

# 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 3

### July

Mon	18	School Council meeting 6.15pm
Tue	19	Parent/Teacher Interviews 2 – 7pm
Fri	22	Swim Program week 2 of 6 Website launched
Wed	27	Newlands Reading challenge begins
Fri	29	Swim Program week 3 of 6 Incursion – Curious Game F - 6
Sun	31	Newlands Reading Challenge finishes

### August

Fri	5	Swim Program week 4 of 6
Fri	12	Swim Program week 5 of 6 <b>Comedy Gala Night</b> <b>Camp full payment and medical forms are due</b>
Mon	15	School Council meeting 6.15pm
Thu	18	PFA meeting 7.15pm
Fri	19	Swim program FINAL WEEK
Wed	25	3 day Camp for Years 3 to 6 commences
Fri	31	Athletics Day Premier's Reading Challenge Finishes

### September

Fri	9	Book Parade Grandparents Day
Thu	15	PFA meeting 7.15pm
Fri	16	LAST DAY TERM 3

Last Updated: 21/07/2016

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Parent /Teacher Interviews

The feedback from teachers was very positive especially around the new student report format. In the coming week we will be sending home a short survey around how parents found the new student

report format. This will be a random sample across each grade.

### Swimming Program

From all reports the swimming program has got off to a great start; which is great to hear. Also it has been reported to me via the teachers that instructors at the pool are very impressed with the very positive behaviour and attitude of all students attending the program, well done all!

### Visit Robin Scott MLA, Minister of Finance

Some weeks' ago, well before the federal election I invited Robin Scott to meet and discuss the condition of our school buildings.

I can at last report Mr. Scott did visit the school today. The weather conditions for the visit were perfect; bleak, overcast and raining. It was a delight as we walked around the school huddled under an umbrella for me to showcase our leaking roof gutters and leaking downpipes and drab rotting window frames.

We ventured out onto the our antique asphalt pathways and basketball surfaces' to admire the craftsmanship of those wonderful tradesmen from yester year who toiled in the **EARLY 1950's** to produce such everlasting surfaces.....ah, we salute you!

The upshot from this visit is he will be strongly encouraging the Minister for Education Mr. Merlino to visit the school to admire the school under similar weather conditions.....let's hope!

### New School Website

[newlandsp.vic.edu.au](http://newlandsp.vic.edu.au)

Today we launched our new website. The site is not complete as yet, but will be soon. We felt it was important to launch the site to catch those parents still looking at schools for 2017. We are aware that there are some minor adjustment and edits to be completed, and they will be done next week. Several key staff will

be in-serviced as to how we make updates and changes where needed.

At this point I would like to acknowledge Sonya's work in getting the new site up and running. I'm sure you will all agree the website is a wonderful improvement on the old site; which will be decommissioned next week.

### Newsletter cycle

This week will be the last weekly newsletter. We will be moving to a fortnightly newsletter format. Now we have a fully operational website with tiqbiz integrated we would like to provide a newsletter with broader appeal. It is envisaged that the format of the newsletter will include articles from across the school and classrooms showcasing the great work of the children and their teachers.

Ross Dudgeon

## REMINDERS

### Tiqbiz Upgrade

#### Existing users

Tiqbiz has released an update. It's a compulsory app update that needs to be made by everyone.

The app will need to be updated then opened and logged in to activate the new tiqbiz.

Please refer to the attached flyer.

#### New users

Attached also is a flyer explaining how to upload the app to your smart devices.

We expect that all parents/carers download this free app as we use it to communicate important information to your smart device paper free.

### Library News

#### Premier's Challenge and Newlands Read-a-thon Week 27/072016 till 31/07/2016

Running in conjunction with the Premiers Reading challenge, Newlands will be running a Newlands Read-a-thon Week.

### Book Week Celebrations

#### 24/08/2016 till 28/08/2016

As part of the celebrations Read-a-thon winners announced

#### Theme for this year's Book week is "Books Light Up our World"

Finish of Book Week and Dress Up day at Newlands - Friday 28th of August

Read-a-thon forms will be sent home the first week of term 3.

To find out more about Book Week, go to <http://cbca.org.au/bookweek.htm>

### Calling all Cooks!

There is so much food in our veggie garden at the moment, particularly lettuce and coriander.

We are wondering if there are any parents or friends in our school community that would be interested in working with a group of parents and the garden group to give opportunities to our kids to use the food that we grow to cook and eat.

If you would be interested in joining such a group please contact Mel on [melmate@hotmail.com](mailto:melmate@hotmail.com)

Mel. A

### School Camp Years 3 to 6

Not long before this lucky band of kids and teachers head off to Phillip Island. Before this can happen though, we need full payment and completed medical forms returned to Graeme by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August**.

## COMEDY NIGHT SECTION

### NEWLANDS COMEDY GALA IV – Can you help?

Tickets are now officially on sale, which means it's just a few short weeks until the fourth annual Newlands Comedy Gala! The Gala is a great night, made possible by the efforts of Newlands families and friends. Right now, the organising team are looking for people who are willing to put their hand up to help with:

- Picking up and dropping off bits on pieces during the day and early evening of Friday 12 August
- Setting up the hall from 4.00pm on Friday 12 August
- Selling food and drink for a short shift throughout the evening.

If you can help with any of this, please let me know

Look forward to seeing you there!

Melanie McGrath (Isaac & Lexi's mum)

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Melanie McGrath

### Monster Auction

Hello wonderful Newlands community.

The annual Comedy Gala is fast approaching and as we do every year, we will hold a monster auction as part of the event.

If anyone has an item or a craft, or a contact person for a business that would be willing to donate products, please contact Tash on 0410402327.

Also, if anyone is willing to help with the auction, please make contact with me.

Tash.

**THE DREADED HEAD LICE ARE BACK! PLEASE REFER TO THE ATTACHED FLYER ON HOW TO DEAL!**



NELLY THOMAS

SAMMY J

CANDY B

LUKE MCGREGOR

TONY MARTIN

LAUREN DUONG

## Newlands Comedy Gala IV

A stunning lineup featuring:

Tony Martin \* Sammy J \* Candy B \*

Luke McGregor \* Lauren Duong

Hosted by Nelly Thomas

The hottest comedy event northside rolls around again, with Nelly Thomas at the helm of a whole new set of stellar performers.

As well as the stars on stage, there will be our traditional Monster Auction, a bar full of beverages to quench your thirst and, for the first time, delicious home-made offerings to stave off your hunger.

**Book your tickets now at**

<https://www.trybooking.com/MESR>

**Friday August 12, 2016**

Doors open 7.00pm for a 7.30pm show.

Strictly 18+.

Preston City Hall 284 Gower Street, Preston(cnr High Street)

**Tickets \$35-\$40 full / \$25 concession**

**Tickets at round tables on the ground floor: \$40 - book a table with your friends!**

**Tickets in the balcony, theatre-style seating\*: \$35 - great with a couple of mates!**

**All concession tickets \$25**

\* No food or drink may be taken into the balcony, but balcony patrons are encouraged to visit the bar area before the show and during intermission

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