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Thursday 6 th December	Friday 7 th December	Monday 10 th December	Tuesday 11 th December	Wednesday 12 th December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snack Canteen • Scripture Concert – Scripture students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Swimming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library Day – returning only. Closed for stocktake. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Banking Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniform Shop open at morning drop off

Last night, The Department of Education and The University of NSW hosted a panel discussion to explore what students need to thrive in an AI (Artificial Intelligence) world. If you would like to look further at this more information can be found here:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/our-priorities/innovate-for-the-future/education-for-a-changing-world/events?fbclid=IwAR1Rlo6dUmHsO1gxwCPyfdiafr0W8WGcUMxA34sEOiM5SsXWY-3vOZmfEM>

This is a challenge that is set to all teachers and at times can feel daunting. Here at NLHIS, as part of our 3 year plan, we are looking towards a developing a framework that will provide students the opportunities to develop the type of thinking and skills they will need to thrive in an AI future. Part of this is Project Based Learning (PBL).

A few weeks ago, I attended a one day PL course to develop my own knowledge of Project Based Learning, so I can lead this in the school. Part of this has been to trial a project, so 1/2LH have been working on a real world problem. Our problem is, ‘How can we make sure that our water play activities on Party Day are not wasting too much water and are fun at the same time?’ This complements our current science unit, ‘Water Works’, beautifully and also allows students to consider the fact that much of NSW is in drought, so we need to show empathy for those people affected by drought by not wasting water. The students have been working in teams and following a sequence of coloured thinking caps to work through the project. They have decided on four different activities for water play that will help save water and are also going to be great fun. We cannot wait to share them with the rest of the school. The process has been fantastic. Listening to the children problem-solve a real world problem and work collaboratively to come up with a product that is possible, practical and has potential for success, has been very interesting. I am really excited to work more with the teachers on Project Based Learning in 2019.

Today, we welcomed Year 8 students from Lambton High School, who planned three maths activities to teach to our two Stage 1 classes. It is so exciting to be collaborating with our partner high school. This has been the second time our two schools have worked together this year. The Stage 1 students really enjoyed working with the Year 8 students, who set a great example for our younger students. We are looking forward to continuing our partnership with Lambton High School in 2019 as part of our second strategic direction, ‘A Thriving Community’.



You may have noticed a new face in our office. Mrs Nea Couper will be working some of Mrs Whetham’s days while she is on leave. Mrs Peterson will be working the remaining days. We are also preparing our administration building to be painted internally over the holidays. The walls are looking bare!

Although the calendar does not look too full, it feels like we are busier than ever! I am sure you are all feeling the same. This can be a stressful time of the year, so take care.

Lisa Hughes
Principal



At New Lambton Heights Infants School we acknowledge that we teach, learn and play together on the traditional country of the Awabakal people, who are the custodians of this land. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



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2019 PLANNING & CLASS STRUCTURES

We are now starting to plan for 2019. At this point, we are planning for four classes in 2019.

Please be aware that, because of where numbers are currently sitting, that this may change. This is always the case with many public schools and class formations may not be definite until we have submitted our numbers for 2019, which is the last week of February. We still have vacancies for 2019 classes, so are in a position where we can accept more enrolments.

As mentioned, at this point in time we plan on having the following classes:

- Kindergarten
- K/1
- 1/2 (Stage 1)
- 1/2 (Stage 1)

Our teachers are experienced in teaching across all of these Stages and work hard to cater for the needs of children, despite their grade.

If you have any questions or concerns PLEASE come and see me or any of the teachers.

I will be available after school today and tomorrow, if you would like to come and have a chat. If you would like to make an appointment, please feel free. I will also be discussing this further at the P&C meeting.

2018 PRESENTATION DAY – Monday 17th December

I need to apologise. Firstly, I have not sent home a time for Presentation Day and secondly, we have clashed with New Lambton PS Presentation Day.

We have come up with a solution – we are moving our time back to 9:20am. Our Presentation Day will start straight after drop off and should finish at approximately 10am. This may give parents a better chance of going to the NLPS Presentation Day, which starts at 10:15am.

