DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 13 February
Kindergarten Parent Information Session
Stage 3 Parent Information Session – 5pm to 6pm

Tuesday 19 February
OC Parent Information Session – 6pm to 7pm

Wednesday 20 February
P&C Meeting 7pm – Block A Connected Classroom

Friday 22 February
Uniform orders returned to school

Wednesday 27 February
Zone Swimming Carnival Lambton Pool

Friday 1 March
Clean Up Australia Day

Tuesday 5 March
K-6 Assembly 2:30pm – School Hall

Saturday 9 March
Car Boot Sale

Wednesday 14 March
Year 7 2014 Selective High School Test

Thursday 21 March
Harmony Day

Friday 22 March
School Lap-a-thon

Saturday 23 March
School Working Bee

Tuesday 26 March
K-6 Assembly 2:30pm – School Hall – Parents Welcome

Thursday 28 March
Easter Hat Parade

Friday 29 March
Good Friday

Monday 1 April
Easter Monday

Wednesday 3 April
Morning Tea with Principal – School Award Recipients

Thursday 4 April
Whole School Photographs

Tuesday 9 April
Zone Cross Country – Stevenson Park

Thursday 11 April
Anzac Service 10am

Friday 12 April
Last day of Term 1

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

We have had a great start to this year. Kindergarten has settled well with very few tears and productive work in every room. As you can see from the photos below, I had a visit from KD during this week and they were very proud of their work and the opportunity to receive a Principals Award sticker.
Thank you to parents who have quickly responded to our request for payment of the school contribution for school packs. These funds are very helpful for us to ensure we can continue to supply materials in every room. Mrs Edwards has been issuing invoices and you will note that she has sent one per family rather than one per student – this is so she could adjust the invoice to reflect the sliding scale for families with more than one child. Please contact Mrs Edwards the Office Manager if you have any queries about your invoice. Parents are very welcome to pay off this fee if needed.

We are very pleased that we have been able to work with a financial institution to provide a service to the students and families in the form of School Banking. The Commonwealth Bank has for many years had a program of school banking but we did need to have a parent who was willing to collect the money each banking day. Mrs Lilian Yohanes who is one of our new parents, has offered to do this as she had experience at Nelson’s (her son) previous school. We will be glad for an assistant for her when we get going so please have a think about that if you have time.

Students use either their current Dollarmite account or open one here at school and can bring money each week for banking. When we start (from 6th March 2013), banking day will be Wednesdays and there are many incentives for students within the program. The school will receive some benefit from the program as well as supporting students to learn the importance of saving. We will have information sessions for students and flyers will give parents information about the service. Very exciting! The Commonwealth Bank has also provided the school with support in the curriculum area of Financial Literacy. We will be continuing with the Start Smart program as well this year.

Congratulations to all students in Stages 2 and 3 for wonderful behaviour and sportsmanship at the school swimming carnival last Friday. The weather was great – everyone followed the sun safety rules, and everyone seemed to have a great time. Thank you to parent helpers and to those who assisted with jobs on the day. Well done Mrs Drew and teachers and other support staff – a huge amount of work and really appreciated!

Last week I spoke of the new Anaphylaxis Procedures for schools and those families who had identified that their children had an allergy of any sort were sent the first letter in our procedures to identify those who need to be included in the following steps. Thank you to those who had a speedy response. We do want to ensure we complete our process ASAP due to the critical nature of anaphylaxis. If you have any questions about the procedures please phone to discuss with me. Many parents in the cohort who received the initial letter last week will receive a lot of additional information and requests for further action this week. Your timely response again is appreciated.

In the same way as we have systematically reviewed all students with allergies, we will also be reviewing enrolment and other information from parents regarding other health care issues and sending requests to you to assist us in ensuring our information is up to date and compliant with new procedures. Within this process you will probably be invited to a meeting to develop an updated Health Care Plan if we are due to do that. This process may take some time but I do urge you to respond to our requests as soon as possible so that we can ensure we have all information needed to support your children.

