IMPORTANT SCHOOL DIARY DATES

Fri 10 Oct  Prep-2 Swimming each Fri to 28 Nov
Wed 15 October  Prep Incursion – Bush Babies
Thurs 16 October  O for Orangutan Dress Up Day (see page 4)
Mon 20–21 Oct  Grade 1/2 J&S Camp
Tues 21 -22 Oct  Grade 1/2 DNT Camp
Fri 24 October  Grades 3/4 Incursion – Project Rocket
Mon 27 October  Education Sub-Committee Meeting – 7.00 p.m.
Tues 28 October  Environment Sub-Committee Meeting – 7.00 p.m.
Mon 3 Nov  Pupil Free Day – No School for Children
Tues 4 Nov  Melbourne Cup Day holiday
Fri 19 December  Last day of Term 4

Pupil of the Week

(Assembly item by Grades 3/4K & R)

00A  -  Liana C
00N  -  Dean K & Andreas M
00L  -  Bianca S
34A  -  Elena K
34D  -  Daniel N
34K  -  Otteo P-C
34R  -  Skadi H
56C  -  Magnus McP
56M  -  Lachlan G
56S  -  Flynn M-V

Due to the 1/2’s attending an excursion and camp over the next two Mondays, their Pupil of the Week selections will begin in Week 3 for presentation at assembly in Week 4. Thanks
Greetings from the Principal...

Welcome back everyone!
It’s great to see all our students return, refreshed and ready to go for our final term for 2014. The staff and I have commented on the growth of some of the children just over the holiday period or is it spring in the air?

Term 4 signals an important time of the year for all students with a focus on final learning outcomes and finishing off the year with preparation for the coming year.

For our year 6’s, it is an especially important time as they finish off their last term at primary school in readiness to make the transition to secondary school. We know that our year 6 students are well prepared and will feel confident for the challenges that lie ahead. We would like to wish all our students the best for finishing off a fantastic term 4 and end of year.

Student Achievement

Congratulations to our Divisional Athletics team! Please read Krissy’s (PE teacher) report.

Congratulations to these children for competing and achieving the results at this higher level competition. We are very proud of all the children who participated, for making it this far to the Zone levels. Well done. We are also very excited and proud of our next group who will represent our school at Regional level next week. We wish them all the best.

Monday Assemblies

We love the support we receive from parents who come along to our Monday morning assemblies. However, we have been experiencing a bit of a tight fit in the Hall at Monday morning assemblies this year, due to our increase in enrolments. The children have had to ‘squish’ in as best as possible. We are getting rid of the old brown flip back seating as many of the seats have been damaged and look shabby. Unfortunately, this will reduce the number of seats available for parents to sit on during assembly. The blue flip seats will remain and be available for parent seating and there will be some space made available for parents to stand and watch the assemblies.

Sun and UV Protection - No hat, No Play!

Our school policy is during Term 1 and Term 4, children must wear a hat.

With summer approaching, schools encourage healthy environments by monitoring ultraviolet (UV) alerts. UV radiation varies in intensity across the year and normally is highest during schools hours. Schools use a combination of sun protection measures when UV index levels are 3 or higher and allow sun exposure when UV levels are below 3.

The SunSmart UV Alert app is a useful tool that can be used to know when to protect against UV radiation and when sun protection is needed. The free app is available at: www.sunsmart.com.au/tool/interactive-tools/free-sunsmart-app

Hats must provide adequate protection/shade for the face and back of the neck. We would also encourage protection for the eyes on sunny days (sunglasses), and sunscreen for the skin. It would be great if all of these protective items were clearly marked with children’s names. Remember, NO HAT, NO PLAY in the sun, children will be directed to play in the shade only.

Please support your child to have adequate sun protection at school. Hats are available from the school office for $8.50. It is best to bring your child with you when purchasing a hat.

2015 Student enrolments

The staff and I are now determining our final student numbers for 2015 so that we can plan ahead for the number of classes we will need, the number of teachers and the resources to support the learning programs for that number of students.
Leaving the school?
If you are leaving the school, please email the school, drop a note in, drop by the office or phone, and let us know as soon as possible.

Wanting to enrol?
If you know a family who want to enrol, encourage them to contact our school, as a matter of priority.

Returning to our school?
There are a number of families who may be returning to our school after a period interstate or overseas. Please make sure the school is aware of your plans to return by contacting the school to confirm your enrolment request, in writing, again, as soon as possible.

School Banking – Dollarmites Program
Starting in the new school year for 2015 we would like to introduce a School Banking Program which the Commonwealth Bank provides to all Schools. It is a great way to fund raise for NPS but also a great way to teach our children to identify Money, Numeracy and most importantly Financial literacy.

This School Banking Program is usually run by Volunteer Parents, which can take anything between 1 to 1 ½ hours per week to process (depending on the volume of students who participate in the program).

CBA will be provide all training and support for the Volunteer Parents and School. Initially, the Training will take a little longer than the usual time but as the Coordinators get familiar with the program and get into a routine, it will become quicker to process. Our School Banking Data Base Program which the Volunteer Parent will be using to process the deposit, is very user friendly. The Commonwealth Bank also Supplies all the School Banking Materials, free of charge to the School.

Warm Regards,
Kerrie

Divisional Athletics Squad
Wow this day came upon us very quickly. I was able to organise to get a squad of 11 students to attend the day at Meadowglen Athletics track on Tuesday 7th October. The students did an amazing job as they supported one another and did their best in their event. If the students finished either 1st or 2nd they progress to the next stage which is the REGIONAL athletics day. This will be held on 15th October again at Meadowglen Athletics track.

Here is a list of our results.

