IMPORTANT SCHOOL DIARY DATES

Mon 10th February          Kelly Sports Starts
Mon 10th February          School Picnic Tea from 6.00 p.m. (see below)
Wed 12th February          School Information Session Notes due back today
Mon 17th February          Grades 3/4 Information Session – 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.
Tues 18th February         Grades 5/6 & PE Information Session – 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.
Wed 19th February          Grades 1/2 Information Session – 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.
Thurs 20th February        Prep Information Session – 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.
Thurs 27th February        Last Day for Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) Forms
Wed 5th Mar-Fri 7th Mar    Grade 5/6 Camp
Monday 10th March          Labour Day Public Holiday – No School
Tuesday 11th March         Pupil Free Day – No School for Students
Saturday 15th March       Northcote Primary School Annual Fete
Wed 19th-Fri 21st Mar      Grade 3/4 Camp
Mon 31st March             Whole School Athletics Carnival
Thurs 3rd April            Whole School Athletics Carnival – Backup Date
Friday 4th April           Last Day of Term 1 – 2.30 p.m. 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
Greetings from Kerrie!
Welcome back to 2014!
It is with great pleasure that I welcome all our children, families and staff, back to the 2014 school year. I hope you all had a relaxing break over the holiday period and like me, are looking forward to our 2014 school year.

Welcome to New Students and Families
I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to our new students and their families: George, Max and Intissar all in Year 6; Alexander (‘ander), Belissa, and Monkhed in year 5; Chloe, Anna and Besinda in year 4; and Neko in year 2;

Welcome back to our returning students and families
Menzies, Katie and Jakayla in year 6; Lexie in year 4; and Daniel and Francis in Year 3.

Welcome to our New Staff
This year we have 4 new staff working at our school. Paul Allen is teaching the Arts program during Term 1, replacing Lisa on Long Service Leave, whilst she enjoys a well deserved break. Julia Busuttil is teaching Languages – Italian every Tuesday, to the 1/2s with Rosa and all Prep classes. Brooke Apollonio and Susan Dall’Osto are teacher assistants and are both supporting the students in the Prep area.

I congratulate all the new students, families and staff, for settling in so well and already becoming part of the Northcote Primary School Community.

It has been lovely to visit each learning area over the last week and see how everyone is settling in and I must say, it has been a very smooth start to the school year. This is not happenstance but the result of much planning, discussing and organising and I’d like to thank all staff (teachers; administration staff; support staff; out of hours staff; maintenance and cleaning staff) for the work they have put in to ensuring the smooth transition from 2013 to 2014, Well done all of you!

Our new 2014 Preps and families
We have 54, brand new Preppies, beginning school for the very first time, last Thursday. It is a significant and exciting time for these students. As families you will see so many changes as your child grows in age, size and maturity and develops their interests over the school years. We support them as they develop into emerging and independent thinkers with curious minds and keen and successful learners.

We are very proud of the way they have settled into school helped along by their experiences from Kinder, their participation in the school’s comprehensive Ready, Set, Go Program, their dedicated older buddies from grade 6, their very proud and supportive families, and our excellent Prep teachers, Linda, Brooke and Natasha. Welcome to our school both 2014 Preps and new families.

We look forward to partnering with you and your child to ensure they positively contribute to their own learning and fulfil their potential.

Congratulations on becoming part of the wonderful Northcote Primary School Community!

Year 6 Buddies
The Year 6 Buddies have been so good at their role as big buddy to the new Preps. They have lived up to our expectations of them as leaders in the school. They were all so very excited (and a little nervous) about the Preps first day of real school and they eagerly met their new little buddies formally just before recess, and shared morning tea together and got to know each other. The big Buddies have given the new Preps the opportunity to explore the school environment at recess and lunchtime whilst feeling safe and supported.

