## IMPORTANT SCHOOL DIARY DATES

### October

**Thurs 30 October**  Last Day for Mango Orders

### November

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<td><strong>Tues 4 November</strong></td>
<td>Melbourne Cup Day holiday</td>
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<td>Wed 5 November</td>
<td>Prep visit to Melbourne Zoo</td>
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<td>Grade 5/6 Incursion – Metro visit</td>
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<td>Fri 7 November</td>
<td>Grade 3/4 Excursion to Collingwood Children’s Farm</td>
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<td>Thurs 13 November</td>
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<td>Fri 14 November</td>
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<td>Tues 18 November</td>
<td>Cultural Performance – Street Sense</td>
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<td>Fri 21 November</td>
<td>Ready, Set, Go! Program No. 1 – Preps for 2015</td>
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<td>Tues 25 November</td>
<td>Environment Sub-Committee Meeting – 7.00 p.m.</td>
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<td>Wed 26 November</td>
<td>Whole School &amp; Grade 6 Graduation Photos</td>
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<td>Fri 28 November</td>
<td>Ready, Set, Go! Program No. 2 – Preps for 2015</td>
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<td>Last day for Prep-2 Swimming Program</td>
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### December

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<td>Mon 8 December</td>
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<td>Tues 9 December</td>
<td>Grade 6 to Year 7 Transition Day to Secondary School</td>
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<td>In-school Transition No. 1 – 12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Grade 3/4 Incursion – Zoom Cooking</td>
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<td>Wed 10 December</td>
<td>Art Walk/Concert &amp; Picnic Tea – Back Up Date</td>
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<td>Tues 16 December</td>
<td>In-school Transition No. 2 – 12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Grade 6 Graduation Night</td>
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<td>Thurs 18 December</td>
<td>Grade 5/6 MSAC Excursion</td>
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<td>Fri 19 December</td>
<td>Last day of Term 4 – 1.30 p.m. finish</td>
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Greetings ...

Student Achievement
Congratulations Finn Andrew-Fraser ....

On Monday this week, when all his classmates were huddled inside out of the pouring rain, Finn was competing at the State Athletics finals in High Jump. Finn jumped 1.3 metres to come fifth, an outstanding effort on Finn’s part, given he had only started competing in High Jump in March this year.

We are all so proud of Finn and his fantastic effort in the High Jumping competition.

Parent Forum Invite
School Council would like to invite all parents to a parent forum on Thursday evening, November 13th, 7.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. The purpose of the forum is to gather input for school council’s review of the school’s purpose statement, school values and the environmental context. This feedback will help form the framework for the development of the School Strategic Plan and is one component of a broader strategic approach to School Council Planning. The evening will be facilitated by an Educational Consultant, Susan Gilheany.

This is a compulsory part of the Education Department’s accountability framework that began this year with our school’s thorough and comprehensive School Self Evaluation. The School Self Evaluation was then reviewed by an independent Reviewer who then wrote the ‘School Review Report’. The School Review Report provides recommendations for the development of the ensuing School Strategic Plan and is focused on Student Achievement, Student Engagement, Student Wellbeing and Productivity.

The review of the Purpose, Values and Context form a vital part of the School Strategic Plan. While this part is going on, staff will be working on finalising the recommendations of the School Review Report. This combined with the community input, will go to the upcoming Education Sub Committee and staff meeting for final input and endorsement by School Council at the December 3rd meeting. Once approved, it will be sent to the Region and to the School Accountability section of the Education Department. The School Strategic Plan will then be reviewed by DEECD and become active for the next 4 year period.

This is an exciting time and we encourage you to come along as your input is highly valued as part of our school community.

If you are unable to attend and wish to have your input considered, please contact Kerrie or Karen by email by Friday 14th November.

Below are the school’s purpose, values and context that will be under review and you can make your comments directed to these:

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<th>Purpose</th>
<th>We are here to help children to become literate and numerate and prepare them for life.</th>
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<td>Stimulating curiosity and exploration as well as providing opportunities for choice, discovery and creative self-expression</td>
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<td>Welcoming students, staff, families and friends by promoting a sense of belonging and sharing in our school</td>
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<td>Respect</td>
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<td>Accepting and valuing ourselves and others and demonstrating this in our behaviour.</td>
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<td>Environmental Context</td>
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<td>Northcote Primary School is located in the inner northern suburb of Northcote. There are 279 students enrolled for 2011 and this reflects an increase in enrolments from 2010.</td>
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Northcote Primary School is a community predominantly from the local Northcote and surrounding areas who value:

- developing our children to be literate, numerate and curious, and part of a vibrant & engaged community of staff, family & friends.

