

Newlands Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Working with Children Check – WWC

Recently the government announced there would be some changes and reforms to the WWC for volunteers at the school level.

What does this mean for Newlands Primary School?

We will review those parts of our visitors and volunteers policies that refer to requirements for WWC Checks to:

- Update the definition of 'direct contact' with children so that it includes oral, written or electronic communication (as well as face-to-face and physical contact);
- Clarify that anyone engaging in 'child-related work' as part of their role or duties, whether an employee, volunteer, visitor or contractor must have a WWC Check regardless of whether they are being supervised by a teacher or another adult with a WWC Check.

What does this mean for parents?

The changes to the Act have not altered the provisions relating to parents. A parent, or immediate relative, who volunteers at their child's school as part of an activity that their child is participating in is not required by law to have a WWC Check.

However, schools are encouraged to develop their own policies to assess and verify the suitability of volunteers and visitors to the school, and may decide to require a parent to have a WWC Check, depending on the activities and nature of the volunteer work being performed.

Parent volunteers are encouraged to contact their child's school to determine if the school requires them to hold a Working with Children Check card.

Where can I find out more?

For more information about parents in schools, see: [Parent Participation at School](#)
The Department of Justice and Regulation has developed fact sheets and advice pages to help Victorian organisations understand their new obligations.

Where can I direct volunteers or contractors to get a WWC or for more information?

WWC Check applications can be made online at workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au and are free for volunteers. Australia Post has more than 400 outlets processing WWC Check identity verifications across Victoria, as well as a video explaining what applicants need to do, see: [Lodging your application - Working With Children Check](#)
Individuals can also contact the WWC Check Customer Support Line on **1300 652 879** (local call charge) for further information.



Upcoming Events Term 3

August 11th

- Readathon Start Date

August 18th

- Winter Soulstice Fundraiser

August 27th

- Readathon Finish Date

August 30th

- Athletics Day Grade 3-6

September 1st

- Junior School Collingwood Children's Farm Excursion

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 Prizes & Book Character 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.

Late Arrivals to School

Thank-you, to the families, that have made changes to the start of their day. The teachers really appreciate your efforts in getting your children to school on time.

Early Arrivals to School

Recently it has come to my attention that there are several students arriving at school far too early. Students will need to attend before school care or arrive at school at 8.45am. We do not supervise students in the playground before school. The official time we expect children to be in the school ground is 8.45am ready to start the day at 8.50am.

2018 Enrolments – Foundation Year

Reminder we would appreciate your completed enrolment form ASAP.

Lost Property

The special 'bins' for lost property are now in place. 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 very clearly marked with their name.

Ross Dudgeon

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



Athletics Training

Athletics training will continue on Monday and Wednesday lunch times for the weeks leading up to the event on the 30th of August. Students that are participating in the sessions are encouraged to bring along a spare pair of shoes (if possible just in case of wet and muddy conditions). Permission forms will be sent home on MONDAY next week for the event; please make sure you send it back as soon as possible. If there are any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you, Emma Finnegan.



Spanish Corner

Saludos padres, we are introducing a new segment in the newsletter called the 'Spanish Corner' in which we will provide you with some basic words and phrases and also with some fun and interesting facts about the Spanish language. Disfruta! (Enjoy!)

Greetings

Hola - Hello

¿Cómo estás? - How are you?

Bien - Good

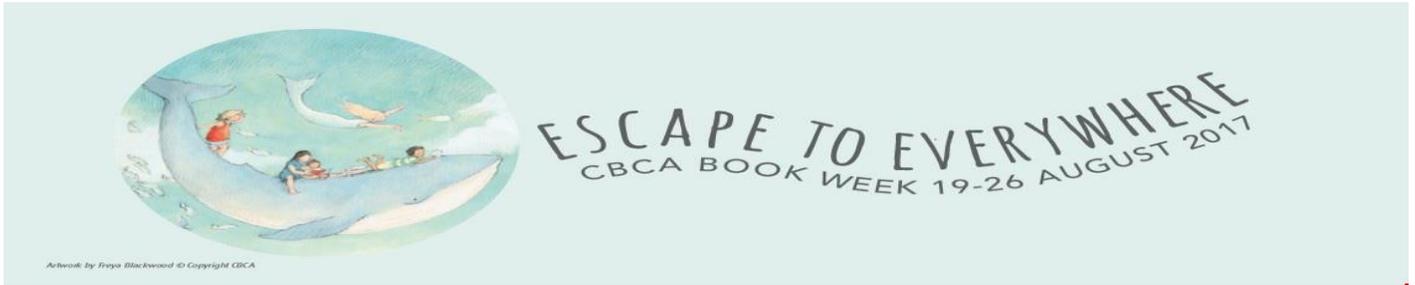
Lo sabías...? Did you know....?

With 405 million native speakers, Spanish is the second most commonly spoken language in the world after only Mandarin Chinese.

Newlands 2017 Readathon – Friday 11 August to Sunday 27 August

The Newlands Readathon is back again for 2017!

Join up, raise some money for our school and discover the awesomeness of Reading. The finale of our Readathon is a book parade and a morning tea for Friends and family. Come dressed as your favourite character or choose a costume based on this year's Book Week Theme, *Escape to Everywhere*. Notes went out last week with Readathon rules and sponsor list. If you require another one you can access it on FlexiBuzz or get one from the office.



Rules of the Readathon

Gather your sponsors before the Readathon begins. These could be family, friends, neighbours. Sponsors can donate per minute of reading or a one off amount.

The reading time for 2 weeks, commencing on **Friday 11th August and finishing Sunday 27th August.**

Read as many books as possible and write them down as you go.

