IMPORTANT SCHOOL DIARY DATES

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Pupil of the Week

(Assembly item by Grades 5/6)

- 00B  Lucas C
- 00N  Sara B
- 00L  Lachlan S
- 12DN Henry W
- 12J  Riley W
- 12S  Jack M
- 12T  Theodore S
- 34A  Leah C
- 34D  Loren C
- 34K  Markus H
- 34R  Ridley O
- 56C  Heidi G
- 56M  Romeo M
- 56S  Arky W-G
Greetings from the Principal ...

Welcome back everyone!

Welcome back from school holidays to start Term 3. I hope you all had a relaxing time with your family. The staff are refreshed and ready to go and so far it’s been a great first week back with the year 3/4 students making a delicious pumpkin soup and homemade bread as part of their science inquiry. It has certainly been the weather for steaming hot soup and fresh hot bread! Students will need all their warm clothes this term as the temperature drops to our real winter climate.

Term three is a great opportunity for all students to work on the recommendations in their student reports in order to consolidate and extend their knowledge. Students will be focusing on goals set from their reports and areas for improvement. Our Year 6 students have less than six months of their primary school life to go which often creates both excitement and anxious thoughts as they prepare for their secondary education.

School Review update

We are well underway in compiling our School Self Evaluation report; the first step in the school review process. The Leadership team and staff have been involved in careful analysis of all school performance data over the past four years and more specifically, last year. Soon we will take this report to School Council and then it will be sent off to our external reviewer for analysis. The reviewer will check to see if our report reflects the story our school performance data is telling and if we have missed anything in our detailed analysis. Our report will provide detail as to whether we were successful in achieving the goals set in the School Strategic Plan 2011 – 2014 and what were the inhibitors and/or successors.

Part of our data collection and analysis, we have looked at DEECD Parent Opinion Surveys; Staff Opinion Surveys; and Year 5/6 Attitude to school surveys.

School Self Evaluation Survey - Parents

We have also developed a brief online survey for parents specifically aimed at the questions in the School Self Evaluation (SSE). The survey will be open for a short period of time and we encourage you all to complete the survey to add feedback data for the School Self Evaluation Report. We will be emailing out the link to all parents today. The survey is anonymous. Staff have completed a SSE survey and I will be working with the Junior School Council to get their feedback and perspective on teaching, learning, safety and school identity.

DEECD Parent Opinion Survey

Commencing Monday 28 July, a randomly selected group of parents will receive a survey from the Department of Education providing an opportunity to provide feedback on our school. This survey is confidential and extremely important to us to ensure we are meeting the needs of our community. The survey selects families and is generated via a computer software program. We encourage those families selected to take the time to complete and return the survey by the due date. All surveys are sealed and returned to the Department of Education for analysis. The results are then returned to us and shared with School Council, staff, students and parents.

Want to read about our school highlights?

Our 2013 Annual Report to the school community is now available on our school website and in the State Register on the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority’s website:


The annual report is a key legislative and regulatory requirement, but it is also is an important way to keep our school community informed about how we are performing and what is being done to improve the learning, engagement and wellbeing of our students.

Providing information about our school in this format helps the community to become involved and engaged in discussions about the school and how further improvements can be supported. I encourage you to have a look at our report.
School Webmeister vacancy

School Council is seeking a parent from our community who would be interested in a casual position updating our school website. We are looking for a person with WordPress/website knowledge and skills who would be able to come into our school for up to one day per month, hours to be determined as needed or required by Principal. The successful person would be paid at Education Support Level 1 casual rates. Only parents from our community need apply. Please contact the school via email with your details and experiences outlined, attention “Kerrie”. Help us keep our website current and relevant for our community. I look forward to hearing from you.

2015 Prep enrolment

If you have not yet enrolled your child for prep next year I urge you to do so – we have a significant number of 2015 preps already enrolled, and now need to start the planning for transition and grades.

Farewell and best wishes Brooke

Today is Brooke’s last day at Northcote Primary School for a while as she heads home to rest up for the impending delivery of her first little baby! We would like to thank Brooke for all her work at our school, her dedication to the children and her contribution to the broader school programs. She may come back one day but for now… she has an important date. Best wishes from all of us at the Northcote Primary School Community. We know you will be a great mum!

Warm regards, Kerrie

First FETE Planning Session - date changed to 30th July

To kick off the 2015 fete planning, there will be a social evening to brain storm some ideas. Anybody interested in helping out next year or has an opinion on what works or doesn’t work in a fete are invited to come and join us. We hope to achieve a good cross section of ideas and understanding of what the school community expect or prefer from their school fete. No one will be asked to commit to anything on the evening, it’s purely a sharing of ideas, so we can prepare a mission statement and proposed strategy for the 2015 NPS fete.

We believe starting the process now will encourage more people to be involved and not be scared off by the huge rush towards the end. Hopefully all of this will continue making the fete a huge success. Our Social Evening will be hosted by Ben at Two by Two which we greatly appreciate.