Whilst on yard duty, I have seen the Big Buddies playing with their little buddies on the equipment; showing them the playground toilets and taps and delivering them to line up when the bell goes. Thanks Buddies, you are all doing a great job and are very good role models and leaders for other students in our school too.
School Council Projects completed over the holidays!
Two significant projects were completed after School Council approval last year.

1. Installation of new turf on the Henry street side of the school. This has added significant ‘soft surface’ play space for all children, particularly for those groups who love doing gymnastics or sitting around together and had to compete with the enthusiastic cricketers, soccer or football players.

2. Installation of 3 x air conditioning units in the year 1/2 double classroom in the main building. Both the children and teachers are breathing huge sighs of relief as they come into their much cooler learning area after being outside in the heat. It has made such a difference to their comfort levels and ability to stay focused on their teaching and learning programs.

These projects were funded by parent fundraising from previous year.

Coping with Hot weather at school
On days of high temperatures, we run a ‘Hot weather Program’ during lunchtime (generally called if temperatures exceed 33 degrees between 1.30 – 2.30). We give students the choice of either being outside in the shaded areas only, or inside in the cooler classrooms. Students are supervised by teachers whichever choice they make. If children are outside, they must wear a hat and are encouraged to hydrate regularly.

Commemorating the National Apology to Australia’s Indigenous Peoples
Thursday 13 February 2014 marks the sixth anniversary of the National Apology to the Indigenous peoples of Australia given in the Australian Parliament on 13 February 2008.

The National Apology is a significant event in Australia’s history and is included in the content of the AusVELS History curriculum.

Children in the middle and senior school will discuss this anniversary and its significance.

Coming important school events …. 

‘Q & A’ / Information sessions for Parents / Carers for all year levels in 2 weeks
The feedback we received from the information / Q&A (Question and Answer) afternoon sessions for parents, held this time last year, was overwhelmingly positive, so we are running with this style again except at a later time slot.

Teaching Teams from each year/home group levels will present an overview about curriculum content and how it will be presented in your child’s learning area. In order for parents / carers to attend all siblings information afternoons, we will run the sessions throughout the week as below. Sessions will be held in each of the learning areas and will be for an adult audience, so parents will need to organise childcare for their children.

The sessions will be held from 5.30 – 6.30pm sharp. Refer to important dates section of the newsletter for your child’s session.

Notices will go out very soon and will ask you if you are able to attend and also to ask you to provide information to the teachers about your child. We will also ask you to let us know of any questions that you may have already so that we can customise the information to your collective needs where possible.

I look forward to seeing you at one of the sessions.

Our 2014 Fete is coming!!! 
And finally ... in case you may not know .... Our fete is coming!!
Please read the fete news in the newsletter and if you haven’t yet put yourself down for something ... you can do so on the night of the Picnic Tea! I look forward to your contribution to our community day on the fete day.

Come and join in, you won’t regret it.
School Council Elections
School Council elections are now scheduled to be held early in Term 1. The important key dates for nominations and elections are listed in the Newsletter – stay posted.

Information regarding school council roles and responsibilities are available from the school. Our Sub-committees will be meeting in the next couple of weeks. Families are welcome to be part of these committees – School Environment; Education; Community and the Northcote Out of School Hours Care (NOOSHC). See key dates for times etc.

School Council Elections (Information for parents is available on the website)
The process of the elections remains unchanged from previous years and like the most government school we will work to the following timeline.

There are 4 parent and 2 DEECD positions available.

Monday 17th February: Call for nominations (forms available from the office)
Monday 24th February: Nominations close 4 pm
Wednesday 26th February: Display a list of candidates, nominators and seconder outside School Office
Monday 3rd March: Distribution of ballot papers to each family (by mail if necessary)
Wednesday 12th March: Close of ballot at 4:00 pm.
Thursday 13th March: Counting of votes and declaration of the poll
Monday 17th March: From this date the new council is able to meet

Wednesday 26th March, Annual General Meeting at 6.30, Council 7.00pm (members attend both)
If you are interested in being a member of School Council, please read further details in next week’s newsletter.