I hope this works and I am now more aware that we need to work with NLPS with co-ordinating our calendars in 2019!

FINAL TRANSITIONS

Three words ... buddies, bunting, beautiful!

We cannot wait for these little guys to start next year.





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I was also lucky enough to pop into New Lambton PS to see how some of our Year 2 kids were going. I was afraid that they were not going to return to us the next day. They looked like they had been there since Kinder, especially the girls in the NLPS uniform! I could not find them when I put my head in the classroom!

We will miss all our gorgeous Year 2 kids.



WORLD VISION DAY

Thankfully it was a lovely hot day and the teachers appreciated the cool down! 'Pay for a Spray' was a huge success – just over \$70 raised for World Vision. Thank you for your support this year. Thank you to the P&C and Meike Proctor, who helps with this activity.





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TERM 4 WEEK 8 MERITS

MERIT SYSTEM

4 Merit Awards = 1 Gold Award

4 Gold Awards = 1 Blue Principal's Award

1 Blue Principal's Award and a Citizenship Award = 1 Gold Principal's Award

Please have all awards in by the Friday before assembly on Monday.

Congratulations Week 8 Winners!

Last assembly on Monday, so please make sure you bring in your awards.



P&C News

P&C MEETING

The last P&C meeting for the year is scheduled for TONIGHT 5th December 2018.

The meeting will be held at 7:30pm in the Resource Room. All members of the school community are welcome! It is a great way to learn about the behind the scenes happenings of our school, and to get to know some of the other community members. Hopefully we'll see you there.



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**BUNNINGS BBQ**

To date we have 6 volunteers for the school Bunnings BBQ coming up on **Sunday, 13th January 2019**. It would be great if we could have a few more! The BBQ runs from 8:30am-4pm, which is split into 4 x 2hr shifts.

If you can spare two hours to help please email the BBQ co-ordinator Dylan Gavin on dylan.gavin14@gmail.com or the P&C via email nlhipandc@gmail.com.

These BBQs are a great way to meet other parents and are generally great fun.

THURSDAY SNACK CANTEEN – Updated Term Roster

Due to swimming on Fridays this term, from this Thursday snack canteen will be happening on Thursdays. The roster for this term is:

6 th December	Megan Knott & Melinda Holme
13 th December	Marion Brennan & Patrice Wallace-Smith

Our canteen volunteers for this Thursday are Megan Knott & Melinda Holme. Canteen is held from 12:45pm and 1:10pm. Please make sure you can setup at 12:30pm ready for this time. Thank you.

If you find yourself unable to make your rostered day please arrange a swap with someone and notify Melinda Holme at melindaholmedesign@gmail.com via email and copy P&C nlhipandc@gmail.com. If you are unable to find a replacement, please advise Melinda and copy P&C so that a substitute can be organised.

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

Dates for your Diary 2018

Term 4 Events	Date
Uniform Shop	Every Wednesday am
Snack Canteen	Every Thursday
Swimming – Students come to school wearing sports uniform with swimmers underneath	Every Friday until 7 th December

P&C Meeting	Wednesday 5 th December 7:30pm
End Week 9	Semester 2 reports home
Christmas Concert	Friday 14 th December Starts 6pm
Presentation Day	Monday 17 th December Starts 9:20am
Party Day	Tuesday 18 th December
Final Day of Term 4 (Staff and Students)	
Year 2 farewell (Year 2 parents and students) 2:30pm	Wednesday 19 th December
Year 2 clap out (whole school community) at 3pm	
School non –operational	Thursday 20 th and Friday 21 st December
Share Our Space	Playground open over the summer break.

Dates for your diary 2019

Term 4 Events	Date
Term 1 Commences SDD – Staff Only	Tuesday 29 th January
Year 1 and Year 2 students return to school	Wednesday 30 th January
Kinder transition – selected students over 3 days – Wednesday, Thursday and Friday	Wednesday 30 th January – Friday 1 st February
First day for all 2019 Kindergarten students.	Monday 4 th February
Final day for 2:45pm finish for Kindergarten.	Friday 22 nd February