We value excellence and learning:

Sheridan: Name 3 skills you need to play cricket.
Lake Bryde: Which city is the capital of Australia?
Biddy: What number can you count to?

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great break and are all refreshed for a new year.
Announcements and Meetings:

I would like to welcome Miss Denney to Newdegate Primary School. She will be leading the Sheridan Class (Year 4-7) this year.

Each class will have a Parent Meeting on Tuesday 9th February at the following times;

- Biddy Class (K, P, 1) with Miss Nicholson – 2:10-2:30pm
- Lake Bryde Class (2/3) with Mrs Shalders and Mrs Orr – 2:30-2:50pm
- Sheridan Class (4-7) with Miss Denney – 2:50-3:10pm

All parents are encouraged to attend to meet their student’s teacher and receive information about the year ahead.

Starting this Friday 5th February all students from Pre Primary to Year 7 will be participating in School Aquatic Activities at the Newdegate Swimming Pool between 2:00pm and 3:00pm. This is during the timetabled sport period. Please ensure your children have their bathers and towel with them, sunscreen will be provided.

This year’s Interschool Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 26th February. This year we will be competing against Lake King and Pingrup Primary Schools. Newdegate will be competing as one school rather than Maroon and Gold separately. Due to this, there will not be a faction aspect of this carnival as was done in previous years. I will be discussing with the school council in Week 2 about the possibility of having a separate faction carnival, please come and see me if you have any suggestions.

Pre Primary students will be having swimming lessons in week 2 and 3 of this term. This is as a catch up due to kindy students not being eligible for swimming lessons last year. A timetable will be sent out during the week to Pre Primary parents.

The ceilings in Room 1 and Room 2 have been completed, the rooms have been painted and they look great. All three classrooms were tested for asbestos dust and were given the all clear to move back in last week after the completion of the works.
I hope all the new Kindy students are excited for their first day of school tomorrow. A reminder to Kindergarten parents that Kindy days are Tuesday and Friday in Term 1 and 2 with the addition of Thursday in Term 3 and 4.

The school has purchased a new mobile phone. This will be taken on camps, excursions and will be with myself or the teacher in charge when there is nobody in the office. The number is 0429 871 160.

Last year, there was an increase in the number of students who were below the attendance benchmark of 90%. Attendance rate is very important for the development and progression of all students, even missing one day per fortnight from Pre Primary to Year 12 is the equivalent of missing nearly one and half years of school. Can all parents please send a note prior to their child being absent or call/text the school the morning that they will not be attending. It would be great to see all of our students achieve an attendance rate of 90% or more this year.

Voluntary Contributions:
In accordance with the Department of Education Contributions, Charges and Fees Policy September 2001, schools can request up to a maximum contribution of $60.00 for years K-7.

A Contribution is ‘voluntary’ and the funds are used towards the cost of materials, services and facilities used by students in the educational program. Please see the itemised ‘Charges & Voluntary Contributions Year K - 7 2015’ included in this newsletter.

1 child $50.00
2 children $70.00
3 children $90.00

Voluntary Contributions can be paid through the office or by direct deposit into the following school bank account.

Bank: BankWest Lake Grace
BSB: 306019
Account No: 0077735
Account Name: Newdegate Primary School
Please use your Surname and eldest child’s first name as reference

Please fill out and return permission forms to the office ASAP.
Starting up for 2016 this Thursday 4th February at 6:30pm

School age only.

Please wear appropriate footwear and bring along a water bottle.

Senior games as per fixtures starting at 7:30.

PLEASE NOTE
Unfortunately at the Australia Day Service there has been some damage to the gardens at the gazebo.

Can parents please make children aware that they should be respectful of the gardens around town.

Thank you

Victoria Yuen book tour in Lake Grace
Do you feel as though you have lost control over your life?
Is time flying and you keep repeating the same old life patterns?
Are you struggling with illness or sleeplessness?

I would like to invite you to a 3 hour workshop to help improve these areas of your life on the 21st of Feb from 5-8 pm.

Firstly we will be chatting about how to de-clutter your homes and minds, then we will have a quick snack and move onto unwinding your beautiful body through restorative Yoga with large cushions and blankets, then I'll guide you through an amazing guided meditation.

Please let your friends know they need to book in early to avoid missing out, there's only 10 places left.

Please email victoria@victoriasplaceonline.com.au

Junior Basketball
Starting up this Wednesday 3rd of February 2016.

Kindy building.
9:30-11:00
Ages 0-4
All welcome

TUCKSHOP

Week 1
4th February 2016

Chicken Strips & Salad $3.50
Ice cream $2.00
Moolish $2.00
Juice $2.00
LOL $2.00

Davina Hams & Helen Steicke

The Pool gate system is now working again.

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