## Important School Diary Dates

### Oct
- **Sat** 15: Working Bee – 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
- **Mon** 17: Curriculum Day – No Students required at school
- **Tues** 18: Whole School Photo Day (envelopes to be returned to the office)
- **Thurs-Fri** 20-21: Prep-Two Swimming
- **Fri** 21: “Dancing with the Stars” Latin Night (see next page)
- **Thurs-Fri** 27-28: Prep-Two Swimming
- **Fri** 28: Mango Orders close (see Page 8)

### Nov
- **Tues** 1: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – No School
- **Thurs-Fri** 3-4: Prep-Two Swimming
- **Sun** 6: Vision Portraits Fundraiser (see Page 7)
- **Thurs-Fri** 10-11: Prep-Two Swimming
- **Fri** 25: Ready, Set, Go! Program No. 1 – 9.00 to 11.00 a.m.

### Dec
- **Fri** 2: Ready, Set, Go! Program No. 2 – 9.00 to 11.00 a.m.
- **Tues** 6: Ready, Set, Go! Program No. 3 – 9.00 to 11.00 a.m.
- **Mon** 12: Grade 6 Graduation Night
- **Tues** 20: Last Day of Term 4 School ends at 1.30 p.m.

## 2017 Term Dates

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## Working Bee

**Saturday 15\textsuperscript{th} October**

1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

**Garden maintenance**

**Painting**

Clearing site for the new climbing equipment
Parent Social Night with a Latin Showcase!!

Friday October 21st, 2016
Doors open 7.30pm (please be prompt)- show starts 8pm
Northcote Uniting Church Hall (251 High St, Northcote)

Cost: Only $20!

Includes: Full show & table seating.  BYO food/nibbles.  Drinks available at great bar prices.
Dress: To impress with a touch of Latino red.

Bookings & more details: Online at www.trybooking.com/NDGL

Amazing Performances!  Great Prizes!
Free Dance Class!  Games & surprises!
Enter our 'Dancing with the Stars' Competition!!

Enquiries: Call Belinda on 0424 326 391 or email: info@mundomaya.com.au

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Greetings...

Student Achievement

Congratulations Billie, Year 5!

Northcote Primary School congratulates Billie Taylor-Morice for winning first place (Primary School category) in a national song-writing competition, “Change the World with Your Song”, for her song about war, “I Want Sunshine”. This competition aims to generate discussion on issues that matter to everyone. [http://changetheworldwithyoursong.com/].

Billie’s song is a highly original child’s view on war and the judges’ panel reported that Billie shows real talent in song writing.

The winner, second & third in each age category will have their song professionally recorded on a compilation CD with established artists and receive a prize. Well done Billie, we are very proud of your excellent effort in song writing.

Speech Final at Northcote High School: Tom and Audrey

Congratulations to Tom Kastanis and Audrey Kennedy, both year 6, for being selected to represent Northcote PS in the speech competition at Northcote HS. Tom and Audrey presented their speeches on the topic of ‘True wisdom comes from experience’ at our own school assembly on Monday morning and we were very impressed with both the content and delivery of both speeches. Tom and Audrey then went on to Northcote High School to participate in the competition on Tuesday. Tom came equal 3rd out of 16 students, an excellent effort on his part. Whilst Audrey didn’t place, it was a very good experience for both students in developing confidence and expressing themselves with clarity to a wider audience. Well done Tom and Audrey.

Well done all Year 1 and 2 campers

Our year 1 and 2s have returned from a 2 day and 1 overnight camp at Mt Evelyn last week. We enjoyed mostly beautiful weather, bush surrounds, lots of space and challenging and fun activities with some yummy food to help energy levels along. The children showed such enthusiasm and dollops of courage to spend a night away from home with their school friends, teachers and volunteer parents and participate in all the camp activities. We would like to congratulate all year 1/2 students and let them know how proud we are of them. See photos further on in this newsletter.

Thank you

A very big thank you to Katinka Kastner and Niki Skoullos, the camp organisers; Brooke; Stephanie; Natasha (1/2 teachers), Ross (Assistant Principal); Susan Dall’osto (teacher aid) and all the helpful and energetic parent volunteers who came along to support the children and staff to make it such a successful camp.

Athletics

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the Regional athletics yesterday. Here are the results:

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Planning for 2017
I am currently finalising enrolment numbers for 2017 which has a direct impact on how many classes, teachers and programs, we will need and be able to provide for 2017.

If you are moving location and considering leaving our school, could you please contact the office to let us know as soon as possible? It is vital that we have accurate student numbers to cater for adequate staffing and programs for the 2017 year and more importantly, secure your child’s school placement for the following year.

If you are aware of any families who are yet to enrol their child at school, could you please encourage them to make contact with us as soon as possible otherwise they may miss out on a place at our school in 2017.

School Organisation 2017
In a coming newsletter, I will show you all the student numbers we have for 2017 and invite you to give us your feedback on class/learning area organisation for 2017.

School Events – come along!
Our Working Bee is on Saturday and it would be great to see you there to volunteer an hour or two. Our yard needs a little bit of a tidy up after the storm last week and many hands make light work – don’t leave it to the same old group, come and join us and show your children how you care about their school.

I look forward to seeing you at both or either of our coming events, our Working Bee and our exciting Parent Social night – Latin theme!

