

New Lambton Heights Infants 'A Family School'

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School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Welcome to 2016

Thank you to all the students, staff and parents who have afforded me the warmest welcome as I begin my position of Principal at New Lambton Heights Infants School. We have had a wonderful start to the year and we have some wonderful opportunities organised for this year. Thank you to everyone who has introduced themselves to me. I would like to acknowledge the outstanding leadership of Kate Lobb who did a wonderful job in Term 4 last year.

Kindergarten had a very smooth start to the year on Monday. The first day of school is such an important day in the lives of children (and parents!) and it was lovely to see such a positive atmosphere.

Welcome to our new families. This is an amazing school and we are so pleased you chose New Lambton Heights Infants School. We look forward to working with you to ensure the very best outcomes for your child.

The classes for this year are:

Early Stage 1 L – taught by Kate Lobb

Early Stage 1 P – taught by Cheryl Probst

Stage 1 D – taught by Tess Dowman

Stage 1 S – taught by Chris Swain and Leanne Lockett



Attendance

A reminder that school starts at 9:15am and concludes at 3:15pm. Should your child arrive after school has started for the day or need to leave before the end of the day, you will need to do this through the school office. This ensures that the school meets its legal requirements and adheres to the Department of Education's policy.

School Fees

School fees are \$80.00 for the year. It would be most appreciated if they could be paid by Monday 21st March. These fees assist the school in providing well-equipped and maintained school resources for the benefit of all students.



Award System

The school will be slightly altering the award structure this year to ensure more of our wonderful students achieve the higher levels of the scheme. Home reading will be still recognised, (every 25th night) at assembly, however will not receive a Reading award (they will hold up their reading logs). Citizenship awards will still be awarded however; students will not require a Citizenship award to receive a Principal's award. Students will require:

- 4 Australia Awards to receive a Gold Award
- 4 Gold Awards to receive a Principal's Award

Recipients of a Principal's Award will have a special morning tea with the Principal.

Any pending awards from last year will still be processed to ensure no student misses out.

Parent Information Session

Each class will be running 2 (identical) parent information sessions on Wednesday 10th February. This will allow parents who have 2 students enrolled at our school to attend. The sessions will give parents an overview of class routines and expectations for the year.

Session 1: 5.30pm

Session 2: 6.00pm

Skoolbag App

The school uses the Skoolbag App (available in Apple and Android) to communicate with the school community. Please download from the App Store; search for 'New Lambton Heights Infants School' and check the app regularly.

Sport

Organised sport will be on Fridays for Term 1.

Our weekly gymnastics program will begin this Friday 5th February and will continue for the rest of the term. Sports Uniform will be worn each Friday for this period.

Cost of this program is \$50 per child. Permission slip is attached or accessed through Skoolbag. Payment can be placed in black box outside office (envelope with child's name/class) or through the new Parent Online Payment tab on our school website.

Parent Online Payment – POP

We now have available an online payment system. A \$Make a payment link is located on the front page of the School's Website. By selecting the \$Make a payment link you will be taken to a secure Westpac QuickWeb payment page. You will no longer be in the School's website.

There are no passwords or PINs to remember.

The payment process is intuitive and follows the format of many online payments that you may use.

Homework

Homework will commence in week 4 after the parent information sessions. This will include:

- Early Stage 1 - Home reading
- Stage 1 – Home Reading, Spelling Word practice and Mathematics revision

Calendar

The school and the P&C are working together to produce a School Calendar. This calendar will contain all of the wonderful activities and whole school events for the Term. Please refer to weekly newsletters for any additions or changes which may occur.

Teacher availability

As has occurred in previous years, should you need to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher, please make an appointment at the school office. This will ensure all classes can operate effectively and the appointment can occur at a mutually convenient time. Staff meetings will be conducted on Monday mornings and afternoons and Wednesday mornings.