Any Premiers Reading Challenge books you read can be used for our school Readathon.

Log the total amount of minutes each day that are spent reading and ask a parent/teacher or Librarian to initial each entry.

Completed Sponsor Lists, Book Record Forms and all money raised from the Readathon are to be handed in on **Friday 1st September.** You can pay with cash or direct deposit to the school.

Every student who participates in the Readathon will receive a certificate.

Top readers of each year level will be eligible for prizes.

Winners of prizes will be announced at the Book Parade on Friday the 15th of September



Music Lesson Update

If your child is interested to start music lessons at school, there are a few spaces available this term.

Piano/keyboard is on Mondays with Rachel. You can contact her directly via email at racheljones2003@hotmail.com
Violin is on Tuesdays with Renee. Students are generally grouped into pairs of students at a similar level and have a 30 minute lesson priced at \$20 per student per lesson. Private lessons for 20 and 30 minutes are also available. Renee has a limited number of violins available to hire for an additional fee. This is quite a useful option if your child is beginning the instrument for the first time, so you are not stuck with an expensive instrument collecting dust if they decide not to continue.

To find out more, to see Renee's impressive resume, or to book in, contact her directly

Email: reneebufton@gmail.com Phone: 0402 307 370

Ukulele, bass guitar and drums are currently on Wednesdays (until swimming finishes and then will return to Fridays) with Pat Bath. Lessons cost \$15 for a 25 min group lesson, with children at a similar level, or \$25 for a 25 min individual lesson.

To find out more and read his colourful resume, or to book in, contact him directly.

Email patrick_bath@yahoo.com Phone 0404 395 078

If you have any other inquires about the instrumental music program at Newlands please contact Melisa Chabierski

melisa3yoga@gmail.com or 0407 934 525

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Wednesday 9 th August	Thursday 10 th August	Friday 11 th August	Monday 14 th August	Tuesday 15 th August
Snack: Pasta w/ Plain Dolmio sauce & cheese	Snack: Sandwiches w/ Vegemite, butter or Jam	Snack: Savoys biscuits w/ cheese & dried fruit	Snack: Sakatas w/ tzatziki & Hommus dip	Snack: Raisin Toast w/ reduced salt Butter
Activities: Frienship bracelets.	Activities: PomPom making	Activities: PomPom Making	Activities: Colour diffusing leaves	Activities: Scratch Board Art

OOSHC Contact Details

Hours of operation

Before Care: 7:30-8:50am

After Care: 3:30-5:45pm

Phone: 9354 2928 – extension 2

Email: newlandsooshc@gmail.com

Co-ordinator: Rhonda

Assistant: Bronia

Assistant: Jody

Payment Options:

Cash, Eftpos, Electronic Banking

We encourage families to use electronic banking.

Electronic Banking Details: Commonwealth Bank
Preston **BSB:** 063 183 **Account Number:** 10023013

OOSHC NEWS:

Menu and Activities may change depending on numbers and children. Snack is served every day with fresh seasonal fruit and vegetables.

We are Noticing increasing demand on bookings for Tuesdays, particularly Tuesday 22nd & 29th of August. Please remember to cancel your booking by 8pm the night before, if you no longer need it. You can also call after care and leave a message. This will enable other families to make use of those spots. Emergency spots can be given at last minute, please call the office.

Winter Soulstice Have you purchased tickets?

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

Visual Art News

I just wanted to let families know there are two exhibitions currently on show in Melbourne that are well worth a visit.



“Wallace & Gromit and Friends: The Magic of Aardman” - ACMI

ACMI (located at Federation Square) is currently showing a brilliant exhibition on the work of Aardman, the animation studio who created Wallace and Gromit, Shaun the Sheep and Chicken Run. The exhibition runs until **29th October**. This exhibition features sets and props from many of their movies, developmental drawings and sketches, character profiles, 3D models, film clips and lots of behind the scenes information. There's even a studio where you can create your own Claymation movie! Highly recommended for all ages! For more information and bookings go to:

<https://www.acmi.net.au/events/wallace-and-gromit-and-friends-magic-aardman/>



Hokusai – NGV (International, St Kilda Road)

Hokusai has recently opened at the NGV (International). I have been teaching the grade 3 -6 students about Hokusai in preparation for this event. Hokusai was a very influential Japanese Artists famous for his wood block prints. Most people would recognise his most popular Artwork, “The Great Wave of Kanagawa” as this print has become popular all over the world. This exhibition features two prints of “The Wave” which have been placed side by side so you can compare the print quality. The exhibition also highlights his popular series, “The 36 views of Mt Fuji” as well as his stunning “Waterfall” prints. For more information please go to: <https://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/exhibition/hokusai>



Art Show - Artisan's Auction and Lego Competition!

Just a reminder that this year we will be having an Art Show on Friday November 10th - please save the date.

As part of the Art Show we will be hosting an "Artisan's Auction" which will replace the PFA Exhibition which has traditionally accompanied the Student Exhibition. We will be sending out more information about the Artisan's Auction shortly.



You may have also heard the rumour that this year's Art Show will include a Lego Competition..... I can confirm that this is indeed the case - so all you budding masterbuilders out there stay tuned! This event will be open to all ages to build an **original** piece out of lego/duplo. We are asking that all entries be completed off site and delivered to the school the day before the Art show. More information will be sent home shortly.

Bianca Vecchio

Visual Art Teacher

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

PS Don't forget to check out the Art Blog from time to time, follow the link from the school's website or go to: <http://visualartsatnewlands.global2.vic.edu.au/>

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