Welcome
As Principal I'd like to wish you and every-one of our Newlands Primary School families; old and new a happy new year and I trust that you enjoyed a relaxing break.
I would also like to welcome our new Foundation (prep) parents to Newlands Primary School and hope we can forge a long and happy association between the school and families.
This year we will be consolidating on our 2016 initiatives. We believe these initiatives will further improve the quality of learning for the students, and provide opportunities to engage children as global learners.

New Teachers
Viqi
I would like to officially welcome Viqi Gras as our new Year 1/2 teacher. She will be working with Rae delivering Spanish and the 1/2 curriculum.
Cristina
I would like to officially welcome Cristina Galceran as our new Year 5/6 teacher. She will be working with Graeme delivering Spanish and the 5/6 curriculum.
Michael
I would like to officially welcome Michael as our new music teacher. He will be delivering the music program from foundation to grade 6.
Cailan
I would like to welcome back Cailan, this year he will be working as an Integration Aide in the ¾ room.
School & Curriculum Structure

➢ Our educational vision for 2017 and beyond is to continue developing our Spanish, Performing Arts. This has been further developed by the appointment of Michael as our dedicated music teacher.
➢ This year we have appointed another Spanish speaking teacher into the 5/6 class. Cristina will be working with Graeme to provide Spanish as well as delivering the 5/6 curriculum.
➢ The Performing Arts and P.E. will continue to be delivered by Mulynda F to Year 6.

School Council Elections

Information regarding school council elections will be sent home in the coming weeks. If you are interested or are considering running for the school council you can also go to the DET website for further details of school council.

School Fees

The 2017 school levy is $260. The levy covers a range of classroom materials and ICT requirements, both in the individual classrooms and also in Specialist areas.

School Start Time

For 2017 school day will start at 8.50 am. The school day will start as normal with a warning bell, then two minutes of music followed by another bell.
We hope parents will support our efforts to maximize the limited learning time available to teachers and students by making sure the children are at school no later than 8.45 am.

iPad Program

The device will be available to your child after our technician has configured the device to operate on the schools network.
If there are other parents who wish to take any of our ipad options for 2017, we have included the relevant form with this newsletter.

Eating times

This week we have changed our eating times for all students for recess and lunch. The new requirement is that students must eat the main element of their lunch (sandwich/roll) inside the classroom.
The main reason for the change is that we have students who can experience Anaphylactic symptoms when they may come into contact with allergens they could have a severe anaphylactic shock.
I have received feedback from parents and teachers about these new arrangements and will be working with everybody to adjust the eating times to the satisfaction of all.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Bush Dance

The Parents and Friends Association will be hosting a family bush dance on Friday the 17th of February 6 pm. Want to get involved? Further volunteers would be very welcome. If you’d like to assist please get in touch with Nina (nina.roberts25@gmail.com) or Mel (melmate@hotmail.com).

Library Opening Hours

Lunch Time: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
After School: Wednesday
The Library is run by a wonderful group of parent volunteers. If you are interested in joining the library gang you can leave your details at the office.

Little Learners
This year Little Learners will be held on Friday mornings 9am-10:30am. First session will be on Friday 17th of February

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop will be open every Monday until the 27th after that it will be open fortnightly on Mondays
Opening hours: 3:00-4:00pm

Tiqbiz

Tiqbiz is an app that we send messages, and notices. The Tiqbiz app will help our school keep parents fully informed and up to date with notices, news and events. It’s easy to use and also has the benefit of helping reduce our paper consumption by printing less.

We recommend that all families download the free app to stay informed.
The first step is to download Tiqbiz to your phone, tablet, computer... or all of them

Important: Click ‘allow’ notifications when asked. This is to allow the school to send you important alert notices.

Step 1. Log-in
Open Tiqbiz and register/log-in

Step 2. Find our school
Click the ‘find’ icon and type our school name into the search bar. You will now see all of our school boxes.

Step 3. Tick on
Click on the grey tick besides our school box and any other boxes that apply to you. When the tick turns green, you’re connected.

Step 4. Inbox
Click on the Inbox icon. This is where you will receive our information.
iPad
Expression of Interest
Students – Years 1 to 6 only

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are providing a new additional alternative to the current range options available to parents regarding iPads at school.

We feel this additional option will assist families financially as an alternative to the current possibilities available.

Today we are sending out a form asking parents to consider the possibility of providing an iPad for their child for the 2017 school year.

As a school we cannot make an informed decision unless all ‘Expression of Interest’ forms are returned to school on or before Friday 10th February, 2017.

If you have already completed this form in 2016, then please ignore.

Regards
Ross Dudgeon
Principal

*We do not want parents to purchase an iPad mini as an alternative.

These devices do not meet our current needs for the students
# IPAD - Options

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<td>Parents can purchase an iPad package from the school.</td>
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**Financial Information**

Based on current information the total financial cost for our current iPad package would be $820.

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Parents would pay a refundable Bond of $250. Payments will be based on a 52 week rental at a weekly cost of $2 per week for the duration of the rental. Total rental payment per year $104, in advance. If the iPad has not sustained any damage and is in full working condition, then the $250 will be refunded. If however the device has required repairs then these costs will be deducted from the Bond.

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*Please note this costs indicated will be confirmed once all expression of interests have been received by interested families.*

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**Ipad Expression of Interest Notice**

Return to the school office Friday 10/02/2017

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I/We have read the information provided and we would like our child/ren to participate in the Newlands iPad lease program.

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Parent’s Name: ........................................ Parent’s Signature: ........................................

Date: ........................................
CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

• on the first day of Term one, or;
• on the first day of Term two;

a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of
Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession
Card (PCC) holder, OR
b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by
Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or
secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being
successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (30 January 2017) or term two (18 April 2017).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the
benefit of the eligible student.

• Primary school student rate: $125 per year.
• Secondary school student rate: $225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child’s school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or
excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student’s date of birth. For more information, see:

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary
schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section. Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.

If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of
documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner
Gold card to the school.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.

3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2017 closes on
30 June, 2017.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

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CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

Parent/legal guardian details
Surname
First name
Address
Town/suburb
State
Postcode
Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)
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☐ Foster parent* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:
• DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
• this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
• I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
• If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
• Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant ___________________________ Date __/__/___
Little Learners at Newlands!
A play based learning program for babies, toddlers and preschoolers.

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- Developmental Play

Friday Mornings (during school terms)
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Newlands Primary School
Enquiries: 9354 2928

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All Welcome!

Children are to be accompanied by parents/carers.
Newlands Primary School PFA welcomes all families, new and old, to a

**BUSH DANCE**

Featuring

**BEAT AROUND THE BUSH**

playing great music and calling dances for all ages and abilities.

**FRIDAY 17th FEB 6pm-8.30pm**

Lebanese Kataeb Association Hall,
43 Dunstan St Preston West

Tasty food, cold drinks and icy-poles will be available (NO ALCOHOL EVENT).

DRESS WITH A BUSH OR FOLK THEME IF THE MOOD TAKES YOU.

Prizes for the best dressed!

**TICKETS:** $10 adults, $5 children (under 5's free). Door sales only. All children to be under adult supervision.