### IMPORTANT SCHOOL DIARY DATES

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### Pupil of the Week

*(Assembly item by Grades Prep)*

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Greetings from the Principal ...

Student Achievement

Congratulations 5/6’s at National Gallery of Victoria

Our 3 x classes of year 5/6 students went on an excursion on Tuesday to the National Gallery of Victoria, Ian Potter Centre. Steven, teacher, reported to me that the facilitators of the sessions remarked on the quality of our students’ questions about the art work that they were discussing. They commented that the Northcote Primary School year 5/6’s have raised the bar in terms of what to expect children of this age group to engage with and contribute.

Well done year 5/6’s for your interest, engagement and excellent behaviour whilst representing our school out in the public. We are proud of you. See article by students later on in the newsletter.

School Self Evaluation Parent Online Survey

Thank you to all the parents who were able to find the time to complete the online survey over the last five days. 73 participants responded representing 22% of the parent population. The survey results will be populated into our School Self Evaluation Report along with the Staff and Student survey results. Thanks again, your efforts and feedback is appreciated.

School Webmeister vacancy

School Council is seeking a parent from our community who would be interested in a casual position updating our school website. We are looking for a person with WordPress/website knowledge and skills who would be able to come into our school for up to one day per month, hours to be determined as needed or required by Principal. The successful person would be paid at Education Support Level 1 casual rates. Only parents from our community need apply. Please contact the school via email with your details and experiences outlined, attention “Kerrie”. Help us keep our website current and relevant for our community. I look forward to hearing from you.

School Events coming up

Are you coming to the Trivia Night?
Hope so! We are looking forward to the fun night, and the opportunity to raise money for our school.

Working Bee, Saturday, 2nd August (see details further on)

Are you coming to our Working Bee?
Hope so! A great opportunity to join with other members of our community and work together with the children to improve our school. Just a short but productive time – 9 – 12 on a Saturday morning.

And many more but will post details in coming newsletters.

Hope to see you and say hi at our next 2 community events.

I have included an article below from Michael Grose after discussing with a few teachers our children’s varied responses to the air disaster over the week. I have emailed it out to the staff and hope it might be helpful for you.

Warm regards,

Kerrie

Sub-Committee Meetings

- **Education**: Monday 28 July, 7pm, staffroom. All parents are invited. Please advise Miles Callaghan if you intend to join – miles.callaghan@bupacare.com.au
- **NOOSCH (Aftercare)**: Tues 29 July, 4-5pm, at school.
Helping kids make sense of the MH 17 air disaster

Submitted by: Michael Grose 23 July

Reports of the recent shooting down of Flight MH17 over Ukraine air space has saturated newspapers, television and the Internet for the last week. The events were shocking and many of the images shown on our television screens have been quite confronting. Worldwide outrage has been the result.

But what about the impact of the event and the subsequent media coverage on children and young people?

As adults we all want our children to live carefree lives and keep them from the pain and even horror of such tragedies and natural disasters. In reality we can’t do this.

So what is a parent, teacher, or other caring adult to do when such events fill the airwaves and the consciousness of society? Here are some ideas:

1. **Reassure children that they are safe.** The consistency of the images can be frightening for young children who don’t understand the notion of distance and have difficulty distinguishing between reality and fiction. Let them know that while this event is indeed happening it will not affect them directly.

2. **Explain what happened.** Sounds obvious but it’s important not to simply assume that children and young people understand what’s happened. Be calm and stick the facts, using a map to show older children where it happened.

3. **Be available.** Let kids know that it is okay to talk about the unpleasant events. Listen to what they think and feel. By listening, you can find out if they have misunderstandings, and you can learn more about the support that they need. You do not need to explain more than they are ready to hear, but be willing to answer their questions.

4. **Help children process what they see and hear, particularly through television.** Children are good observers but can be poor interpreters of events that are out of their level of understanding.

5. **Support children’s concerns for others.** They may have genuine concerns for the suffering that will occur and they may need an outlet for those concerns. It is heartwarming to see this empathy in children for the concerns of others.

6. **Let them explore feelings beyond fear.** Many children may feel sad or even angry with these events so let them express the full range of emotions.

7. **Avoid keeping the television on all the time.** The visual nature of the media means that images are repeated over and over, which can be both distressing to some and desensitizing to others.

8. **Be aware of your own actions.** Children will take their cues from you and if they see you focusing on it in an unhealthy way then they will focus on it too. Let them know that it is happening but it should not dominate their lives.

Children’s worlds can be affected in ways that we can’t even conceive of so adults need to be both sensitive to children’s needs and mindful of what they say and how they act in front of children.

In difficult times, it is worth remembering what adults and children need most are each other.
NPS School Council and Subcommittee Meeting Dates 2014 - 2015

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Education Maintenance Allowance

If you are the holder of a Pension Card or Health Care Card and applied for this allowance at the beginning of the year, you do **not** need to reapply for the second half year part of the allowance.

If you are eligible and did not apply for the first half year allowance at this school, forms are available to fill in at the school office. Your card must be current as at Monday 14 July (first day of Term 3). Please bring your card with you as we need a photocopy. Forms must be filled in **before Thurs 31 July**. No late applications can be accepted.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

THANK YOU to the dedicated readers out there who have already emailed Stephanie. I will send a reply today to your email address.

If you have not signed up yet, take the Challenge. Read great books that you choose and log in to record what you’ve read and vote for your favourite.