Parking

When dropping off your child, to ensure everyone's safety, please adhere to the local parking restrictions. This includes signed areas (Bus Stops, Crossings, No Stopping, No Parking and No Standing Signs) and Parking around intersections. Compliance Officers will be patrolling around local schools regularly. Please note parents/caregivers are not allowed to drive into school grounds due to WHS regulations.

Assemblies

School Assemblies will start in Week 4 (Friday 19th February) at 2.45pm. Our Year 2 students will have a roster and students can practise their speaking roles in the lead up to their turn.

School Banking

School Banking will commence next Tuesday 9th February. This is conducted through the Commonwealth Bank. If your child doesn't already have an account, please see the office. As well as a great way of teaching your children the value in saving, the Commonwealth Bank will also donate 5% of all deposits (completed through school banking) to our school.

French

Each Wednesday we have an after school French class. The children enjoy the class and learn to speak French to boot! See the advertisement below for contact details.



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Dates for your Diary 2016

TERM 1	Date
Event	
P & C Meeting Resource Room	Wednesday 3 rd February 7.30pm
School Sport Gymnastics	Fridays from Wk2 – Wk10 5 th February – 8 th April
Parent/Teacher Information Night	Wednesday 10 th February 5.30pm & 6.00pm
Bunnings BBQ Kotara	Saturday 13 th February

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Welcome back to all of our New Lambton Heights families, and a big welcome to our new families. We are looking forward to having a great year being a part of our school community.

Make sure to check out the Term Calendar that went home today for upcoming P&C and school events. More details will be sent home as the term progresses.

P&C MEETING TONIGHT!

P&C Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month in school terms. Our first meeting for this year will be held tonight, Wednesday 3rd February, at 7:30pm in the Staff Resource Room, next to the Staffroom. New parents are especially welcome. Come along and meet some other parents.



To be able to vote at any P&C meeting or at the upcoming AGM in March, you must be a financial member of the P&C. The cost of membership is \$2.00 and can be paid and receipted at the end of a meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

BUNNINGS BBQ

As most of you are aware, there is a Bunnings BBQ coming up on **Saturday 13th February**. Our School will be running two this year and they are traditionally our biggest fundraisers of the year. **We still need 6 volunteers** for **this** BBQ so please return your volunteer forms to the cream P&C drop box outside the office ASAP or email Rob robbrook@bigpond.com

FRIDAY RECESS CANTEEN



Each Friday the P&C runs a small canteen which sells snack food and is manned by two parent/carers volunteers. The canteen is held at recess, between 12:45pm and 1:10pm every Friday. We are currently looking for volunteers to cover Friday Canteen for Terms 1, 2 & 3 this year.

If you are able to help please fill in the slip sent home today, or on Skoolbag in the eForms section, and return to the cream P&C drop box outside the office by Thursday 18th February so that a canteen roster can be completed.

Our Friday canteen volunteers for this week are **Petra & Andrew Newby**.

Canteen is held between 12:45pm and 1:10pm (Second Lunch). Please make sure you can setup at 12:30pm ready for this time. Thank you.

As a general rule children should bring no more than \$2.00 on this day.

Please make sure your child is aware of where their money has been placed in their bag (preferably in a little, easy to open wallet) so that they do not become distressed by not being able to find it.

Discussing beforehand with your child what canteen options are available and what they might like to purchase is also helpful in the smooth running of canteen on the day.

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Current Friday Canteen snack items:

Red Rock Deli chips	\$1.00
Plain Popcorn, Pretzels	50c
Chocolate Milk (300ml)	\$1.00
Strawberry Milk (300ml)	\$1.00
Just Juice poppers (200ml)	\$1.00
Quelch fruit iceblocks	50c

If you have any queries you can contact the P&C via email nlhipandc@gmail.com

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform Shop will be open twice each term, usually the first Friday of term after School Assembly, and for an hour on Tuesday morning of Week 8 of term. (See School Term Calendar for exact dates and times.)

