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Prep/One Parent Information Session
Thank you to the parents that attended the Prep/One Information session held on Tuesday afternoon. Thank you must also go to Sue and Mary for organising and facilitating this meeting. It is a very special time for children and families.

Student Contact Details
To ensure that the accuracy of our data is up to date, we ask parents to check and return the contact details we currently have on record that were given out on booklist collection day. Please return by Monday, 16th February even if there are no changes. We appreciate your assistance in helping us to ensure the safety of your children through correct record management and communication.

Bus Travellers
Could all families that utilise the bus please return the Application For Permission to Travel forms to the office as soon as possible. This form needs to be completed annually. If you have completed in past years you will still need to complete a new form.

Chicken Pox
We have had a case of chicken pox reported at school. Please note that even if your child has been immunised, they can still contract the disease so regular checking of your child/ren’s torso for spots in the short term is advised.

Student of the Week
Nateasha — showing excellent work ethic.
Geoffrey — great writing about the Teddy Bear’s Tea Party.
Eva — settling into her new school.

Absence Communication
A reminder to families that it is a requirement to communicate with the school regarding the reason for a child being absent to assist in school processes. This can be completed by phone, email, Tiqbiz or a note sent to school on return. Thank you.

Reminder—Swimming
Monday 16th February is the first day of our Swimming Program. Please remember to have bathers, towels and anything else that you will need to enjoy this wonderful week at the pool. The school will have sunscreen available each day although please remember to send preferred brands with children. Thank you to those that have been able to offer support with walking to and from the pool.

School Council Meeting - Tuesday 17th February
The first School Council for the year will occur on Tuesday 17th February. Please have all agenda items to the school office by Friday 13th (Tomorrow).

School Council Elections
Notice of Election and Call for Nominations for Newstead PS Council elections. The School Council membership comprises of Parent and Department of Education employees.

There are 4 vacancies for parent member for two years. All retiring members are eligible to re-nominate. Nominations forms are available from the Office, and once completed, need to be returned to Andrew Frawley, returning officer before 4.00pm, 20th February.

The timeline is as follows:
Feb 9th Notice of election and call for nominations
Nomination forms collected from the office.
Feb 18th Close of nominations (4.00pm).
Feb 23rd Preparation and distribution of ballot (if required).
March 2nd Close of ballot.
March 4th Counting of votes and declaration of results
March 17th New council becomes operational, office bearers elected.

If you require more information please speak with Andrew.
Help your kids manage their asthma

Checklist for Parents

- **Does your child have an up to date Asthma Action Plan (Asthma Care Plan)?**
  The Asthma Care/Action Plan tells the school how to manage your child's asthma and what to do if their asthma gets worse. This should be updated & signed by the doctor on an annual basis. **If you haven't already done so could you please provide an up to date copy of your child’s Asthma Action Plan to the office.**

- **Does your child carry their reliever puffer and spacer with them at all times? Or is it readily available to their Carers?**
  Medication needs to be available wherever your child may be (school, child care, sporting field, home)

- **Are you and your child aware of their asthma triggers?**
  Do you take steps to avoid these triggers? Are the Teachers aware of these triggers?

- **Do you listen to what your child says?**
  They will be aware of their asthma symptoms and should be able to tell you when they need their medication.

- **Does your child take their asthma medication correctly?**
  Good technique allows more medication to get into the lungs where it is needed. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like to check your device technique.

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**Dates for The Diary**

- **Whole School Swimming Program** 16th – 20th Feb
- **Prep Rest Days** Remaining will be the 18th and 25th Feb
- **Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)** Tuesday 17th Feb
- **Labour Day Long Weekend.** Monday 9th March

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**Sandhurst—Goldfields Division -**

**SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP 2015**

**Friday 6th March**

Venue: Bendigo East Pool, Lansell Street.

Students of a very high swimming level are invited to enter

Sandhurst—Goldfields Division Swimming Championship. The event provides children with the opportunity to earn the right to compete at the Loddon Mallee Region Championships in Swan Hill on March 17th. Event winners would then move onto State Championships in Melbourne on April 15.

Students must be 9 years or older and very capable swimmers.

**Parents will be responsible for transport for this event.** Events limits apply(1 student per school, per event) Please speak with Andrew if you are interested in entering your child. Entries must be received by Tuesday 17th February.

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2015 Netbook Program

The due date for the Lump Sum Netbook Payment is Friday the 27th of February.

If you choose to pay by instalments the dates are as follows,
- Term 1 payment due - Friday 27th February
- Term 2 payment due - Friday 8th May
- Term 3 payment due - Friday 7th August
- Term 4 payment due - Friday 30th October.

Please make note of the above dates.

Thank you to those who have returned forms and made payment.

P-6 Swimming Carnival and Fun Day

Friday 27th February

Students will walk down in their House Groups for an afternoon of fun.

We will be leaving the school at 11.45am and intend to start activities at 12.30pm. New students will be notified of their house and colour next week. Parents are most welcome to walk down or visit at the pool.

Swimming - PARENT HELPERS

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