### IMPORTANT SCHOOL DIARY DATES

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### Student Achievement

What a vibrant learning place our school is! Just this week alone, there are so many opportunities for our students to be involved in active inquiry, hands on authentic learning and opportunities to step outside the school environment to join a broad range of other schools and students.

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### So what’s happening this week?

#### Inquiry and Curiosity

The year 1/2’s are in the Hall making Asian dumplings! You should see them all with their white chefs hats and aprons as flour is flying everywhere as the little balls of dumpling dough sits in the middle of their tables waiting to be filled. The students are also involved in making the filling, then will steam the delicious dumplings. This is part of an inquiry of ‘From the Farm to the Table’. The students are investigating where food comes from and how we manipulate it to arrive at our table. The students are looking at a range of cultural food experiences and practices ... and by today’s activity, they are loving it!!

The Preps have been participating in an Inquiry Unit with a science focus investigation called ‘From big things, little things grow’. They have been investigating how change takes place by looking at growth of plants. They have been growing grass heads and observing the growth of roots on onions and succulents, and hypothesise about why this has happened.

#### The Arts

A group of year 5/6 students are off to Hisense arena today, to join over 3000 Victorian school students in the State Schools Spectacular choral singing and performing. Today and tomorrow are rehearsal days with two performances on Saturday matinee and finale in the evening. The students were very excited as they left for the station together with Lisa (Arts teacher) and Claire (5/6 teacher) and parents. They know their voices have to last the 4 days but it is hard to rein in their enthusiasm to it all today!! I will be attending along with Niki (1/2 teacher) on Saturday and I can’t wait to see it all in action.

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### Languages – Italian

Tomorrow night, 3 of our students will be presented awards at Melbourne University for the Dante Alighieri Society Awards (see Rosa’s, Italian teacher, article).

### Physical Education – Athletics

Tomorrow 45 of our students from years 3 – 6 have qualified to compete at the Northcote District Athletics Sports. The events range from field, hurdles, relays, and sprint races. We wish them all the best of luck for their events tomorrow.

### Artists in Schools program

This week, the Education Sub-Committee, in consultation with Lisa (Arts) and Krissy (Phys. Ed) submitted an application for funding for the 2015 Artist in Schools Program. Gully’s dad, Chris, did a lot of investigation and work on the application for us and we thank him for his drive and time! We now have our fingers crossed and wait for our application to be assessed.

### Personal devices at school

After last week’s reminder in the newsletter, we saw an increase number of students remembering to hand in their mobile phones at the office before school. Well done students and remember students, hand your phones in before school at the office and collect them after school. Other devices such as ipods, ipads, game boys, and the like can be used only during break times and not during lessons. We prefer students to NOT bring these devices to school and if they do so it will be at their own risk.

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Kerrie
**Futey 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 hand-balling 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)

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**Fete News**

The next committee meeting is on Monday 14th September at 7.30. If you would like to join (all welcome) please email NPSfete@gmail.com for the details.

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**Italian Update**

Ciao A Tutti! (Hello Everyone!)
The Dante Alighieri Awards night will be held this Friday evening at 6:45 p.m. at the University of Melbourne Parkville. Congratulations again to our Prize Winners who will be representing our school at this prestige event:

- George P in Prep - first placing for Prep.
- Sabrina in 5/6S - second placing for Year 5.
- Hannah K in 5/6S – third placing for Year 5.

The students will be receiving a trophy with their name engraved on it, a prize, a certificate and they will have their photo taken for Il Globo - the Italian newspaper. During next Monday morning’s school assembly, special certificates will be distributed to the following students for their achievements:

**Finalists:** Dean and Bianca (Prep) and Tas (Year 2)

**High Distinction:** Jonathan (Year 2), Adam C (Year 3) and Sophie V (Year 4)

**Honourable Mention:** Lexi, Max M, Bailey and Georgia (Year 4)

**Merit Certificate:** Charlie and Eliza T (Year 1), Alexander M and Emma B (Year 2), Dane and Kate (Year 3), Ella O, Mica, Molly, Georgia, Holly, Iris and Beda (Year 4) and Lucia (Year 6)

Buon Fortuna George, Sabrina and Hannah (Good Luck) for your awards night. I am looking forward to the evening and I will take lots of photos for next week’s newsletter.

The students will present their trophy to the school community on Monday at the whole school assembly.

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

Lost & Found
Lost: This morning a black and green checked umbrella with a wooden handle, last seen hanging on the back fence.

Found: A pair of children’s glasses found in the yard yesterday morning. Please call at the office if they belong to your child.