Please let the school office know preferable in writing of any changes to your contact details or emergency contacts. I know that many times I have needed to contact parents who have changed their phone numbers and have not provided us with the updates. This is critical if there is an emergency. We also need email addresses as increasingly we will be moving to electronic information sharing. We are moving towards sending all Newsflash notifications via email.

The current school website is under construction and we are moving to another server. What you will notice is that our old website is not being updated currently so this weeks and last week’s Newsflash is unavailable on the site. We hope to advise of the upload of the new site soon. In the meantime we will send paper copies of the Newsflash. As we do intend to move to sending you a link to the Newsflash on our website – please look out for requests for you to confirm and resend your email contacts.

Have a great week!

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SWIMMING CARNIVAL
What a fabulous day! Congratulations to all the students who attended the carnival for displaying great sportsmanship and behaviour throughout the day. A special mention of congratulations to all the House Captains who were outstanding in their leadership skills in keeping their House in order and still had lots of fun.
Also a very great big thank you to all the wonderful parents who assisted with timekeeping, lifesaving on the day. The staff and students appreciate your assistance greatly and value your contribution to our school.
Lastly but not least I would like to mention the terrific team effort from the staff members who worked tirelessly all day. Thank you so much, as many of you had to worked in new roles.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The Zone Swimming Carnival is on Wednesday 27 February at Lambton Pool. All students who qualify for Zone will be given a permission and information note today. Students will have to arrange their own transport to and from the venue. If your child needs assistance with transport please let me know ASAP so I can make alternative arrangements.

Regards
ANNE MAREE DREW
COORDINATING TEACHER

HOUSE CAPTAINS 2013
Congratulations to the following student leaders who all received their badges at today’s assembly.
All students will honour their role with great pride in sportsman ship and leadership.

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LAP-A-THON
This year’s lap-a-thon will be held at Alder Park on Friday 22nd March. This was a major fundraising event last year where we raised over $10 000. Children will collect sponsors for this event and prizes will be given to the highest fundraiser. More information in the coming weeks.

SANDRA HOLLAND
COORDIANTING TEACHER

ENVIRONMENT NEWS
Our school has an Environmental Management Plan (SEMP) and it contains the following areas of responsibilities for our students:

- **ES1**: Waste - worms, recycling, compost
- **S1**: Water - weather unit, tanks, water monitoring, taps
- **S2**: Energy - Webgraph analysis, energy audits,
- **S3**: Biodiversity / Climate change: Smart lighting audit and policy writing.

Last year our school registered with Newcastle City Council’s "Climate Cam" program. We worked very hard and were awarded five stars which are on display in the office area. This year we have three more focus areas:

- "Energy and Water Monitoring" - Stage 1 will collect and analyse 3 months of Water data, S2 is collecting and analysing 3 months of Electricity data (Webgraph) including during Earth Hour (Switch Off) and Stage 3 is conducting an energy audit of all appliances in school.
- "Rainwater Tanks" - Stage 2 will analyse school water usage and produce a report and complete associated activities.
- "Smart Lighting" - Stage 3 will conduct a lighting audit and implement a Smart Lighting Policy.

Mrs Drinkwater will work with a couple of classes and Amanda Gregory from the Catchment Management Authority (CMA) to conduct aspects of Vegwatch and Waterwatch. The Vegwatch focus area is a bird survey and Waterwatch includes monitoring pollution levels in Styx Creek.

Continuing with Low Waste Lunch Days on Tuesdays, we are keen to develop a deeper understanding of environmental awareness. Sure the kids mostly know how and what to recycle but we still find soft plastics mixed through and rubbish on the ground. One area that would have a big impact on sustaining our programs is COMPOSTING, and it was decided to make it a whole school focus area. Until now we have only focused on K-2 composting food scraps because the thought of the whole school doing it seemed a little overwhelming!
Initial plans include organising blue bins for each class to collect scraps. Each class will nominate two students to bring the bin to the compost area, which will be situated somewhere near the kitchen garden. Classes K-6 are to research and discuss ways to compost and why to compost and perhaps older classes could organise an information session or slide show for an Assembly.

