NEWSLETTER
No. 02 – 10th February 2017

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Important School Diary Dates

2017

Feb
15 Wed No Preps at School
20 Mon School Banking Info Session at Assembly
22 Wed No Preps at School
Parent/Teacher Partnership Meetings. Bookings made via Compass
Children dismissed at 12pm
28 Tue Classroom Helpers Program 9.15-10.15am

Mar
1 Wed No Preps at School
2 Thu Twilight Working Bee 4.00-7.00pm. Sausage Sizzle from 5.30pm
4 Sat NPS Fete 10.00 am- 4.00 pm
13 Mon Labour Day Public Holiday
14 Tue Whole School Athletics Day
31 Fri End Term 1 – 2.30 pm finish

Apr
18 Tue Start Term 2
24 Mon Pupil Free Day – No School
25 Mon Anzac Day Public Holiday
26-28 Wed-Fri Gr 5/6 Camp

Pupil of the week
(Assembly Item by Grade 3/4s)

00J Zoe D 12B Hadi M 34H Toby W 56E Lexie AF
00L Mia B 12G Holly W 34J Charlotte MV 56N Matilda M
00W Hannah B 12N Corey G 34K Monty L 56P Gabi B
12S Clare H 34L Matthew R 56S Israa A
12T Sienna I 56T Ben G

Please find below the link to Compass, this can also be found on the School’s Website. If you haven’t received your login details, please contact the Office.

https://northcoteps-vic.compass.education
Greetings ...

Student and Parent Achievement ... At our Welcome Picnic

A lovely summer evening at our school

It was a perfect evening on Tuesday night, at our Welcome to school picnic. Despite having to cancel our scheduled Monday night picnic due to the torrential rain, families came along and soon the grass area filled with picnic rugs, delicious food and chatter. Families and staff greeted one another or were introduced to new families and friends. There were many laughs and good natured competition to be had whilst the novelty events were run by the teachers. Some very funky grooves with the 1/2 dance game and the potato and spoon races made us think that was how the potatoes must end up on the table with the dexterity on display! Much hilarity was had with the 5/6 partner balloon race and the 3/4 3-legged race had some enviable styles. Preppies loved their activity so much, we couldn’t get them to stop! Thank you to all families and staff who came along to officially welcome our new families and catch up with our ‘older’ families.

One of our new families mentioned to me that they really enjoyed the evening, and felt part of the Northcote Primary Community and were surprised at how many people they ended up knowing by the end of the evening.

We were very impressed by how clean the yard was after the event as it was very evident that both kids and adults were picking up after themselves. Thanks everyone for making it much more pleasant for all of us.

Commemorating the National Apology to Australia’s Indigenous people

Monday 13 February 2017 marks the ninth anniversary of the National Apology to the Indigenous peoples of Australia given by former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd in the Australian Parliament in 2008.

In the spirit of Reconciliation, the day provides us with an opportunity to mark the anniversary. Classes will discuss this significant event as developmentally appropriate.

Term 1 - Parent / Teacher Partnership Meetings for Years 1 to year 6 only – Goal Setting

Wednesday, 22nd February from 12.30 – 7.30pm.

Notice and detailed information was in last week’s newsletter. In summary:

**When?** Wednesday, February 22nd from 12.30 to 7.30pm.

**Where?** In your child’s home room.

**What do you need to do to make an appointment?**

1. We will be using the Compass School Management System to book appointment times. You should have received your access to Compass details this week via snail mail. If you haven’t already. Please follow the instructions for creating a login and password. Compass will also provide you with other school related services and information. We are working on expanding this to make it a one stop parent portal.

2. On Monday, 13th of February, the parent / teacher meetings section will become live and you will be able to select a time for meeting with your child’s teacher.

**FOUND:** Picnic Rug left behind at Welcome Picnic Tea. Can be collected from the Office.
What do I need to bring?
You may choose to bring copies of your child’s report to discuss together with the teacher, the goals for Semester 1, 2017.
Anything else you believe would be useful to the meeting.

Does my child attend this meeting?
No. This is a meeting between parents and teachers only.

