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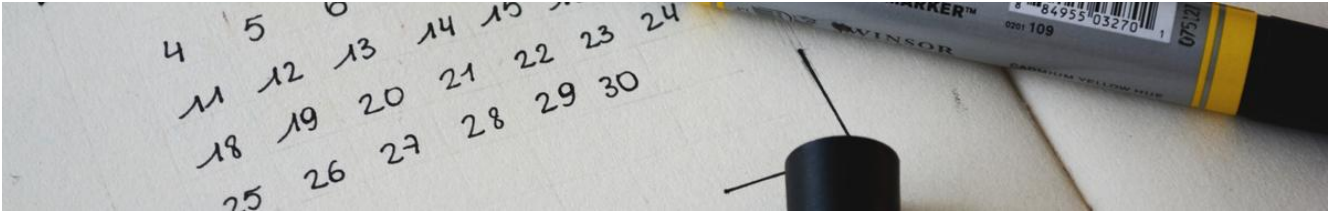
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Term 2

- Mondays Assembly 9.10am
- Friday 2nd June - Prep 2024 Enrolments Forms completed
- Thursday 8th June - Battle of the Bands
- Saturday 17th June - NPS Working Bee
- 20th June - World Refugee Day
- Monday 12th June - King's Birthday

Term 3

- 3rd - 10 July - Naidoc Week
- Wednesday 19th July - Student Conferences
- 27th August - Wear it Purple Day
- 7th September Indigenous Literacy Day

Term 4

- 27th October - National Teacher's Day
- Curriculum Day- Monday 6th of November
- 11th November - Remembrance Day

- 10th December - World Human Rights Day

School Council and Sub Committee dates

Wednesday 3rd May	6pm - Environment Sub Committee meeting 7pm - Education Sub Committee meeting
Wednesday 10th May	6pm - Finance Sub Committee meeting 7pm - Community Sub Committee meeting
Wednesday 17th May	7pm - School Council meeting
Wednesday 7th June	6pm - Environment Sub Committee meeting 7pm - Education Sub Committee meeting
Wednesday 14th June	6pm - Finance Sub Committee meeting 7pm - Community Sub Committee meeting
Wednesday 21st June	7pm - School Council Meeting
Wednesday 12th July	6pm - Environment Sub Committee meeting 7pm - Education Sub Committee meeting
Wednesday 19th July	6pm - Finance Sub Committee meeting 7pm - Community Sub Committee meeting
Wednesday 26th July	7pm - School Council meeting
Wednesday 16th August	6pm - Environment Sub Committee meeting 6pm - Environment Sub Committee meeting
Wednesday 23rd August	6pm - Finance Sub Committee meeting 7pm - Community Sub Committee meeting
Wednesday 30th August	7pm - School Council meeting
Wednesday 4th October	6pm - Environment Sub Committee meeting

7pm - Education Sub Committee meeting

Wednesday 11th October 6pm - Finance Sub Committee meeting
7pm - Community Sub Committee meeting

Wednesday 18th October 7pm - School Council meeting

Wednesday 22nd November 6pm - Environment Sub Committee meeting
7pm - Education Sub Committee meeting

Wednesday 29th November 7pm - Community Sub Committee meeting

Monday 4th December 6pm - Finance Sub Committee meeting

Wednesday 6th December 7pm - School Council meeting

****School Council and Sub Committee dates to be confirmed.**



Greetings from Shaun

It has been a very busy couple of weeks for all staff and students at NPS, with a lot happening behind the scene as our School review sessions began. It has been great watching everyone collectively participate in a process that will lead us to better outcomes for our school as a whole -even our parents came together to offer us their valued feedback and identify areas for improvement.....

Grade 5/6's went to Lord Somer Camp last weekI visited on.....

Thank you to all staff who supported our students on camp and a very special thanks to all the parents who generously offered their time to help make this a successful and fun camp for all.



Pupil of the week Term 2

2023

Week 5

Prep Natalie	Max
Prep Isabelle	Thea C
Prep Meg	Edie F
Grade 1/2 Sharif	Evelyn L
Grade 1/2 Brigitte	Toby C
Grade 1/2 Sam	Chloe H
Grade 1/2 Stephanie	Melisa E
Grade 3/4 Matt	Willow M
Grade 3/4 Sarah & Nick	Oliver C

Grade 3/4 C	Charlie M
Grade 3/4 Eleanor	Eira W
Grade 5/6 Steven	Grace S
Grade 5/6 Izzy	Bon W
Grade 5/6 Declan	Taleen N
Grade 5/6 Luke	Innes N

Week 6

Prep Natalie	Max
Prep Isabelle	Thea C
Prep Meg	Edie F
Grade 1/2 Sharif	Evelyn L
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Grade 1/2 Sam	Chloe H
Grade 1/2 Stephanie	Melisa E
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Education Week open afternoon

Education Week Maths Open-Arvo

Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to make it on Wednesday afternoon for our Maths Open Arvo. It was great to see so many of you coming in to participate in fun maths activities and investigations with your children and their peers. The students were very excited to work with you and show off their mad maths skills. We hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as they did.