Vale Annie Pentelow, past parent
Last week, we were saddened to hear that one of our past parents had passed away on January 25th after a long illness. The parent was Annie Pentelow who had 2 boys attend our school, Jackson and Ryan (now 18 and 19 respectively). Annie did an enormous amount of volunteer work for NPS in her time at the school, running fundraising events and co-ordinating the school fete for several years. Annie was a civil engineer, a rare thing for a female to work in that domain, and she often used her expertise to agitate at the local Darebin Council level for us.

On behalf of the school community, I put the tribute notice in the paper. Our condolences to her husband, Charlie and sons, Ryan and Jackson, both lovely boys.

Warm Regards,
Kerrie

Community Sub-Committee
Your school council has a sub-committee focussed on strengthening links across the school community. Our next meeting will discuss budget priorities, major events, fundraising and parent engagement. A full and fabulous agenda! Meetings are open to all members of the school community.

Date: Wednesday 12th February, 2014
Time: 7.30pm to 9.00pm
Venue: 32 Beaconsfield Parade, Northcote

If you are interested in joining the Sub-committee or in helping out with some community building activities, please contact the convenor- Ian Taylor, 0400 662 538
NPS 2014
Welcome Picnic

Come along to the first big NPS social event to celebrate what has been a great start to the 2014 school year!

Date: Next Monday, 10th February
Time: 6.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.
Bring: The whole family, picnic food and drink, rug or chairs to sit on
Where: On the turf on the Henry St side of the school (nearest the NOOSHC house)

Entry will be through the Hawthorn Road gates as the front gates will be shut on the night.

School council invites all NPS families. The picnic is a chance to meet other NPS families, have a play with the children at their school, and participate in some novelty games with the children, sign up for fete activities and find out how to get involved in the NPS school council sub-committees.

Some ways that everyone can help the night run smoothly are:
Setting up your picnic on or near the turf on the Henry side of the school rather than at the front of the school
Keeping a close eye on your kids as teachers will be supervising the games
Responsible consumption of alcohol
Putting rubbish in bins or taking it home at the end of the night

The weather is looking good for next Monday.

Any questions please Ian Taylor, 0400 662 538 convenor, Community Sub-Committee, Northcote Primary School – School Council

Italian Update
Salve e Bentornati! (Hello and welcome back!)
Hope everyone had ‘una buona vacanza’ (a good holiday) and are now ready for another exciting year in Italian - Si, si (yes, yes)! It was nice catching up with the students and chatting to many parents this week!

This first week back for classes has been a joy! The students were ready to practise their language skills and present some role plays to their peers. The year 5/6’s began the term with a buzz as we revisited prior knowledge via a class ball game. The year 3/4’s started their class with decoding a role play situation and then practising and presenting a mini role play. Lots of laughs were shared as the students were recorded for future review. The year 1/2’s were introduced to our new Italian teacher Julia where we introduced ourselves and began looking at ‘Learning Goals’.

Signorina Julia will be team teaching with me in the Year 1 and 2 classes and she will be teaching all of our new Prep’s. Please read her outline below for further information.

Topics this term will be as follows:
1/2’s – Chi sono? (Who Am I?) and La Sorpresa (The Easter Surprise).
We will be focusing on ourselves and our family. We will complete a ‘Casa-House’ take home activity to share with our family. We will then look at Italian Easter Traditions with a wonderful story and song.

3/4’s - Courtesy words and extended Greetings, The Winter Olympics and Easter. Role plays and acting will be on the agenda to learn new vocabulary and phrases. We will then move onto The Sochi Games where sports will be our focus tying in with our School Sports Carnival. It will then be a brief look at Italian Easter Traditions.

5/6’s - General revision Greetings, The Winter Olympics and Easter. Greetings and introductions will be our focus where we will look at students in Italy and their first day of their school year. We will then move onto The Sochi Games and look at different countries and sports, again tying in with our School Sports Carnival. To complete the term we will briefly look at Italian Easter Traditions via video footage of students in Italy.