Will my child be at school on Wednesday afternoon of February 22\textsuperscript{nd}?
No. School Council has agreed to vary the hours of the school day on that day, so that the meetings can take place.
Children will be dismissed at 12.00pm on Wednesday, 22\textsuperscript{nd} February.

Will After Care be available?
Yes. If you need child care, please use the online system to book in. Extended Child care will be available from 12.00pm until 6.00pm on that day.

Coping with Hot weather at school
We have had reasonably mild summer weather so far, except for this week. On days of high temperatures, we check temperatures leading up to lunch break time and if it looks like it will exceed 33degrees, we run a ‘Hot weather Program’. Students are given the choice of either being outside in the shaded areas with passive play activities, 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.

School council elections 2017: Would you like to be a member of our school council?
Nominations are now open for 6 parent vacancies on our school council. If you are an enthusiastic parent interested in getting more involved and having a say in what our school is doing, or know someone who is, we would love to hear from you. We are looking for people who are committed to improving the educational outcomes for all our students. Effective councils have a broad range of experience, skills and expertise. Face-to-face and online training is also available to help councillors develop the skills and knowledge for the job. Parents find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.
For more information on what’s involved, see information below in our school newsletter.
Nominations close on 4.00 pm on Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} February, 2017 and forms are available from school reception.

2017 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS
Effective school councils are a key factor in good governance. Effective councils have a wide range of skills, expertise and knowledge about how to improve school governance to provide the best possible educational outcomes for students.

The annual school council election process provides an opportunity to attract members keen to add value and bring their expertise and skills to assist the governance of the school.

WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNCIL AND WHAT DOES IT DO?
All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state-wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

WHO IS ON THE SCHOOL COUNCIL?
For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:
• A mandated elected Parent category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.

• A mandated elected DET employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

• An optional Community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

WHY IS PARENT MEMBERSHIP SO IMPORTANT?
Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help inform and shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

DO I NEED SPECIAL EXPERIENCE TO BE ON SCHOOL COUNCIL?
Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role, councillors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

HOW CAN YOU BECOME INVOLVED?
The most obvious way is to vote in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider -

• standing for election as a member of the school council
• encouraging another person to stand for election.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO STAND FOR ELECTION?
Below is the Notice of Election and Call for Nominations. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

REMEMBER

• Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
Consider standing for election to school council this year
Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the Principal for further information.

NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of Northcote Primary School.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school office from Monday, 13th February, 2017.

Nomination forms must be lodged by 4.00 pm on Monday 20th February, 2017.

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on Monday 6th March, 2017.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Great opportunity for parents!
School Council is a fantastic opportunity for parents to be directly involved and have input into policy development and directions of the school. School Council members are an enthusiastic group of parents and staff, who bring their skills & experiences to contribute to the smooth running of the school.

We deal with such an interesting range of issues that School Council members will tell you that they enjoy their participation and find it very satisfying to follow issues and projects through. Meetings are twice each school term for Council, with sub-committee meetings held in the weeks prior to each School Council meeting.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact our current School Council President, Ian Taylor, or myself, or any other School Council member. Contact can be made by leaving a message (email is fine) at the office and this will be forwarded on to the School Council member for you.
**Playground Supervision**

Just a reminder that students should not be in the school grounds unsupervised. The school gates are usually open at 8.30am, however, teachers do not commence yard supervision until 8.45 am. After school, same applies. The teachers are on yard duty until 3.45pm and will do a final sweep of the yard to take any unaccompanied children to the office where we will call you to find out what the supervision arrangements are for your child. Please make care arrangements at the Before Care or After Care Program if you need child care and supervision in the morning before 8.45am or after 3.45pm.

**Student Accident Insurance/Ambulance Cover Arrangements and Private Property Brought to Schools**

Parents and guardians are reminded that the Department of Education does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

Parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers

The Department of Education would also like to remind parents/guardians and staff that the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

**Warm regards,**

Kerrie

**Environment Committee School Improvements**

During the holidays there were a number of projects started and completed that will improve our school environment.

New line marking on both campuses to realign the rounders court re-establish the net ball and bat tennis courts and a new chess board on the 3/4 campus. The large chess pieces will arrive soon! There is also a new snakes and ladders game outside the 1/2 area.

Playground safety netting, the poles and brackets are in and the drop nets will arrive next week. The netting will provide protection between active and passive playground spaces.

