



Thursday 19th February 2015

### Swimming Action

#### Swimming Program

Our Swimming Program occurred this week as we were greeted with the beautiful weather allowing everyone to enjoy the fantastic Newstead Swimming Pool. The program has a focus on 'water awareness' and is a reminder to all families to stay safe around the range of water ways that we have access to in Newstead.



Thank you to our instructors for this week: Dawn, Brennan and Sandra. To all parents and family members that assisted both walking and spending time at the pool, your support is very much appreciated.

### Student of the Week



**Zsuzsa:** Always putting in a great effort  
**Blake:** outstanding effort with tricky subtraction  
**Shanon:** A great effort to keep up with his work  
**Harry:** Putting in an effort with everything he does.

### 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.

### 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, they 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.

### 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. We encourage students to dress in their house colours on this day. Parents are most welcome to walk down or visit at the pool.



# Help your kids manage their asthma

## Checklist for Parents

Asthma Foundation Victoria

### School Nurse Visit—Prep

A reminder to families of prep children that consent forms for the school nurse visit need to be returned to school tomorrow. Thank you to those that have returned their forms.

### School Census Day

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February is School Census Day. Birth Certificates and Immunisation Certificates not presented when children were enrolled must be presented prior to Census Day. On Census Day it is important that all children attend school unless a note is provided to explain the absence. Our budget is based on the number of children who attend school on this date and enrolment numbers and information required at time of enrolment will be subject to audit.

### Working with Children Check Forms

Newstead Primary School insists that all volunteers have a current WWC Check. Forms to apply are available online – [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/)

### 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.

### Student Accident Insurance

As a school we do as much as we can to protect and care for injured students including first aid, notifying parents and emergency contacts if students are injured or hurt, and if necessary, an ambulance is called. Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Most medical costs will be refunded by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from that fund. The Department of Education and Training does not hold accident insurance for school students. Reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector and these can be obtained by parents for their children.

### 2015 Netbook Program

The due date for the lump sum Netbook payment is Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of February. If you choose to pay by instalments the dates are as follows,  
Term 1 payment due - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February  
Term 2 payment due - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May  
Term 3 payment due -Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August  
Term 4 payment due -Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October  
Please make note of the above dates.  
Thank you to those who have returned forms and made payment.

	<p><b>Does your child have an up to date Asthma Action Plan (Asthma Care Plan)?</b></p> <p>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 &amp; signed by the doctor on an annual basis. <b>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.</b></p>
	<p><b>Does your child carry their reliever puffer and spacer with them at all times? Or is it readily available to their Carers?</b></p> <p>Medication needs to be available wherever your child may be (school, child care, sporting field, home)</p>
	<p><b>Are you and your child aware of their asthma triggers?</b></p> <p>Do you take steps to avoid these triggers? Are the Teachers aware of these triggers?</p>
	<p><b>Do you listen to what your child says?</b></p> <p>They will be aware of their asthma symptoms and should be able to tell you when they need their medication.</p>
	<p><b>Does your child take their asthma medication correctly?</b></p> <p>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.</p>

Community BBQ!  
@ Newstead Pool  
Fri. FEBRUARY 20<sup>th</sup>  
4 pm onwards!  
MEAT PROVIDED  
PLEASE bring SALAD or SWEET to SHARE!  
(NORMAL ENTRY FEE!)

Resilience

Responsibility