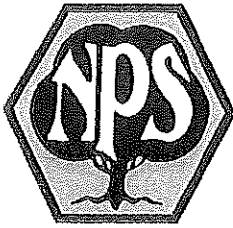


Newlands Primary School
 "Encouraging Excellence"



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Newlands Kids are Great Kids

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SCHOOL VALUES: COURAGE, PERSISTENCE AND RESPECT

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Dates To Remember - Term 1

February

Mon	22	School Assembly School Council
Fri	26	Whole School Sport – Morning School Council Nominations close
Mon	29	Preps start all week at school

March

Mon	7	School Assembly Uniform Shop open: 3.00-4pm
Fri	11	Whole School Sport – Morning only
Mon	14	Public Holiday – LABOUR DAY
Thu	17	PFA AGM
Fri	18	Whole School Sport – Morning only
Mon	21	Preps all week at school School Assembly Uniform Shop open: 3.00-4pm
Wed	23	Celebration of Cultural Diversity
Thurs	24	LAST DAY TERM 1

April

Mon	11	Term 2 BEGINS School Assembly
Mon	25	Public Holiday – ANZAC DAY

May

Sat	1	Newlands Fete
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School Council Elections

Information regarding school council elections is attached to this newsletter. If you are interested or are considering running for the school council you can also go to the DET website for further details of school council.

Measles

There have been reports in the media around outbreaks of measles in the northern suburbs; Brunswick, Preston and Reservoir. As we know this can be a very serious illness for young children. Attached is an information sheet prepared by DET to inform parents.

Immunisation Forms

This week Joy will be auditing our records to verify that all students at Newlands have immunisation forms on record. If we have any students that we have no immunisation information, the school will be in contact with those families.

Evacuation Drill

Today the whole school performed a 'Fire Drill'. Schools normally perform an evacuation drill each term. The children and staff exited the school successfully and evacuated to the park close by to the school in Elizabeth Street.

Celebrating Cultural Diversity

Wednesday 23rd February, 2016

The students will be participating in a range of activities on Wednesday 23/02/2016. This will culminate in an after-hours (3.45-6PM) family gathering, similar to last year's Spanish celebration. Further details will be in the next newsletter.

Uniform Shop Hours

Please note the Uniform shop will be open next Monday for the last time for term 1. In term 2 the shop will only be open once a fortnight on a Monday.

*OUT of SCHOOL HOURS CARE
PROGRAM (OOSHC)*

Garden Group Planning Meeting!

If you are at all interested in joining the parent run garden group here at NPS then please join us for some planning and chatting and general frivolity on Friday March 4.

We will be meeting at Marita's house at 7.30 to map out the year ahead and distribute jobs and things.

It will be very relaxed and informal and everyone is welcome, you don't have to commit to anything.

If you would like to come to the meeting or would like to be put on our email list please email Mel on melmate@hotmail.com

We hope to see you there!

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Working Bee! Saturday, 27th February 12.30 – 2.30.

The library has many gorgeous new books that need covering. Even if you can only spare an hour, any help is appreciated. Scissors and lessons provided on how to cover books with contact. (it's easy!). Please come along.

Chinese New Year – Year of the Monkey!

Firecrackers, feasts and fiery dragons all mark the beginning of the Chinese Lunar New Year. We have put our Chinese themed picture books, fiction and non-fiction on display with a focus on the work of Melbourne author, Gabrielle Wang. Her books are full of magic, beautiful prose and fascinating insights into Chinese traditions. *The Wish Bird*, *The Secret Monastery* and *The Garden of Empress Cassia* are perfect novels to read aloud to Grade 2-5 students. Her picture book, *The Race for the Chinese Zodiac* suits readers of all ages and her novel *A Ghost in my Suitcase* is an action-packed mystery for Grade 5-6 readers.

Although Monday, 8th February was the official Lunar New Year, the Chinese New Year Festival, is on around Australia from **6 – 21 February 2016**.

Major celebrations will be held in Melbourne on Saturday, 14th February. For more details check out the Melbourne Chinese New Year festival website:

<http://www.chinesenewyear.com.au/event-detail-ctmel.html>

FUNDRAISER FOR FIJI

Imagine having no roof on your house, no running water, no electricity, no bedding or clothes. All your belongings have been destroyed and there are no shops to buy anything from as they have been destroyed too. This is the situation that Maria (grade 2) and Monica (prep) cousins (including an 8 week old baby), aunts and uncles find themselves in, They are from the village of Lomo Lomo in Fiji where a cyclone hit last week. Maria and Monica's village need our help. So next

Friday 4th March we will be having a casual clothes day and asking everyone for a gold coin donation. There will also be a donation box in the office all next week if parents would like to donate money as well. All proceeds will be sent directly to the village so that they can organise for essential supplies such as tarps, matches, candles, tinned food etc. to be brought in from unaffected areas.

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY

FRIDAY 4TH MARCH

GOLD COIN DONATION

Save the Date!
Newlands Primary
School May Fair.
Sunday May 1st 2016
11am-3pm

We need stall coordinators and volunteers, cake bakers and coffee makers!

Please sign up in the office next to a stall of interest or just leave your email contact and we will get in touch. All previous year's helpers we'd love to have you again or choose a change of scene! New parents of Newlands this is an opportunity to meet other parents and enjoy being part of this fundraising event.

No-one needs to commit at this stage.

Just come along in a couple of weeks to have coffee and chat about what it entails. Date of meeting in next newsletter.

Any questions contact:

Coordinators

Vanessa (mum to Ornette grade 6 and Reuben grade 2) vanessachapple@gmail.com

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Newlands Primary School

School Council Elections – Information for Parents

School Council Elections 2016

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected Parent category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.
- **A mandated elected DET employee category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- **An optional Community member category.** Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

School Council Elections

Schedule 5A: Self-nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the

..... school council.