If you are able and willing to help in the Uniform Shop please let us know, either by filling in the form sent home today (also available on Skoolbag under eForms), or by emailing the P&C at nlhipandc@gmail.com

If at any stage throughout the year you need to purchase any uniform items outside the above times, please place your order forms and money in the cream P&C drop box outside the office. Allow 2–3 weeks for order to be filled by our volunteers. Order forms are available from the rack outside the school office, or you can download one from the Uniform Shop section of the P&C page on the school website. Remember, you can also pay for your Uniform Shop orders online. See the P&C page on the website to download instructions if you are unsure how to do this.

Also, just so parents are aware, summer and winter girls' uniforms are not held in stock – they are all made to order. In the coming weeks we will be looking to order winter stock and will put a notice in the newsletter.

GENERAL VOLUNTEERING

There are many ways, both big and small (but all really helpful), that you can be involved in helping the P&C throughout the year: cutting out paper apples for Teacher Appreciation Week, stamping raffle tickets, helping kids make Mother's or Father's Day gifts, baking cupcakes and so many more. If you are happy to be sent emails from the P&C when we need a hand with something, please let us know either by filling in the space on the volunteer slip sent home today or by emailing the P&C nlhipandc@gmail.com. We will add you to the call-out list and let you know whenever something comes up. Never any pressure, just say yes to those things you can do.

New Lambton Heights Infants School Canteen

Friday Canteen Volunteer

Child's name and class: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I _____ am able to assist with **Friday canteen** (circle)

- Once a year
- Twice a year
- More often

✂ _____

Uniform Shop Volunteer

I _____ would like to help out with the uniform shop

Circle which date suites you best

Fridays the shop will open after School Assembly

Tuesday mornings it will open between 9–10am

Friday 5th February
(No assembly this week –
open 2:50pm–3.15pm)

Friday 29th April

Friday 22nd July

Friday 14th October

Tuesday 15th March

Tuesday 14th June

Tuesday 6th September

Tuesday 29th November

Phone: _____

Email: _____

✂ _____

Please add me to the P&C call out list.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Term 1 – New Lambton Heights Infants School

wk	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 Jan	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
2 Feb	1	2	3 <i>P & C meeting 7:30pm</i>	4	5 <i>Gymnastics Canteen Uniform Shop</i>	6	7
3 Feb	8	9	10 <i>Parent Info Sessions</i>	11	12 <i>Gymnastics Canteen</i>	13 <i>Bunnings BBQ 8:30am - 4pm</i>	14
4 Feb	15	16	17	18 <i>Canteen volunteer forms due</i>	19 <i>Gymnastics Canteen Assembly - 2:45</i>	20	21
5 Feb	22	23	24	25	26 <i>Gymnastics Canteen Assembly - 2:45</i>	27	28
6 Feb/ Mar	29	1	2. <i>P & C meeting 7:30pm</i>	3	4 <i>Gymnastics Canteen Assembly - 2:45</i>	5	6
7 Mar	7	8	9 <i>Out of Uniform (Easter Raffle Donation)</i>	10	11 <i>Gymnastics Canteen Assembly - 2:45</i>	12	13
8 Mar	14 <i>Easter Raffle wrapping morning</i>	15 <i>Uniform Shop 9-10am</i>	16	17	18 <i>Gymnastics Canteen Assembly - 2:45</i>	19	20
9 Mar	21	22	23 <i>EASTER HAT PARADE</i>	24 <i>HARMONY DAY</i>	25 <i>GOOD FRIDAY</i>	26	27
10 Mar/ Apr	28 <i>EASTER MONDAY</i>	29 <i>Parent Interviews</i>	30 <i>Parent Interviews</i>	31 <i>Parent Interviews</i>	1 <i>Gymnastics Canteen Assembly - 2:45 Parent Interviews</i>	2	3
11 Apr	4	5	6 <i>P & C meeting 7:30pm</i>	7	8 <i>Gymnastics Assembly - 2:45 Canteen Mothers Day \$ due Entertainment Book Earlybird special ends</i>	9	10
Apr	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Apr	18	19	20	21	22	23	24