Maths is a currently a major focus at Northcote Primary School, and all of us teachers do our best to provide learning experiences for students that help them learn mathematical concepts and skills in fun and engaging ways that spark joy and curiosity. Wednesday afternoon was a great opportunity for us and the students to share some of that with you.

Thanks again to all of those who were able to make it. For those of you who weren't, we hope to see you next time!

Sharif Slamet



Grade1/2



Grade1/2



Grade 1/2



Preps



Preps



Grade 1/2



Grade 1/2



Grade 1/2



Grade 5/6



Grade 5/6



Grade 5/6



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge (PRC) is now open and Northcote Primary School is excited to be participating, because we are **WILD ABOUT READING!**

We **strongly encourage all students** to participate. As you know, reading helps our children build important literacy skills that they'll carry with them forever. Just as importantly, reading is a fun way to foster a lifelong love of learning. The challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books **by 8th September 2023**.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

With more than 12,000 titles on the reading list, there really is a book for everyone. Within our school library, 'challenge' books can be identified by a small sticker on the front cover. Also, our lovely **librarian**, Susi, will happily point these out to you.

When your child completes the PRC, they will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier.

If your child would like to be involved in this year's challenge please:

Email: meagan.porter@education.vic.gov.au

Add subject: LET'S DO THIS – PRC!

Include: your child's name, grade level and teacher

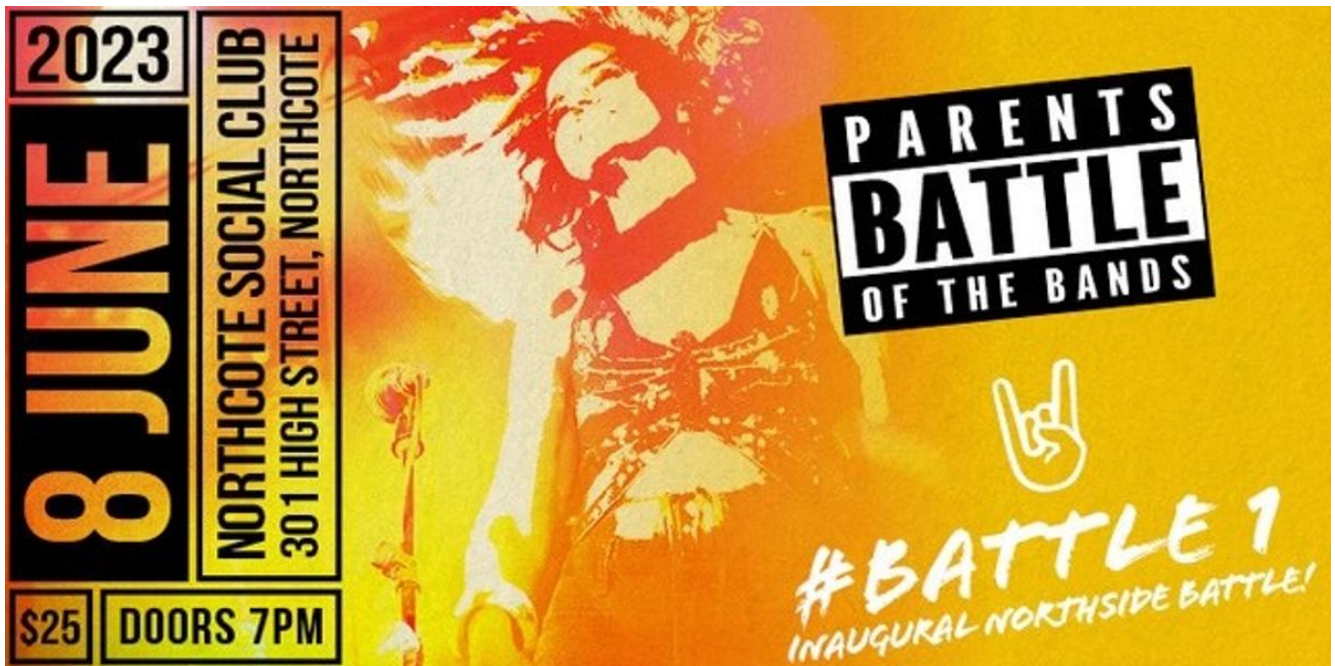
Once you have registered, I will email you the login details for your child. You can then access the website portal and record book titles that are completed from now until September.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, please visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge>

Look forward to hearing from you, and in the meantime, happy reading!!!

Meagan Porter



Parents Battle of the Bands- Tickets are now LIVE!!!

Exciting news! Tickets are now available to the Parents Battle of the Band event.