WHEN: Wednesday 30 July, 7.30pm
WHERE: Two by Two, 235 High Street, Northcote

If you can’t make it but are interested please email us at NPSFete@gmail.com with any ideas or thoughts. We will listen to any crazy idea! Susan and Brooke

Fete Second Hand donations

Did you have a clean-up over the holidays? Does the house desperately need one? Are all last year’s winter clothes too small? We would love to receive donations from the 4th to 8th August in boxes outside the Library. Items accepted for donation include:

- Toys & Games
- Secondhand Clothes, Accessories & Shoes
- Books

Please note we cannot accept baby items or household bric-a-brac at this point in time.
**SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- **Education:** Monday 28 July, 7pm, staffroom. All parents are invited. Please advise Miles Callaghan if you intend to join – miles.callaghan@bupacare.com.au
- **Community:** Wed 23 July at 7.30pm. Please contact Claire Sherwell if you wish to attend: sherwell.claire.c@edumail.vic.gov.au
- **NOOSCH (Aftercare):** Tues 29 July, 4-5pm, at school.
- **Environment:** Tues 22 July, 7-8pm, staffroom.

**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE**

If you are the holder of a Pension Card or Health Care Card and applied for this allowance at the beginning of the year, you do not need to reapply for the second half year part of the allowance.

If you are eligible and did not apply for the first half year allowance at this school, forms are available to fill in at the school office. Your card must be current as at Monday 14 July (first day of Term 3). Please bring your card with you as we need a photocopy. Forms must be filled in **before Thurs 31July**. No late applications can be accepted.

**Fundraising News**

Boscastle pie results are in – and we raised **$529.60**. Thank you to all who supported the pie drive and trust they have been tasty in the colder days.

**TRIVIA NIGHT!!**

Tickets to the **2014 Northcote Primary Trivia Night** are on sale now!!!! Buy yours online via Trybooking: [http://www.trybooking.com/FBQG](http://www.trybooking.com/FBQG)

- **When**  Friday 15 August 2014, 7-11pm
- **Where**  Thornbury Bowls Club, Ballantyne St, Thornbury
- **How much**  $25 per ticket - great value!
- **What do you win?** Honour, glory and fantastic prizes!!!!

Visit the following link to the Trybooking website and book a whole table of 8 or take a chance and opt to be a mixed table of other families and friends of NPS. If you don’t have internet access, please contact Bella (0418 362 905) or Emily (0419 205 417) and arrange for an alternative way to book your tickets. Tickets are limited, so don’t risk missing out on this fabulous night out!

*From the NPS Community Subcommittee:*

**TRIVIA NIGHT IS COMING...  ONLY FOUR WEEKS TO GO!**

To celebrate Northcote Primary School’s 140th birthday this year, there might just be a few trivia questions about the history of the school. But don’t panic if you don’t know much about that! Each week in the lead up to Trivia Night we’ll be providing two interesting facts about the early days of Northcote Primary School so you can study up for the big night. So book your table now. And good luck!

**THIS YEAR NORTHCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL IS 140 YEARS OLD. DID YOU KNOW...**

**FACT #1**  Alberton Primary School in Gippsland opened in 1858. Its registration number is SS1. Northcote Primary School’s registration number is SS1401. And in case you haven’t noticed, it’s carved above the door on the Hawthorn Road side of the school hall.

**FACT #2**  Northcote Primary School opened on May 1, 1874.
Dear families of Northcote Primary School

Hi my name is Josephine Laufer, I am 15 and go to Ivanhoe Girls School but used to go to Northcote Primary. I’m currently looking for ways to make a bit of cash, I love kids so what better way than babysitting! I’m available weeknights (except Thursday) and weekends. If you wish to contact me my mobile number is 0477 955 674 or my email which is jlaufer@ivanhoegirls.vic.edu.au

Hosts are URGENTLY NEEDED for a large number of students arriving in Melbourne in July/August.

Period: 4 weeks to 9 months
Average Payment is $250.00 per week per student.
Male or Female applicants
All Homestay Income is Tax Free.
Hosts able to take more than one student most welcome. Please enquire for an Application form.

Thank you and kind regards,
Cathy Rhodes

The Homestay Australia Team

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After School Workshops
Princes Hill
Mondays from July 28th, 8 week course ages 8+, 4-5.30pm $240

Hawthorn Library
Tuesdays from July 29th, 8 week junior course ages 7 - 9, 4:15-5:45 $240
Wednesdays from July 30th, 8 week senior course ages 9+, 4:15-5:45 $240

Gasworks Arts Park
Thursdays from July 31st, 8 week course ages 8+, 4-5:30pm $240

Adult Workshops
Brunswick East
Mondays from July 28th
6 week Course
7.9pm $260

Hawthorn Library
Wednesdays from July 30th
6 week course
6-8pm

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Separation or divorce can be a difficult time. When relationships break down, it impacts the whole family. Children need support and guidance to negotiate and manage the changes to their lives.

Our program helps parents and children to navigate and adjust to these changes. Often parents are doing better than they think but just need a few pointers that can help make things a little easier.
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