In each class we will be revising previous language taught and extending knowledge via different games and via our ‘roll call’ question routine where each student is required to respond. Next week, all students will be asked to set learning goals for Italian, goals which will be revisited each term to monitor progress. Middle and senior school students will also be asked for topic interests for the year. What a busy term it will be and it is only Term 1!

**Competitions:** The Italian year will provide our students with more state-wide competition opportunities. The Dante Alighieri Society will announce their poster competition shortly as will another association who will run a Drama/Theatre Competition, which our students have expressed a lot of interest in. **But wait! There’s more!**

**Extra Italian practise for students:** Following many discussions with parents last year regarding extra Italian lessons/practise for their child/ren at home I have provided the popular education website for you once again. If you have the internet at home, visit: [www.education.vic.gov.au/languagesonline](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/languagesonline)

This program is an extra fun way for your child/ren to practise and extent their Italian knowledge. It is a great language website filled with lots of activities and games. Some of our students have visited this site over the holidays and I have received positive comments from them.

**Parent Information Evening:**
On Monday 17th February I have been invited to speak at the Year 3/4 information Evening. I will speak about our Italian Language Program for 5 minutes and address any questions you may have.

Until next time, grazie mille (many thanks) for your continuing support and please feel free to drop in for a chat - I am located in the Year 3/4 Learning Area.

Saluti (cheers),
Signorina Rosa.
Italian Teacher and Co-ordinator (Mon/Tues)

Ciao a tutti, mi chiamo Julia! (Hi everybody, my name is Julia!) I am so happy to have joined the Northcote Primary team this year, teaching Italian in the Prep classes and team-teaching with Rosa in the grade 1/2 area. I have already felt very welcomed in the NPS community and am excited to share my enthusiasm for Italian language and culture.

**Prep Term 1**
This term students will be introduced to Italian greetings and basic expressions. They will focus on sound and letter recognition and numbers. We will read a story about ‘Pinocchio’ and learn basic body parts. Students will become familiar with the map of Italy and some traditions associated with Easter in Italy.

Signorina Julia
Physical Education Term One

Welcome back everyone. To start the year off we are going to prepare for my favourite day of the year the school athletics house carnival. I have booked this day for Monday 31st March. All students except our preps and new students to the school are already in a house team and I will be organising the preps and new students house teams in the next few weeks. I ensure that all siblings are in the same house team. If this is not the case and I have made a mistake please don’t hesitate to contact me at the school.

The main focus on the day is to participate in the various activities that the students have been practising in their PE lessons. It is not about winning or losing it is about having fun, participating to our best abilities and working together as teams. Every child will go home with various ribbons to celebrate all of these achievements.

The preps to grade twos will be training hard and learning various team games to play on the day. The students will be training and performing the following activities on the day:

- **Sprinting** – Focus on the start and running in a straight line!
- **Hurdles** – The focus is for the students to simply have a go. Some students will walk over them whilst other students will be able to jump over them. The safety issue addressed will be only jump the hurdles when the ‘legs’ are facing you.
- **Birds nest** – This is a game the grade one and two’s know! It is a team game that involves running eggs (balls) to their team nests (hoop).
- **Ball relay** - This is a game that will be played by the grade one and two’s. It is a passing the ball to each other and running it back to the front (similar to tunnel ball)
- **Tunnel ball** – The preps will attempt this activity in their house teams.
- **Relays** – Students will learn/practise running a shuttle relay. They will focus on receiving the baton and holding it correctly and to remember to run once and then sit down.

