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Message from the Principal

Ipad Arrangements for 2017

At the recent meeting of school council our current arrangements regarding ipads was discussed. As a school we felt that for some parents, particularly those who have come to Newlands and enrolled in the Year 3 to 6 Area, the purchase or leasing may not be financially advantageous. So as a way of alleviating the possible financial disadvantage we are introducing a rental plan in 2017. More details around this new concept will be available after the concert.

The basic elements are as follows:

- A refundable bond of \$250. Only if the device hasn't been damaged or required repair or replacement.
- A weekly rental of \$ 2.00 or a yearly calendar payment of \$104 for as long as it is rented.

This opportunity is also open to all parents from Year 1 through to Year 6.

Solar Energy coming to Newlands 2017

School Council approved the rental and eventual purchase of solar panels to be installed at Newlands in 2017. This initiative will see 111 panels on the main school building supplying a significant amount of power to the school. To pay for solar panels we will be using existing DET school operational funds already allocated to the school to pay for our power consumption to service rental/purchase of the panels. This is a cost neutral plan for the school.....a long term win for the school!

Ross Dudgeon

Concert Updates

Concert Tickets

Tickets are selling well. As of today **80** seats are still available. So, don't leave it too late or you may be disappointed.



Upcoming Events Term Four

November 23

- Whole school practice at Arts Centre 9.30-2.30pm
- School Concert

November 24

- Head lice check

November 29

- E-smart workshop for parents 6.30-8pm

December 6

- Year Six transition to secondary school visit

December 8

- Santa to visit Newlands

December 13

- Graduation Dinner
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SANTA's Visit

8th December, 2016

Santa will be visiting the kids at Newlands for the annual photo. More information will be available in the weeks to come. This is a photo opportunity organized by Newlands with Santa.



Any further information about ticketing and the Darebin Arts Centre, may be found on their website at www.darebinartscentre.com.au

Babies and toddlers on parent laps

For most performances, children under the age of 2 years are admitted free provided they do not occupy a seat and are held on the lap of a parent or guardian. We will allow for children up to 3 years to sit on laps, any child above this age will need to purchase a ticket for an individual seat.

Parents assisting with dressing kids on the night

You require a Working With Children Check, please provide copy to office before concert.

Parents transporting equipment/props

Please meet us Wednesday morning at 8.30am at school. Drop off will be the side entrance on Peters street.

Mulynda & Graeme

What Happened This Week

Walk to School Day

Newlands Primary School participated in VicHealth's Walk to School month during October. All students were encouraged to walk, ride or scoot to and from school to kick-start healthy travel habits that can lead to good health for life

To celebrate our participation in this activity we had a special breakfast for all members of our school community on Friday 4th of November.

We would like to thank Kasia and Alex from the Darebin council for organising the fantastic fruit and muffins which we all enjoyed on the morning.



Excursion to Coburg High School

– Day of the Dead Celebration

Grade 5/6 Arts Excursion

Our grade 5/6 class has been invited by the Art Department at Coburg High School to participate in a day focusing on The Arts on Monday, November 28th. We will be participating in workshops in both Performing and Visual Arts. This is an exciting opportunity for our students to experience the facilities available at our local high school plus meet some of the staff and students! We are really excited!



Important Announcement

Concert Arrangements

November 21

- **Whole School Concert Practice**

November 22

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November 23

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On Wednesday the 16th of November at 2: 30 p.m. I will be holding an eSmart information session for parents. At this meeting I will present information on what being eSmart means and give parents resources and links to information which will help you to ensure that your child and whole family are responsible and safe uses of technologies. Please email me through the school email address if you have any topics you would like covered at the information session.
Sonya O'Brien

Important Announcement

2017 Foundation (Prep) Transition Dates & Times

November 24

- 2-3.15pm – Prep Classroom
- 6.30-7.30pm Information for parents

Community Reminders

Parent Forums

We have two upcoming information events for parents.

1. eSmart information session for parents being run by the Alannah and Madeleine Foundation on Tuesday 29th of November at 6:30 p.m.

Reorganisation of Literacy resources

We will continue to undertake this process until the end of the year. Please come along and help us with this on a Friday afternoon between 2:45p.m. and 3:30 p.m. in the room opposite the library.

HEAD LICE CHECK – THURSDAY 24/11/2016

To Parents

On Thursday 24th November we will be conducting another – Head Lice check of all children. If we find any evidence of head lice or the eggs in any children's hair we will be contacting the families concerned.

In the mean-time please regularly check your child's hair for signs for head lice or eggs.

Key messages

- Head lice, is a very common in children. The prevalence of head lice on Australian primary-school aged children could be 60 per cent in some areas.
- Children with head lice should be kept at home until treatment has started.
- Early detection makes treatment and control of head lice easier – therefore, regular checking is recommended. The most effective detection method for head lice is the 'conditioner and combing' technique.
- Head lice are not vectors of infectious disease
- For more information please google 'Health Victoria'

Attached to this newsletter is an information Fact sheet on head lice.

Monday is going to reach 35 degrees!

Make sure you remember a drink bottle and hat, and stay cool.