Dates to Remember

Prep Transition Dates:
Session 3 | 22nd November
Session 4 | 6th December

Wednesday 23rd November
Grade 5 Transition Day
Bayside College
Paisley Campus

Monday 28th November
Swimming Program starts

Tuesday 6th December
Whole School Transition Day

Tuesday 13th December
Grade 6 Graduation

Thursday 15th December
Bush-Wah-Zee

Monday 19th December
Grade 6 Fun Day

Newport Gardens P.S.
Nurturing Our Future

21st November 2016
A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to our House Leaders for delivering another very well presented sports assembly. The re-cap of our sporting achievements over the year, and the presentation of medals to our young sportsmen and women was fantastic to see. Everyone seemed very proud to have represented their school and gave their all across a range of different sporting events.

Some parents have asked how we handle weather such as today’s to ensure child safety? Firstly we try to keep the rooms cool initially through portable air-conditioners in the main building, split systems in the portables and ceiling fans throughout. We have outdoor awnings across the north and western sides of the school to keep out the sun and some of the heat and each class has a hydration station where students can have access to water throughout the day. All rooms have sunscreen in them which the teachers will pump into students’ hands prior to recess and lunch breaks. All students must wear their broad brimmed school hat outside, and any child without a hat is required to sit in the shade. Depending on the outside temperature at the time of our break, as determined by the Bureau of Meteorology, high intensity activity may be banned, outside breaks shortened or cancelled altogether. Our students are familiar with these processes and are very understanding of the reasons why.

This week Bush-Wah-Zee forms go home to all families. Bush-Wah-Zee are a bush band who help us with our community end of year celebrations. This is a great event where parents can pack a picnic dinner, sing and dance along and have a good laugh. We would love to see all families join us on this evening so please complete and return the note as soon as possible. On this night, parents must remain with their child/ren.

Over the weekend, two sets of soccer goals were installed giving students two mini-grounds to play on. Later this week a third large set will be installed giving our students loads of choices as to where they play their soccer games. The company who installed these will be the same company that will be building our new sandpit towards the rear of the gym, and the same company who will be installing synthetic turf between the main building and the portables. This work will occur over the summer holidays ready for the start of the 2017 school year. Add to that the painting works being completed in the classrooms, the weeding, feeding and top-dressing of the oval, and top-dressing of the lawn outside the Japanese portables, all make for a very busy series of works to be completed ensuring we maintain our high quality grounds program for the benefit of all students.

Good luck to our grade 5 students who will be heading off to Bayside College on Wednesday for a day of secondary school, experiencing a range of different subjects as they make the preparations for the final year of primary school and begin their transition to secondary school.

Finally a reminder that swimming starts next week. Please remember to label all items of clothing very clearly. Thank you very much to those parents who have volunteered to help out throughout the two weeks. If anyone has any questions regarding the program, please do not hesitate to ask our PE staff in Paul Maisey and Kate MacCubben.

Simon McGlade
Principal

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

IMPROVEMENT
Darcy Cummins, Emilie Blight, Talia Makitae, Dane Tippett, Ashmay Chandoke, Sarah Crowley, Logan McKeown, Logan Cahill & Khaled Elhouli.

GROWTH
William Awadalla, Remi O’Connor, Mia Christensen, Austin Andrew, Amelia Cassar, Sophie Hodges, Finn Makin, Logan McKeown, Lilli Smith, Jon Thain, Riley Kellett, Hethushi Hapuarachchi, Finn Cahill, Tom Vandernet, Sebastian Oprea, Emily Home, Angela Hill, Aran Best & Amelia Cahill.

INCLUSION
OVERALL CHAMPIONS
Monique Goldsworthy & Jack Hotere-Moana

SWIMMING MEDALISTS

ATHLETICS / CROSS COUNTRY MEDALISTS
Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to kindly remind you that before school care (B.S.C) operating hours are from 7am – 8:40am, we ask that you please do not arrive and leave your children at the service earlier than 7am as we are not liable for them until this time. Due to being a set up and pack up program, staff will need this time to set up the environment for the morning session.

We would also like to mention that in regards to our booking system we would appreciate if you could try and book online due to the fact that we need to ensure we are providing correct staff to child ratio, by booking online we can provide correct staffing in accordance to our legislation. If you need to book in your child in on the day, please contact the below number and either speak to a staff member or send through a text message stating your child’s name at that they need to attend our service. Please also inform the school of the same message so that your child is aware they are attending.

Due to safety precautions please let the service know when your child will not be attending a session which they are booked in for; this helps with providing correct staffing and smoother transitions from school to oshclub. Our policy does state that if your child can not be accounted for and all contacts are not contactable within a certain time frame we will need to resort to calling authorities to file a missing child report. So please store our number in your phones in the case of this situation.

Reminder: Oshclub basketball has now commenced, it will only be running for 4 weeks as this is a trial period. Please book online if you wish for your child to attend. Basketball will commence at 3:30pm and finish at 4:30pm; we only have 16 spots available so please book in fast.

Thank you,
Newport Gardens, OSHClub.
For more information, please contact the program on - 0411 656 074 or visit www.oshclub.com.au online.

This week the children will be taking a trip into the land of animation!! As Pokémon is a huge phase at the moment for all ages we will be basing some of our activities around this. We will also be focusing on the meaning of the word respect and what this may look like in everyday life.

Christmas is around the corner, so we will start to set up our OSHClub workshop over the next few weeks and get busy engaging in Christmas activities! What a fun time to look forward to!