The grade three to six students will be training and participating in the following events:

- **Sprinting** – We will focus on the running technique and fast take off. On the day it will be a 100m sprint.
- **Long distance running** – Students will have a choice of either running a 400m (one lap of the track) or 800m (two laps of the track). Focus for the students will be to pace themselves.
- **Hurdles** – The hurdles will increase in height for the students to challenge them.
- **Shot put** – The students will focus on ‘putting’ and not throwing the shot put. The students will remember or learn the phrase “clean palm dirty neck” (They will be able to tell you what that means).
- **Vortex** - Throwing event. Similar throw to the javelin except for obvious safety reasons we use a vortex. Students will explore what they need to do in order to throw for distance.
- **Long jump** – Practice running up to the take-off board and to remember to take off on one foot and to land safely.
- **Triple jump** – tricky event for some. Consists of a hop, step and a jump.
- **High Jump** – This will NOT be an event done on carnival day. This is one of the student's favourite event to learn and have a go in a safe environment. We use the elastic bar and students have a go at jumping over the bar landing on the big crash mats.
- **Relays** – shuttle relay.

All students will also learn the importance of a warm up and participate in various activities to warm up different parts of the body. The younger students especially the preps will focus on simple safety tips such as head up whilst running and to listen to the whistle.

I will throughout the term keep you up dated on our Athletics carnival with various reminders in the newsletter. Last point remember term one students must wear a hat. On your child’s PE day please ensure they are dressed appropriately especially foot wear – runners preferred. As safety is always my number one concern in all my PE classes. If a student is not wearing a hat or dressed appropriately they may not be able to participate as I do not want any injuries to occur. If you have any concerns or would like to meet up with me for any reason please contact the school so we can organise a time to meet.

Krissy King (PE teacher).
Visual Arts
Teacher: Paul Allen

Welcome to a new school year at Northcote Primary, as it is very new for me as the stand in Visual Art teacher while Lisa is on holidays. I am very excited about working with all the wonderfully talented students here at Northcote, getting to know them as young people as well as burgeoning artists.

Below are my teaching intentions in the art classroom for term 1. If there are any questions or concerns you may have or you want to discuss with me any aspects of your child or the intended program, please feel free to contact me via the Northcote Primary School email.

Preps: The Visual Art class for Foundation level students, particularly in the first term of their schooling, is predominantly focused on establishing a routine and introducing the students to the various materials and processes of art making in a safe and orderly school room environment.

In relation to the Learning Focus of Creating and Making their artworks, strong associations will be made between their imaginative ability to ‘picture’ things and then depict them on the page. The use of picture storybooks as prompts to their imaginative capacity, which then elucidates some arts element – such as objects being bigger when close to the viewer and smaller when further away (basic perspective) – will be used extensively in the early weeks of the term. These activities will exercise the primary use young, pre-literate students make of visual arts practice, namely as visual communication and storytelling.

The final classes will exercise not only the student’s imaginations but also their problem solving skills – such as how to make a painting without using a paintbrush. These lessons will explore the many different approaches they can take when making an artwork.

Grades 1 and 2: For the earlier years students the Learning Focus will be to not only present particular features of specific arts elements – such as basic colour theory (complementary and contrasting colours for example) – but begin to apply this knowledge selectively to the artworks they create. The expressive quality and diversity of colour will be explicitly explored as students depict different emotional states in a self-portrait.

This knowledge and understanding of colour and its expressive power will then be applied further in a picture that incorporates a technique known as Frottage or textural rubbings. These rubbings will be explored in their ability to depict texture in a visual way – fur, scales, wrinkled surfaces, etc. Students will then create a painting that portrays an imaginative or real creature set in its natural environment.

Grades 3 and 4: For the middle years’ students the Learning Focus is intended to deepen and expand upon their knowledge and understanding of various arts elements, such as warm and cool colours. The specific Creating and Making tasks undertaken will broaden their skills in picture making, where not only the choice of colours will be required, but the gestural qualities of their brush strokes or pencil marks will be used with deliberate intention in the creation of various portraits.

Students will view different types of portraits from different artists, Exploring and Responding with specific reference to the expressive quality of the colours and painting techniques used.

Grades 5 and 6: For the older students their Learning Focus will initially involve the exploration and practice of a specific visual art style, Surrealism. Surrealist artists and their artwork will be viewed and discussed, elucidating the historical influences and intellectual environment from which this influential artistic movement arose.