★ Audrey Kennedy, Xara Burge, Holly Larkin and Ivy Pupillo – 1st in the 4 x 100 m 9/10 relay.
★ Audrey Kennedy – 2nd in the 200m.
★ Noah Appelman – 2nd in the 800m and 4th in the 1500m.
★ Erin Gallaher – 4th in discus
★ Finn Andrew Frazer – 2nd in the high jump
★ Heidi Gardam – 2nd in 80 m hurdles and 4th in the high jump
★ Rinchen Dorjee – 4th in shot put
★ Hannah Appleman – 2nd in longjump
★ Everett O’Donnell – 1st in 80m Hurdles

A HUGE thank you to the wonderful parents who provided support by getting the students to the track and staying to support their child and the others in the squad.
I am one very proud PE teacher!
Krissy King.
Dear Parents
The following information regarding the Education Maintenance Allowance has been provided to me by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.
Yours sincerely
School Council President
Ian Taylor

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance
From 1 January 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools instead of providing the Education Maintenance Allowance directly to parents.

Parents will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015. The money will be allocated to eligible schools through schools’ core operational funding mechanism, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015.

This change to how the money is distributed was required by the funding agreement with the Commonwealth government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding that will benefit all students and, in particular, those from schools with concentrated disadvantage.

The majority of parents who received the EMA payment already elected to provide the money directly to their school.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, you can speak to your principal about how you can access assistance from the State Schools’ Relief Committee for clothing and uniforms.

The end of the EMA direct payments to parents will not affect any other payment you may be receiving such as the Schoolkids Bonus, which is provided directly to eligible parents to assist with education costs.

If you have any questions about this change, please speak to your school principal.

A QUICK NOTE FROM THE ART ROOM
This term all students in prep-2 are going to be doing some construction and we need lots of plastic bottles (particularly 1.25 and 1.5 litre drink bottles), margarine and butter containers and any other small plastic tubs. Can you all start collecting as many as you can and send them along to school as soon as possible? The more the merrier!

Cheers, Lisa

O Day
O day is coming up on Thursday 16th October.
On O day, you can dress up as anything that begins with the letter O. We are raising money that will help support the Orangutans of Borneo.
Please bring a gold coin donation on the day. The money will go to Orangutan Foundation International (OFI) which is an organisation that helps save the highly endangered orangutans. OFI stops their rainforest homes from being destroyed and helps to stop them from dying.

Some things that you can dress up as:

Officer, Olive, Omelet, Onion, Otter, Outlaw, Owl, Oyster, Oar, Octopus, Operator, Ostrich, Ozark (big-eared bat), Octonaut, an orange ... even an orangutan!

Or anything else you can come up with! You can even just wear something orange or orange clothing.
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Rossmoyne Rummage
Come to Rossmoyne Street Third annual garage sale
Sunday 12 October 2014 – from 10am to 3pm
Residents along the length of Rossmoyne Street will be setting up stalls on their front yards and selling household goods, used clothing, home-grown/made produce and craft items.
Also running alongside the rummage is the Scarecrow competition with winners announced on the day at 145 Rossmoyne Street at 1.00pm

Bike Confidence Training for Parents – Flyers available outside the school office or www.darebin.vic.gov.au/traveltoschool

Australian Girls’ Choir – Melbourne Open Day – Sunday 26 October. Flyers available outside the school office or aspagroup.com.au

In July our exchange student, Toon, joined our family. And when I say joined he literally did that. He has become my teenage son. Our experience as a family has been amazing and unforgettable.

Toon is leaving this week and I feel like my son is grown up and leaving home. There is nothing negative that I can say about our time with Toon. Toon has been through all sorts of things with our family. Through good times, like the birth of our new daughter, and not so good times (but nothing bad).

I would like to say my respects to Toon’s parents. They have done a wonderful job raising such a courteous, well mannered, well balanced son. We have so many fantastic stories from this exchange experience. We have enjoyed it so much that we are hosting again next July. We will have a friend for life and will never forget Toon.

Thank you WEP for the chance to meet Toon. It wouldn’t have been possible without the WEP team. Only a quick few words to show my appreciation in meeting Toon and to WEP.

Request student profiles now to find out more!
www.wep.org.au  1300 884 733  info@wep.org.au
Positive Parenting Seminars

**WHEN:** Tuesday 21 October, 6pm to 7pm (Drinks and nibbles to follow)

**WHERE:** Clifton Hill Primary School, 185 Gold St Clifton Hill.

**RSVP:** Seminar attendance is free but please RSVP for catering purposes – Elisa.e.turco@fgd.com.au

Topics to be covered:
- Preparing children for future challenges
- Moving from dependence to independence
- Parental modelling
- Preparing for and dealing with adolescent issues

This 45 minute seminar will be presented by Dr Gemma Russell a Clinical Psychologist from Clever Minds Psychology who specialises in child and adolescent development and mental health. The seminar will be followed by a 15 minute Q & A session. Parents and carers are invited to stay for drinks and nibbles to take the opportunity to meet other parents, and speak with our presenter, Dr Gemma Russell, or our mediation and collaborative law experts from Farrar Gesini Dunn. www.clevermindspsychology.com.au  www.fgd.com.au

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or call 9484 6961 for availability

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**FREE Hands-On Training Sessions for Parents of Kindergarten or Primary School Students**

**SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER**

Preston West Primary School
9.30am - 10am & 10.30am - 11.30am

**SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER**

Melton Primary School
9.30am - 12pm & 1.00pm - 2.30pm

**SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER**

Melton Primary School
9.30am - 12pm & 1.00pm - 2.30pm

**Working in small groups, an accredited trainer will cover issues such as:**

- Who rides in front?
- Crossing roads and driveways
- Road and footpath rules
- Transition from footpath to road

**BOOKINGS**

stephanie.preston@daleambie.vic.gov.au
or 8470 8506

Note: You will need to bring your own bike along.