It's happening!!!
Northcote Primary’s Annual Trivia Nite
Friday 15 August 2014, 7-11pm at the Thornbury Bowls Club,
Ballantyne Street Thornbury

What a fabulous response we have had to this year’s trivia night – we sold out much earlier than previous years and that means we have a full house for this Friday night.

A couple of important reminders for those you lucky enough to be coming along...

BYO food, crockery and cutlery but not drinks
Drinks are available from the club bar at very reasonable prices
Remember to bring along lots of gold coins for the “True-False” game and the “Champagne coin toss”
And most importantly be there for a 7pm start!!
Looking forward to seeing you on the night!!
Bella and Emily
Greetings from the Principal ...

Student Achievement
Well done for our year 5/6 representative basketball teams who played at the Northcote District Primary Schools Sports Association Basketball Competition on Tuesday. Krissy (PE teacher) accompanied and coached the 2 teams and said they were exciting games with a high level of skill and fitness. Krissy reported back that we would have been proud of the way our students represented our school in their behaviour and playing effort. For news on the results, read the article further on in the newsletter. Congratulations players!

School Review
Yesterday, our school’s performance was reviewed against a set of state-wide measures about student achievement, engagement and wellbeing and the productivity of our school, focusing on the last four years of our School Strategic Plan.

The Review day was part of a School Peer Review process where the school’s own School Self Evaluation document has been endorsed by School Council and sent on to an external accredited School Reviewer as part of this process. A Panel of 10 included the reviewer; two external primary school principals; our school’s leadership team; and our School Council President. The Panel spent a good part of the day discussing the self-evaluation and the findings in the areas listed above. The external reviewer will now write a report and provide this to the School Council and the Department of Education.

It was a very affirming day for our school, for the goals we set out to achieve and the successes, achievements and challenges we have had. Once we receive the report, School Council will report back to the community on the results.

Book Parade – Monday 18th August
I’m off to search my wardrobe for something to wear at our annual book parade on Monday. I look forward to seeing the children’s outfits and sharing their favourite books.

Warm regards,
Kerrie

Are you a member of Parents Victoria?
This year’s Parents Victoria Annual Conference will be held at the Melbourne Zoo on 29 and 30 August. Parents Victoria is a statewide democratic organisation representing parents of students in Victorian government schools, and provides parents with a voice, presenting an organised parent perspective to State and Federal Governments, educational bureaucracies and institutions, community organisations and the media.

The theme for this year’s annual conference is Education for Everyone – let’s engage!
For more information about the Parents Victoria Annual Conference, click here
Find out more information about Parents Victoria at: http://www.parentsvictoria.asn.au/

Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge Weekly Videos
Visit the Challenge web page to discover great picture books, and book recommendations for early and late primary students from Readings St Kilda children’s book buyer Angela Crocombe. Author and Challenge ambassador Kirsty Murray shares her love of reading and writing, and offers tips for choosing books. You can also find out where popular children's author Andy Griffiths gets the ideas for his amazing books.
New videos will be posted each week of the school term. To watch these videos, see: Weekly Videos
**Interschool Basketball Competition**

Tuesday 12th August I took a squad of Grade 5/6 children (8 boys and 9 girls) to the Coburg Basketball Stadium for our annual basketball competition. Both our teams did a fantastic job and showed excellent sportsmanship. We were against two difficult schools in our round robin. Our girls won 1 out of the 2 games played and the boys’ team had a draw in one and lost the other game. In the play-offs the girls comfortably won over Westgarth showing excellent skills and amazing game tactics. Our boys also played against Westgarth and it was a tough game with Westgarth coming out as the winners. As the day went on the students improved especially at working as a team and supporting each other on court.

I want to send out a huge THANK YOU to Melissa Mackey for her fantastic coaching tips. The students and I learnt a lot about how to play this game strategically. The students I had the privilege to take were:


Krissy King
PE teacher

**This Week in 3/4R&K**

We had a guest speaker who informed our students about the work that charitable organisations do. Andrew Lawson (Holly’s granddad) spoke about the Geelong Community Foundation and the work it does. He spoke to the students about the benefits to both the community and to volunteers from helping others and how philanthropy works. The students were very engaged and asked a number of questions, particularly about all the different activities, programs and organisations that the Geelong Community Foundation supports. The students, Katinka and myself would like to thank Andrew for his time and his presentation.

Ross

**FROM THE NPS COMMUNITY SUBCOMMITTEE**

**TRIVIA NIGHT IS THIS FRIDAY!!!**

Here are the last of our ten interesting facts about the history of NPS. Remember, they might pop up as questions on the night...

