NEWSLETTER
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Important School Diary Dates

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Tomorrow is school photo day - smile!!!

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Welcome back everyone!
So lovely to see you all back at school ready to start Term 2 and I trust that you all had a relaxing break over the Easter and term holiday period.

Welcome back .....
Qilaavusk, who has returned from Alaska to recommence her schooling in year 1 and take up with her friends again. Lovely to see Qilaavsuk and her family again.

Welcome new student – Juliette
Juliette has joined our Prep classes and has come from the U.K.

Welcome to our 2 new staff members – Tami and Sally, teacher aides
Sally will work in the 1/2 Natasha and Katinka home rooms and with the other 1/2 team and Tami will work in the 3/4 area, mostly with Kate and Janelle’s home groups.

Parents of Prep to Year 4 students – Tri-Skills starts Friday 22nd April
Please don’t forget, Tri-Skills gymnastics is starting for students in years Prep to year 4, this week on Friday 22nd April. We would not like any child to miss out but are unable to allow them to participate if payment has not been made. Please check with the office staff as soon as possible if you are unsure whether you have done this. The Triskills charge was listed as part of the 2016 fees on the Parent Payment Statement sent home in February. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please contact me at the office to discuss.

Prep Enrolments for 2017
Tours for prospective parents will commence on Tuesday 26th April at 9.05am, and continue every Tuesday until the second last week of this term. Every Tuesday morning, you will see a group of interested parents learning about our school. We have had many enquiries and bookings already and tours are filling up fast.

If you know of any parents who are considering schools for their children for 2017, please let them know about our great school, and to ring our office to book in for a tour.

Siblings commencing Prep in 2017 – enrol now!
If you are a current family with children in the school and you have a child due to commence in 2017, I strongly advise you to fill in an enrolment form and lodge it at the office. Once tours commence, enrolments will fill up fast and we’d like to ensure a place for siblings of current families as soon as possible. Prep 2017 enrolments are due in by Thursday 23rd June, so don’t miss out!

Our School Open Day – Tuesday May 17th
We will be holding our whole school open day on May 17th this year. We are inviting our current parents/carers to come along and see the school programs and student’s quality work on display. Many parents/carers, especially in the Junior and Middle sections of the school, come into their child’s classroom on a regular basis but we are also aware that some parents are not able to. So, we are scheduling a special day and hope that parents might be able to shuffle their schedules around and come along.

Soon, you will receive a personal note from your child inviting you to come along to their class to observe and acknowledge their great work. It would mean a lot to your child if you were able to spare some time to demonstrate your support. Teachers will also send home the timetable for the day so you can pick a time you might like to come along to see a particular activity or learning experience. Please keep in mind that this is not parent teacher interview time, but an opportunity to see your child’s class during the day.

**Before and After School Ball Games**
I would like to remind everyone about our safety rule around the children playing ball games at the front of the school both before and after school.

If children wish to play ball games before or after school, then they need to move around to the back of the school (Henry Street side). This is a much safer place for all to play ball games during that time. A gentle reminder that this rule is for children and parents who like to play ball with the kids! Teachers have reminded children this week and we will be shoo-ing them around the back if they ‘forget’. Thanks for the feedback and your support with this!

**After School Supervision**
Just a reminder to parents that the school yard is supervised by a teacher on assigned yard duty from 3.30 – to 3.45 p.m. every night after school. The after school yard duty role for the teacher is to supervise the yard whilst the children are leaving the school to go home; to lock all gates except main Helen street gate, toilets and bike shed, bring in the crossing flags and locate any children who are still in the yard by 3.45 and have not been collected by family.

Children are encouraged to leave the school grounds after school, immediately, and make their way home. That way, we are able to ascertain which children need to be sent to the office so we can call parents and find out what is happening for them.

I’m heading off to the year 5/6 Camp at Toolangi today, so look forward to our 3 days in the beautiful Toolangi forest.

**Warm regards,**
Kerrie

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**Are you looking for ways to become more engaged with your school and local community?**
Would you like to meet some new NPS school families or maybe hear some information about the various community events at NPS?

Then come along to the NPS Community Sub-Committee meeting at 7pm on Tuesday, 19th April. The meeting will be held in the staff room (down the corridor from the office).

At this meeting, we will discuss the purpose of the sub-committee and brainstorm some ideas for the year ahead. Everyone is welcome!

community.nps@gmail.com
Northcote Out-of-School Hours Committee
Next meeting – Tuesday 3rd May, 5.00 p.m., School staffroom
All parents are invited, especially our new prep parents. This is the first meeting of the new school council year so we will be agreeing priority areas for the year ahead.
Please let Miles (convenor) know if you will be joining at miles.callaghan@bupacare.com.au

School Banking News
The School Banking program includes an exciting and exclusive Rewards Program that encourages students to get into the habit of saving regularly. Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habits. We will be holding an Account Opening Day at our school:

Time: 8.40 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.
Date: Wednesday 20th April
Location: School office foyer

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification. Alternatively, you can open an account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child’s birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.

If you have any questions or you would like to open an account please meet with Olympia Wood the CBA representative after assembly on 0422 116 38 or olympia.wood@cba.com.au Remember, School Banking day is every Monday

(Please note: There will be no banking this Monday 25th April due to ANZAC Day. Banking will be done on Tuesday 26th instead)