

New Lambton Heights Infants 'A Family School'

School Newsletter



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Pride

Respect

Acceptance

Cooperation

Resilience



Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers and Friends of New Lambton Heights Infants School,

We have had a long and busy term. The children have really worked well; staff are very impressed with their learning and their positive, friendly attitude toward school. We are all looking forward to the holidays.

Please have a great break over the Easter Holidays and enjoy your time with your children. I look forward to seeing everyone back for the beginning of Term 2 on Tuesday 29th April.

Driving into school grounds

Please be aware that under no circumstance should parents be driving into school grounds via the Marshall Street entrance. We have noticed an increase in the number of parents driving in and dropping their children off. We had an incident last week when a staff member had to move aside to let a parent drive out and ended up getting her vehicle grounded on the side of the drive. We have also had a call from a concerned parent who witnessed a child nearly being knocked over. I am sure you would all be aware this is an important safety issue and for the safety of our students please park outside on the street and walk your child up.

Winter Uniforms

Students all return to school on Tuesday 29th April. Generally the season has started to cool down by this time and **we will start Term 2 off in winter uniform**. If it is still mild, girls may wear their white socks with their winter tunic until they feel the need to wear their grey stockings. Boys move to their long sleeved blue school shirt and long grey pants.

Please note that orders for the winter tunic will be available for pick-up from the school office on Monday 28th April. See the P&C newsletter for more information.

Enrol Now for 2015 – Siblings

Thank you to all the parents who have come in to the office to put their child's name down for Kinder 2015. Dates and times for orientation days will be announced later.

If you have a **younger sibling** that you are intending to enrol for Kindergarten next year, please don't assume that we know about them. Come to the office and ensure that their name is on our list. You could also fill in the appropriate forms – we need to get the wheels in motion.

School Uniform Changes

Some minor changes to our school uniform were proposed at the P&C meeting last Wednesday. These changes are as a response to many parental requests.

Proposed uniform changes –

- Boys' grey striped socks to be replaced with plain grey – better fitting, more comfortable
- Girls' summer option to be added – navy box-pleat shorts and white short-sleeved peter-pan shirt (with logo)
- Girls' winter option to be added – navy gabardine pants and sky-blue long-sleeved peter-pan shirt (with logo)
- Black sports tracksuit to be replaced with a navy sports tracksuit (this would allow the jacket to also be worn over regular uniform)
- Black sports skort and shorts to be replaced with navy to fit in with other navy items
- Maroon knitted jumper to be added
- Maroon backpack added (not compulsory)
- Black library bags to be replaced with navy

Proposed new items will be put on display to allow for feedback.

When the changes become finalised they will be slowly phased in over time to limit the need to update the current uniform.

Easter Hat Parade

The Easter Hat Parade is this week – Friday 11th April, beginning at 11.00am.

Children are encouraged to bring a **homemade** hat especially decorated with an Easter theme, so start gathering ideas and start decorating an Easter hat for your child to wear at the school parade. This does not have to be a masterpiece – keep it as simple or make it as complex as you like. This is a fun event for the students each year. Our Parade will start at **11am** followed by a family BBQ. **Each NLHS student will receive a free sausage sizzle**. Sausage sizzle and drinks will be available for families and friends to purchase.

This day will also be an **out of uniform day**. The Easter raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the parade.

Term 2 Sport

We are having a Dance Program at our school in Term 2 this year. The Program is called "Dance2bfit". It is an energetic, innovative and fun way for our students to get fit and funky learning the latest dance styles to the hottest music tracks. This is a great program to improve the fitness levels of students while they are having a great time.



Dance2bfit has been developed specifically for NSW Primary Schools under the PDHPE syllabus. Students will learn a range of routines suitable for their age and ability level as well as develop their confidence and skill in this area of the Arts.

Payments are due today, if you haven't already returned your permission note/payment please place it in to the black drop box outside the office by 9.15am tomorrow morning, **Thursday 10th April**.

If you cannot find your permission note there are spares available from the rack outside the office or you can download one from the Notes Home page of the school website.

This is a whole school sport activity for Term 2.

Awards

Congratulations to all award recipients:

KE	K/1P
Amber Asbury	Tom Garland
Amaya Dowman	Amelia Dawes
Sophie Mackay	Lacey Evans
Jessica Parsons	Addyson McCaffery
1D	2C
Meredith Collins	Zane Carolan
Oskar Gulbrandsen	Ben Cole
Arabella Parker	Bailey Drinkwater
Kiara Drinkwater	Alec Griffiths

Gold Awards:

Oskar Gulbrandsen
Sarah McTiernan x2
Archie Vandenberg
Stephanie Walker
Jade Willis

Dates for your Diary 2014

<i>TERM 1</i> <i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>
Easter Hat Parade	Friday
Last Day Term 1	11 th April
<i>TERM 2</i> <i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>
Term 2 Begins	Tuesday 29 th April
Dance2bfit WEDNESDAYS	Week 1 – Week 9
Information Night for Kinder 2015 Parents	Thursday 8 th May, 6.00pm
Life Education	Tuesday 13 th May
Jump Rope for Heart	Friday 30 th May

Enjoy your week.

Greg Culhane
Principal

Managing screen-time

Helping kids find the right balance between activities, homework and screen time is a challenge that only gets harder as they grow older. Common sense Media has lots of useful resources to help – from movie and game ratings to articles like this one on setting screen time limits that are realistic enough that your children will actually follow them. Read the article here: <http://bit.ly/1pBlfmk>

Books to boost brains

Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It's also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!). If your child hasn't found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try them on a series book from the Premier's Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adult : <http://bit.ly/1dLSGCO>

Kik, Vine, Instagram – are they safe?

It's no contest – kids discover and understand new social media long before we adults do. If your child is thinking about creating a new social media account – or complains that "everyone else is doing it", you can get the facts a glance from School A to Z's technology glossary. You'll also find information about age restrictions and things to watch out for: <http://bit.ly/188OerY>