Regards,
Kerrie

Some Principal camp photos!
Meeting the locals (left) and chatting with the kids (below)
New Strain of Norovirus & Hand Hygiene Policy

The Department of Health and Human Services has identified a new strain of norovirus that may lead to gastroenteritis outbreaks.

Norovirus is characterised by acute onset of nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. Other symptoms may include fever, headaches and muscle aches. Symptoms usually resolve after 48 hours, but if a parent is concerned about their child’s symptoms they should seek medical attention.

Throughout the year it is important to remind everyone of the importance of good hygiene at school and at home.

To help prevent the spread of norovirus, everyone, should:

- avoid attending work or school when experiencing gastroenteritis symptoms and advise the school of their illness
- stay away from school until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours
- maintain strict hand hygiene procedures at all times. Hands must be washed with soap and water, especially after going to the toilet and before eating or preparing food
- if staff are required to help attend to students with gastroenteritis symptoms, use of personal protective equipment such as aprons or gloves is recommended.

Schools have a responsibility to provide soap and running water. If running water is temporarily not available, alcohol-based hand sanitiser should be provided until running water can be supplied.

Schools must provide soap, as soap and running water have been clinically shown to be more effective for preventing norovirus transmission than alcohol-based hand sanitisers.

Alcohol-based hand sanitisers are also not as effective in cleaning hands when hands are visibly dirty or soiled.

Further information

The Department of Health and Human Services has issued the following advice on managing the new strain of norovirus, see:

- Health Victoria: New strain of norovirus detected in Victoria

Dr Jenny Proimos
Principal Medical Advisor
Early Childhood and School Education Group
On Wednesday the 5\textsuperscript{th} of October the first group of 1/2 students set off for their adventure at Mount Evelyn Recreational Camp. The students from 1/2 BNSH were very excited to get started and were such fabulous participants in all of their activities. The students co-operated with each other, used a variety of strategies and skills to overcome and master fears and helped each other as challenges arose. On Thursday the 6\textsuperscript{th} of October, students from 1/2 KN made the same journey. As one tired group hopped on the bus, the other bounced off with joy and eagerness. We saw strength, bravery and resilience.

The parent helpers were AMAZING! We were so very lucky to have such a keen group of parents to give up their time to assist us and the students on camp. They went above and beyond and we are so thankful.

\textbf{Thank you!!!!!}

Anthony (Bridget 1/2NH), Alix (Gracie 1/2NH),
Chris (Nelly 1/2B), Emilie (Ginger 1/2S), Eden (Alice 1/2KN), Susan K (Jack 1/2KN), Carly (Lachlan 1/2KN), Adrian (Audrey 1/2KN) and Sonja (Pre-service teacher in 1/2KN).

Big thanks also go to the 1/2 teaching team and support staff, who always do a great job providing such fun experiences for our students. Particularly to Katinka and Niki, our fabulous camp co-ordinators, who put in hours and hours of preparation time, to ensure our camp ran as smoothly as possible. Well done!!
Community News

BATMAN PARK KINDERGARTEN have limited vacancies for the 3 Year Old Pre - Kindergarten Program in 2017. Batman Park Kindergarten hold sessional Kindergarten and 3 Year Old Kinder is a great opportunity to see if sessional Kindergarten suits you and your child’s need. 3 Year Old Kinder is 3.5 hours a week. Please contact Batman Park Kindergarten on 9481 0237 for more information.
The Mango Fundraiser

Support our Annual Mango Fundraiser

If you love mangoes here’s your chance to indulge in fresh juicy Kensington Pride mangoes AND support our school’s annual fundraising drive at the same time.

We are having mangoes delivered direct from the farm to us.

It is some of freshest, most delicious fruit available!

The Mango Fundraiser picks and packs trays of fresh mangoes, during their premium harvest period, and delivers them directly to us, just in time for Christmas.

One tray of mangoes costs $25

The number of mangoes on each tray can and will vary, based on their size but each tray will contain between 14 - 20 mangoes.

Ordering is easy this year – simply order online at: https://www.trybooking.com/229532

ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY 28th OCTOBER.

Delivery of the Mangoes will be on the last week of November. The exact date will be confirmed and communicated via the newsletter. Don’t forget, all money raised goes directly to the school – so get involved and order your Mangoes today!

Everything you need to know about Mangoes!

Mangoes really are one of nature's super foods as they are packed with nutritional goodness. Mangoes are an excellent source of vitamin C and one mango gives you your recommended daily intake of vitamin C.

There’s heaps of ways to enjoy your mangoes – eat them fresh, add them to a smoothie or salad. You can freeze or even dry them so you can enjoy them all year round.

Remember only put them in the refrigerator when they ripen. If you put a green mango in the refrigerator it will never ripen!
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EXPERIENCE A NEW CULTURE
MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE AT HOME
HOST FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES

In January 2017, students aged 15 – 18 years from over 25 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 3-10 months. Opportunities are available to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide each student with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to practice your language skills, share your stories, learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

Our students bring with them their own spending money, health insurance and a wonderful attitude and desire to learn about their new host country. Your whole family...and your relatives and friends...will grow and learn as you all get to know your new ‘son’ or ‘daughter’ from another land. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit our website.
http://studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student