We are looking for support from our knowledgeable parent body and beyond to develop our own effective school composting system. Please contact Mrs McCallum if you are able to assist.

LINDY MCCALLUM
COORDINATING TEACHER
UNIFORM ORDER
There is a uniform order attached to this newsletter. This will be the last uniform order before the colder months so make sure you include jumpers and track pants in your order if you require them.
Please complete your order and return to school with cash/cheque by Friday 22 February 2013. Please make cheques payable to NLSPS P&C.
Please note we are unable to accept EFTPOS for uniform orders. Also it is very helpful if the correct amount of money is enclosed as the office is unable to provide change. Thank you.

UNIFORM SHOP
We are getting close to having a uniform shop and are calling for volunteers to help operate it.
We are going to open Friday morning from 9am until 10am and one afternoon 2:30pm until 3:30pm during the week and would like as many names as possible so that we can have a rotating roster.
Please advise Mrs Edwards or Mrs White in the office if you are able to assist. We will advise you soon of an opening date.
Thank you.

NEW LAMBTON SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM
Music is great for your brain, especially in young children as it wakes up, stimulates and develops parts of the brain that we do not use. In many cases when children have music in their life their literacy and numeracy have continually improved and the chance to extend their creative mind as well as their intellectual mind is an amazing opportunity.
Being part of a musical ensemble is a fantastic way to develop an array of skills. Your child will gain confidence and self-esteem, increase their team working and co-operation skills, expand their literacy, numeracy and aural skills, learn to read and understand music and of course have fun!!!
If you are interested in your child participating in the 2013 New Lambton South Music Program, the following programs are available for your child. Please contact Leesa Oswald (liaison teacher) or the school’s front office for the 2013 Music Program Expression of Interest Note.

VOCAL ENSEMBLE PROGRAM
NLS is looking to increase and extend vocal music within the school in 2013. Vocal lessons will be offered in 2013. Students who choose to receive vocal lessons will be showcased throughout the year within the school and in the wider community. The students will study melody and be introduced to the layering of music called harmony. It is essential that all students taking vocal lessons will be in the school choir.

DRUMMING PROGRAM
The drumming program got off to a great start in 2012 with 8 students from Year 2 – 6 involved. Drumming lessons are being offered in the music program again in 2013. Your child will be introduced and learn to read drumming/percussion notation. It will be expected that your child will be involved in the drumming ensembles throughout the year. Unfortunately the school does not have drum kits for hire throughout the year, it will be your responsibility to purchase an instrument for your child to practice on.

GUITAR PROGRAM
The guitar program also got off to a great start in 2012 with 9 students from Year 1 – 6 involved. Group guitar lessons are being offered in the music program again in 2013. Your child will be introduced and learn to read traditional notation and guitar tab. It will be expected that your child will be involved in the guitar ensembles throughout the year. Unfortunately at the moment the school does not have acoustic guitar for hire throughout the year, it will be your responsibility to purchase an instrument for your child to practice on.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR BAND
The NLS Band Program consists of two bands with membership determined by musical experience and ability, not by age. The Junior Band is for beginner instrumentalists and the Senior Band is for experienced musicians who are ready to develop their musical knowledge and performance to a higher level. Promotion to the Concert Band is at the discretion of the Band Director. The Junior Band rehearses once a week and the Senior band rehearses twice a week and regularly performs in school and in the local community.

JUNIOR BAND REHEARSALS
All new musicians joining our Junior Band will rehearse one morning (Thursday) from 8:15am - 9:15am in the school hall with Mrs Adams.
Please Note: Junior Band rehearsals will commence in Week 7. This gives all members a chance to have a number of lessons on their instrument before our first band rehearsal.

SENIOR BAND REHEARSALS
All Senior Concert Band musicians will rehearse two mornings (Monday and Tuesday) from 8:15am - 9:15am in the school hall with Mrs Caban.
Rehearsal will commence on Monday 11/02/13 – Week 3.
There is a **LIMITED NUMBER OF SCHOOL INSTRUMENTS** available – so if you’re interested in hiring a school instrument can you please return the Expression of Interest nota ASAP.

