

Newlands Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN

Well you may have read or heard that the NAPLAN results have been released, and expert commentary from the popular press (the other white noise) has started filtering into the wider community. They, the press have only received the bigger picture data not the individual school data. Schools will receive that data and reports sometime in September. Why you ask should the media get the information first? When you find out let me know.

Parent Survey

The Parent Opinion Survey is completed annually by the Department of Education and Training and is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at every school in Victoria. This year, about 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate. All responses to the survey are anonymous. The survey helps our school gain an understanding of how you view our school climate, student engagement, and relationships. Our school will use the results to inform school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey will be conducted online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd and only takes 15 minutes to complete. It can be accessed from Monday 7th August to Sunday 27th August.

The survey is available in English, Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha) and Hindi.

Results will be sent back to our school at the end of September.

Survey participation

Letters have already gone out to randomly selected families. The letter provides relevant information as to how to complete the survey. You should receive the letter no later than Friday 4th August. If you haven't received a letter by Friday then you would not be one of the randomly selected families requested to complete the survey.



Upcoming Events Term 3

August 3rd

- Grade 5/6 excursion to Northland

August 7th

- PFA Meeting @ 7.15pm

August 18th

- Winter Soulstice Fundraiser

August 30th

- Athletics Day Grade 3-6

September 4th – 6th

- Grade 3/4 Camp

September 6th – 8th

- Grade 5/6 Camp

September 8th

- Premiers Reading Challenge finishes

September 11th

- Pupil Free Day

September 13th

- Author visit workshop

September 15th

- Readathon & Book Parade

September 22nd

- LAST DAY OF TERM 2.30 FINISH

November 10th

- Art Show

REMINDERS

Newsletters are now going out digitally. You can access the newsletter via FlexiBizz or the Newlands website.

If your family would like to continue to receive a hard copy, please notify the office.

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PUPIL FREE DAY - Monday 11 September

Teachers will be at school on this day to further improve their professional knowledge and skills in the area of literacy. We ask that you make alternative arrangements for your children on this day.

Student Survey

What do our students think about school?

Each year the Department of Education & Training (D.E.T.) seeks feedback from students in year 5 and 6. Students participate in a Student Attitudes to School survey.

This year the survey was online for the first time, and included Year 4 students. Our survey data came back this week and our results were very positive. Our data continues to be very impressive and indicates that our students really enjoy school; they feel safe, happy and valued and feel that their teachers support them in their learning.

Lost Property

Starting next week we will be providing lost property receptacles strategically located around the school. The locations will be as follows; Prep/1/2 corridor, 3/4 corridor and outside the Aftercare room. We would also like to remind parents that it would be very helpful for teachers and staff if your child's clothing was clearly marked with their name.

Head Lice

The head checks were carried out last week and will be happening again in several weeks to monitor the situation.

Online resource: <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/infectious-diseases/head-lice>

Late Arrival to School

Reminder to all parents the school day begins at **8.50 am** – everyday! Your child's teacher puts a lot of effort into making your child's day enjoyable and educational. Please respect their efforts and have your child at school on time; this is also a worthwhile life skill.

2018 Enrolments – Foundation Year

If you still have not returned your enrolment form for 2018, we would appreciate it if you could do so ASAP.

Ross Dudgeon

From Sonya O'Brien – Student Welfare

Grade 1/2 parent information session

A drop-in session for parents to learn more about accessing the DB Primary Virtual Learning Environment was held this week.

The session gave those who attended an opportunity for you to ask any questions they had regarding the DB Primary online program.

Information has been sent home to parents with students in Grade 1/2 who were unable to attend this session and the information can be found on the school website in the 'On Display' section. We will be holding another information session on DB Primary before the end of term which we will inform parents about in the next two weeks.

Parent login details will be sent home by Friday 11th of August.

What is happening in our classrooms during term 3?

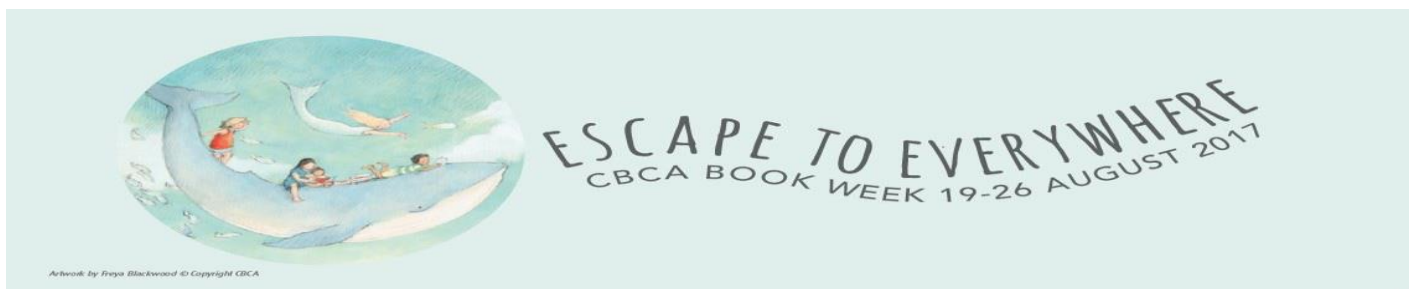
Please check out our school website (on display section) to find out the areas of curriculum being studied in your child's class this term.