Activity Mats: Quite area (Books and homework) , Construction area (Lego and blocks), Art and Craft Area (free drawing, painting, pasting activities), Games area (variety of different games) Dramatic play (doll house, dress ups, kitchen set)

Portable Activities: various board games, animal corner, quiet book/netbook area, Hama beads/beading.
JAPANESE CORNER

One more! One more! One more family needed! There is only one more student available... please somebody give her a home! Fill out the form below and send it off to the office!

By the way, it is Autumn in Japan now and the colours are absolutely amazing, have a look through this website à http://www.japan-guide.com/blog/koyo16/

Host Family Wanted!

Japanese University students visit your school 2017

They are studying Child Education at Nagoya Women's University in Japan. They will visit your children's school/kindergarten to observe classes and introduce Japanese culture.

Duration: 10th Feb (Sun) to 7th March (Tue) 2017 for 16 nights.

How many: One student per family

Homestay fee: Payment of $600 for your expenses.

Please provide 3 meals a day. (Breakfast, packed lunch & dinner)

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Midori:

On 03-9572-3381 / 0418-540-865 or E-mail: midori@japan-link.com.au

Application form

Your all children's name and age/gender __________________________

Parents (other house hold) name/gender __________________________

E-mail address: __________________________

Telephone No. __________________________

Address: __________________________

Pets: __________________________ Method of transport to school: __________________________

*Please return this form to your school/kindergarten office.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Hi Newport Gardens Primary School,

We at Kiva have a lot to be thankful for this year – but most of all, we want to thank you for all you do to make spirits bright around the world every day.

Thank you for creating opportunity for entrepreneurs who might not otherwise be able to pursue their dreams and improve their lives. Thank you for keeping our organization running each day with your donations. And thank you for being a beacon of compassion in a sometimes overwhelming world, proving again and again the generosity of the human spirit.

Please enjoy the story of Myrian, an artisan and passionate mother from Paraguay, as she reflects on her own gratitude for the Kiva community.

“[Kiva is] offering up a helping hand to many mothers, those of us that want to succeed and live a dignified life and give our children the very best.”

Best wishes,
The Kiva Team
HELPERS WANTED

Any parent/guardians available to help throughout the swimming program, please contact the office ASAP.

Please don’t feel obligated to only help with your child’s grade, we need helpers for all year levels and grades!

Your HELP is appreciated, Thank You.
WHOLE SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM

TERM 4 2016

START: MONDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

FINISH: FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2016

TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER

FINISH TIME 1.30PM
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.
Newport Gardens - Fundraiser

Join the DONS in taking a stand to end violence against women.

All event profits and proceeds to go to White Ribbon & Women’s Health West

Date: Friday 2nd Dec 2016. 7.30 pm - 1am. Venue: The Substation. 1 Market St Newport

Dress: in black & white attire: fun, fancy or casual

Ticket includes: Entry / Band / Photobooth / Drinks at Bar Prices

$25 per ticket | $5 from every ticket sale goes to our school!

Support our generous major / local sponsors:

THE SUBSTATION Complete Hire Equipment

TICKET ORDER FORM:
please return this slip & payment in an envelope to RECEPTION. CASH ONLY - No CHEQUES

Parent’s Name(s)/ Class:

How many ticket(s) you would like: Qty: $25 per ticket (per person). Total: $

Tickets are non-refundable. Official White Ribbon event: Reg No: 23958

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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
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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How to encourage kids to be problem-solvers

When parents solve all children's problems we not only increase their dependency on adults but we teach kids to be afraid of making mistakes and to blame themselves for not being good enough. That’s fertile ground for anxiety and depressive illness.

So, how can we raise kids to be courageous problem-solvers rather than self-critical scaredy cats?

Here are six practical ideas to get you started.

1. Turn requests into problems for kids to solve
   Kids get used to bringing their problems to parents to solve. If you keep solving them, they’ll keep bringing them. ‘Mum, my sister is annoying me!’ ‘Dad, can you ask my teacher to pick me for the team?’ ‘Hey, I can’t find my socks!’ It’s tempting if you are in a time- poor family to simply jump in and help kids out. Alternatively, you can take a problem-solving approach, cueing them to resolve their own problems and take responsibility for their concerns. ‘What can you do to make her stop annoying you? ’ ‘What’s the best approach to take with your teacher? ’ ‘Socks, smocks! Where might they be?’

2. Ask good questions to prompt problem-solving
   A problem-solving approach relies on asking good questions, which can be challenging if you are used to solving your child’s problems. The first question when a child brings you a problem should be: ‘Can you handle this on your own?’ Next should be, ‘What do you want me to do to help you solve the problem?’ These questions are not meant to deter children from coming to you; rather, to encourage and teach them to start working through their own concerns themselves.

3. Coach them through problems and concerns
   So, your child feels she was unfairly left out of a school sports team by a teacher and asks you to get involved. The easiest solution may be to meet with the teacher and find out what’s going on. You may or not resolve the problem but in doing so you are teaching a child to become dependent on you. Alternatively, you could coach your child to speak to the teacher herself and find out why she was left out. Obviously, there are times when children need their parents to be advocates for them such as when they are being bullied, but we need to make the most of the opportunities for children to speak for themselves. Better to help your child find the right words to use and discuss the best way to approach another person when they have problems. These are great skills to take into adulthood.

4. Prepare kids for problems and contingencies
   You may coach your child to be independent — walk to school, spend some time alone at home (when old enough), catch a train with friends — but does he know what to do in an emergency? What happens if he comes home after school and the house is locked? Who should he go to? Discuss different scenarios with children whenever they enter new or potentially risky situations so that they won’t fall apart when things don’t go their way. Remember the Boy Scouts motto — be prepared!

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Want more ideas to help raise confident kids and resilient young people? Subscribe to Happy Kids newsletter, my FREE weekly email parenting guide at parentingideas.com.au. You’ll be so glad you did.

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