GINA CABAN
COORDINATING TEACHER
BOOK CLUB
Just a reminder that all book club orders need to be returned to school on Thursday 14 February 2013.
Please ensure orders are at school prior to 12 noon.
Thank you.
MRS DOLEY & MRS MOYLAN
BOOK CLUB COORDINATORS

KD NEWS
Students in KD have been learning about concepts of print. They have been learning about where to start when you read a book and the difference between a word and a letter. They have been learning to recognise a capital letter, lowercase letter, full stop, question mark and exclamation mark. Last week we read the big book Grandpa, Grandpa every day and on the Friday the students read the book to me, which was very exciting! This week we are learning to recognise rhyming words.

KG NEWS
There is no news from KG this week.

KS NEWS
There is no news from KS this week.

1H NEWS
It was a busy week in 1H with students engaging in many different activities. We have been creating artworks, learning new things in literacy and numeracy, dancing and having a splashing good time at our water fun sports day. Students have begun group reading and home reading also started on Monday.

1O NEWS
Everyone in 1O are settling in well and beginning to do some excellent work. We have been discussing our class rules of being polite, helpful, nice and a quality worker. On Friday we had our water sports day. It was so much fun doing all of the water activities. Tissues, wet wipes and hand soap are still being collected. If you could provide our class with some of these items it would be very much appreciated. Notes were sent home last week asking for parent helpers for reading groups. If you are available Mon- Thurs 9:30- 10:30 please let Mrs Oswald know.

1W NEWS
All children are settling into class routines well and this week we are continuing with routines as well as beginning our full program. Next week we will begin our reading groups so please let me know if you are available any day from 11.00-11.30 am. I am looking forward to meeting parents at our information session on Wednesday. Any donations of tissues and handwash are always appreciated and can be brought in at any time.

1/2M NEWS
1/2M are off to a busy start!
This week in maths we have been learning about numbers and the number chart. We have been playing lots of maths games to help us with our adding and subtracting of numbers. We even had a test match in our room with Australia (the boys) versing the West Indies (the girls). Unfortunately for the West Indies Australia was too good in the third match and beat them by only 22 runs!!! It was lots of fun.
Yesterday every child took home their home reading folder. I have explained to students how home reading works and they know that it is their job to read at home every night and return their home reader each morning. Thank you for supporting this program.
Don't forget that the Stage One information evening is on tomorrow night, the 13th of February in the school hall at 5:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

2CN NEWS
There is no news from 2CN this week.

2O NEWS
2O have been showing off their strategies for adding numbers together. They have been using 3 dice that have numbers up to 12. We are enjoying a story called 'Just grandma and me ' and are looking at the many forms the story can be presented in such as listening to the story, reading a book or watching an animation or using drama. Ask your child about the adventures that Little Critter has with his Grandma. We enjoyed the water activities that we participated in for sport last week. Please remember the Stage 1 Parent Information Session is on tomorrow (Wednesday 13th February) at 5.30pm in the hall.

3/4E NEWS
There is no news from 3/4E this week.
3M NEWS
Last week 3M settled into their new classroom with their new teacher and classmates. We learnt more about American culture and played basketball games during the week. We learnt that NASCAR racing is the second most popular sport in the USA. We started reading "Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing" by Judy Blume and one of our favourite parts so far is when Peter’s 2 1/2 year old brother, Fudge, tried to fly in the park and swallowed his two front teeth! This week we start our homework and get into our routine. The Stage 2 Information Session for parents is on Thursday at 5pm. Please let Mrs McCallum know if you are able to help in class by listening to students read.

4D NEWS
Welcome we have had a great start to the year and have been learning classroom routines. This week we have commenced homework and all students have taken their books home. It would be fantastic if all students could be able to cover these books over the next 2 weeks. I am looking forward to meeting all parents at our class meeting on this Thursday at 5.00pm

4T NEWS
Welcome back to the new school year. There has been a lot of activity in 4T as the children are busily sorting books, titles, covers and folders. They excitedly filled their pencil cases today with erasers, pencils, sharpeners, rulers etc. We are aiming to have all the “typical beginning of the year tasks” completed by Friday so that books may be taken home to be covered. It was great watching and getting to know the children better while they enthusiastically participated in drama activities this afternoon. We definitely have some great up and coming performers! CAPA groups and the organisation of other learning areas will be further discussed at the meeting on Thursday.