New drinking troughs were installed late last year. These were relocated as well to take them out of active playground areas.

New watering systems for the kitchen garden (now programmable) and the 3/4 campus. The long awaited climbing frame is on its way, we have an installation date during our next school holidays.

AND there is some new seating on its way!

The environment committee would like to thank School Council for allocating parent and school raised funds for these improvements and also members of our school community who have been involved in the planning consultation processes.
Thank You...

On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank the following families that watered during the holidays.

Surridge Mason
Vergers Leach

Also a big thank you to Chris Mitchell for his painting and help with furniture moving.

Warm Regards
Ross

Welcome to OSHClub!

Hi there,
Welcome to a new year and a new program. We’ve had a great first week and a half. It’s been fantastic getting to know everyone in the school community. If we haven’t met you yet, I’m sure we will soon. We’re very excited about this new partnership with Northcote Primary and look forward to a great year ahead. As time goes on I’ll add details about our programming but for now,

Just a few updates and reminders:

- Please make sure your enrolments are up to date, including medical information. If your child has any medical conditions or allergies make sure you come and speak to me or Tami so we can make sure everything is in place for them to be safe at OSHClub. If you have already have spoken to us then, thank you very much.
- A note on casual bookings. We’ve had very little trouble, but please make sure, if you want your child to attend after care that you text or call the program phone (0437 692 819) with your child’s name. So that we know exactly who we have each afternoon.
- Also on Tuesday we are getting large numbers close to our current licensing capacity (60). We have applied for more but please book early to avoid disappointment. Casuals on this day will require as much warning as possible so we can do our best to accommodate you.
- On the 22nd of February, we will be having after care from 12pm. You should have received an email from our Account Manager Belinda about bookings. Please feel free to contact me to discuss the day. Before School care will run as normal that day.
- We’ve added a suggestion box to the sign in desk for both parents and children so that we can build the best experience at after care. Feel free to add your suggestions; we’d love to hear from you!
- Finally a quick note on signing in. We’ve had a few parents or guardians forget to sign in or out their child. The sign in desk in on the left side of the main room. Just add the time you arrived and your signature to the roll.

If you have any questions about the program feel free to call or email us.

Program Number: 0437692819
Program Email: oshclub.northcote@gmail.com

Tim Winter
Program Coordinator
School Banking News

Welcome to School Banking at Northcote Primary in 2017!

For parents new to the school, our school participates in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program. This is a program that encourages children to save on a regular basis, by rewardiing regular savers with a reward item when they achieve 10 deposits. The program also works as a fund raiser for our school. Information packs were provided earlier this week, but if you did not receive one, please see Jo in the office or talk to our volunteer school banking coordinators, Sue D. and Jo C., who are at the school on Monday mornings.

Please remember our school banking day is Monday, unless Monday is a public holiday, in which case we will bank on Tuesday.

There will be an information session at school assembly on Monday February 20, so please come along to learn more about the banking program and the exciting rewards and prizes on offer in 2017.

FETE NEWS

Call out for plants...

Do you have any plants you can contribute to our fabulous fete plant stall? If so, please bring them along to our stall on the morning of the fete or contact Cate Taylor or Kylea Clarke and we can arrange a time to pick up.

If you’re dropping off more than a few and you can spare a minute to contact us with details of what and how many, that would be greatly appreciated.

Some ideas...bulbs, herbs, veggie punnets, seed packets, anything green and alive (more or less).

Call out of volunteers...

The fete requires volunteers for the day, please find below the link to sign up.

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0845a9a929a4ff2-northcote1

There will be a separate Fete Newsletter on the School Website with more information.

You can contact Cate on 0425 733 991
Or Kylea on 0425 853 614

Thank you!

Icypole Fundraiser is Back for 2017!

With the summer weather still going, why not cool down with an icypole! On sale on Friday 17th and 24th of February. Then returning on Friday 10th, 17th & 24th of March. You can buy your icypole from the canteen area from 3.30-3.45pm. Icypoles are $1 each. What a delicious way to raise funds for the school.
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GIRL GUIDES in 2017

Friendship, fun, challenge and achievement!

