### Pupil of the Week

(Assembly item by Grade Prep)

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Congratulations to last week’s recipients of the Pupil of The Week in 1/2DNT, **Phoebe and Isabella**, whose names didn’t quite make it to the office on time for printing. (We are SO sorry girls!) Tracy, Niki and Dora
State Schools Spectacular
Twenty students from years 3 – 6 have been rehearsing for their two big performances to be held at Hisense Arena on Saturday 13th September. There will be over 3000 performers participating in this event … now that’s spectacular!! We hear the sounds of beautiful singing, hands-a-clapping and dance steps a-stomping, coming from the Art room whilst Lisa Engelander (Visual/Performing arts teacher) helps the children practice their songs and choreography for the event. Tickets are available online at Ticketek.

A quote from one of our performers:

Junaid: Rehearsals have been going well. We have rehearsed at the Melbourne Town Hall with other schools and the soloists. It was a great experience and sometimes funny. People would watch the soloists instead of the conductor and miss all the cues. I’ve been on a stage before, but I’m still feeling nervous because there will be hundreds of people watching and it’s live on TV!

District Athletics
The District Athletics is coming up (Friday September 12th). We have a squad of 45 enthusiastic students in years 3 -6, who are training hard and preparing for their individual events. The students have been out in the yard (almost every lunchtime) practising and improving their skills. We’d like to acknowledge their commitment and the work that Krissy King (PE teacher) is putting in, to ensure that the students are prepared physically and mentally. Good luck to all!

A quote from one of our athletes:

Lily Kennedy (age group 12/13 girls- triple jump, 800m, circular relay): ‘I’m looking forward to being part of the district athletics and going with my friends. Training is hard work but fun as well. I think I’ll be ready to do my best on the day’.

Community Contribution
We have had some junior school students showing some early signs of using their initiative and leadership in the school.

Nine grade prep students have voluntarily taken up the role of helping to keep our school grounds clean during their recess or lunch breaks. They have spent some time working together and picking up any litter they may come across. Thank you to Vanessa, Georgia, Vicky, Ella, Amelie, Elsie, Melina, Kasper and Tauwhitu. A great sense of community and care for our school.

A reminder to all parents and children: It has come to our attention that some children are not handing their phones in to the office. As per our previous procedure, phones are to be handed in to the office when they arrive at school and collected at the end of the day. Phones are not to be kept in their bags/classrooms or taken outside during play. Please make sure you remind your child to leave their phones at the office in the mornings and to collect them after school.

Enjoy your week – hopefully there’ll be some more sunshine and warm days ahead!

Signing off from Kerrie’s chair,

Niki Skoullos
School Council News

School council met last night and despite a number of apologies had a focussed and productive discussion. Some important decisions were taken and some key strategic issues addressed. We acknowledged with thanks the generous contribution of the group who organised and ran the fabulously successful and enjoyable Trivia Night - Emily Nance and Annabel Thorpe for all the organising, the Brains Trust Chris Harris, Marina Henley, Henk Ritman and Vanessa Walker and MC, Heidi McDermott.

The next curriculum day for the year was ratified. It will be Monday 3rd November (the day before Melbourne Cup Day). Traditionally, lots of students and their families are away on this day (we will be) so the disruption to the school program is minimised. Staff will spend the day discussing the new strategic plan and moderating student work samples both in and across teams in readiness for assessing students for end of year reports.

School council approved the plan for the Grade 1/2 camp in late October at Mt Evelyn. It sounds like it will be a lot of fun and I know the children are very excited about their great big ‘sleepover’.

We also approved the allocation of 2014 parent raised funds to a number of important projects. The projects have come from the school community and been discussed at a number of sub-committees. The major activities funded or awaiting completion include, enhancements to the admin building staff facilities to support professional development and team teaching practices, upgrading sinks and air conditioning in the art room, improvements to the sick bay as well as play equipment, storage and other improvements in the hall. An annual allocation was also made to school gardens to allow the Environment Sub-committee to plan for working bees and improvements.

The capacity of school council to make an invaluable contribution to school improvement is based on the size and sophistication of the contribution by the school community. If you’re not already actively involved in a sub-committee or working party, why not?

Ian Taylor
School Council President

Parent Register

Thank you to all of those who have signed up for the parent register so far – we have had 42 responses, so that is a great start! There are some fantastic skills and talents out there in our community.

We will analyse these initial results next week so that we have the information available to staff for Term 4. If you (or another family member) would like to register, but haven’t yet, please enter your details before the end of the weekend (7/9/14) by clicking on the link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NPSSkillsRegister

In answer to some of the questions and comments about the parent register:

- If you are unsure of what the register involves, you can open the link and scroll through to have a look without responding. If it doesn’t look like something you would like to be part of, just log out again.

- You don’t have to answer all of the questions if you don’t want to, so long as you provide enough information to let us know how you would like to be involved and how to contact you.