Thanks
CHRISTINE THOMPSON

5/6C NEWS
There is no news from 5/6C this week.

5/6D NEWS
There is no news from 5/6D this week.

5/6G NEWS

OC TECHNO CHALLENGE
This week in the OC class everyone is working in groups to solve a series of challenges, creating a maze which takes a marble exactly 8 seconds to negotiate, making a pyramid for straws which holds as much weight as possible, constructing the tallest freestanding paper tower from newspaper, creating a paper bridge to hold the most weight, making a carrier to safely drop an egg from a height and design something that will help people around their house.
Everyone is enjoying working cooperatively to achieve the group purpose.

5/6S NEWS
There is no news from 5/6S this week.
COMPUTER ROOM NEWS
Welcome to all the new and previous students to the school. If you have any password problems let your teacher know and then come and see me 2nd Lunch Wednesday or Thursday in the computer room. The computer room is open for the use of the students on these days to enable them to complete homework, complete tasks, practise their computer skills or access Mathematics programs.
MICHELLE RUSSELL
COMPUTER TEACHER

P&C NEWS
An apology and update on the information provided last week. The P&C meeting is held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month during school terms and therefore the first P&C meeting for 2013 will be held next Wednesday 20th February, starting at 7pm in the Connected Classroom in Block A. Apologies for any inconvenience or confusion. We hope to see you next week!
And just a friendly reminder that the fundraising committee have their first event for the year, which is a cake stall at The Blackbut Fair, on the 10th March. There will be more information to follow, however if you are able to donate cakes/slices &/or assist by manning the stall on the day, please contact Michelle Steverson on 0409 360 334.
Natasha Andrei
P&C President - 2012
Phone: 4957 3821 or 0413 188 945 or
Email: markandnatasha@bigpond.com

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Please note: * denotes a vacancy – please drop by the canteen if you are able to assist. Canteen phone no. 0417 571168

CANTEEN NEWS
A huge thank you to all the new volunteers that have been able to lend a hand once a month or when ever needed. We still have a few days available so if you have a spare day just come and see us and we will place your name on our roster.
Reusable Lunch Bags are now available to purchase from the canteen. The regular bags are $8 and the insulated bags are $12. Each bag has a zipped compartment to hold the students’ money, are extremely easy to wipe clean and most importantly they reduce paper waste.
New Lambton South

DRAMA CLUB

ONLY $10 for 1 hour class!

Kindy to Year 6

Come learn performance skills, build confidence & have fun with friends!

Straight after school in the hall

OOSH kids can be taken to and from care if needed.

Taught by instructor with over 8 yrs exp.

LINDA: 0419 161 178
nlsdrama@live.com.au

WEST LEAGUES NETBALL CLUB
Require girls aged 7, 8 or 9 to play netball.
For your information please contact:
Stephanie on 4956 1115 or 0412 525900 or
Jenny on 4962 2867 or 0448 891889

THE BABY & KIDS MARKET IS HERE! SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2013
The Baby & Kids Market offers a huge range of gorgeous, good quality preloved baby & kids goods plus some ‘handpicked’ local businesses featuring their unique new goods. From prams to cots, toys to books and clothes to shoes, this market has it all. From birth to 7 years of age. Come along and join the fun & bargains!
Newcastle Basketball Stadium Cnr Young and Curley Roads, Broadmeadow From 9am to 12 noon Cash sales only
$4 entry, Kids FREE More info at www.babykidsmarket
**NEW LAMBERTON SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL**
**P & C SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER**
**RETURN TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2013**

WHERE: Please return order forms WITH payment (cash or cheque made payable to NLSPS). No EFTPOS facilities are available. Please write child’s name, contact name and phone number clearly on form so we can contact you when uniforms arrive at school.

LAGGER SIZES ARE AVAILABLE IF REQUIRED

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