Yarra City District Girl Guides meet weekly during school terms
Junior Guides ages 6-10 (North Fitzroy, Wednesday evenings),
Girl Guides ages 11-13 (North Fitzroy, Tuesday evenings), and Senior Guides ages 14-17 (North Fitzroy, alternate Monday evenings).
Adult volunteer enquiries are also welcome.

Our units are open to visitors – come and see how you like it. For information email yarra@guidesvic.org.au.

Look for us online at www.guidesvic.org.au

Information in Chinese, Arabic, Hindi, Indonesian, Khmer, Sinhalese, Somali and Vietnamese is online at www.guidesvic.org.au/Welcome.

mishfit: Women only personal training, specialising in pre and post natal.

As women, we have different exercise needs and at times, should take extra care when exercising to maintain our health and wellbeing. Also, once kids come along, finding the time and motivation to exercise can become difficult, if not impossible.

This is where Angela from mishfit can help. Imagine:
- a personal trainer that only trains women and specialises in pre and post natal training
- a regular session tailored specifically for you to achieve your training and fitness goals.
- training can include powerplate, one on one and buddy training
- you can being the kids!!

Depending on your needs, we can work out at a mishfit studio in Pascoe Vale or right here in Northcote.

**Sign up before the end of March and receive 10% off!**
To start your fitness journey in the right hands, contact Angela 0408 105 359 or angela.baker@mishfit.com.au.
Todd's Tennis Coaching

Just 250 meters from the school on the corner of Helen St and Westbourne Gve in Northcote has recommenced and spots are available for Northcote Primary students in Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced lessons on Monday, Tuesday or Friday afternoons. We have students from 4 to 16 years of age so there is an appropriate group for everyone.

Please contact Matthew Todd on 0414 628 633 if you have any enquiries about any of the groups. There are also full length tennis notes in front of the school office.
MINIROOS 2017

TRYOUTS & GRADING

NEW PLAYERS: REGISTER YOUR INTEREST THROUGH MCFC Miniroos platform AND PLEASE ATTEND ALL RELEVANT SESSIONS

9-11yo Tryouts and Grading
Tues 24th Feb – Sat 4th March
U9 Teams
Tuesday 5:30 – 6:30pm
Clifton Park
Saturday 10 – 11am
Campbell Reserve

U10 Teams
Tuesday 5:30 – 6:30pm
Clifton Park
Thursday 5:30 – 6:30pm
Campbell Reserve

U11 Teams
Tuesday 5:30 – 6:45pm
Clifton Park
Thursday 5:30 – 6:45pm
Campbell Reserve

U14 Junior Girls Team
commenced 23rd Jan
Mondays 6.30 – 8pm
Campbell Reserve

5-8yo Development Program
commences Wed 22nd Feb
Wednesday 5:30 – 6:30pm
Clifton Park
Saturday 9 – 10am
Campbell Reserve

Campbell Reserve, Moreland Rd, Coburg
Clifton Park, Victoria St, Brunswick

Further enquiries to Miniroos Coordinator:
simoneunder10b@gmail.com
0422 442720

MetaFIT
STARTING FRIDAY
3RD FEBRUARY 1PM
WEEKLY CLASSES $15
$15
FATBURN EXTREME
SPORTS STADIUM VICTORIA
25 OUTLOOK ROAD COBURG

COBURG

WEEKLY CLASSES $15
8 WEEKS UPFRONT $100
For mum’s that want to get back into fitness. bring your babies in the pram. Bring an exercise mat and some water.
ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL ME PIROSKA 0412-889-401

For the first time Northcote Junior Football Club is offering girls AFL competitions (U10, U12 and U14 age groups) and we’re looking for girls who want to play local footy!
We’re also seeking players for our mixed U9 to U16 teams
New players welcome
NJFC also runs Auskick on Saturday mornings for 5-12 year olds.

McDonell Park, Clifton St Northcote (behind Northcote pool)
Register online now!
njfc.com.au
www.northcote-auskick.sportingpulse.net
facebook.com/northcotejfc
info@njfc.com.au

2017 Preseason clinics with Carlton FC:
Thursday 9 February 4.45-6.45pm with Carlton players
Sunday 26 February 1.30-5pm with Carlton Women’s players

Registration day
Sunday 26 February 1.30-4pm