**THIS YEAR NORTHCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL IS 140 YEARS OLD. DID YOU KNOW...**

**FACT #9** - In 1922, Northcote Primary School was so overcrowded that classes had to be taught in the corridors.

**FACT #10** - One hundred years ago (in 1914), the average enrolment for Northcote Primary School was 1369 students.
Ciao A Tutti! (Hello Everyone!)
What a great start to the Term 3! The students have been busy learning about a variety of things in Italian. The Year 1/2’s have been learning about the months of the year and now we are looking at weather patterns and then seasons. The Year 3/4’s have been studying numbers and number patterns. We have made some very big numbers using the simple number rule and now we are focusing on telling the time! The Year 5/6’s have been focusing on Geography where we are looking at countries and continents. We are looking at flags, nationalities and population all in the Italian language! We have some very talented students here at NPS!!

The Dante Alighieri Society Competition Results:
The Annual Dante Alighieri state wide poster competition is always of a high standard of work. Our students who chose to enter this competition produced some outstanding work, different to other years. I am so proud of each student’s effort and piece of work which was submitted to represent our school. Students in the middle and upper school worked week after week on producing a poster with correct sentences and labeling. Many conference sessions took place in the 5/6 area. We had some students take work home to complete or even start from scratch such as one person from Prep and some in the Year 1/2 area.

Si (Yes) the results have just been released. The announcement was made at our school Assembly on Monday morning much to the amazement of our school community.
I am extremely pleased to announce that Northcote P.S. will have 3 representatives (yes, that is correct!!!!) at the awards night at The University of Melbourne on Friday the 12th of September.

The students will receive a note in the next week with details for the presentation night. They will be receiving a trophy with their name engraved on it, a prize, a certificate and they will have their photo taken for Il Globo - the Italian newspaper.

Congratulations to our Prize Winners:

George P in Prep - first placing for Prep
Sabrina in 5/6S - second placing for Year 5
Hannah K in 5/6S – third placing for Year 5

WOOOOOOHOOOOO!!!!!!

Congratulations also to the following students who have received recognition for their achievements. These students will receive their certificate during school Assembly on Monday 15th September.

Finalists: Dean and Bianca (Prep) and Tas (Year 2).
High Distinction: Jonathan (Year 2), Adam C (Year 3) and Sophie V (Year 4).
Honourable Mention: Lexi, Max M, Bailey and Georgia (Year 4).
Merit Certificate: Charlie and Eliza T (Year 1), Alexander M and Emma B (Year 2), Dane and Kate (Year 3), Ella O, Mica, Molly, Georgia, Holly, Iris and Beda (Year 4) and Lucia (Year 6).

Buon Fortuna George, Sabrina and Hannah (Good Luck) for your awards night. We are all looking forward to the evening. The students will present their trophy to the school community the following Monday 15th of September at the whole school assembly.

Saluti (cheers),
Signorina Rosa
Italian Teacher and Co-ordinator Mon/Tues
Book Week
Some more exciting news attached to Book Week (Monday 18th August)!

Trish Chapman, a local and newly published children's book author, has offered to visit our school and read a short passage of her story 'Out of the World' at our book parade. She will then visit the 3/4 and 5/6 learning area to read a carefully selected chapter from the book with our students.

'Out of this World' draws on elements of real life and fantasy, following four young Aussie kids on their journey of discovery.

Billy and Ruby have learned some harsh lessons in their young lives. They are both burdened by the problems of bullying and peer-group pressure at school and, as if that's not enough, they're sad and confused after their parents’ recent divorce.
These days, 12-year-old Billy hates his life, hates school and hates Max, a boy who bullies him constantly. His younger sister, Ruby is determined to help and before long, it’s Ruby to the rescue...
A remarkable encounter soon changes.....

Trish has even offered to bring in some books on the day for browsing, sale and an autograph for anyone who wishes to purchase a copy for $20.

You can find information about Trish and her book at: http://www.trishchapman.net/

Kind regards,
Natasha Thomson.

FETE

This Friday 15th August is the last day to drop off any items listed below for the fete. Have a clean up of:

- toys
- music
- books
- clothes - adults and children

... don't wait until next year, make some room.
Hello everyone,
The OSHC service was wondering if there was any parent or grandparent who would be available to come in and share their skills and experience and run an activity with the children. You may have a talent in arts and crafts, gardening, sports or share any interesting stories and life experiences with the children. If anyone is interested we would love to hear from you. Please contact me at the service on 9489 0347 to discuss this further.