See you on the Dance floor!

the Nits

featuring the sublime parental talents of:

Bianca - Bass guitar (Chiara and Bjössí's mum, grade 2), **Jude**- Vocals (Freddie's mum, grade 5), **Laura & Jason**- Vocals, guitar and keyboard (Felix's parents, 3/4), **Matt** – Clarinet (Rohan's dad, prep), **Patsy**- Saxophone (Max's mum, grade 3), **Steve** - Drums (Sylvie's dad, grade 3)

As you've probably heard by now the inaugural **Parents Battle Of the Bands** is happening at the Northcote Social Club on **Thursday 8th June, 2023**. Get ready!

We want to take this opportunity to introduce you to our newly formed Northcote Primary School Parents' Band "the Nits" who will be battling it out on stage next month. After 4 successful years Southside, sold out shows and over \$40K raised at the Prince Bandroom, the Northcote Social Club is hosting the *Northside* Battle and four local primary schools- Brunswick East Primary, Fairfield Primary & Westgarth Primary are getting their act together to perform for YOU!

The funds raised from ticket sales will be used to expand the musical education programs and improve facilities for participating schools & help further our children's musical education. It is also a great opportunity to connect with the different school communities and have a lot of fun.

All proceeds will be redistributed pro-rata of parents' attendance/number of tickets sold by each school.

The real winners are the schools that sell the most tickets! It will be a fun night of great music and quality entertainment!

Head over to [@parents_battle_of_the_bands](#) on Instagram and Facebook to see what the fuss is about AND if you've not yet bought your tix then just click on the ticket link [HERE](#) to purchase yours and support our school.

Finally, if there are any amazing parents/friends in our school community who are interested in being involved on the night by way of DJ'ing in between band sets or with photography skills please reach out to Jasmin at northsidebob@gmail.com for more details.

The **Parents Battle Of the Bands** is coming Northside for its inaugural #BATTLE1!

It will be held at the Northcote Social Club on the **8th June, 2023**.

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<https://tickets.northcotesocialclub.com/outlet/event/1ddb68b5-78bb-4ec5-8a33->

[be73ee1471cf?utm_source=NorthcoteSC&utm_medium=eventFeed](https://tickets.northcotesocialclub.com/outlet/event/1ddb68b5-78bb-4ec5-8a33-be73ee1471cf?utm_source=NorthcoteSC&utm_medium=eventFeed)

to purchase tickets and support our school.

See you there!

For more information and QR code to purchase tickets, please see the flyer below



**PARENTS
BATTLE
OF THE BANDS**

#BATTLE 1
NORTHSIDE

8 JUNE 2023

TIX \$25 + BF

7PM • NORTHCOTE SOCIAL CLUB • 301 HIGH STREET NORTHCOTE
© PARENTS_BATTLE_OF_THE_BANDS • PARENTSBATTLEOFTHEBANDS.COM

NPS Future students

Tour Dates for 2023



NPS Future Student Tours are about to begin!

Prospective families and children can come and see NPS on a 'business as usual' day, meet the Principal and other staff. School tour times are 9.30 - 10.30am and prospective families are requested to confirm attendance by calling the our school office and registering their name and contact details.

Our next tour dates is:

Tuesday 18th July 9.30 - 10.30am

Enrolment packs are available from our office.



Northcote High School needs Homestay Assistance



Full boarding homestay families are sought for International Students at Northcote High School

(For new International Students arriving in July 2023)

We are very excited to be welcoming International Students back to Victoria post the onset of the COVID Pandemic.

Northcote High School seeks quality homestays from our local community, to help care for new international student arrivals (Year 10-11 age group) in July 2023.

Our international students are mainly from Asian countries, such as China, Vietnam, Korea, Japan and Thailand and they will continue to complete their VCE studies with us in the following years.

Hosting International Students can bring a rich cross cultural experience and opportunity for families. Many local families already on board with the Northcote High School Homestay Program over the years, have enjoyed and benefited from the diverse cultural and language exchange experience, especially when they have school age children at home. The reverse experience for our International Students is very much part of their overseas study journey.

If you have a spare room and are willing to take care of a young international student please contact the International Student Office 9488 2334 (or General Office 9488 2300 or email jocelyn.hill@education.vic.gov.au) for more information.

Full boarding homestay fees are \$340 per week (tax free), which covers a fully furnished room, 3 healthy meals daily, laundry, household bills (including internet). Students are encouraged to participate in the normal household family chores and responsible for their own transport.

Jocelyn Hill
Director of Global Education
Northcote High School

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E jocelyn.hill@education.vic.gov.au
nhs.vic.edu.au





Santa Maria College OpenDay

Come along to our Open Day!



