IMPORTANT SCHOOL DIARY DATES

Fri 4 Apr
Last Day of Term 1 – **2.30 pm finish**

Sun 6 Apr
Daylight Savings ends (clocks back 1 hour)

**Term 2**

Tues 22 April
Term 2 begins at 9.00 a.m.

Fri 25 April
Anzac Day Public Holiday – **NO SCHOOL**

Mon 19 May
Education Week Begins

Tues 27 May
School Photos

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Happy Easter to all & have a great holiday break. See you in Term 2!

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**6 Apr 2014 - Daylight Saving Time Ends**

When local daylight time is about to reach
Sunday, 6 April 2014, 3:00:00 AM clocks are turned backward 1 hour to
Sunday, 6 April 2014, 2:00:00 AM local standard time instead

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on 6 Apr 2014 than the day before. There will be more light in the morning.

Also called Fall Back and winter time.
Greetings from Kerrie!

Student Achievement

Our School Athletics Day!
The morning was beautiful as our students poured from the buses in their house colours ready to start our annual school athletics day on Monday, March 31st at the Collingwood Athletics track.

You could feel the excitement in the air as our official starter, Ross, called the ‘Ready, Set, BANG!’ and the cheering lifted the children from the starting line and propelled them down the straight. Who knew that those little preppy legs could keep on pumping all the way to the finish line 100 metres away!

Participation was the focus, as long as every child ‘had a go’, sometimes helped along by a house captain or teacher, and receive a ribbon acknowledging their efforts. Healthy competition was also taking place with children trying their hardest to win their events for their house points. A sea of colours spread out across the track and field with children running, jumping, throwing and cheering each other on. Parents, grandparents and friends also provided support, helping out as marshalls, on the finish line, helping with equipment and so on.

All children came out of their classes at the end of the day with ribbons flying from their t-shirts and weary smiles on their faces. A great way to end our term!

Congratulations House Captains and Vice Captains
The House Captains and Vice Captains had important marshalling jobs on the day. It was great to see them wearing their badges and supporting the younger children. They are:

**Blue House**  
**Captains:** Lucia S and Hayden N  
**Vice Captains:** Matthew J and Nabilah M

**Green House**  
**Captains:** Ruby HD and Rinchin  
**Vice Captains:** Mimi W and Alec

**Red House**  
**Captains:** Leea H and Hamish T  
**Vice Captains:** Bella S and Griffin ST

**Yellow House**  
**Captains:** Jakayla R and Fred W  
**Vice Captains:** Miri W and Max W

Well done all students and we look forward to your continuing leadership role in the school.

**House Results**

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Thank you Krissy

Many thanks go to Krissy, our Physical Education Teacher, who put numerous hours into the organisation and coordination of the school Athletics Day. It ran superbly without a hitch. Well done Krissy.

Thank you all parents, staff, friends, pre-service teachers, and supporters for also helping out on the day to make it a very successful one for the children.

End of Term 1
The children have been involved in reflecting on their learning and highlights over Term 1. Many children have mentioned the ever popular school camps at both Toolangi in the forest for the 5/6s and Somers by the beach for the 3/4s. The school fete also rates highly and always gets a very big mention as does the school Athletics day.
These experiences involve children in learning outside the classroom. Children also reported on the learning highlights inside the learning areas and this will form part of their reflective learning journals.

It has been a busy and productive term with many activities that have provided opportunities for parents to understand, support and participate in the teaching and learning practices at our school. I have felt energised and very satisfied with the work that has gone on in term 1; it has set us up for another great school year.

Thank you Staff
As always, our dedicated staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that the year has started well and the children are settled and focused on improving their learning. Teacher teams report a term where children settled quickly and with a focus on assessment early in the term in Literacy and Numeracy, teachers were able to group children and plan their learning targeted directly to the point of need, and challenge.

Time to sign off and wish you all a safe and lovely Easter break in this beautiful autumnal weather. Time to rest, relax and enjoy with your families and friends and we will see you all back ready to go for Term 2!

Warm regards, Kerrie

Paul’s Farewell from The Art Room

As my final week draws to a close I would like to acknowledge the wonderful time I have had here at Northcote Primary. My time in the art room has been filled with fun, excitement and a whole lot of tidying up.

