NEWSLETTER
No. 26 – 1 September 2016

Important School Diary Dates

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<td>Daylight savings begins</td>
<td>First Day of Term 4 – 9.00 a.m. start</td>
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<td>Curriculum Day – No Students required at school</td>
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If you have information or ads for the newsletter, need to contact the school or want an email forwarded on to a teacher, please email it to northcote.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Pupil of the Week
(Assembly item by 1/2’s)

00J - Ben B
00L - Eli G
00W - Ari F
12B - Jake A
12NH - Ruby P
12K - Escher B
12N - Monty L
12S - Freya S
*34H - Olivia R
*34J - Finbar K
*34K - Kobe J
*34L - Alannah S
56E - Besinda C
56N - Gully T
56S - Ella O
56T - Matteo R H

*Due to swimming the 3/4’s will be given their Student of the Week award in class
Greetings ...

Student Achievement
Congratulations to Kate, 5N and Holly, 1B!
Kate and Holly entered the annual Dante Alighieri Italian competition and came an excellent first and second respectively.
Please read Rosa’s Italian teacher’s report below for details. Well done Kate and Holly.

The Fire Brigade visits our Preps
What we learned:
- Good fires/bad fires
- Crawl down low and go, go go! if there is smoke or a fire
- Safe meeting place for my family if there’s a fire
- Stop, drop, cover, roll if my clothes are on fire
- What number to call in an emergency
- The importance of smoke detectors

The Preps learnt a lot about Fire Safety and prevention .... And had a lot of fun too!

Draft Communication Policy
The Education Sub-committee has developed a draft Communications Policy and is seeking our community’s feedback before finalising for consideration by School Council. Your views are important to us so please check the draft policy from this link to the draft policy on our school website.
Feedback will need to be provided to the school email address with ‘Feedback for Draft Communications Policy’ in the subject line by Thursday 8th September.

http://northcoteps.vic.edu.au/?page_id=1756
Italian Update!

Ciao A Tutti! (Hello Everyone!)

What a productive term 3! The Year 3 to 6 students have been learning about Geography where we have focused our learning on continents, countries and different sports through our ‘Le Olimpiadi’ topic!

THE DANTE ALIGHIERI SOCIETY COMPETITION AWARDS:
The Annual Dante Alighieri state wide poster competition is always of a high standard. For our 2 prize winners, the date has just been announced, Saturday, the 8th October at 2:00p.m, with the venue at The University of Melbourne to be confirmed shortly.

Congratulations to our 2 Prize Winners:
Kate (Year 5N) for FIRST placing.
Holly (Year 1B) for SECOND placing.

Both Holly and Kate 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.

All student posters and certificates will be collected by me at the awards afternoon and all posters and certificates will be distributed on the following Monday (10th October). Congratulations again to all students who entered this year’s state wide competition. Until next time, grazie for your continuing support and stay tuned in coming weeks!

Saluti (cheers),
Signorina Rosa
Italian Teacher and Coordinator.

Pupil Free Day 3
The teachers worked hard throughout the day with a focus on the following:
• Annual Implementation Plan – discuss, audit, and complete 6 months progress report and identify what can be achieved in the remaining time for the year.
• Peer Observations – reflecting on best practice teaching strategies when using the Theory of Action ‘Connecting Feedback to Data’. Teachers analysed rubrics and discussed their goals for next Peer Observations scheduled before the end of this term. All teachers reported that they found the new model of Peer Observation was far more focused and easier to implement.
• Review draft Teaching Protocols at Northcote Primary School
• Development of the Writing Scope and Sequence based on the new Victorian Curriculum – work continues on refining and reviewing this document so that all teachers have access to consistent content delivery across the school.
• Performance and Development – share goals, strategies and targets for the mid-cycle review

The day was packed and quite intense with the professional learning facilitated by a number of teachers each (Acting Leading Teachers – Linda Batten & Janelle Adams; Tracy Budin and Leah Gibson).

I am very pleased with the high level of professionalism and engagement our teachers demonstrate and know that our students benefit from having such a motivated and open to learning attitude from all teachers who are passionate and interested in continually improving the
quality of teacher instruction at our school, that will directly impact on improved student
achievement. Well done all teaching teams!

Warm Regards,
Kerrie

District Athletics report by Steven

What a day we had for District Athletics this year – two days in fact!

The weather on the scheduled event day looked ominous from early in the morning but the
sensible decision was made to push ahead with proceedings, at least to see if most events could
be completed. And that’s exactly what happened. By early afternoon the event was abandoned
because it became too wet to continue.