UPCOMING COLLEGE TOURS

Discovery Tours

Tuesday 6 June: 9.15am
Wednesday 19 July: 9.15am
Wednesday 9 August: 9.15am

Express Tours

We are now also hosting small, group express tours every fortnight, for approximately 45 minutes.

Visit the College website or scan the QR Code to register for a tour



Year 7 2025 enrolments close in August! Very limited places for 2024

P: 9488 1600 E: registrar@santamaria.vic.edu.au W: www.santamaria.vic.edu.au



Soccer sessions for free!

Student soccer voucher- see link below for voucher

We are giving away \$25 vouchers to all parents in the area. The whole idea is to give students the opportunity to get professional soccer sessions for FREE.

We have found that sending this through compass has the best results or any equivalent communication channel the school uses.

Football Star Academy voucher for a free soccer trial: <https://forms.gle/Cbe9zTx6zK3m3pct9>

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Yours in Sport,

Sebastian

Business Operations

FSA VIC 38: Aberfeldie, Brunswick South West, Essendon, Moonee Ponds, Moreland West and Pascoe Vale

M 0422853411

Email: vic38coach.football@sportstaracademy.com.au



Community Sports

Join a community sporting team.....



Fitzroy Junior Football Club



Join our club and be a part of grassroots footy.
Fitzroy prides itself on its culture of fairness,
safety and inclusion above on field success.

Limited places are available for
Boys & Girls in all age groups from:
U8's (born 2015) – U13's (born 2010)



SPECIAL OFFER! - The next 10 new players will receive
a ***FREE custom fitted mouthguard worth \$70***

Registration enquiries, email: registration@fitzroyjuniorfc.com.au
For further information visit: www.fitzroyjuniorfc.com.au or like us
on Facebook: [facebook.com/FitzroyJuniorFootballClub](https://www.facebook.com/FitzroyJuniorFootballClub) for updates.

WE ARE  FITZROY

Recruiting Now for 2023!



Fitness Confidence
Dancing Friendship

Are you thinking about trying
Calisthenics? Why not come along and give it a go!
The first two classes are obligation free,
no experience necessary.



Free Trial



TINY TOTS (5YRS AND UNDER) SATURDAYS 9:00-9:45AM
TINIES (7 YRS AND UNDER) SATURDAYS 10:00-11:15AM
SUB-JUNIORS (10 YRS AND UNDER) SATURDAYS 11:30-2:00PM

5/159 Newlands Road, Coburg North
www.stmarkscalisthenicsclub.com
stmarksccl@hotmail.com



TX 5063

Come and swim with us!



Northcote Swim Club is welcoming new members!

Are you interested in joining a swim squad?



Northcote Swim Club is a community based competitive swimming club. Our squad sessions cater for every level and are supported by qualified coaches.

Dive into our club as we prepare to move into our new state of the swim centre – coming late 2023.

- Be part of a team
- Make new friends
- Exercise and stay active
- Build swim skills
- Professionally trained coaches
- Pathway to competition

Contact us to learn more and arrange a trial:

ntc.swimming@gmail.com

northcote.swimmingclub.org.au





THE BUSINESS END OF SCHOOL LIFE

THE FOLLOWING ARE REPEATED INFORMATION ITEMS, WHICH CAN BE REFERRED BACK TO BY OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY WHEN NECESSARY

Parent Payments

Attached is a copy of the Parent Payment Arrangement has been approved by the school council on Wednesday 22 of February 2023, for Curriculum Contributions for student use for the 2023 School Year.

The cost for 2023 Parent Payment Arrangement is \$250.00

In the newsletter section compass information, you will find attached a copy of the Compass Pay Parent Guide on how to make payments via Compass.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school's office should you have any concerns.

Kind Regards

Caterina Carnovale

Business Manager

 Parent Payment Arrangement 2023 PPA.pdf

Compass Attendance

This is a gentle reminder to parents/carers, about the importance of logging student absences on Compass. This is a Department of Education requirement.

If your child is absent from school or is going to be absent in the future (for example a planned family holiday), it is important that this absence is logged via Compass.

Attached is a parent guide to using compass.

 Parent-guide-Compass.pdf

CSEF: Camps, Sports and Excursions Funds



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



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gates are again locked at 9.00am when the bell goes. The gates are unlocked again at 3.20pm and are locked by 3.45pm.

Helmets

When riding a bike or scooter to or from school, all students **MUST** wear a helmet at all times.

Bikes and Scooters

Helmets must be worn on the way to and from school. Bikes and scooters must also be WALKED (not ridden) once inside the school.

Please note: bike and scooter storage is not completely secure. Unauthorised access via the external fences has occurred in the past. We highly recommend the use of a personal bike/scooter lock to avoid theft. The school takes no responsibility for the loss or damage of equipment stored on site.

Kiss and Go

Just a reminder to families that the Kiss & Go zone is a short-term stopping area where drivers are allowed to stop and park the vehicle for a **short time** – no longer than two minutes – while the student exits or enters the vehicle from the curbside doors. This enables students to walk between the car and the school, using the safety of the footpath.

