



# PRINCIPALS BLOG

A weekly update on everything at New Lambton South Public School

TERM 1 WEEK 4

19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### FEBRUARY

24<sup>TH</sup> ZONE PSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL

25<sup>TH</sup> YEAR 6 MATHS TUTORING

### MARCH

4<sup>TH</sup> YEAR 6 MATHS TUTORING

11<sup>TH</sup> YEAR 6 MATHS TUTORING

18<sup>TH</sup> YEAR 6 MATHS TUTORING

19<sup>TH</sup> HARMONY DAY

25<sup>TH</sup> YEAR 6 MATHS TUTORING

### APRIL

1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR 6 MATHS TUTORING

K-2 EASTER HAT

PARADE

GRANDPARENTS DAY

CROSS COUNTRY

LAST DAY TERM 1

## FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK...

### COVID-19 TESTING REMINDER

Unfortunately children who are unwell from school displaying cold or flu like symptoms will require negative COVID tests to return to school.

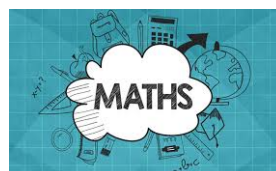
Once you receive your negative result and prior to your child returning to school please email confirmation of the negative result to the school prior :

[newlambtos-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:newlambtos-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

This is a Department of Education compliance matter and not simply a New Lambton South Public School directive.

We appreciate that this can be problematic for families at times but ask that all families comply with this Departmental request.

### STAGE 3 MATHS TUTORING SESSIONS



Maths tutoring will commenced yesterday for the first time this year. We had a large number of students take advantage of the tutoring session.

The sessions will run from 8.30am – 9.00am. If your child is in years 5 and 6 and is having some difficulty with maths we would encourage you to send your children.

## ATTENDANCE

Our school has been set an attendance target of having greater than **88% of students attend school for greater than 90% of the time**. Please help us to achieve this target by sending your students to school every day that they can attend. All non-attendance will be followed up by school staff and unfortunately students whose attendance is not satisfactory must be referred to the Home School Liaison Officer. Students can very quickly slip below 90% attendance as follows.

1 day absent per week = 80% attendance

1 day absent per fortnight = 90% attendance

2 week holiday during school term = 90% attendance

Every day counts for a child's learning. If a child takes a two week holiday every year of their schooling they will have missed three terms of learning!

***This week the percentage of students who have greater than 90% attendance was 85.4%***



### **SCHOOL FEES and PAYMENT OPTIONS**

Last week school fee costing notes for each year group were sent home via Operoo, with statements sent home to families on Tuesday.

Fees can be paid by clicking on the link included on the statement emailed on Tuesday, or via the school website by clicking on the "Make a Payment" tab. The office also offers EFTPOS, however we can no longer process payments over the phone. If you have fees in advance (credit) on your statement you will need to contact the office so these can be allocated to your nominated fee.

Whilst the \$50 School Contribution fee is purely voluntary many of the other fees and charges that are represented on the costing notes are not. These fees allow students to access extra - curricular activities or allow community to source online platforms that assist with communication and learning.

It is possible for families to pay a small amount towards their extracurricular fees each week, prior to the due date, if they would prefer.

## MUSIC NEWS AT NLS

The Band and Music Program has gotten off to a fantastic start in 2021!!!!

We are loving our new music rehearsal space and this year we have an amazing 30 students in the Senior Concert Band, 15 students in the Junior Band and over 60 NLS students taking up the opportunity to learn the language of music at school.

Senior Band have had 4 rehearsals together and are already sounding great with lots of wonderful feedback from teacher and the staff from OOSH.

Every morning we have a crowd of kids watching us rehearse and it's been so exciting to see how much they enjoy watching us play.

Junior Band students are having a few lessons before we start band practices in Week 6 on Wednesday mornings.

All I can say is MUSIC ROCKS and our music kids are awesome!!!!



## HARMONY DAY & NATIONAL ACTION DAY AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE



On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March we will be celebrating Harmony Day and acknowledging National Action Day against bullying and violence.

Children are encouraged to wear orange as this is recognised as the international colour for social conversations and meaningful interactions.

We will be having classroom activities from 9.30am, followed by a formal assembly with class items. If you would like to share an aspect of your culture with your child's class please contact their teacher. After lunch students will participate in multicultural games for sport, followed by classroom activities in the afternoon.

### HATS

Supplies of school hats have arrived!

If you have been waiting on an order these should have been supplied by now and if you are looking to purchase a new hat there is plenty of stock.

Late in 2020 the P and C in collaboration with the school agreed to investigate new styles of hats.



This baseball cap style has been sourced, although it does not meet sun safe guidelines.

However it is important to note that the wearing of hats and uniforms in Public Schools is a collaborative process between community and the school.

Please head to the P and C Facebook page and have your say on this hat and or any other ideas:

[NLSPS P & C FACEBOOK PAGE](#)



## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all the swimmers who took part in today's carnival!

Despite the wet weather lots of fun was had by all with some outstanding results! The zone carnival will take place next week Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February for qualifying students. Thanks to our parents helpers who volunteered their time to help with a smooth running of the day!



## THE RESILIENCE PROJECT



Starting in Week 7 of Term One, we are pleased to be introducing The Resilience Project's online wellbeing curriculum in our classrooms.

[The Resilience Project](#) delivers emotionally engaging programs and provides evidence-based, practical strategies to build resilience.