Northcote Primary School also strongly values:

- educating students to lead meaningful and purposeful lives; and
- providing an environment where learning is highly valued.

The school is diverse in population, with a mix of nationalities and socio-economic backgrounds. The school has a Student Family Occupation (SFO) index of 0.25, which places the school around the 95th percentile rank. 8% of students are from families where at least one parent speaks a language other than English at home and 22% of families are entitled to receive the Education Maintenance Allowance.

Northcote Primary School was first established in 1874 and retains the original Victorian and later Edwardian brick buildings. The grounds master-plan has seen key areas upgraded, including three sports turf surfaces, a kitchen garden and the mud-brick play space.

The school has completed the final stage of a major building program converting traditional classrooms into more flexible, learning spaces. The pedagogical focus is to provide an inclusive teaching and learning program, with teachers working closely together to best meet the needs of all students. Classrooms are equipped with computers at a ratio of 1:5, there is a dedicated computer lab, and electronic whiteboards are being introduced across all levels of the school.

The school is participating in the Northern Metropolitan Region Achievement Improvement Zone project to support improvement in teaching practice through the use of data driven approaches and focus on current research and best practice. The main improvement focus is on numeracy and literacy, with all teachers implementing a consistent approach across the school. Implementation of the Ultranet and the E5 Instructional model are also underway.

Staffing comprises experienced, accomplished and graduate teachers, two teacher aides and two administrative support staff.

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**Pupil Free Day on Monday 3rd November**

A final reminder that children **are not required at school on Monday**. **All staff will be involved in professional learning activities, including the office staff. The school will not be able to be accessed on this day.**

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**Warm Regards,**

**Kerrie**
Volunteers in School
We are grateful to have so many parents volunteering to support our students at school and on excursions and camps. Currently we require parents to register as a school volunteer by reading and completing the volunteer form available from the office. This allows parents to assist teaching staff in classrooms. If you wish to assist with supervision of students on excursions, including camps, or incursions, you must obtain a Working with Children Check. This is an online process through this site:

http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/about+the+check/

Once you have received your card you then need to present this at the school office, where we will take a copy and add you to our Volunteer Register.

There have been some recent changes to the Working with Children Act 2005 which affect the way organisations such as schools determine a person’s suitability to work with children and to create safe environments for children. We are currently awaiting advice from the DEECD regarding this.

In the meantime, I encourage parents to obtain a Working with Children Check well in advance of any upcoming school activities so that you can assist on the day.

Karen Rush
Assistant Principal

Library Help
Our lovely Librarian Susi has broken her wrist (no she wasn't doing her trapeze act) and requires assistance from parents/guardians with the re-shelving of books. The instructions are located on the end of each shelving section however if you are unsure, please call in and see her. Susi is in the Library on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Mangos
Don’t forget to put your mango orders in by the end of today. If you are having trouble logging on here is the link:

The camp instructors were very good and taught me lots of stuff like bush cooking and how to use the flying fox. Liam
The cabins were cool, the activities were fantastic and the food was awesome, especially the burgers. Finbar
The best part of camp was probably the giant swing. I went right up to the top, it was fun. Kai
When I was doing the giant swing it felt like I was free falling. It was awesome. Austin
I enjoyed our camp, it was awesome. I did lots of fun activities. Mikayla
I loved camp and my favourite activity was the giant swing. It went up to the top of the pole. Ava
I liked camp because I had fun on the flying fox and giant swing. Claire
I think camp was awesome because I went on the flying fox. Isaac
You did really fun activities on camp like the flying fox and giant swing. Tas
It was really nice to have a few days away from your mum and dad. Quinn
Camp was really exciting and fun. I liked the giant swing the best. Lucas
The camp was outstanding because I went to the top of the giant swing. Annabelle
I liked camp because it was my first time going on the giant swing. Jorja
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For Sale: Travelhome  Year: 1990
25ft onsite caravan Location Coldfield Caravan Park Wonthaggi Vic 3995.
Check on Gumtree for photos and price. Any questions call Avis on 0417 392 526

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, flexibility and core stability to enhance general wellbeing.