If you meet the Challenge this year, the Premier of Victoria will send you a certificate of achievement. To meet the Challenge you need to read between 15 and 30 books (depending on your Year level) by September 12 and keep a record of them. For more information, see

http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/students.aspx

or just google Premier’s Reading Challenge

The finish date is September 12, 2014. If your child is interested in being part of this event for 2014, please send your child’s name and teacher’s name by email to:

griffiths.stephanie.c@edumail.vic.gov.au

Working Bee – Saturday 2nd August

There will be a Working Bee on Saturday 2nd Aug 9.00 a.m. till 12.00 p.m. Can those attending please bring something to share for morning tea.

Jobs include: gardening, sandpit, soft fill, establishing a retaining wall and new garden beds plus planting. I will put a list of jobs in the foyer so that people can put their names down or email me directly on bennie.ross.a@edumail.vic.gov.au
Thanks Ross

5/6 NGV Excursion
On 22nd July, the grade 5s and 6s visited the National Gallery of Victoria as part of their inquiry into the arts.

We talked about different pieces from various artists such as Sue Ford, Lorraine Connelly-Northey and Yhonnie Scarce. The students also took part in the workshop Text, where they created an artwork using words to send a message about a current issue that they felt was important.

“The excursion was informative, educational and fun” – Leea
“The workshop was awesome, I had lots of fun” – Katie
“I found it was very interesting learning about the different art styles” – Arky
“I liked the Ned Kelly painting by Sydney Nolan” – Menzies

By Katie Mackey and Hamish Tingay.
If you can’t make it but are interested please email us at NPSFete@gmail.com with any ideas or thoughts. We will listen to any crazy idea!  

Susan Callaghan and Brooke van der Hoeven

**Fete Second Hand donations**

Did you have a clean-up over the holidays? Does the house desperately need one? Are all last year’s winter clothes too small? We would love to receive donations from the 4th to 8th August in boxes outside the Library. Items accepted for donation include:

- Toys & Games
- Secondhand Clothes, Accessories & Shoes
- Books

*Please note we cannot accept baby items or household bric-a-brac at this point in time.*

**TRIVIA NIGHT!!**

*Northcote Primary’s Annual Trivia Night*

*Do Not Miss Out!!!!*

*Friday 15 August 2014*

*7.00 p.m. – 11.00 p.m. at the Thornbury Bowls Club*

Tickets are selling well, so please don’t miss out on securing your spot for a great night of fun. You can make up a table of 8 or join in with other friends and families from school to enjoy a wonderful night of amusement, prizes and possible glory.

Be sure to buy yours online via TryBooking [http://www.trybooking.com/FBQG](http://www.trybooking.com/FBQG)
If you don't have internet access, please contact Bella (0418 362 905) or Emily (0419 205 417) and arrange for an alternative way to book your tickets.

And remember to BYO your food, cutlery and crockery. Drinks are available from the Thornbury Bowls Club bar at very reasonable prices!!

FROM THE NPS COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE

TRIVIA NIGHT IS COMING... ONLY THREE WEEKS TO GO!

Don’t forget to book your table for the Northcote Primary School Trivia Night.

And in the lead up, here are two more interesting facts about the history of NPS that might just pop up as questions on the night...

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

FACT #3 - For twenty years before NPS opened, the local school was located in the Weslyan Methodist Church (now Wesley Anne) on High St

Fact #4 - NPS’s first Headmaster was Richard Tobin, who had previously been a teacher at the Wesleyan School. His wife was appointed as his assistant.

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FOSTER CARE - INFORMATION SESSION
Anglicare Victoria is looking for couples or single people who have experience with parenting and can provide a safe and loving home for children needing care for weekends, short term and long term. Our next information sessions is on:

Thursday 7th August, 7 - 8.30 p.m. (Broadmeadows)
Details of the session will be provided when you have registered

Please Come along to find out more and have your questions answered.

To book or to receive an information package please contact Lynette Tollit – Volunteer Recruitment & Support worker on 8470 9999 or email lynette.tollit@anglicarevic.org.au

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD’S LIFE......AND YOUR OWN

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST AN OVERSEAS STUDENT?

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Hosting – An Experience for Life

Student Exchange is looking for host families across Australia to welcome overseas students into their home

www.studentexchange.org.au
Just Believe Fit
Pilates & Yoga inspired fitness classes
Blending the best of both disciplines in a fun and relaxed atmosphere these non-impact classes are focused on building overall body strength, core stability and flexibility to enhance general well-being.

*New classes starting 13/7/14.
*WEDNESDAY 6.15 - 7.15 am
THURSDAY 9.30 - 10.15 am
45 minute fit-express with flexible format
(perfect for parents with children in the pre-primary ballet class)
THURSDAY 10.30 - 11.30 am
*FRIDAY 9.15 - 10.15 am
Cost: $10 (45 min class)  $15 (1 hour class)
No bookings required

FIRST CLASS FREE!
BRUNSWICK SCHOOL OF DANCE, 50 GADD ST, NORTHCOTE

Marisa Lawlor is a dance-trained Pilates and Fitness Instructor with over 30 years experience in the field. These classes are recommended for people who are healthy, able bodied and not pregnant, however it is always advisable to seek your doctor’s clearance before undertaking a new exercise program.

Enquiries 0402 916 128 or at justbelievefit@gmail.com  https://www.facebook.com/justbelievefit

Become A Volunteer Host Family

Enrich Your Home With A WEP Exchange Student. Arriving in January:
Angelica (17) from Italy says that she is excited to start school in Australia, to meet her new classmates and start speaking English with them. She is willing to help out with housework and is excited to meet her new host siblings.
Pietro (17) from Italy enjoys martial arts, playing cards and games, general fitness and plays both the trumpet and piano. He tells us that on Sunday mornings he often goes to church or bakes with his father and sister.

Find out more!
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family, including student profiles.

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