The achievements of the students this term have been truly remarkable. From the 1/2’s colourful frottage artworks, the 5/6’s magnificent palette knife paintings, the 3/4’s wonderfully expressive self-portraits and the Prep’s exuberant drawings and paintings. I would like to congratulate all the students on their efforts and success this term.

Thank you all for trusting me and allowing me to take you on a journey of discovery, where no paint brush was left unsullied, and where many a student’s shirt left the class marred with the stains of creative endeavour.

I would also like to offer my thanks to all the parents and staff who made me feel so welcome amongst their children and students. Particularly Jo, Lyn and Karen who have answered all my daft questions, and Krissy and Rosa who did such a patient job of ushering me through staff meetings. Finally I would like to acknowledge Kerrie’s fabulous good sense in giving me this job in the first place.

With regards and many thanks, Paul.

Parent Information: National Assessment Program, Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
http://www.naplan.edu.au

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests will be conducted on Tuesday 13 May, Wednesday 14 May and Thursday 15 May 2014.

Most students at Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in schools across Australia will be completing literacy and numeracy tests on the same days. The results from the national literacy and numeracy tests provide a measure of how Australian
students are performing in the content strands of numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation.

These tests will include:
* Language Conventions incorporates spelling, grammar and punctuation.
** Numeracy incorporates Number, Space, Algebra, function and pattern, Space, Measurement, chance and data.

Years 3 and 5 teachers here at Northcote PS are preparing and familiarising students for the tests, by providing examples of ‘how to sit a test’, content and format.

It has been recommended that parents and carers can best assist students by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests. They can assure their children that the assessments will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class. Parent information and test samples are available on the website http://www.naplan.edu.au or by contacting your child’s classroom teacher. If parents and carers wish to have their child NOT take part in NAPLAN please see your child’s teacher.

**Timetable for National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2014 at Years 3 and 5**

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**Andrea Read** - NAPLAN Co-ordinator

**5 Cent Drive is Back!**

Junior School Council is getting up and running for the beginning of Term 2 and one of our first projects is the 5 Cent Drive to raise money for a student chosen school project. To help out our school and your child’s homeroom please save your 5cent coins and we will start collecting them after the school holidays.

All money raised will go towards a project that Junior School Council will select, be it new equipment for the hall, board games in learning areas, etc. The homeroom which raises the most money will also be rewarded with a special treat.

Students are currently being asked to nominate for Junior School Council and we will announce the elected representatives at our first assembly of Term 2.

So, time to look under couch cushions, depths of handbags and back pockets and find 5 cents wherever they are hiding and donate them to our JSC 5 cent drive.

Cheers,
Claire (JSC Teacher Representative)
Yummy Jams, Pastes & Chutneys
Helen’s Harvest has some produce that was not sold at the fete (who’d have thought!) If you would like to purchase any of this produce, please call at the office. The pricing is:

- Blue Dots - $1.00
- Green Dots - $2.00
- Red Dots - $3.00
- Yellow Dots - $4.00

Secondary School Information
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 2, 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: Thursday 24 April 2014, 12 noon. Test Date: Saturday May 3, 2014 Please see our website for details.

University High School – Open Day 30th April, 2014. Two sessions available: 2.00 to 3.00 pm or 7.00 to 8.00 pm Bookings not required.

Community News
Local Community Minded Family
happy to House-sit for six months
Family of five happy to house-sit for six months, from mid-June while their house is being renovated. Will pay rent and happy to look after pets but please no children. We do have two elderly dogs of our own; that sleep a lot and three rabbits. If you are interested ring Sharon, the clean freak on 0411 308 637 or Doug, the techno guy on 0416 033 805.

Guarantee

1. Well looked after home.
2. Well looked after animals.
3. Cash in bank

Disclaimer: Cannot guarantee holiday
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Bubbledome Holiday Program – Brochures available outside the office. Tel 1800 115 562 or email info@bubbledome.co.nz or book online www.bubbledome.com

Indoor Cricket Junior Program
Northcote Indoor Sports, 338 Mansfield Street, Thornbury. If you are interested in competing, brochures are available outside the school office or contact: arena@northcoteindoorsports.com.au

Tim Ellis Magic Show
It is an innovative family show of improvised magic. That’s right, it’s like TheatreSports or ‘Whose Line Is It Anyway’ as Tim Ellis performs magic to any soundtrack the audience provides! **YOU bring your favourite music on CD** and DJ Nat will mix the soundtrack to the show live as Tim performs a host of tricks choreographed on the spot to whatever music she plays! Try your best to bring obscure songs, music that you think would be challenging to perform to (like ballet, opera, heavy metal, country, musicals, etc.) and see if you can stump the magician! An absolutely hilarious hour of highly interactive magic perfect for all ages climaxing in a spectacular GRAND ILLUSION you’ll have to see to believe!
Normal ticket prices are $18 Adults, $15 Kids, but for school holiday groups we offer a great flat rate of only $10 per child! (Leaders admitted FREE!) Performances are one hour in length – the theatre seats 120.