Ball games before and after school

To ensure everyone feels safe during the busy mornings and afternoons, ball games are not permitted during these times.

Classroom Cuisine 2023

This is the current lunch menu from Classroom Cuisine. Lunch orders are delivered to NPS everyday, with the exception Tuesdays.

For our new families please note that this is an external lunch provider, all lunches are ordered online and orders should be placed by 8.30am.

Please Note: The "Canteen" function on Compass is not to order lunches, it is used primarily for our fundraisers.



SERVICING NORTHCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL
AVAILABLE ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY
Order ONLINE until 8.30am on the DAY LUNCH IS REQUIRED

LUNCH ITEM ONE

SALADS

Greek Style Salad with Feta and Olives (V, GF)
 Pic(k)nic Box – Vegetarian (V, GF)
 Pic(k)nic Box with Ham (GF)
 Pic(k)nic Box with a Whole Egg
 Falafel with Tabouli Salad (V,G/DF, H)
 Mexican Inspired Salad (V, GF)
 Tuna Mix with Brown Rice & Quinoa Cakes (V, GF)

SUSHI

Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls (2)
 Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls (2)
 Avocado Hand Rolls (2)
 Cucumber Hand Rolls (2)
 Vegetarian Hand Rolls (2)
 Tofu Hand Rolls (2)

BAKERY

Cheese and Bacon Roll
 Cheese and Vegemite Scroll (w/m)
 SCROLL with Ham & Cheese
 Semi Dried Tomato and Olive ROLL
 Topped with Only Cheese Roll
 GOZLEME - Lamb & Beef (H)
 GOZLEME - Spinach and Cheese (V, H)

BAKED FRESH PIZZAS

(Thin & Crisp, Served at room temp)

Margherita Pizza
 Ham and Pineapple Pizza

SANDWICHES, ROLLS & WRAPS

Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce and Cheese Sandwich
 Gluten Free Ham & Cheese Sandwich (GF)
 Simple Salad Roll (V)
 Cucumber & Ham Sandwich (GF)
 Vegemite Sandwich (2)
 Mild Salami and Salad Roll
 Plain Cheese Sandwich (2)
 Roast Beef, Fruit Chutney, Cheese and Lettuce Roll
 Cheese and Salad Roll
 Wholegrain ROLL with Cheese and Tomato
 WRAP (GF, DF) Ham and Salad
 Wholegrain Ham and Cheese Sandwich
 Chicken MAYO and Lettuce Roll (H)
 Garden Salad Wrap (GF,DF,V)

LUNCH ITEM TWO/THREE

FRESH FRUIT & VEG

Freshly chopped strawberries with Grapes
 Fresh Fruit Combo
 Lightly Steamed Corn wheels & Broccoli pieces
 Celery & Carrot Sticks with Sultanas
 Chopped Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum
 Apple pieces with Lemon Juice, Cinnamon & Brown Sugar
 Chia Bowl with Banana, Coconut & Strawberries
 Sugar Snap Peas, Beans & Cherry Tomatoes
 Cantaloupe & Honeydew pieces
 Edamame (Lightly Salted)
 Cherry Tomatoes with Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers
 Freshly chopped Orange Segments
 Whole Fruit – Banana OR Mandarin

YOGHURT

Strawberry Chobani Yoghurt
 Blueberry Chobani Yoghurt
 Passionfruit Chobani Yoghurt
 Plain Chobani Yoghurt

BAKED GOODS

Choc Chip Cookie
 Cornflake Cookie
 Finger Bun with Sprinkles
 Hedgehog Slice
 Choc Cup Cake (GF,DF)
 Blueberry Muffin
 Fruit Bun
 Jam Drop Biscuit (GF, NF, H)

DIPS & CRACKERS

Tzatziki Dip with Rice Crackers
 Avocado Dip with Rice Crackers
 Spring Onion Dip with Rice Crackers

POPCORN/SNACKS

Dried Fruit Medley with a Yoghurt Frog
 Popcorn - Lightly Salted
 Popcorn - Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted
 Lightly salted Fav'va Beans
 Chickpeas with Lime & Black Pepper
 Balsamic & Sea Salt Fav'va Beans

DRINKS

Apple Juice
 Orange Juice
 Full Cream Milk
 Nippy's Chocolate Milk
 Strawberry (Lactose Free) Milk
 So Good Soy Milk

Healthy, Interesting & Affordable Lunches Delivered to School!

More information about Our Offering including
 Pricing, Ingredients and Portion Size is available on the Our Menu Page at

www.classroomcuisine.com.au

OSH Club Information

<https://www.oshclub.com.au/vic/northcote-primary-school/>

OSHClub

Welcome to OSHClub

Let's go!

