**12th December 2016**

**A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents,

Our Christmas carols event, Bush-Wah-Zee is fast approaching, and with Thursday’s weather looking quite pleasant we would love to see as many families come along and enjoy the event as possible. During the day, students will be involved in singing and dancing with the performers rehearsing for the evening. At this point there are quite a number of students who have not returned their permission note. We understand that some parents may have other events scheduled for this time of year, however your child can still participate during the day so long as they have returned their permission note with payment of $8.00 per child. We do ask that all families please return the notes by tomorrow at the latest so we can plan accordingly.

Tomorrow night we formally farewell our grade 6 students with our graduation ceremony to be held in the hall from 6:30pm. This group of students were the first group to spend their whole primary school life at Newport Gardens. Prior to this group, we have always had some students from the former Hobsons Bay Primary School or Eastona Park Primary School. This group are going to a wide range of secondary schools and we are confident that each and every one of them has enjoyed and benefitted from the rich experiences our school has to offer. Following this formal event, they will spend next Monday at their fun day and we wish them all the very best for that.

Over the weekend we had the area in front of the Japanese room levelled and top-dressed with seed being sown tomorrow. This will hopefully be lush and green come 2017 and we say a very big thank you to the Robinson and Flaherty families who have kindly offered to water the area over the break. We do need lots of areas watered, so if parents are available to water our garden beds, the lawn along Woods Street or the fruit trees in our garden that would be great. Please let the office know so we can make arrangements.

It was fantastic to see so many parents at our Parent Helpers’ Morning Tea today. For those who couldn’t make it, on behalf of the staff at the school, please accept our thanks for the contribution you have made to our school community. We would not be able to provide such a rich learning and social experience for all students without your help. With a large number of parents joining our community next year, it would be great to continue and expand the tradition of so many parents contributing to the fabric of our school community.

We are still accepting donations on behalf of the Wesley Mission with the list of goods found further into the newsletter. It would be great to fill all the boxes in the foyer for those less fortunate than ourselves over this festive season.

Finally, our last assembly for the year will be held from 1:00pm in the hall on Tuesday of next week. It is at this assembly where we will draw the Christmas raffle, reward students who have had perfect attendance and farewell our grade 6 students with a guard of honour. We would love to see as many of you there as possible, and please remember the earlier than normal dismissal time.

**Simon McGlade**

**Principal**
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

IMPROVEMENT
Yasmin Abdou, Isabella Di Lorenzo, Emily Kosmeyer, Cooper Sharp, Brock Ronchetti, Wajih Abou-Zeid & Abbie Martin.

INCLUSION
Gabby Simmons, Reean Abdou, Veda Thomas, Ella Cahill, Ashlee O’Brien, Willow O’Neill, Paul Cranage, Jack Smith & Olivia Claughton.

GROWTH
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Seamus Loughlin, Stella Brinsdon & Mia Harris.

WE HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY

PARENTS CLUB

Newport Gardens Primary School Parent Club News
President – Fiona Kay: bfireine@yahoo.com, 0418572807
Treasurer – Penny Lewis, Secretary – Nicole Polson

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A BIG THANK YOU to everyone for their fantastic fundraising efforts this year. Without the support of all the families at school the Parents Club would not be able to organise and run such great events through the year.

To those people who volunteered their time through the year to help organise and run the events, I am extremely grateful!

Some of this year’s events have included:
- The Disco
- The Mother’s and Father Day Stall
- The Athletics day lunch
- The Children’s week morning tea
- Sushi day
- Fresh fruit Friday
- Easter and Christmas Raffles

Today at Assembly the Parents Club have presented a cheque to the school for $15000 to put toward grounds work happening over the school holidays around the portables. We look forward to seeing the results when school starts again next year.

Have a Merry Christmas and safe holidays.
I hope everyone has had a wonderful year and I hope you are all excited for Japanese in 2017. Everyone have a fantastic Christmas, New-Years and Summer Holiday. Take care and see you all next year!!

