
Newlands Newsletter

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Upcoming Events *Term One*

February 27

- PFA Meeting

March 6

- 5/6 Art Gallery Excursion

March 6

- Coffee Club

March 8

- Photo Day

March 13

- Labor Day Public Holiday

March 31

- Last Day of Term One
2pm Finish
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School Council Elections

Nominations have closed for the Newlands School Council election. I would like to extend our thanks to those who nominated to be on school council 2017. We will not need to go to an election. The successful candidates will be posted next week.

iPad Program – BYOD, Lease or Rent

The iPad purchase/lease/rent program has now closed for 2017. For the families who applied to be a part of this program a document of agreement has gone home today with the relevant students. Once the document has been signed and the relevant fees paid the students will be free to take the iPad home.

Out of School Care Program

Due to a high level of demand for places – particularly casual places we will be implementing the following as an interim measure for the remainder of term 1:

Absences

This is a friendly reminder to please notify the school of your child's absence.

The simplest way to do this is through the Tiqbiz app.

Thank you.

- We have increased the number of booking places to 30.
- Anybody who cancels their booking **MUST DO** so before 8pm the night before; no exceptions. Remember by not doing this you deny another family a possible space in the program.
- Parents who do not cancel by this time will incur a late cancelation fee.

We understand that those who need to book on a permanent basis must be given priority over those who wish to use the service for other reasons. It is the intention of our service to provide parents with a space for their child/ren due to their work commitments and limited alternative child minding options at their disposal.

So that we can meet the needs of our school community for the future, we will endeavor to provide a workable service based on accurate after-school enrolment data.

It is our intention in term two to implement a workable service, which will meet the needs of most users of the service.

COMMUNITY NEWS



‘Coffee Club’ Meetings

This is a new initiative which will begin on **Monday 6th March** and will then be held every Monday afternoon between 2:30 and 3:30.

All parents and guardians are invited to join us for a coffee and a chat in the staffroom.

There will be a main focus for each meeting which will be presented by Sonya O’Brien (Newlands P.S. student welfare coordinator) or outside agencies where specialized topics are being discussed or explored. The aim of the first meeting is to brainstorm ideas and suggestions of topics which we could possibly cover in 2017.

E.g. parenting agencies and helpful websites, healthy lunchbox options, how to keep my family cyber-safe, family first aid, sporting and recreational groups in Darebin and Moreland or maybe ‘free’ things my family can do over the holidays.

So come along and join us on Monday 6th March for a coffee and a chat and help us plan the topics which will be covered throughout the year.

Each week the focus of upcoming ‘coffee club’ presentations will be made available through our school newsletter, website and Tiqbiz.

Sonya O’Brien

Parents and Friends Association – Bush Dance Success!

What a fabulous time had by all who attended the Bush Dance last Friday! The PFA wants to thank all those families who came along to make it so successful. It really was a wonderful show of our community spirit.

A special thank you goes out to the band, “Beat Around the Bush”, to the amazing Phil Carrol and Maggie, whom without such a successful night would not have been possible. And also to the talented Sarah Dunk who created the flyer prior to the event.

And of course thank you to all the parents who helped out on the night and leading up to the night.

Our appreciation also goes out to the following organisations:

- The Lebanese Kataeb Association, who donated the use of their hall to our school for free.
- Charcoal Chicken
- Hassoons
- Woolworths

So if you enjoyed yourselves and feel like you would like to help with the next great event at Newlands, come along to our next PFA Meeting.

Monday 27th February

7.00pm in the Afterschool Care Room

The Parents and Friends Association brings together parents who want to:

- Create enhanced learning experiences through parental involvement
- Raise money for PFA projects which go directly to projects/initiatives aimed at improving student outcomes
- Provide input and ideas to create a better school/strengthen community

Kristalo Hryscos and Marita Wallace - Co-presidents

Robert Larocca - Secretary

Natasha Groves - Treasurer