Thanks, Rosa (OSHC)

Out Of School Hours Care

We have limited 3 year old Early Learning sessions and child care spaces left for our 2015 programs.

- Join our friendly welcoming community.
- Managed by a parent management committee.
- We have beautiful gardens and extensive outdoor play areas.
- Above regulation staff child ratios.
- Emphasis on Natural and recycled materials.
- Play based programs.
- All 3 year old and long day care sessions attract CCB and CCR.

3 year old early learning sessions offered are:
Monday and Thursday: from 8.30 till 4pm.
Long day care: 8am – 5.30pm available on Monday/Thursday and Tuesdays.
Please contact Jane or Mary on 9489 3037 to arrange a tour or ask any questions.
2 Noel Street, East Brunswick.

IMPORTANT MUSIC INFORMATION

Band Update: Band will be recommencing Next Thursday 21st August and will run weekly at lunchtimes between 1.30pm – 2.20pm by Melody Bell and George Dimopolous

*Please note all students participating in Band will need to enroll with Creative Melody. If you have not done so please collect an enrollment form from the office and return to giveusabell@creativemelody.com.au or you can return a hard copy to school.

***All Recorder Group students will need to be enrolled with Creative Melody. Thank you***

Yours Musically and Creatively
THE CREATIVE MELODY TEAM!
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Critical Agendas – Evening Presentations

Developing Positive Adolescents! - Greg Mitchell
Monday August 18th, 2014 7pm to 9pm
Sacred Heart College Geelong, Retreat Road, Newtown

Tuesday August 19th, 2014 7pm to 9pm
Marcellin College, 160 Bulleen Road, Bulleen

Understanding Adolescent Boys! - Dr Ian Lillico
Monday August 25th, 2014 7pm to 9pm
CBC St. Kilda, 11 Westbury St, St. Kilda East

Tuesday August 26th, 2014 7pm to 9pm
The Geelong College, 399 Aberdeen St, Newtown

Promoting Resilience in Girls – Sharon Witt
Tuesday September 9th, 2014 7pm to 9pm
Our Lady of Sion College, 1065 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill
To secure your place in any of the above presentations please email rick@criticalagendas.com.au including your NAME, No. Tickets required and DATE attending. Collect and pay for tickets on the night (if you decide to attend). Cost of each presentation: $15 per person (at the door) NO EFTPOS.

MEN’S NETBALL
STATE TEAM SELECTIONS

MEN’S 17 & UNDER
MEN’S 20 & UNDER

The 2015 Australian Men’s and Mixed Netball Championships will be held in Sydney over the Easter period (Sunday 5 April – Saturday 11 April 2015).

The Victorian Men’s Netball League invites all interested players to attend the state team selections in September. Each team will be selected by the respective coach and a selection panel.

Please note: Men’s 18 & Under division has changed to Men’s 20 & Under.

DATES
SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2014
SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2014
SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2014
MEN’S 17 & UNDER
MEN’S 20 & UNDER
Registration: 4.30pm - 5.30pm
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VENUE
Bonyela Netball Stadium
2 Somers Avenue, Moonee Pk
9455 8888
COST
$50 (to be paid with registration on day of trial)
$200 (to be paid on trial week of trials, refunded if not selected)
ENQUIRIES
Karen Wild 0414 342 583
Grant Cracker 0412 392 020
vmnl@mensnetballvic.com.au

SCIENCESPECTACULAR

Enjoy a night of family fun and science magic performed by Year 7 SEAL students.
- Interactive science show
- Refreshments
- Free entry
Please RSVP by calling 9376 1622

Women’s Lacrosse
Promotional Day
FREE BBQ Lunch for everyone that attends

SUNDAY 24th August
Melbourne Uni vs. Malvern

Our club is hosting a women’s game at our home ground to promote U13 & U15 girls lacrosse.
On the day you can have a catch & a throw with our current U13 girls

Our club promotes girls & boys lacrosse at the following local schools:
Brunswick South West P.S.  Brunswick North P.S.
Brunswick North West P.S.  Brunswick Secondary College

Game Starts: 1:15pm (approx 1 hour)
Location: Western Oval, Park Street Brunswick

email mulaxjnr@gmail.com to register your interest in attending

If you are unable to join us on the day but would like more information, please email the club to keep informed of upcoming events.
GUESS WHAT? We’ve got something that will get you moving. Jetts Northcote have a 7 day Free Pass & 1 Free PT Session. Passes need to be used before 06/09/14. Please call at the school office to pick yours up.