The events that were not completed were rescheduled for the following Friday, with the weather
being much kinder. The students who finished first or second in their event get to progress to the
Division Athletics carnival, to be held on Thursday 6th October (Week 1, Term 4) at Meadowglen
Athletics Track in Epping. We will have 13 students represent our school at Division.

I would like to acknowledge the NPS students who patiently sat through cold wet weather, tried
their absolute best in windy, drizzly conditions and didn’t complain about the unpleasant
conditions. The positivity and sporting behaviour of our students made their teachers very proud.

A few special mentions must also be given to the following people who made the event a success:

- Cheyne for running the after-school training sessions
- Nicole and Jack (pre-service teacher) for helping run the day
- Meg (Guy’s mum) for helping set up the track before everyone arrived
- all the parents, family members and puppies who supported our students
- and, Anna from Wales St PS who offered to share their bus with us

Good luck to following students at Division:

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The time it took Holly, Audrey, Leah and Xara to run the 400m relay – exactly one minute!
You may have noticed some crowds forming in the yard this week. This is the exciting result of the Year 6 Action Teams in full swing. Action Teams are designed and run by the Year 6 students and go for four weeks. All ideas are generated and developed by the team themselves.

Each Action Team has made a great start and it’s wonderful to see our community come together to support our students. The year 6s are currently learning a great deal about risk management, logistics, teamwork and compromise. After each session the Action Teams walk away and think about what worked and what didn’t work, then they’re ready to come back to the next session with adaptations and improvements.

Well done to all the Action Teams so far.

Here is an overview of each Action Team and what it means for you and your child.

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<td>For the past month this action team has been selling delicious items at their cake stall to raise money for Save the Children. This cake stall has come to an end and we would like to take this opportunity to thank our community. A first big thank you goes to the families who have donated baked goods. The stall could not run without your gracious donations and we very much appreciate the time you have taken to bake and prepare the items. A second big thank you goes to the families of the members in the action team. Your guidance and support each week really helped with the successful stall. A final thank you goes to each individual who supported the cake stall by purchasing delicious treats. Thank you for buying items each week, thank you for waiting patiently in line and thank you for supporting a great cause. Next week we will update you with the total raised for Save the Children (<em>hint</em> it’s over $1,000!).</td>
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<td>Each Wednesday the 3/4 Sport Action Team has offered Year 3 and 4 students sport, leadership and teamwork skills. By playing sports, such as, soccer, dodgeball, cricket and capture the flag, this Action Team has demonstrated to 3/4 students how important it is to be confident in sport. Next week marks the final week for this action team. Thank you to the 3/4 students who have participated.</td>
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Craft Club

When: Wednesday and Thursday Lunch

Craft Club has 3 sessions left

is organising a mural of decorated tiles. Craft Club meets twice a week on Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes. Please have your child speak to Molly in year 6 if they’d like to participate. It may not be too late!

1/2 Sport

Each Thursday the 1/2 Sport Action Team has offered a variety of games for Year 1 and 2 students. This Action Team asked for an optional gold coin donation from participants. All proceeds will be donated to a rural community in the Northern Territory. The aim was to raise money for students to buy sport equipment, where they may not have the opportunity to do so. This week marks the final week for 1/2 Sport and we want to thank the students who have participated. We will provide an update next week with the total amount raised.

Raffle

This action team still has 2 week to go (including today!). It is held each Thursday afternoon. All proceeds will be donated to the National Cancer Council. The prizes range from week to week. You will find this Action Team located on ABC turf. Each raffle has only a certain amount of tickets to sell, so get in quick. The winner will be drawn on Thursday afternoon and announced at the following assembly. Congratulations to week 1 winner Kate J (5/6N) and week 2 winner Paul R (1/2S).

Year Book

This Action Team is planning, drafting, editing and publishing their own year book for the 2016 graduate students. This is a great resource for students to look back on and reminisce on their time at NPS in years to come.

Community News

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Saturday 10 September: Hisense Arena: Shows at 1pm and 6:30pm.
Buy 10 tickets and get one adult ticket free (for group bookings please call 1300 364 001)
Visit www.ticketek.com.au or phone Ticketek on 132 849

For more information go to the Spectacular Facebook and website page:
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Asthma Week 1-7 September 2016
Asthma Week is almost here and our focus this year is on asthma and Hay fever and to help those loving with asthma to Become a Better Breather.

We’ve loads of great resources available to promote Asthma Week within your school, simply click here to download. And if you’d like to re-book your asthma training, call your local Asthma Foundation on 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462) or visit www.asthmaaustralia.org.au

Dyson supports Asthma Australia
Whether it’s itching, sneezing, coughing or wheezing, Dyson Allergy machines and accessories have been engineered to help reduce allergens in the home.