In the Creating and Making component students will practice the Surrealist method of adopting the ‘critical paranoid’ in order to unveil the natural sub-conscious visual skills the students possess.

The second half of the term will focus upon the mid twentieth century art movement Expressionism. The influences and insights garnered from Surrealism will be explored, and linked into the student’s own creations of Expressionist artworks.
Thank you for your time and helping hand!

Dear holiday watering families (Sophie Petrou, Cate Taylor, Susan Mahar, Sharon Cleaves and Janis Fischer),

The Northcote P.S community would like to say a big thank you for volunteering your time, out of your summer holidays, with watering and care for the N.P.S Kitchen Garden and new school entrance native garden.

We were overjoyed to return to school and see that the native garden was alive and well and key plants in the Kitchen Garden had survived the intense heat. We hope to harvest some Zucchinis soon!

A big thank you to Cate, Luca & Billie Taylor-Morice who surprised us in the first few days of school with a small shoe box full of beautifully presented jars of apricot jam and pickled beetroot harvested from our very own Kitchen Garden!

Fete update
A reminder that the 2014 Northcote Primary School fete is on Saturday 15th March, 2014 from 12.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. This is the major community and fundraising event for the school and it is only 5 weeks away. So now is the time for all parents and friends of NPS to think about their contribution:

- The volunteer roster will go up in the office area next week and will also be at the welcome evening. Drop past and put your name down for a shift.
- Collect your unused but good quality books, clothes and toys for donating to the fair. Donations will be open in the next few weeks.
- Do you have a business that can donate items to be auctioned, or do you know someone who can? Let me know.
- Do you live in a prominent location? Put a sign up at your house. (Please let me know this week if you can take a large sign.)
- Put the date in your diary and tell friends and family about it.

Look out for more information about stalls, donations and tickets in coming newsletters.
Martin Bush, 0417 160 009

Helen’s Harvest Needs YOU!
With summer’s bounty upon us, we are calling for donations of fresh produce, jars, jams, marmalades, relishes and pickles for the Helen’s Harvest fete stall. Last year we had only a small number of very generous contributors, so we are hoping that more people might be able to donate a batch or two of preserves to provide both more stock and more variety, plus it’s very satisfying thing to make! If you don’t have time to make preserves, but have an overloaded fig or plum tree or a surfeit of tomatoes, I would love to hear from you!

Please contact Emily 0419 205 417 if have anything to donate or if you would like any recipes or any other information about the stall.
Melody’s Music
On Wednesday 12th February, Martin Cox will be holding a demonstration in the Library from 1.40 to 2.00 p.m. for any students interested in learning and seeing what instruments are available. Music classes start back on Monday 10th February. Students wishing to enrol for this year (including existing students from last year) will need to fill out a new enrolment form and return it to the school office.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Children and Hot Cars. No Exceptions. No Excuses.
On hot days, it is important to remember that children should never be left alone in a car.

The temperature inside a car on hot days begins to rise as soon as the door closes and within minutes the temperature inside can be double the temperature outside.

Leaving children in hot cars – even for a moment – can result in injury or death. Young children’s smaller body size and underdeveloped nervous system places them at a much greater risk of life-threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other serious health risks.

Victorian legislation makes leaving a child unattended in a car a criminal offence, with penalties ranging from fines of $2165 or three months in prison.

If you are travelling with a child in a car and you need to get out, make sure you take your child with you. No exceptions. No excuses.

For more information, see: Kidsafe Victoria

Northcote High School
Tours in 2014 - for Year 7 Prospective Parents and Students
Please ring our office on 9488 2300 to reserve a place. Tours start at 9.15 am and take about one hour
Term 1, 2014 dates are listed on our website. Tours will end in mid May.

