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[A Message from the Office Bearers](#)

As we look ahead to 2026, the Parents' Club would like to extend our sincere thanks to every volunteer, supporter, and family who has helped bring our school events to life last year. The FETE along with all events hosted for the year were amazing. Whether you baked, sorted, sold, set up, packed down, or simply showed up with enthusiasm, your involvement has helped create some wonderful moments, generated amazing fundraising for our children's school and we are truly grateful.

Behind the scenes, however, most of the organising work has rested on a very small group of parents. While they have given their time and energy generously, this level of responsibility is no longer sustainable. We want to make sure that those who are willing to contribute do not become burnt out, and that our school community continues to benefit from a healthy, shared approach to volunteering.

With this in mind, our approach for 2026 will look a little different.

The Parents' Club will publish a list of events we would love to offer this year. These events will remain open to the whole community. If parents or carers volunteer to take on the lead role for an event, we will gladly support them with guidance, resources, and knowledge from past years. Many of our events have been run before, so nobody will be starting from scratch. Parents' Club are here to help every step of the way.

However, if an event does not receive the volunteer support needed to organise it, it simply won't run in 2026.

This isn't a step back from community involvement, in fact, it's an invitation to grow it. Every dollar raised at our events goes straight back into supporting our students: funding various equipment needed, assisting excursions, purchasing classroom resources, supporting families in need, and so much more. These contributions make a genuine difference, and they are only possible when the load is shared.

More hands truly do make light work.

We warmly encourage anyone who is able to get involved, whether in a small way or a big one. Together, we can continue creating meaningful opportunities, memorable events, and vital support for our school.

We will be having our Annual General Meeting on March 24th to vote on the 2026 Office Bearers. We strongly hope you will consider nominating yourself or become a registered member this year to be a part of this wonderful group we are growing.

Thank you for being part of our wonderful community, and for helping us make 2026 a successful and sustainable year for everyone.

~ 2025 Parents' Club Office Bearers



2026 Volunteering Requirements for Student Safety

We're so grateful for the wonderful parents and community members who have recently offered their time to help at school through Fresh Fruit, Icy Pole Fridays and the Bake & Uniform Sale; your support truly makes a difference.

We've noticed that a few volunteers were unfortunately turned away because they didn't yet have a ***Working With Children Card***. We completely understand that these requirements can sometimes be easy to overlook, but they are essential to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of the students.

Whether or not you choose to join Parents' Club is entirely up to you, you're always very welcome to volunteer without becoming a member. **However, all volunteers must have a current government Working With Children Check** and agree to the school's Child Safe Policies. Please review the [Volunteer Induction Handbook](#) and return the signed [Volunteer OH&S Induction Checklist](#) to the office. Hard copies are also available at the Office.

The good news is that applying is quick and free. You can complete the process online, just have official identification such as your passport handy and the Service Victoria app even allows you to store your card digitally in your wallet for easy access.

To apply for your free Volunteer Working With Children Check, please visit:
www.service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children

**** REMINDER** You cannot volunteer on school grounds without a current Working With Children Check.**

Thank you again for your willingness to support our school community, we truly appreciate it.

NLPS Colour Fun Run – What Families Need to Know

We're excited to launch our Colour Fun Run, a whole-school fundraising event that brings students, families, and staff together for fun, colour, and community spirit!

What's the goal?

We're raising funds for important school projects that benefit all students, with our big ticket item being the renovation of the school ground's Quiet Yard into a spectacular space that will be more engaging for the students to thrive in.

The Colour Fun Run is the celebration at the end of the fundraising period.

Who can participate?

Every student participates, whether they fundraise or not. This is about inclusion, teamwork, and shared achievement.

How can families help fundraise?

Families can choose what works best for them, including:

- Asking extended family to donate
- Placing a small labelled donation jar at a workplace or office canteen
- Sharing the online fundraising link with friends and family
- Supporting children to safely ask neighbours for donations

Colour Run kids, fundraising information will be coming soon - keep an eye on Compass for more details.

Why we love this approach!

Fundraising builds students' confidence while helping them practise school values like responsibility, respect and resilience beyond the school gates. Families can support by donating, sharing the link with friends and relatives, or placing a donation jar at work or locally. We encourage students, with your guidance, to take the lead wherever possible – building confidence, community connection and pride in contributing to something bigger than themselves.

Weekly fun!

Each week, classes will receive updates and celebrate fundraising milestones with simple, fun classroom rewards that is up to the school's discretion. Colour be a fun wear your PJs to school day for the winning class, it could be a mini disco party.

Event Crew Needed!

