IMPORTANT SCHOOL DIARY DATES

Wed 5 Mar - Fri 7 Mar     Grade 5/6 Camp
Mon 10 Mar               Labour Day Public Holiday – No School
Tues 11 Mar              Pupil Free Day – No School for Students
Wed 12 Mar               Grade 3/4 Excursion to Old Treasury Building
Thur 13 Mar              Clean-up at school in preparation for Fete (3.30-6.30pm)
Sat 15 Mar               Northcote Primary School Annual Fete 12.00 – 5.00pm
Wed 19 Mar               National Ride to School Day
Wed 19 - Fri 21 Mar      Grade 3/4 Camp
Mon 31 Mar               Whole School Athletics Carnival
Thur 3 Apr               Whole School Athletics Carnival – Backup Date
Fri 4 Apr                Last Day of Term 1 – 2.30 pm finish

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

00B – Nell E
00L – Tauwhitu T
00N – Andreas M
12D – Neko F
12J – Esca L
12S – Jack S
12T – Claire L
34A – Tom K
34D – Cassie S
34K – Munro D
34R – Ivy P
56C – Rinchen D
56M – Lily K
56S – Hamish T
A.P – Daniel Fernandes
      Stephanie Mure
      Ruby Hedigan-Datner
Greetings from Kerrie!

Student Achievement
The wind changes for our 1/2SJ
Our young Literacy learners were involved in a great activity this week involving the book “When the Wind Changed”. (If you haven’t read it with your child yet, I highly recommend it, you will all be in for lots of fun!) The story is about a young boy who pulls a terrible face and his father warns him ... ‘watch out, when the wind changes!’’. The children shared the reading of the Big Book version with their teacher, Jennifer & Stephanie, and as part of their understanding and response to literature, used technology to take and then manipulate their photo into a ‘funny’ face. They then wrote a funny story to tell what happened to them when the wind changed!
Well done students in 1/2 J&S, great work and lots of fun too! Next week, 1/2 DNT classes will read ‘When the wind Changed’. Here are some of the students’ comments:

Makari – “I really liked it because it was pretty funny.”
Annabelle – “I think it was really good. I liked how the boy tried to push his face into shape.”
Lily – “It was really funny because the boy didn’t know that his face would stay weird when the wind changed.”
Esca – “I enjoyed writing my story because it gave us a chance to write small stories.”
Jack M – “I liked my photo because it was really weird and it looked like a part of my brain fell out!”

Good Luck to our Division Swimmers for next week!
Our school’s best wishes and good luck for 5 students going on to the Division swimming carnival on Tues 4th March at Northcote Pool. The students are Hayden N, Xara B, Matteo R, Lachlan G and Mitchell P.

School Council News
At Wednesday night’s final 2013-2014 School Council meeting, the issue of Parent Payments and, in particular, the Voluntary Levy were discussed. Invoices for these payments have been sent out this week. If you haven’t received yours, please phone or email the school so we can make sure you have yours. Payment options are explained in the covering letter, ranging from credit card, cheque and cash. (EFTPOS or BPay is not available at this stage.)

School Council wanted to encourage all parents to support the payment of the voluntary levy. To that end, we also felt it was important that all parents understand what this levy pays for. Although it’s a voluntary payment, the levy funds very important resource areas of our school. In particular, these monies go towards the provision and maintenance of our information technology equipment. We all know how important it is for our children to engage with information and communication technology. The capacity of the school to support this learning is determined by our capacity to properly resource this area. And that capacity is largely determined by this voluntary levy. The School Council hopes you will support this area of learning to the best of your ability.

School Council Election 2014-2015
We have received 3 parent nominations for the 4 parent vacancy category. This means we will not be required to hold a ballot for School Council Election and that we still have 1 parent vacancy open. As nominations have closed, if you are interested in joining the next School Council, please contact the school and your name will be forwarded to council for consideration.
The successful nominees in the parent category are:

- Ian Taylor (re-nominated, father of Stella – year 2);
- Fi Lang (mother of Dane, year 3 and Eliza, year 1); and
- Miles Callaghan (father of Liam, year 2).

I would like to congratulate our new school councillors and thank them for putting themselves forward to contribute at the School Council level. The terms of office are for these members are for 2 years. The new School Council will meet before the end of term (after the fete!!).

Big Thank you – Bike shed gate
Thank you to Fi Lang and Michael Thompson who fixed a gate latch to our bike shed gate to prevent it slamming on unsuspecting little fingers on windy days. Thank you very much both of you!

Monday Morning Assemblies – new start time: 9:10
The next assembly we have will start 10 minutes after the start bell to allow the teachers to bring the children inside to the learning areas, mark the roll and supervise the safe entry to the assembly. Please note new Monday morning start time of 9:10 – finish by 9:40am

Can’t wait for our Fete ... Read on!

Warm Regards,
Kerrie

**FETE NEWS**
**15 MARCH 12-5PM**

**WRISTBANDS NOW ON SALE!!!**

Our Fabulous Fete!!! Don’t forget to go online to order your discounted wristbands before Tuesday 11 March 2014. If you cannot order online then please use the paper form and get that into the office before Friday 7 March 2014.