Jerabek-sensei
NOTICE TO PARENTS

There will ONLY BE EFTPOS transactions on Monday 19th December and Tuesday 20th December (last day for 2016)

NO CASH WILL BE TAKEN

THANK YOU
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
FOR 2016
TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER
FINISH TIME 1.30PM
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

FOR 2017

TUESDAY 31ST JANUARY
WESLEY MISSION FOOD FOR FAMILIES APPEAL

This year Newport Gardens Primary School is again giving back to the Community by participating in the Wesley Mission Food for Families Appeal.

We need your help to collect food and toiletries to assist those in need over the Christmas period.

SUGGESTED DONATION LIST

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS:

- Tinned tuna, salmon, sardines and ham
- Jars and bottles of pasta sauces and pasta
- UHT (long-life milk)
- Breakfast cereal, muesli bars, breakfast bars
- Tinned and ready to eat meals e.g.: Spaghetti
- Baked beans, soup, curries etc. (non-perishable)
- Biscuits
- Teabags, instant coffee, milo
- Tinned fruit and vegetables
- Rice
- Two-minute noodles, instant noodles in a cup/bowl
- Baby food
- Small jars of vegemite, honey
- Peanut butter, Nutella & jam

Toiletries:
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes
- Toilet paper
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Small bottles of shampoo & conditioner
- Face washers
- Nappies

It is extremely important that items donated are not past their use by dates, and have a reasonable amount of time before they expire, as the aim of this appeal is to provide these items to those in need throughout 2017.
NOTICES

NGPS Christmas Raffle

Drawn at final assembly Tuesday 20th December

Tickets to be returned by Wednesday 14th December

Donations for hampers gladly accepted on the table by the office

Examples of things to donate include: chocolates, toys, beauty products, wine, etc.
FREE COME & TRY SESSION DATES
HOBSONS BAY PROGRAM

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MILO T20 Blast is a fun and safe program to allow boys & girls (Aged 7-12 years) the opportunity to play modified cricket matches in a T20 atmosphere.

MILO T20 Blast is the perfect progression for all who have participated in the MILO In2CRICKET program, or new to the game that want to develop their skills further playing real games before joining traditional junior club cricket

The format allows parents and coaches to interact with participants throughout, ensuring the skills of the game are taught in an explosive, fun, safe, action-packed 90 minutes. A skill session will be run before playing a game each week. All equipment supplied.

This is a great way to play with your friends or make new ones, Coordinated and delivered by trained Cricket Victoria staff.

You will also receive a FUN family pass (4 tickets to a BBL game) and also go into the draw to win great prizes from the Melbourne Renegades.


ANY QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT

Darren Driscoll – 0414 689 045 [darren.driscoll@cricket.com.au](mailto:darren.driscoll@cricket.com.au)
NOTICES

This year Gellibrand CC will be conducting 2 sessions a week for the MILO in2CRICKET participants from Newport Garden Primary school, you can participate in both or just one.

**REMINDER THAT WE START THIS Wednesday at 3.15pm on the Oval.**

If your child is attending OSH they will need a release letter to say you are happy for me to collect and drop back after program.

For more information please contact Darren Driscoll 0414 689 045 or darren.driscoll@cricket.com.au

To register please visit [www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au)

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Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, violin, singing, here at Newport Gardens Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from $16.20 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 1, 2017.

Interested parents should call Samantha during office hours on 9818 2333 or email samantha@creativemusic.com.au

Creative Music
www.creativemusic.com.au
WEEK 44 – HOLIDAYS

Wellbeing Element – Exercise and Vitality
Character Strength – Humour

Holidays are wonderful times for students to relax and enjoy their families and friends as well as their own company. For all students, holidays are also an excellent opportunity to read, exercise more and pursue their hobbies.

As students progress through school, the cultivating of positive reflective habits in their thinking enables them to take stock and then make any necessary changes. Being able to do these things makes them feel good and do good things.

To achieve this we need to present regular opportunities for students to reflect on their progress and decide whether they are doing the right thing and doing the thing right.

This week’s builder is on encouraging students to enjoy their holidays and also use them as opportunities to reflect on their progress and adjust how they do things if necessary.