Let's work together, support our school, and finish the term in a splash of colour! More details coming soon via Compass. For now, we need 4 - 5 Parents that are keen to be involved in the organising process to get this event up and running. Please contact parents club or sign up via this link: volunteersignup.org/A9CL4

Events List 2026

YEAR ROUND PC PROGRAMS

Fresh Fruit & Veg Platters for Foundation - Grade 2

- **Program Leader: Prue Otter - BIG THANK YOU FOR RUNNING THIS LAST YEAR AS WELL!!**
- Weekly Volunteers Needed to serve some bright food to growing minds!
 - Sign Up for Term 1 | volunteersignup.org/QCBFJ
 - Sign Up for Term 2 | volunteersignup.org/CRJH7
- ALL TERMS | Every Monday | 9:00-9:30am | MPR Kitchen

Lost Property Sorting

- **LEADER NEEDED**
- Volunteers Needed | volunteersignup.org/FHHDM
- ALL TERMS | Fortnightly | Flexible days & time in your selected week
- **ROLE OVERVIEW:** We are seeking a volunteer to lead and manage the school's Lost Property area. A volunteer sign-up roster is already in place; this role involves overseeing that roster, sending reminders to volunteers for their allocated week, arranging cover if someone is unavailable, and ensuring lost items are sorted and returned to the appropriate classrooms on a regular basis. The role also includes assisting with preparing donated clothing and cleaning uniforms (if required) ahead of uniform sales.

This role suits someone organised, reliable, and happy to keep things running smoothly behind the scenes to help lost items find their way back home!

TERM BASED EVENTS - Please contact Parents Club to help with these events so that we can host them!

TERM 1

Icy Pole Fridays

- **Program Leader: Jillian Smith - BIG THANK YOU FOR RUNNING THIS LAST YEAR AS WELL!!**
- Cool job alert: Icy Pole sellers wanted!
- Sign Up for Term 1 | volunteersignup.org/8H8XA
- Fortnightly on Fridays | 1:15 - 2:15pm | MPR Kitchen
 - March 13, 2026
 - March 27, 2026

TERM 2

Mother's & Special Persons Day Event

- Friday, 8 May 2026 | 7:45-8:45am | School Grounds
- **LEADER NEEDED or no event**

Parent Trivia Night

- End of May | More details coming soon if organisers available
- **Event Organisers Needed or no event**

School Disco

- Friday, June 19, 2026 | 4 -7 pm | School Gymnasium
 - More details to come in Term 2
- Event Organised by Jack Donnelly
- **Volunteers Needed** | Link to volunteer coming soon

Milo Fridays

- **LEADER NEEDED**
- Terms 2 & 3 | 1X per month | 1-2:30pm | Set Up in the Silent Yard
- Volunteers Needed to assist with sales on the day | Sign Up volunteersignup.org/FHHDM
- **ROLE OVERVIEW:** The Milo Fridays Lead will oversee the monthly program across Terms 2 and 3, coordinating with the school office to organise the purchase of milk and chocolate supplies (with the urn, recipe and equipment provided).

On each Milo Friday, the lead will arrive at the MPR kitchen approximately one hour before lunchtime to prepare the Milo mixture alongside two rostered volunteers, assist the school captains in serving students during the lunch period, keep log of the money and ensure the area is cleaned and packed up once sales are complete.

TERM 3

Father's & Special Persons Day Event

- Friday, 4 September 2026 | 7:45-8:45am | School Grounds
- **Event Organisers Needed or no event**

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

- TBC Date/s
- Event Organised by Jack Donnelly & Shaun Gomes
- **Event Volunteers Needed** | Link to volunteer coming soon

TERM 4

Icy Pole Fridays

- **Program Leader: Jillian Smith - BIG THANK YOU FOR RUNNING THIS LAST YEAR AS WELL!!**
- Cool job alert: Icy Pole sellers wanted!
- Sign Up for Term 4 | volunteersignup.org/YQYBJ
- Fortnightly on Fridays | 1:15 – 2:15pm | MPR Kitchen

World Teachers' Day Appreciation Bake

- October 5 | 9:00am | Staff Room
- **Bakers and Set Up Volunteers needed** | Link to volunteer coming soon

Colour Run Fundraiser

- Oct 16 Term 4 | Details as mentioned above.
- **Event Organisers & Event Day Volunteers Needed** | email nlpsparentsclub@gmail.com or contact Jack Donnelly/Shawn Gomes to be a part of the Colour Run organising team. On the day volunteers slots will open up closer to the event day.

Incoming Foundation Playdates

- Dates TBC | 2:30–3:30pm | Junior Playground
- **Foundation Parent Volunteers Needed** | Link to volunteer coming soon

End of Year Event | Family Movie Night

- Mid - late Term 4 | **LEADER NEEDED**

Parents' Club 2026 Meeting Schedule

7PM in the MPR Building - All Welcome

We asked and thank you for the responses; to encourage more engagement we will try to book in coffee catch ups close to the bi-monthly meeting dates for anyone that finds school hour meetings easier to make.

Our first will be on our AGM day, Monday 23 March 9:30AM at Little Geckos on Blackshaws Rd. More dates to come after the AGM when the new 2026 Office Bearers are elected to designate how and when those meetings will take place.

- ****NEW**** Mon, 23 March | 9:30AM Coffee Catch | Loc: Little Gecko
 - **Monday, 23 March** | **Annual General Meeting**
Office Bearers Voted In for 2026
 - Wednesday, 22 April | Bi-monthly Meeting
 - Monday, 22 June | Bi-monthly Meeting
 - Tuesday, 25 August | Bi-monthly Meeting
 - Wednesday, 21 October | Bi-monthly Meeting
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