We need help!!
~ Especially with set-up before the fete and clean-up after. Please put your name down for one of these if you haven’t signed up for a shift yet.

~ Have you letterboxed your street? Please take flyers from the office.

~ Donations of books clothes and toys this week and next week to the office area. No donations after Friday 7th March please.

~ Bakers, preservers, crafters—are you planning to make something for the fete?

~ Check your class email for the items to bring into the classroom—hamper and tombola donations.

Look out for the special Fete edition newsletter next week.

Any questions or suggestions? Give our marvelous Fete Organiser a call: Martin Bush (0417) 160 009
**PREPARING FOR THE FETE ...**

**Clean up/Working Bee before Fete**

**WHEN:** Thursday 13 March  
**TIME:** After school to 6.30pm

We are having a clean-up to make our school grounds spic and span before the Fete on Saturday 15 March. Volunteers are needed!! If you can help, please bring along the usual things barrows, buckets, brooms, rakes and anything else you can think of, that would be great!

Please confirm your attendance with Ross Bennie via email: bennie.ross.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

**District Swimming** by Thomas, Katie and Hayden

On the 25 February, a group of students went to the Northcote Pool to compete in district swimming. Everyone did really well in their events and had fun competing with other schools in the area.

- In the freestyle relays:
  - Imogen, Xara, Holly and Sophie had a fantastic swim, finishing 4th.
  - Tom, Munro, Marcus and Matteo came 4th with a great start and a strong finish.
  - Lachlan, Mitchell, Matteo and Hayden had a great race, ending up 2nd.
- In the medley relays:
  - Holly, Xara, Imogen and Katie came 5th with great effort put in by all the swimmers.
  - Matteo, Lachlan, Mitchell and Hayden came 3rd after a terrific swim from all of them.
- Matteo came 1st in freestyle and 3rd in breaststroke.
- Xara came 1st in freestyle and 3rd in backstroke.
- Imogen came 8th in freestyle and 4th in backstroke.
- Lachlan came 8th in freestyle.
- Thomas came 4th in freestyle and 5th in breaststroke.
- Katie came 7th in freestyle and 6th in breaststroke.
- Sophie came 5th in breaststroke.
- Hayden came 1st in butterfly and 1st in backstroke.

Best wishes and good luck to Hayden Nunn, Xara Burge and Matteo Rossi-Hunt who made it into the Division swimming carnival on Tues 4th March at Northcote Pool.

**National Ride to School Day!! – Wed 19 March**

Wednesday 19 March 2014 marks the eighth National Ride2School Day, where over 250,000 Australian students, just like yours, will ride, walk, scoot or skate to school, many for the first time.

National Ride2School Day is about celebrating active travel within the school day and encouraging those who haven’t started to give it a go. Commit to a healthier 2014 and create an active travel culture within your school community.

**Three reasons to participate:**
- Join over 250,000 other students, just like yours, across Australia.
- It’s a great way to get fit, healthy and contributes to the 60 minutes of daily recommended physical activity for students.
- Students arrive alert, more attentive and ready to learn.
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After School Pottery for girls and boys 8-13 yrs
Invent and create with clay. Grizzly gremlins, dazzling dragons, haunted houses, frogs, toads, lizards or even a footballer! **Mondays 4.00 - 5.30pm** at Thornbury Womens’ Neighbourhood House, Shaftesbury Pde, Thornbury.
More information or to book a place: 9480 0466

**St Joseph’s Catholic Parish Northcote** would like to advise that they are now running Religious Instruction Classes on Wednesday 4-5pm. If you are interested in your child attending please contact the Parish Office on 94894625 or Janice O’Rourke on 0408556862.

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**Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?**

In 2001 (over 12 years ago) the Government introduced the ‘Child Tax Offset’ and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits. **HAVE YOU MISSED OUT ON THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS?**

If your child was born between **1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004** you may be eligible to receive up to $12,500 of entitlements.

The government has now put a deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au to receive more information or call us on 9524 2744.

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**FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSION**

Have you ever thought about fostering children or young people?

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 are on

**Tuesday 1st April 2014, 7 - 8.30pm** (Glenroy area) &
**Wednesday 2nd April 6.30-8pm** (Yarraville area)

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 Tolić – Volunteer Recruitment & Support worker on 8470 9999 or email lynette.toli@anglicarevic.org.au
Become A Volunteer Host Family

Make Your Place Their Second Home

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting Australian families to experience another culture within their own homes by becoming volunteer host families. Choose a student from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands or South America and get a glimpse into the life of another culture without having to leave the comfort of your home! Our exchange students are just as excited about sharing their own culture and life experiences as they are about becoming a member of an Australian family.

Arriving in July:

Sixtine (16) from France is full of excitement about discovering a new school system, a new culture and a becoming a member of an Australian family. Sixtine has a wide range of interests, including horse-riding, reading, painting/drawing, spending time with friends, watching movies and playing boardgames.

Kalle (17) from Finland is an accomplished cellist and pianist. He enjoys school and hopes to become a lawyer. Also a keen sportsman, Kalle loves running, golf and skiing. Both of his sisters have been exchange students and Kalle can’t wait to have his own exchange experience in Australia.

+ MANY MORE

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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