A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Today is the first of nine days where over 350 of our students will commence their swimming program. You may have seen media reports detailing the number of drownings in Victoria recently, and the call for schools to make the teaching of swimming mandatory. Thankfully this is something we have been doing for sometime, and something which expands each year. No doubt your children will be very tired over the coming days, which is to be expected. Please try and have them here throughout the program to ensure they gain maximum benefit. They may also benefit from an extra snack to see them through, especially if they are new to swimming as it can be quite taxing. As mentioned several times now, please remember to label all of your child’s clothing, towel, goggles and anything else that they take to the pool.

We have several end of year or Christmas reminders which parents have the option to participate in. Firstly, in front of the conference room in the foyer is a table for donations towards our Christmas raffle. This raffle is organised by our Parents’ Club and will be drawn at the last assembly of the year. Please feel free to drop off items suitable for this. Also in the foyer are the Wesley Mission boxes. Wesley are collecting non-perishable items for families experiencing hardship over the holiday period. Parents are welcome to drop off food items, nappies, nappy-wipes, sunscreen, or toiletries. We would dearly love to fill all the boxes in the foyer prior to their collection.

Next Tuesday December 6th is our step up day. On this day the grade 6 students moving to a government secondary college will spend the day there. Here at Newport Gardens, all of our students will ‘step up’ to the grade level they will be in 2017 and our preps for next year will join us also. Some of the staff who have been employed for next year will be here for the day, and the students will spend the first four hours of the school day in their new year level. The student groupings on this day are not necessarily the grade groupings for next year. Students are observed on the day, discussions are held with staff and changes are made after this day. Students will find out who their classroom teacher for next year is on the last day of school.

Reports will be available via Compass from December 9th. Parents have the option to book parent-teacher interviews in the week starting December 12th by making a mutually agreeable time with their child’s classroom teacher. We would encourage you to make this appointment if you have any queries about your child’s progress as detailed in their report, or if there are any significant changes to progress from their June report. Specialist teachers will also be available should parents wish.

With swimming occurring next Monday, there will not be an assembly. The final student led assembly for the year will be on Monday 19th where we will draw the Christmas raffle, and hand out certificates. On the Tuesday, there will be a farewell assembly for our grade 6 students where we will bid them farewell with a guard of honour. That assembly will commence at 1:15pm with the year finishing at 1:30pm.

Simon McGlade
Principal

28th November 2016

DATES TO REMEMBER

Prep Transition Dates:
Session 4 | 6th December
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 PS
SCHOOL COUNCILLORS 2016

Simon McGlade
David Grubits
Janelle Evans
Marielle Caruana
Justine Flaherty
Amanda Elmer
Emma Driscoll
Marina Kopcalic
Abbey Lee
HAPPY BIRTHDAY


WE HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE

OSHClub
Happy Children Learning

OSHCLUB NEWS THIS WEEK:
Monday to Friday 7:00 - 9am / 3:00 - 6pm. If you would like to make a booking or would like any information on the After School Care Program please do not hesitate to call 0411 656 074

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to welcome two new permanent assistants to our program, Natalie Saveski and Mara Strante. Please feel free to introduce yourself whenever you see them as they are very eager to get to know the children, parents and the community.

After much discussion with school officials, a new policy has been created regarding after school care with OSHClub. Students who have not been booked into after school care with OSHClub will be sent to the head office unless the parent has informed OSHClub that their child will be attending. If by 3:30pm there has been no communication from parents of children who have not been booked into OSHClub but are indeed attending, the children will be accepted into OSHClub and a Late Fee will be applied to the parent’s account.

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

STUDENT BANKING

WEDNESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER, LAST SCHOOL BANKING DAY FOR 2016

www.newportgardensps.vic.edu.au | newport.gardens.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Swimming List

- Goggles
- Underpants
- Swimming bag
- Towel
- Bathers

ALSO put your name on EVERYTHING!!

Madison
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

NOTICES

MUMS & DADS

black & white night

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

9312 5444

WE FIGHT FOR FAIR - Local: 9310 2966

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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Parent club helpers:

Our final Parent Club meeting for 2016 will be held on Monday 5th December after assembly. Thank you.
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.

Register at your local club www.playcricket.com.au

ANY QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT

Darren Driscoll – 0414 689 045 darren.driscoll@cricket.com.au

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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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WEEK 25 – FIVE Es OF LEARNING

Wellbeing Element – Engagement and Achievement
Character Strength – Open-mindedness

While most students strive to ‘do the right thing’ by applying themselves to their learning, unfortunately their efforts are not always rewarded because they don’t know how to ‘do the thing right’. They need to be taught how to learn and think smarter in a variety of ways.

To quote Abraham Lincoln, “if I had nine hours to cut down a tree, I’d spend six hours sharpening my axe.”

Habits of Mind and Thinking Tools are strategies we use to sharpen students’ learning and thinking. While there are numerous user friendly and creative thinking tools on the website, the Five Es of Learning is a very effective one to enhance students’ learning approaches.

Parents spend thousands of dollars having their children coached in a wide variety of pursuits to improve and develop their techniques that will see their performance enhanced. These pursuits include ballet, playing musical instruments, different sports and so on. To improve their learning habits students need to be coached to learn how to learn better; we can’t rely on them randomly picking up good habits.

Ballet dancers, for example, are taught explicitly how to move and then follow it up with hours of training; why should learning be any different?

The focus this week is on introducing to students the Five Es of Learning, which provides them with a step by step guide on how to learn and think with greater depth and clarity. Teaching students methods such as the Five Es may light a fire in their curiosity to use more thinking tools in their learning.