Purchase a selected Dyson Allergy machine during the month of September and receive bonus Dyson engineered tools. Plus Dyson will donate $10 to Asthma Australia towards asthma care and research to support Australian's living with Asthma. Click here to buy online. T&Cs apply
SINGLE PARENTS ACTIVE KIDS PROUDLY PRESENTS:

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY
HARMONY PARK, COBURG, 191 GAFFNEY ST.
SUNDAY 18TH OF SEPTEMBER
STARTING 12 NOON
FREE BBQ, ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS:
MEMBERSHIP SPECIALS/RENEWALS AND MORE.
EVEN IF YOU CAN’T ATTEND THERE ARE PLENTY MORE OPPORTUNITIES, HERE IS A LINK TO OUR VERY
ACTIVE WEBSITE http://www.singleparentsactivekids.org/
LIKE MINDED SINGLE PARENTS TO CHAT WITH, ACTIVE KIDS WANTING TO PLAY WITH YOUR ACTIVE KIDS,
WIN WIN!
“SINGLE DOES NOT MEAN ALONE”
PLEASE RSVP TO info@singleparentsactivekids.org or call Moush on 0430 504 119.
COMMUNITY SPORTS CAMPS

◆ NORTHCOOTE FOOTY
28th & 29th September

◆ NORTHCOOTE CRICKET
28th & 29th September

NEW ADDRESS:
McDonnell Park, Clifton Street, Northcote VIC 3070

Children aged 5-12 yrs
Morning and Afternoon Tea provided

A great way to improve skills, make friends and have fun!

@CSC_Camps  @community_sports_camps  @facebook.com/cscplgb

communitycamps.com.au
1300 562 571

GETin2 CRICKET

MILO in2CRICKET introduces girls and boys, aged 5 - 8, to Australia’s favourite sport.
It’s available for kids of all abilities and it’s great fun, safe and teaches basic skills—helping kids learn to play just like their Australian Cricket heroes.

West Ivanhoe Roosters Cricket Club
Seddon Reserve, Ivanhoe
9.30–11am starts Saturday 8 October
Contact – Stephen 0417 506 899

Visit PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU/IN2CRICKET to find out more

2 DAY BASKETBALL SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP

29th & 30th SEPTEMBER 2016

All Grades  | Boys and Girls  | 6-14 years  | 9.30am-3pm

HOOPSMART

REGISTER NOW!

SealPony Football is a developmental & participation program that introduces boys and girls aged between 5-10 to the game of football (soccer). It focuses on teaching the basic/intermediate skills.

* Fun games & activities * Great giveaways
For more information, call Joe (0415-388-028) or visit www.sealpony.com.au

Time: Every Sunday Morning
Starting Date: 2nd of October 2016
Finishing Date: 11th of December 2016
Registration Date: Saturday 10 - 11 am
Address: James Street Reserve
Heidelberg Heights 3081
What do you want to learn?

Preston and Thornbury Neighbourhood House have a great range of programs for you to choose from beginning in October.

Creative Arts and Crafts

There are courses in the Creative Arts including Pottery, Painting and Drawing, Quilting and Knitting.

Computers, iPad and Smart phones

We have a great selection of computer courses which can develop your limited knowledge of computers and pathway into our intermediate and advanced courses making you ready for most workplaces. See our Computer courses levels Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced. We also have iPad for Beginners and Broadband for Seniors.

Health and Wellbeing

Health and Wellbeing courses including Tai Chi for beginners and intermediate, Yoga at both Preston and Thornbury, Introduction to Massage and our famous Walking group.

English Language

We have many Language courses including English as an Additional Language levels 1 and 2, English and IT as well as conversational English. In additional we also have a conversational Italian community program.

Work Ready

Our range of workready programs are very successful in assisting students to find a new job or develop a new career pathway. Our well established job support program Step Up to Work builds your confidence and gives you the tools to access a new career. We have a new Introduction to Childcare short course which pathways directly into a Certificate III Childcare course delivered onsite. Introduction to bookkeeping will sharpen your finance administration skills.

Expressions of Interest

Explore our Term 4 brochure and feel free to give us a call, send us an email or drop into our Preston or Thornbury Neighbourhood Houses to see how we can help you find the course that is right for you.

If you are not seeing a course you want in our brochure, let us know and we maybe able to create one - tell us on our Expression of Interest page.

See you soon.

Preston and Thornbury Neighbourhood House team