Castlemaine State Festival
Information has been included in the newsletter regarding the ‘Castlemaine State Festival’. Newstead Primary School will attend the school program on Thursday 19th March. Permission forms will be distributed in the coming weeks. As always it looks like it will be wonderful experience for all students.

Principal Meeting
I will be attending a Regional Directors—Principal Meeting this coming Monday in Bendigo so will not be available at school on this day.

School Leaders
Presentations occurred for our student leaders on Wednesday afternoon. Well done to those who were elected. We wish all students a wonderful year of leadership!

Student of the Week
Amelia - for amazing work ethic
Mason—Putting in an excellent effort at swimming
Olive—always helping in class.

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.

School Nurse
Our school Nurse, Debbie will be visiting prep children this coming Monday.

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, 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 have been 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.
**Renewable Newstead Catering**

Last Thursday our School was asked to cater for the launch of the “Behind the Meter” project, where the Minister for Industry, Energy and Resources The Hon. Lily D’Ambrosio MP, announced $200,000 to support the project.

Thanks must go to Ange, Jen, Prue, Julie, Mary, Jodie, Imogen and Kylie for their assistance in providing food and helping set-up and serve.

The School raised $350.00 from this event.

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**Dates for the Diary**

- **Thursday 5th March** — Wesley College Performance
- **Monday 9th March** — Labour Day Public Holiday
- **Thursday 12th March** — Grade 3-6 Cross Country
- **Tuesday 17th March** — School Council Meeting
- **Thursday 19th March** — Castlemaine State Festival
- **Wednesday 25th March** — Whole School Casserole Tea
- **Friday 27th March** — End of Term 1

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**Newsletter Electronically**

To help the environment, save paper & keep school costs down we encourage parents to receive the newsletter via email. If you would like to receive the newsletter via email please complete this slip and return to the office.

Student’s name & grade: _________________________________________________________________

Email address is: (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY) ____________________________________________________________________________

Signed ____________________________________________________________________________