Name :

Residential address:

Contact phone (mobile or landline):

Email:

I am the parent/guardian of, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the school

Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

- an undischarged bankrupt
- of unsound mind
- currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence; or
- a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.

Signature of Candidate Date / /

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.

Measles

Summary

- Measles is a very contagious viral illness that causes a skin rash and fever.
 - Measles can cause serious, sometimes fatal, complications including pneumonia and encephalitis. Measles is rare in Australia because of the widespread use of the measles vaccine but vaccination is important because people coming from overseas can carry the virus.
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Measles is a contagious viral illness that causes a skin rash and fever. Serious and sometimes fatal complications include pneumonia and encephalitis (brain inflammation). Measles is also known as rubeola, not to be confused with rubella (German measles). Worldwide, measles is the fifth highest cause of illness and death in children.

Measles is rare in Australia because of the widespread use of the measles vaccine. It is important to continue immunising children in Australia, because there is a risk that the infection can be brought in by people arriving or returning from overseas.

Symptoms of measles

The signs and symptoms of measles may include:

- fever
- general discomfort, illness or lack of wellbeing (malaise)
- runny nose
- dry cough
- sore and red eyes (conjunctivitis)
- red and bluish spots inside the mouth (Koplik's spots)
- red and blotchy skin rash that appears first on the face and hairline, and then spreads to the body.

Complications of measles

Possible complications of measles include:

- otitis media – inflammation of the middle ear
- diarrhoea and vomiting – may cause further complications such as dehydration
- respiratory infections – such as bronchitis, croup or laryngitis
- pneumonia – a type of lung inflammation that causes about 60 per cent of measles deaths
- pregnancy problems – if a pregnant woman contracts measles, she risks miscarriage or premature labour
- encephalitis – or brain inflammation, affects about one person with measles in every 1000. About 10 to 15 per cent of people with encephalitis die and 15 to 40 per cent of survivors have permanent brain damage to varying degrees
- subacute sclerosing panencephalitis (SSPE) – occurs in about one in every 100,000 cases of measles. SSPE is an extremely rare progressive inflammation of the brain that causes brain degeneration and is always fatal. SSPE usually begins about seven years after the measles infection.

Causes of measles

Measles is most commonly spread when someone swallows or inhales the cough or sneeze droplets from an infected person. The measles viruses are carried inside mucus or saliva droplets and remain alive for several hours. Infection can also occur if someone touches contaminated surfaces or objects and then touches their own

Immunisation against measles

Immunisation is the best protection against measles. A person who receives the recommended two doses of a measles vaccine has 99 per cent immunity against measles infection. If you have been infected with measles, you will usually have lifelong immunity.

There are two types of measles vaccine. In the first type, the vaccine is a combined measles, mumps and rubella (German measles) vaccine and is commonly known as the MMR vaccine. In the second type (available from July 2013), the vaccine is a combined measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (chickenpox) vaccine and is commonly known as the MMRV vaccine.

Protection against measles is available under the National Immunisation Program Schedule. In Victoria, immunisation against measles is free of charge for:

- Children at 12 months – the first dose of measles vaccine is given as the MMR combination vaccine.
- Children at 18 months of age – the second dose of measles vaccine is given as the MMRV combination vaccine.
- All children younger than 10 years of age can receive the free National Immunisation Program vaccines.
- Young people 10 to 19 years of age, of families who currently receive family assistance payments between 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2017 can receive the free National Immunisation Program vaccines.
- Children up to and including nine years – catch-up immunisations are available for children who have not been fully immunised.
- Women planning pregnancy or after the birth of their child – two doses of MMR are available for women who have low immunity or no immunity to rubella.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, refugees and asylum seekers and vulnerable people – catch-up immunisations are available for people who have not been fully vaccinated.

Immunisation is also recommended for adults born during or since 1966, unless you have evidence of having received two doses of MMR. If you have not received the vaccine, ask your doctor about catch-up doses. The MMRV vaccine is not recommended for people aged 14 years and over.

People who should not be immunised against measles

Not everyone is a suitable candidate for a measles vaccine. A person with an impaired immune system should not be immunised.

Some of the possible causes of impaired immunity include:

- infection with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or the presence of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) from an HIV infection
- taking certain medications, such as high-dose corticosteroids
- receiving immunosuppressive treatment including chemotherapy and radiotherapy
- having some types of cancer, such as Hodgkin's disease or leukaemia
- having an immune deficiency with extremely low levels of antibodies (hypogammaglobulinaemia, multiple myeloma or chronic lymphoblastic leukaemia).

If you have an impaired immune system, speak with your doctor about what options might be available.

Pregnancy and MMR immunisation

You should not be given the MMR vaccine if you are already pregnant. Pregnancy should also be avoided for 28 days after the immunisation. The MMRV vaccine is not recommended for people 14 years and over.

Where to get help

- Your doctor
- In an emergency, always call triple zero (000)

We're now using an app to send our messages, newsletters and notices.

The tiqbiz app will help our school keep parents fully informed and up-to-date with newsletters, notices, news and events.

It's easy to use and also has the benefit of helping reduce our paper consumption by printing less.

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Search for: tiqbiz



iPhone and iPad

Important: Click 'allow' notifications when asked. This is to allow your school to send you important alert notices.



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Find and tick our school

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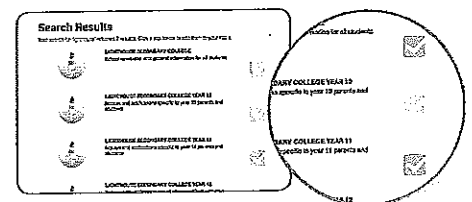
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