- Although it is called the “Parent Register”, it is also open to other important people in NPS students’ lives such as grandparents or carers who would like to be involved. We might need to change the name!

- The aim is to have the link on the NPS website in the near future so you can register or update at any time. We will put a notice in the newsletter when this is available.

- If you do enter your details and then find that you aren’t available, you can contact Claire Sherwell (who is the staff member co-ordinating the register) to have your details removed.
5 Cent Drive
Congratulations Northcote Primary School. We have donated $451.00 towards our Junior School Council five-cent Drive. That is a whopping 9020 five-cent pieces! Don't forget to bring in your spare five-cents as the five-cent drive will still be going until the end of term three.

The Junior School Council decided to spend the money on sports equipment for each class to use during recess and lunch times. We are so happy with what we have raised from all the students from the school.

We would like to thank everyone for bringing in hundreds of dollars for the five-cent drive.

By Adam and Harry (Grade 3, Junior School Councillors)

Footy Day Comes to NPS!!
That’s right footy fans, on Monday 15th September Northcote Primary School is hosting a football dress-up day! You will get to dress-up as your favourite football player or any player from a rugby or soccer team. If you don’t want to dress up as someone in particular then you can just wear your favourite football team’s colours.

On the day, the Grade 5/6s from NPS will be hosting lots of footy related activities including handballing drills, passing drills and participating in team-work activities. These activities will be offered to every class over the day.

Start thinking about what you want to wear early in advance and have it ready on Monday morning so there is no last minute rush to make a costume!

Again, the date of the Footy Day will be Monday 15th September. Please remember to get your costumes ready early and I hope to see you on the wonderful day!

By Alec and Matthew (Grade 6, Junior School Councillors)

Lost Property
Missing a jacket, t-shirt, hoody, scarf, beanie, lunch box or drink bottle? Please take the time to check the very colourful collection of LOST PROPERTY located at the hall entrance.

We check for names on items during the term and return these to the owners, but many items do not have names. LOST PROPERTY will be put on display this week in the breeze way and then on the last day of term. Items not collected will be donated to charity.

Community News
House sitting - We will be looking for a house to sit or rent while ours is renovated. Family of four plus one dog, from March - August 2015. If you are going away and want a responsible family to care for you house and garden then please call Carrie on 0427 095 593.
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Take Home A Big Brother Or Big Sister
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan and USA will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Grade 4 & 5
Girls’ Night Out @ THS
This evening is an opportunity to hear first hand from a panel of current Year 7 and Senior Girls about their experiences at Thornbury High. Your daughter will be asked to participate in a variety of activities which showcase some of our innovative and exciting curriculum options. What better way to make a decision about your daughter’s secondary education than by meeting and chatting with the girls who experience it every day.

Thursday 11th September 7pm-8.30pm
The Library
Thornbury High School
238 Collins Street, Thornbury 3071
RSVP: 9480 4066

Bright Sparks Creative Workshops
Holiday Program - September 2014

Bright Sparks is a creative arts program designed to help children learn about themselves and develop a sense of inner strength, promoting confidence, resilience and general wellbeing. Sessions are run by an Art Therapist and cater to small groups of children from Prep to Grade 3.

10.30am - 2.30pm September 23, 24 & 25
$160 / $140 for a 3 day course or $60 per session
Jika Jika Community Centre - Corner of Union and Plant Streets, Northcote

Bookings for the Holiday Program are essential by Friday, September 19.
Contact Naomi on 0421 914 220 or email: naomi@brightsparks.id.au

Bubbledome school holiday brochures are available outside the office.
**Olympic Leisure Centre**

**Learn to Swim Intensives**
Preschool and school age groups

5 day intensive
Monday 22nd Sept – Friday 26th Sept
Monday 29th Sept – Friday 3rd Oct

Cost $67.50
Concession $60

Includes pool entry

Reservations essential on 9490 7111

**Melba Spiegel Tent at Circus Oz**

Rootsy, swingy, harmonious, rowdy, mellow, jazzy, funny and extremely groovy music for humans of all ages!

**ALL DAY FRITZ**

**Friday 3rd Oct**
**Saturday 4th Oct**
3.30 – 4.30

Saturday we launch our CD “BIG GOOSE” with fabulous special guests and prizes.

Tickets $15.00 from melbournefringo.com.au or at the door.

**SealPony Soccer**

SealPony Soccer is a developmental & participation program that introduces boys and girls aged between 5-10 to the game of football (soccer). It focuses on teaching the basic skills.

- Fun games & activities
- Great giveaways

For more information call Joe (0415-388-028)

E-mail: jyamen@optusnet.com.au

**WEST IVANHOE SPORTING CLUB**

**Saturday September 6th**

**Family Festival**

12pm – 5pm

Seddon Reserve, Green St, Ivanhoe

**Kids Activities and Rides**
Football, Netball and Cricket Clinics
Food, Face Painting
Sports Stars
Music and Entertainment
Market Stall
Silent Raffles and more

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