The Digital Program consists of online presentations and lessons for students, professional development for staff, and **a video series for our parent and carer community.**

Over the coming weeks, we'll be sharing the Parent and Carer Program with you. The videos are 5-10 minutes long and will walk through the key pillars of resilience: Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness. You'll hear stories and be introduced to activities to show how these strategies can support our kids learning and development, and also support you as parents and carers.

This program is an important part of our school's effort to look after the mental health of our community.

**View the first presentation of the series here: Part 1: Meet Martin and learn about The Resilience Project:** <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/parent-and-carer-hub/>

We will be in touch weekly to share the remainder of the program, including research and wellbeing activities to integrate into day to day life.

For mental health resources and support information, visit [The Resilience Project's Support Page](#).

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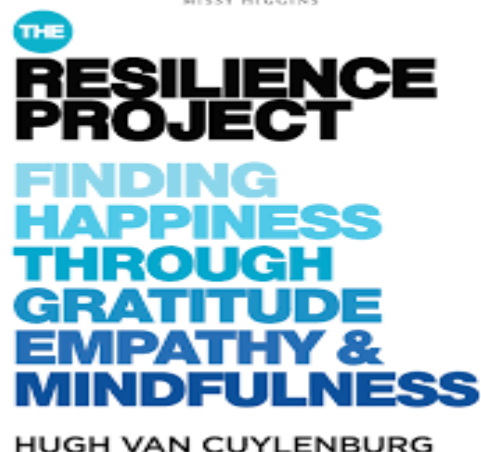
Project Curriculum.

Professionally developed lessons are mapped to the Australian Curriculum with outcomes covered in PDHPE, with specific focus on the benefits of Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness, and easy ways to practise these in everyday life.

Also incorporated are Emotional Literacy, Connection and Physical Health education activities as they are foundational contributors to positive mental health.

Students use their own personal student journal during lessons which contain The Resilience Project Curriculum.

THE NATIONAL BESTSELLER  
*"Millions, inspiring and boundlessly endurable, this book has the potential to be life-changing."*  
MISSY HIGGINS



## COVID RESTRICTIONS

**BE COVIDSAFE**

Unfortunately COVID restrictions are still in place. We thank parents for their patience and support with these. For the foreseeable future parents are asked to drop students at any gate of a morning. There is always staff there to greet the kids. Afternoon pick-ups are from specific gates based on student sports houses.

If you need to enter the school grounds you may do so through gate 4 and proceed directly to the administration office.

## EXTERNAL PROVIDERS IN SCHOOL

At times the school is approached by parents requesting additional supports at school. These may be from service providers including but not limited to Occupational Therapists or Speech Therapists.

Allowing these services to work in the school grounds and during school hours is entirely the responsibility and at the discretion of the principal.

Each case is assessed individually with preference given to in-class support that directly supports the academic progress of students. It is preferred that additional support from external providers takes place outside of school hours.

## PSSA ZONE TRIALS



### ZONE TENNIS

Last week Alex L was successful in being selected in the Newcastle Tennis team which will take on other teams at the Regional Carnival.

**Well done Alex and best of luck!**

### ZONE CRICKET

Yesterday 4 of our student's trialled for selection in the Newcastle Zone Primary Schools Sports Association Cricket team. There was some serious competition and talent on display.

Despite missing selection all the boys gave it their best shot. Looks like we'll have a really strong school side for a few years to come yet!



## LIBRARY – HOME BORROWING

Commencing on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February all students will be able to borrow books to take home. K-2 students will require a bag to protect their books whilst carrying them to and from home. 3-6 students will borrow in the usual manner. If parents can please be mindful that books have to stay in the home environment that would be greatly appreciated.

OVERDUE BOOKS: We currently have a lot of books outstanding. If students could check at home and return any books that may have been borrowed in 2020 that would be great.

## NLSPS ONLINE UNIFORM SHOP

[nlspsuniformshop.bigcartel.com](https://nlspsuniformshop.bigcartel.com)



If you need any uniform items and wish to pay by credit card or can't make it to the shop opening hours, head to <https://nlspsuniformshop.bigcartel.com>.

**Our school canteen also sell hats for \$10.00.**

Enjoy your weekend.

Mr Pryce  
Principal



**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**  
REGISTRATION VIA RUGBY XPLOER APP

**WEE WANDERERS**  
**BOYS & GIRLS**  
**AGES 4-10**  
STARTING 26TH FEB @ No2 SPORTSGROUND  
FROM 5PM TO 6PM

**BOYS XV<sub>s</sub>**  
**UNDER 7<sub>s</sub> - UNDER 18<sub>s</sub>**  
U7<sub>s</sub> \$170  
U8<sub>s</sub>-18<sub>s</sub> \$295  
REGO INCLUDES:  
SHIRT, SHORTS, SOCKS

**INFORMATION**  
[www.facebook.com/WJRFC](https://www.facebook.com/WJRFC)  
[www.wanderersrugby.com.au/](https://www.wanderersrugby.com.au/)







## **COME AND TRY BASEBALL WITH PHOENIX CHARLESTOWN**

The Phoenix Charlestown Baseball Club invites boys and girls aged 5 - 15 to come and try baseball.

**WHEN:** Sunday - 21 & 28 February

**TIME:** 9.30am - 11am

**WHERE:** Windsor Oval Carbeen St, Gateshead

**COST:** Free

Free sausage sizzle for all participants, including current players.

For more information contact:

Sean - 0422 254 734

Email: [phoenixcharlestown@gmail.com](mailto:phoenixcharlestown@gmail.com)

Facebook: @phoenixcharlestownbaseball

2021 Junior Registration fees are \$150

Phoenix is registered with the  
Active Kids Rebate Program.