OSHClub pride ourselves on providing your children with fun, play-based learning experiences before and after school as well as during the school holidays. Whether your child attends OSHC daily or only occasionally, each visit is an exciting and engaging adventure!

Compelling programs
We'll empower your child to explore, navigate, experiment and engage in a diverse range of experiences.

Educators who care
Our educators will embrace your child's journey: caring deeply, thinking creatively and inspiring them to thrive.

Future ready
We focus on building knowledge, skills and behaviours that help prepare your child for whatever the future may hold.

Unified partnership
As an integral part of the school community, together we'll create a fun and engaging environment for your child to flourish.

Fabulous food
We fuel curious minds and growing bodies, helping to shape your child's understanding of health and wellness positively.

Peace of mind
You can be confident that your child is safe, happy and given every opportunity to fulfill their potential.

Join the fun. Be active. Get together.

Late Arrivals & Early Departures

If your child is late or you are collecting them early it is **essential** you do so through the front office. **All Students must be signed in and out** via the Compass Kiosk at the front desk. For late arrivals a paper slip will print out when they are signed in, this slip is to be given to the teacher so they know the student has signed in at the office.

Please note if you have put a Compass note in for a late arrival or early departure (for example you log on Compass that your child is being picked up at 1.30pm for a medical appointment) you do not need to sign them out via the Compass Kiosk at the office. However, **you still must come into the office to collect the student.**

The Department of Education requires a parent, carer, or listed emergency contact physically collect the child from the office when it is during school hours. This means we are **unable to allow students to leave on their own**, even if it has been logged on Compass. We understand this may be inconvenient at times so please contact or the office on 9481 0009 and they will do their best to assist you.

Also, if you know of an early departure in advance, please inform the office and your child's teacher, so they are able to have the student waiting and ready for you to collect.

Compass Pay for all school payments - Compass Pay at Northcote Primary School.

Compass Pay provides a more consistent approach to parent consent and payments of activities for students and confirm the student's medical requirements through the compass app.

Northcote Primary School has a streamline approach to the collection of payments for Camps, Excursions, Incursions, and the annual Parent Payment Arrangement, and fundraising activities.

This option allows parents/caregivers the opportunity to have all the information on one platform the Compass Parent App.

Cash, EFT and B-pay are available as options, the preferred method of payment is Compass. Compass creates efficiency for teachers and the office staff where immediately we will be able to see if parents/caregivers have consented and paid for the activity. Parents will receive a push notification from Compass when an activity has been created.

We have attached a copy of the Compass flyer on how to consent and pay for events.

 [CompassPay Parent Guide.pdf](#)



2023 First Aid Team

Introducing the NPS 2023 First Aid Team

For our returning families there will be some familiar faces, and for our new families our first aid team is

- Donna Cassidy
- Caterina Carnovale

If your child becomes unwell one of our fantastic First Aid Officers will be tending to them and will be in contact with you if necessary.

The first aid office is located in front office (the other end to the front doors)


If your child is needing to be picked up, where possible we will organise their school bag and belongings and you can collect them from the front office 😊

Action Plans

Parents and carers are reminded that if their child has anaphylaxis, allergies, or asthma that their child **MUST HAVE A CURRENT PLAN.**

Red ASCIA Anaphylaxis Plan for use with EpiPen® adrenaline (epinephrine)

autoinjectors is attached below and must be prepared in colour, completed by your GP and have a current photo of your child attached to it.



ascia
australian society of clinical immunology and allergy
www.allergy.org.au

ACTION PLAN FOR Anaphylaxis

For use with EpiPen® adrenaline (epinephrine) autoinjectors

Name: _____
Date of birth: _____


Confirmed allergens: _____

Family/emergency contact name(s):
1. _____
Mobile Ph: _____
2. _____
Mobile Ph: _____

Plan prepared by doctor or nurse practitioner (NP): _____
The treating doctor or NP hereby authorises medications specified on this plan to be given according to the plan, as consented by the patient or parent/guardian.
Whilst this plan does not expire, review is recommended by 30/06/21

Signed: _____
Date: _____

How to give EpiPen®



EpiPen® is prescribed as follows:
• EpiPen® 150 mg/ml for children 15-20kg
• EpiPen® 300 mg/ml for children over 20kg and adults

SIGNS OF MILD TO MODERATE ALLERGIC REACTION

- Swelling of lips, face, eyes
- Tingling mouth
- Hives or welts
- Abdominal pain, vomiting - these are signs of anaphylaxis for insect allergy

ACTION FOR MILD TO MODERATE ALLERGIC REACTION

- For insect allergy - flick out sting if visible
- For tick allergy seek medical help or freeze tick and let it drop off
- Stay with person, call for help and locate adrenaline autoinjector
- Give antihistamine (if prescribed)
- Phone family/emergency contact


Mild to moderate allergic reactions (such as hives or swelling) may not always occur before anaphylaxis