Open Morning - 2014
Open Morning will be on Thursday 24 April, 2014, from 9.15 am - 12.00 noon
Information sessions will be held through the morning. A repeat information session will also run at 7 pm on Thursday 24 April. The open morning is a great way to see the school in action. (There is no need to book for this event)

ACE Program Yr 7 entry - 2015
Northcote High School’s ACE program is now in its 18th year of operation.
Applications Close: Monday 28 April 2014
Test Date: Saturday May 3, 2014
Please see our website for details.
What can parents and carers do to help their child’s asthma at school?

- If your child is self-managing their asthma, or capable of taking their asthma medication independently, ensure that your child is always carrying their reliever medication (e.g. Ventolin, Asmol, Airomir and Bricanyl) as well as a spacer while at school.
- Ensure that you have provided your child’s school/preschool with an updated Asthma Action Plan.
- Ensure that your child knows how to recognise early symptoms of an asthma attack and check to make sure they are using their reliever medication properly.
- Ensure your child will seek help from school/preschool staff if they experience asthma symptoms.
- Ensure that your child’s asthma is being well managed and that their medication and management is reviewed annually by your GP (this is a good opportunity to also update the Asthma Action Plan required by your child’s school/preschool).

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or www.asthma.org.au

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Hi, my name is Piroska and I’m a mum from NPS. I’m a Personal Trainer at Jetts in Northcote and I’m letting you know that I’m organising “All ladies” outdoor training classes at All Nations Park opposite Degani’s. The classes will be held on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m. The costs are: members $15/class or $50/five classes and non-members $20/class or $75/five classes. First sessions are FREE. Each class runs for 45 minutes. Come and join me 😊 If you are interested, ring me or leave a text on 0412 889 401 or just meet me at the park at the times above.

DramaZone

Wednesdays: 4:00pm – 5:00pm  Tutor: Liz McColl  Venue: SPAN Community House, Clyde St, Thornbury

Term 1: 12 February – 2 April

Unleash your child’s imagination through drama! Through a range of fun games and activities, your young performer will have the chance to increase their confidence, gain drama skills and make new friends.

Classes run by a qualified Drama Teacher and Professional Actor. For more information please contact: Liz McColl on 0438 974 201 or email: dramazonewithliz@gmail.com

Respiratory experts talk to parents about asthma

Ever wondered what the experts would say about a cure for asthma? Or how to get your teenager to take their medication?

If you want to find out the answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about children and asthma, watch The Asthma Foundation’s new video series – available from http://forum.asthma.org.au/

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or www.asthma.org.au
Kids Saturday Basketball - Ivanhoe Knights  
Competitive team basketball for girls and boys from ages 7 and up  
Basketball is a good introduction to team sport for kids. No prior basketball experience is necessary for children of any age.  
The Ivanhoe Knights Basketball Club is holding a Registration Day for the Winter Season (school terms 2 & 3) on Saturday 15th February 2014, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at Ivanhoe East Primary School, Warncliffe Road, Ivanhoe East (Melways Ref 31, J9).  
The cost is $110 per player for early registration or $120 per player on registration day plus uniform. The Ivanhoe Knights have beginner to advanced teams in all age groups. New players are welcome. The Winter Season runs from April to September (excluding school holidays and long weekends).  
For further information go to: www.ivanhoeknights.org

Australian Apprenticeships ACCESS Program  
Prepare for work in Aged and Home Care  
Selected units from CHC30312: Certificate III in Home and Community Care  
- Supported training for 6 weeks  
  9.30am to 2.30pm (3-4 days p/w)  
- Offering 4 accredited units  
- First Aid Level 2  
- Employer visits  
AT NO COST TO THOSE ELIGIBLE  
Commencing: 17th February 2014 in Heidelberg  
Do you have a car and licence? Pass a Police Check?  
No qualifications above a Level II? Our collaborative employers are seeking reliable, compassionate people who have a genuine interest in working in this field. Work around the kids !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
Interested? Contact Louise!  
PHONE: (03) 9450 4300  
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