day - Fundraiser
Mon	11	FIRST DAY TERM THREE
Wed	13	Student reports sent home
Fri	15	Swim Program commences week 1 of 6
Tue	19	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Fri	22	Swim Program week 2 of 6
Fri	29	Swim Program week 3 of 6

August

Fri	5	Swim Program week 4 of 6
Fri	12	Swim Program week 5 of 6 Comedy Gala Night
Fri	19	Swim program FINAL WEEK
Wed	24	3 day Camp for Years 3 to 6 commences
Fri	31	Athletics Day

September

Fri	9	Book Parade
Fri	16	LAST DAY TERM 3

Last Updated: 10/06/2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CURRICULUM DAY

On Tuesday all teaching staff and Support staff participated in a whole day workshop on ways of improving our current literacy program. As a staff we visited Preston South Primary School where we visited various classrooms and watched how the teaching staff operated their whole school

literacy program. The second part of the day involved a presentation by the Principal about their preferred program. Newlands teachers returned to school to debrief and workshop an action plan on how we can improve our literacy program across the school.

I would like to extend our appreciation to the Principal and Staff and Students of Preston South Primary School for allowing us into their classrooms to observe their teaching practices.

Akash On Early Holiday Leave

Next week, our last for the term Akash will not be at school. Akash has been granted special to travel with his partner to the U.S.A. for a very special.....lucky fella! In his place for the week will be Cass and Rae.

GARDENING WORKING BEE

Saturday 18th June

Tomorrow the working bee in the garden is Saturday 18th June 1-3. We will be:

- planting lots of new indigenous plants at the school entrance,
- weeding garden beds,
- removing unwanted hedges trees near cleaning up and mulching.

We'd love you to come and bring your kids, they always have a great time. There may even be soup!

Be mindful that all work carried on the day needs to be completed in a safe manner.

ELECTION DAY SATURDAY 2nd July Newlands Primary School is an AEC Polling Booth.

Over the last few years we have had a BBQ and Coffee and Cake stall as a fundraiser for the school on Election days.

Unfortunately this year the election falls right in the middle of the school holidays.

The library group are going to run a second hand book stall on the day and the PFA are wondering whether it is worth running a cake and coffee stall. If you are going to be around during the holidays and have some time can you let us know if you can help out by either:

- a) baking a cake for the stall
- b) helping out on the cake stall for an hour or so
- c) making coffees using our coffee machine

If you can help out with any of these things can you email Mel on melmate@hotmail.com

NEW INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

In response to the high level of interest in instrumental music lessons expressed in the recent survey at Newlands PS we've found a teacher and are now seeking expressions of interest in enrolling next term.

The teacher's name is Kyra Smith. She has a background in music performance and teaching (plus hula hooping!) and also currently teaches at Coburg North Primary and Allegro Music. She can offer piano or ukulele lessons to all ages and also flute to older students (grade 5-6).

Her teaching approach is to use a lot of games to keep it fun and she encourages the children to improvise and write their own music. She would like her students to commit to practicing at home also. Lessons will be mostly during class time and suitable times will be discussed with classroom teachers.

The 25 minute lessons would be \$25 for one student, \$15 each if taught in pairs. Lessons would be invoiced at the start of term and be paid by bank transfer, cheque or cash. Please get in touch

with Nina (Frieda's mum) to express interest in enrolling: nina.roberts25@gmail.com.

Please also get in touch if you know of a music teacher who may be interested in offering lessons for drums and guitar at Newlands.

Thanks!

Are you interested in cooking?

The garden group are very keen to work with a group that focuses on using the food that we grow at school to cook it up with the students on a semi-regular basis. If you have an interest in cooking with kids we would love to chat to you about the possibility of starting up a new parent led volunteer group at school.

The garden group would like to work closely with another group to decide what to grow in our school garden so that our kids can have more opportunities to cook and eat school grown produce.

The group has no defined boundaries and is very open to a whole range of ideas, please email Mel (melmate@hotmail.com) if you would like to be involved!

NEWLANDS COMEDY GALA IV – Can you help?

School holidays have nearly come around again – and that means the Newlands Comedy Gala IV is just around the corner!

We will be working hard to promote the event in the first few weeks of Term 3 and could really use your help. Do you have any time to put up posters in local shops, kindergartens, libraries, childcare centres etc between July 19 and 30?

If so email or text me with your name and the locations you can do and I'll add it to my list of awesome helpers, then I'll get posters to you some time within the first two weeks of term.

Thanks so much,

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NEWLANDS COMEDY GALA IV – Save the date!

TONY MARTIN SAMMY J NELLY THOMAS

And MORE to be announced for the Newlands Comedy Gala!

We're up to number 4 for this amazing annual event, which is not just a proud highlight of our community calendar, but a key fundraiser for our little school in Coburg North.

This year's stellar lineup includes Melbourne comedy royalty in Tony Martin (TripleM, D-Generation, The Librarians), the Barry Award-winning Sammy J, a "Class Clowns" National Grand finalist plus more to be announced, all hosted by the funny and fabulous Nelly Thomas.

There'll also be our usual huge silent auction and raffle, a bar full of super-affordable beverages to quench your thirst, snacks to stave your hunger and much more.

Stay tuned to our Facebook event page for more line-up announcements and event details as they come to hand. Tickets for this 18+ event on sale soon!