WATCH FOR ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SIGNS OF ANAPHYLAXIS (SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTION)

- Difficult or noisy breathing
- Difficulty talking or hoarse voice
- Swelling of tongue
- Persistent dizziness or collapse
- Swelling or tightness in throat
- Pale and floppy (young children)
- Wheeze or persistent cough

ACTION FOR ANAPHYLAXIS

1. LAY PERSON FLAT - do NOT allow them to stand or walk
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- on left side if pregnant, as shown below
- If breathing is difficult allow them to sit with legs outstretched
- Hold young children flat, not upright



2. GIVE ADRENALINE AUTOINJECTOR
3. Phone ambulance - 000 (AU) or 111 (NZ)
4. Phone family/emergency contact
5. Further adrenaline may be given if no response after 5 minutes
6. Transfer person to hospital for at least 4 hours of observation

IF IN DOUBT GIVE ADRENALINE AUTOINJECTOR

Commence CPR at any time if person is unresponsive and not breathing normally

ALWAYS GIVE ADRENALINE AUTOINJECTOR FIRST, and then asthma reliever puffer if someone with known asthma and allergy to food, insects or medication has SUDDEN BREATHING DIFFICULTY (including wheeze, persistent cough or hoarse voice) even if there are no skin symptoms


Asthma reliever medication prescribed: Y N

Note: If adrenaline is accidentally injected (e.g. into a thumb) phone your local poisons information centre. Continue to follow this action plan for the person with the allergic reaction.

Anaphylaxis EpiPen Plan Template.pdf

Red ASCIA Anaphylaxis Plan for use with Anapen® adrenaline (epinephrine)

autoinjectors is attached below and must be prepared in colour, completed by your GP and have a current photo of your child attached to it.



ascia
www.allergy.org.au

ACTION PLAN FOR Anaphylaxis

For use with Anapen® adrenaline (epinephrine) autoinjectors

Name: _____
Date of birth: _____

Confirmed allergens: _____

Family/emergency contact name(s):
1. _____
Mobile Ph: _____
2. _____
Mobile Ph: _____

Plan prepared by doctor or nurse practitioner (NP): _____
The treating doctor or NP hereby authorises medications specified on this plan to be given according to the plan, as consented by the patient or parent/guardian.
Whilst this plan does not expire, review is recommended by _____

Signed: _____
Date: _____

How to give Anapen®



Anapen® is prescribed as follows:
• Anapen® 150 mg/ml for children 15-20kg
• Anapen® 300 mg/ml for children over 20kg and adults
• Anapen® 500 mg/ml for children and adults over 50kg

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Anaphylaxis Anapen Plan Template.pdf

Blue Asthma Australia School Action Plan is attached below and must be prepared in colour, completed by your GP and have a current photo of your child attached to it. If your child has Ventolin at school, they must have an Asthma Action Plan.

FOR USE WITH PUFFER AND SPACER
ASTHMA ACTION PLAN

VICTORIAN SCHOOLS

Student's name: _____

DOB: _____

Confirmed triggers: _____

PHOTO

Child can self-administer if well enough

Child needs to pre-medicate prior to exercise

Face mask needed with spacer

ALWAYS give adrenaline autoinjector **FIRST** and then asthma reliever puffer if someone with known asthma and allergy to food, insects or medication has **SUDDEN BREATHING DIFFICULTY** (including wheeze, persistent cough or hoarse voice) even if there are no skin symptoms.

Adrenaline autoinjector prescribed: Y N Type of adrenaline autoinjector: _____

ASTHMA FIRST AID

For Severe or Life-Threatening signs and symptoms, call for emergency assistance immediately on Triple Zero "000". Mild to moderate symptoms do not always present before severe or life-threatening symptoms

- Sit the person upright
Stay with the person and be calm and reassuring
- Give _____ separate puffs of Astromir, Asmol or Ventolin
Shake the puffer before each puff
Put 1 puff into the spacer at a time
Take 4 breaths from spacer between each puff
- Wait 4 minutes
If there is no improvement, repeat step 2
- If there is still no improvement call emergency assistance
Dial Triple Zero "000"
Say "ambulance" and that someone is having an asthma attack
Keep giving _____ puffs every 4 minutes until emergency assistance arrives
Commence CPR at any time if person is unresponsive and not breathing normally.

Blue/grey reliever medication is unlikely to harm, even if the person does not have asthma.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS	MILD TO MODERATE	SEVERE	LIFE-THREATENING
<p>Emergency contact name: _____</p> <p>Work ph: _____</p> <p>Home ph: _____</p> <p>Mobile ph: _____</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor difficulty breathing May have a cough May have a wheeze Other signs to look for: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cannot speak a full sentence Sitting hunched forward Tugging in of skin over chest/ribs May have cough or wheeze Obvious difficulty breathing Lethargic Sore tummy (young children) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unable to speak or 2 words Collapsed/exhausted Gasping for breath May no longer have a cough or wheeze Downy/confused/unconscious Blue discoloration (blue lips)

Plan prepared by Dr or Nurse Practitioner: _____

Signed: _____
(Print name and stamp of medical professional)

Date prepared: _____

Date of next review: _____


- Assemble spacer.
- Remove cap from puffer.
- Shake puffer well.
- Attach puffer to end of spacer.