New timetable starting Wednesday 22/10/14

WEDNESDAY 6.15 - 7.15 am - Spring into Summer Stretch, Strengthen and Condition
THURSDAY 9.30 - 10.15 am - Fit Express**
THURSDAY 10.30 - 11.15 am - Post Natal Pilates
(Booking required on 0402916128 or at justbelievefit@gmail.com)
FRIDAY 9.15 - 10.15 am - Stretch, Strengthen and Condition using Balls and Bands
Cost: $15 per class **$10 fit express
Introductory prices valid until 31/12/14

NEW TO JUST BELIEVE FIT
Pre-Natal Pilates classes
(smaller group classes by appointment)

Using balls, bands and mats, Pre-Natal Pilates classes help prepare the body to give birth using techniques specifically designed for pregnancy. There is a strong focus on breath, pelvic floor stretching and toning, maintenance of body strength and flexibility and creating support for changing postural alignment.

Post-Natal Pilates

Using similar techniques, Post-Natal Pilates classes are designed to support mothers to return safely and confidently to exercise once they have had medical clearance. These classes have greater emphasis on regaining overall body strength and tone, realigning posture and re-conditioning the core. The atmosphere is relaxed and the class open to mothers with children of any age who is returning to exercise.
Young babies are also welcome.

Marisa Lawlor is a dance trained Pilates and Fitness Instructor and Pre and Post Natal Pilates Specialist with extensive experience working with different clientele.

These classes, other than Pre Natal Pilates, are recommended for people who are healthy, able bodied and not pregnant. It is always advisable to seek your doctor's clearance before undertaking a new exercise program.

Enquiries 0402916128 or at justbelievefit@gmail.com
justbelievefit.com.au
facebook.com/justbelievefit
Brunswick School Of Dance
50 Gadd St, Northcote , 3070
Parkside Junior Football Club – Have you ever thought about playing Girls ONLY football in 2015. The PJFC invites you to join us and let us know if you want to. Play U12, U15 or U18 all girls footy. No experience necessary. All girls aged 10-17 (on 01/01/15) welcome. To establish new teams, it is ESSENTIAL to contact Terry from the club by 11th November. Mobile 0414 848 179. Website: www.pjfc.com.au

Variety Santa Fun Run - early bird closes tomorrow!
Be a claus for a cause and bring your paws!
Run, walk or roll around Albert Park Lake in Melbourne’s most festive fun walk/run.
The Variety Santa Fun Run is a family-friendly, pet-friendly event for all ages and abilities. Get into the Christmas spirit and raise funds for children in need.
With a 2km walk, 5km walk/run or 10km run we have something for everyone.
There are great Christmas PRIZES and GIVEAWAYS for everyone including best dressed pet, teams and family prizes and for the first individuals across the line.
Date: Sunday, 30 November 2014
Venue: The Palms, Albert Park Lake
The times for the day are:
7.30am - Event Registration Opens
8.45am - Warm up for the 10km
9.00am - Start of 10km run
9.30am - Warm up for the 2km and 5km walk/run
9.45am - Start of 5km walk/run
9.55am - Start of 2km walk
Registration opens at 7.30am. Please arrive 45 minutes before your event so you can pick up your free official Variety Santa suit.
Price: Earlybird closes midnight Friday - $40 Adults - $20 Kids includes a Santa Suit!
Lots of fun for families, mates and work colleagues!
To find out more or to sign up please visit the Variety Santa Fun Run website

PRESTON BULLANTS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

**** Seeking Female Players for Season 2015 ****

Preston Bullants JFC (play in the Yarra Junior Football League) is seeking expressions of interest from players for a Girls Under 12 & Girls Under 14 teams for Season 2015. (Must be aged 11 to 13 years of age by January 1, 2015)

If you are interested in playing in a Girls Under 12 or Under 14 Team in 2015 please email your details to pbjfadmin@optusnet.com.au

If you have any questions please contact our Club President
Dean Hayes on 0414 471 037

www.prestonbullantsjfc.com.au