**SHOWS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**
Monday June 30 – 11am
Tuesday July 1 – 11am (Almost SOLD OUT)
Wednesday July 2 – 11am
Thursday July 3 – 11am
Friday July 4 – 11am
Saturday July 5 – 11am

We are now accepting group bookings but General Bookings go on sale in two weeks, so we recommend getting in fast. You can reserve your date simply by emailing Tim@MagicUnlimited.com now.


Numbers can be finalised closer to the date, and you will receive an invoice directly from the Northcote Town Hall.

First Class Comedy Circus - Trash Test Dummies
**Description:** Everyone put your bins out, tonight’s bin night and the Trash Test Dummies are on duty! This side-splitting slapstick comedy routine takes the household wheelie bin to new heights, and delivers a dump truck full of hilarity!
These highly skilled circus performers showcase a stunning array of slap-stick, acrobatics, juggling and stunt work and invite the audience to take a fresh look at the humble household wheelie bin. These hot new performers on the circus scene can trash-talk with the best of them, and received rave reviews at the Adelaide Fringe Festival.
"There's nothing they can't do. Their skills are first class." Adelaide Advertiser Matt Byrne 4 stars
"You will laugh, and you will laugh out loud, with the undeniable theme of FUN FUN FUN." Helen Meyer Radio Adelaide

**Venue:** Comedy on Collins (the Hall), 156 Collins St, Melbourne CBD
**Dates:** 4th April – 17th April (Preview 3rd April)
**Tickets:** $60 Family (2 kids & 2 adults or 1 adult and 3 kids), $22 Full, $20 Conc, $14 Child, $18 Group (6 or more). Children under 3 are free.
**Times:** Tues - Fri 7.45pm, Sat 3pm & 7.45pm, Sun 3pm (extra 3pm show on Fri 11). 45 mins

If you would like to visit their website too - [http://www.trashtestdummies.com/](http://www.trashtestdummies.com/)

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**How to Talk so Kids will Listen**

**and Listen so Kids will Talk**

A six week program for parents and carers of children aged 2 - 12

Based on the well known parenting book by Adele Faber & Elaine Mazlish

Do you want to learn more about how to:

- Encourage cooperation and responsibility in your children?
- Help your children manage their feelings?
- Strengthen your children’s self-esteem?
- Discipline without smacking?

**DATES:** Tuesdays, 6 May - 10 June
**TIME:** 6.00 - 8.00pm
**VENUE:** 195 Drummond Street CARLTON
**COST:** $60 single, $90 (couple or family rate). Concession available with a Health care card

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**Recorder Lessons**

For all skill levels and ages.

Home-studio.

Individual or group lessons available.

Teaches all range of recorders, including descant, alto, tenor and bass recorders.

Alexandra Joly (B.mus, A.mus)
04 22 85 28 26

Why the recorder?

For kids: The recorder is a perfect platform to teach kids the basics of music. Ranging in different sizes the recorder can accommodate the small hand spans of children. Learn how to read music, rhythm, perform, increase confidence and learn how to play music!

For adults: Awareness is increasing that the recorder is a beautiful instrument and no longer only a child’s instrument. Learn to play and enjoy music especially from the Baroque era.

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**Clay Club**

Messy, Muddy, Madness for kids!

**Slow Clay Centre Holiday Classes for Kids!**

Clay Club is a chance for kids to have fun learning the art of clay using the potter’s wheel + sculpting in our beautifully equipped studio led by experienced tutors

**HOLIDAY CLASSES**

**When:** 14th -15th of April
**Time:** 10am – noon (both days)
**Where:** Slow Clay Centre; 13 Keele St, Collingwood
**Cost:** $150, includes all materials + firing

Limit of 12 students each class. Bookings essential [Slow Clay Centre • 0418 106 039 • info@slowclay.com • www.slowclay.com](http://www.slowclay.com)

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