- Place mouthpiece of spacer in mouth and ensure lips seal around it.
- Breathe out gently into the spacer.
- Press down on puffer canister once to fire medication into spacer.
- Breathe in and out normally for 4 breaths (keeping your mouth on the spacer).

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Asthma Action Plan Template.pdf

Green ASCIA Allergic Reaction Plan is attached below and must be prepared in colour, completed by your GP and have a current photo of your child attached to it.



ascia
australian society of clinical immunology and allergy
www.allergy.org.au

ACTION PLAN FOR
Allergic Reactions

Name: _____
Date of birth: _____

Confirmed allergens: _____

Family/emergency contact name(s):
1. _____
Mobile Ph: _____
2. _____
Mobile Ph: _____

Plan prepared by doctor or nurse practitioner (npi): _____

The treating doctor or npi hereby authorises medications specified on this plan to be given according to the plan, as recommended by the patient or parent/guardian, including use of adrenaline if available.

Whilst this plan does not expire, review is recommended by (C) (M) (Y) _____

Signed: _____
Date: _____

Note: This ASCIA Action Plan for Allergic Reactions is for people who have allergies but do not have a prescribed adrenaline (epinephrine) injector. For instructions refer to the device label or the ASCIA website www.allergy.org.au/anaphylaxis

Adrenaline injectors are given as follows:

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 Allergy Plan Template.pdf

All plans **must be updated annually**, one of our first aid team will contact you when your child's plan is approaching expiration.

NPS Medication Authority Form

Parents **must provide all necessary medications** to be administered in the event of an emergency.

Medications will be administered by one of our trained First Aid Team members.

All medication is to be stored in the First Aid Room, NOT in the student's bag or classroom.

Any medication being stored at/administered on school grounds requires a NPS 2023 Medication Authority Form. These forms are to be **updated at the start of each year** (even if there has been no change to medications). These can be filled out by parents/carers or by a GP.

This form **must** be filled out regardless of a student having a medical plan.

It must also be filled out for ongoing medication as well as temporary (for example, this form is required if a student is unwell and needs to be administered a course of antibiotics during school hours, as well as if a student requires a hay fever tablet only when symptoms arise).



2023

Medication Authority Form
for a student who requires medication whilst at school

Name of School: **Northcote Primary School**
Student's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Please Note: wherever possible, medication should be scheduled outside the school hours, e.g. medication required three times a day is generally not required during a school day; it can be taken before and after school and before bed.

Reason for Medication/s	Name of Medication/s	Dosage (amount)	Time/s to be taken	How it's taken (e.g. orally/topical/injection)	Dates
					Expiry Date: / / <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing medication <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary medication
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Medication Storage:
Please indicate if there are specific storage instructions for the medication.

Medication delivered to the school

Please ensure that medication delivered to the school:
 Is in its original package
 The pharmacy label matches the information included in this form.

Self-management of medication

Students in the early years will generally need supervision of their medication and other aspects of health care management. In line with their age and stage of development and capabilities, older students can take responsibility for their own health care. Self management should follow agreement by the student and their parent/carer, the school and the student's medical/health practitioner.
Please advise if this person's condition creates any difficulties with self management, for example, difficulty remembering to take medication at a specified time or difficulties coordinating equipment.

Monitoring effects of Medication

Please note: School staff do not monitor the effects of medication and will seek emergency medical assistance if concerned about a student's behaviour following medication.

Privacy Statement
The school collects personal information so as the school can plan and support the health care needs of the student. Without the consent of this information the quality of the health support provided may be affected. The information may be disclosed to relevant school staff and appropriate medical personnel, including those engaged in providing health support as well as emergency personnel, where appropriate, or where authorized or required by another law. You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you/your child and to request that it be corrected. Please contact the school directly or FOI Unit on 94372676.

Authorisation:

Name of Medical/health practitioner: _____

Professional Role: _____ Contact details: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name of Parent/Carer: _____

Contact details: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**If additional advice is required, please attach it to this form



Copies of all forms can be found in the links on this page, alternatively printed copies of all forms can be collected from Donna in the front office.

Duty of Care

All NPS staff have a duty of care to our students – if we cannot establish contact with a parent/carer or emergency contact, an ambulance will be called if deemed necessary. Please ensure you make every attempt to be contactable during school hours, have voicemail set up on your phone and that your emergency contact details stored at the office are up to date.



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