School Uniforms

Thank you to everyone who has ensured that their children attend school in school uniform every day. Our school uniform shop will be open after school on Monday 14th of August.

BOOK WEEK 2017!

Keep an eye out in the newsletter for our upcoming Book Week celebrations including a book parade and Author visit.



Premiers Reading Challenge – Finishes on 8 September

Winter Soulstice

Have you purchased tickets?

Come and boogie those winter chills away with Kylie, Vince, the Sweethearts and Ms Pixelton at the Preston Town Hall, to help support Newlands Primary and our school Community. A night filled with great soul tunes presented by - Internationally acclaimed Kylie Auldust and her DJ, Melbourne's Soul King - Vince Peach, recently returned from a Europe, all girl Geelong band- the Sweethearts And underground extraordinaire - DJ Pixelton to close the night out. We have a full bar, including winter warmer and mulled wine. Come, enjoy some music, great company and help support our school!



NEWLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

WINTER SOULSTICE

FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST
PRESTON TOWN HALL
DOORS OPEN 7:30
TICKETS \$30 + booking fee

DJ VINCE PEACH
KYLIE AULDIST
THE SWEETHEARTS
DJ PIXELTON

PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED

PURCHASE TICKETS FROM EVENT BRIGHT or FACEBOOK

We would love to see you, your friends, work mates and neighbors at our event. Tickets are easy to purchase, just jump on Event Bright or Facebook and search "Winter Soulstice".

Alternatively, Go online and purchase tickets directly now at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/winter-soulstice-tickets-35322351103>

The magic does not just happen. We are looking for volunteers on the night. Please contact Tash if you are willing to help.

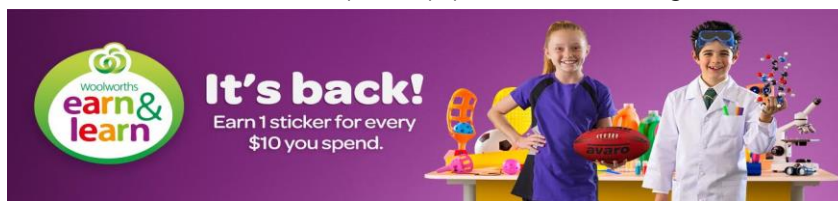
Jobs include: door staff, bar staff, general help, set up/pack down.
There is a volunteer signup sheet in the office foyer.

If you can bring something special to the night, please let us know.

Newlands PFA
Tash - 0410402327

Earn & Learn

Just a reminder that we are collecting the Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers for our school. If your family shops at Woolworths do not forget to collect the stickers and drop them off in the collection box in the office foyer. These stickers enable us to purchase school resources such as books, sport equipment and learning tools. You can collect a sticker book from the office.



Woolworths earn & learn

It's back!
Earn 1 sticker for every \$10 you spend.

Two children are shown standing behind a table displaying various school supplies and toys, including a microscope, a globe, and a book.

Community News

PFA Meeting: Monday August 7 @ 7.15

Our next PFA meeting is scheduled for August 7 and we would like to invite the school community along. The more people we have at the meeting the better the school population is represented!

We will be focusing on the upcoming Soul gig and Art Show.

It is such a great way to meet other parents, working together on mutually beneficial projects.

Please come along if you can, we meet at 7.15pm in the aftercare room, it is a very relaxed and friendly meeting.

Last Wednesday's Planting Day

THANKYOU to all students and teachers for your enthusiasm and efforts in planting the new indigenous garden. Altogether approximately 250 seedlings were planted, with all the classes involved. The day was the final activity of the learning block exploring indigenous plant-life and wildlife, designed by a group of parents from the garden group, supported by teacher Rae Familiari. Massive thankyou Rae!

Thanks also to Angela Foley from the Merri Creek Management Committee for her valuable contributions in the planning and teaching of incursions and the excursion to Edgars creek.

The focus on local biodiversity and the planting project also ties into this terms curriculum topic of sustainability and the environment, as well as National Tree Day and the "Powerful Youth Projects" Landcare Grant.

Of course the plants would not have gone in the ground without the hard yakka put in by parents and kids at the windy working bees over the recent months to get the site ready.

While the seedlings are finding their feet and spreading their roots the garden will remain fenced off so we hope you can enjoy watching the plants grow until it is opened up.

Lastly, thanks to the rain for giving the plants a good watering in, and a good start to their new home! Thanks! From the garden group.

