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Important School Diary Dates for 2015

July	24	Fri	Grade 3-6 Swimming Commences (8 weeks)
	29	Wed	Pupil Free Day – No School for Children
Aug	7	Fri	NPS Annual Trivia Night!
Sept	1	Tuesday	Pupil Free Day – No School for Children
	10	Thur	School Performance (details to come)
	11	Fri	Grade 3-6 Swimming finishes
	18	Fri	End of Term 3 – 2.30 p.m.
Oct	5	Mon	Start of Term 4 – 9.00 a.m.
Nov	2	Mon	Pupil Free Day – No School for Children
	3	Tuesday	Melbourne Cup Day – Public Holiday
Dec	18	Fri	End of Term 4 – 1.30 p.m.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

(Assembly item by Grades 5/6)

00L	-	Rafael P
00LW	-	Harper W
00N	-	Lulu P
12DN	-	Henry W
12J	-	Minnie H
12S	-	Archie N
12T	-	Edward S
34D	-	Stella B
34J	-	Eva V
34K	-	Ridley O'D
34KL	-	Otteo P
56C	-	Leo
56M	-	Mia O
56N	-	Molly B
56S	-	Chloe B

Greetings ...

Welcome back to Term 3!

Welcome back from school holidays to the start of Term 3. I hope you all had a relaxing time with your family and friends. The staff and I are all feeling refreshed and ready to go.

Term three is a great opportunity for all students to work on the recommendations in their student reports in order to consolidate and extend their knowledge. Students will be focusing on goals set from their reports and

areas for improvement. Our Year 6 students have less than six months of their primary school life to go which often creates both excitement and anxious thoughts as they prepare for their secondary education.



Student Achievement

Congratulations our Preps for their first 100 days at school!

Winter clothes for children

It has certainly been very cold weather for the start of the term and most children are coming to school with that extra warm layer of clothing on (coats or warm jackets) as well as warm hats and gloves. We do notice however, a small number of children coming to school inappropriately dressed for the very chilly winter temperatures. You may find when they return home at the end of the day, that their teachers have dressed them in lost property clothing for the day, just to ensure that they keep them warm. Please ensure your children leave the house in the morning, wearing warm clothing, we know we can't guarantee that they will return with the same garments but you can ask them to check lost property for discarded items.



Some of you may know that Ross has been in the Acting Assistant Principal from the beginning of the year and he also has been through the selection process for the position. Ross brings his many skills and capabilities from his years as team leader and expert classroom teacher. Congratulations Ross, we are delighted with your appointment and look forward to the contribution your leadership will bring to our school.

Our new Assistant Principal

Last term, we advertised the vacancy created by our ex-Assistant Principal, Karen Rush, when she was successful in obtaining a Principal position at Reservoir Views Primary School. It was a rigorous and thorough selection process and I am very pleased to announce the successful applicant. **Congratulations Ross Bennie!**

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Farewell Julia – our Prep and 1/2 Italian teacher

We are sad to see Julia Busittil leaving us after next week. However, we are happy to announce that the reason she is leaving is because she is expecting a little baby! Julia has been teaching at our school for over a year now and has brought a bright and positive attitude to her teaching and a high level of engagement for the students in her classes. On behalf of the children, staff and community of Northcote Primary School, we wish Julia all the best with the impending birth of her baby. Best wishes and luck to Julia.

We are currently in the process of securing a replacement teacher for Julia and hope to be able to make an announcement soon.

Work over the holidays on our school

New heaters for the Hall

School Council funded three new gas heaters for the Hall, to replace the very old and ineffective ones. These were installed over the holidays. The new heaters have been put to very good use as our Out of Hours program is temporarily located to the Hall this term and some of next term, whilst the Out of Hours house undergoes a renovation and extension. After our cold start to the term, the staff and children have been very appreciative of the warmth and cosiness the heaters provide. Thank you Ross, for coordinating the installation of the gas heaters over the holidays.

New LED lighting for the entire school

If you have been inside the school buildings this week, you may have been surprised by the brightness of the lights! Steven (year 5/6 teacher) applied for a sustainability grant last year, and this funded the replacement of every fluoro light in the school with more economical and sustainable LED lighting, including the old Hall lights. We are seeing each other and the children in a different light this term and look forward to the saving on our electricity bills too! Thank you Steven (and Andrea, now on Family Leave) for coordinating this project.



Senior Campus update

Further landscaping and rubbish clearing was carried out over the holidays. A digger was employed to scrape away years of (dangerous) debris in the northeast corner of the campus and get rid of rubbish around the site. It filled up two 8-metre skips! The furniture has arrived and all we are waiting for now is for the connections for the digital communication phone systems to be in place. In the next few weeks, we will have children back on 'the block' – now known as the Senior Campus, experiencing a new learning environment.

Remaining Pupil Free Days and Out of Hours Care availability

As notified last term, there will be two Pupil free days this term (Wednesday July 29th and Tuesday September 1st) and the final Pupil Free Day in term 4 on Monday, November 2nd. Students are not required at school on these days. The Out of Hours Program will run if there are sufficient numbers of children booked in to make it viable. Please book in to the program by the 24th July.

Department of Education and Training Parent Opinion Survey

Commencing Monday 27th July, a randomly selected group of parents will receive a survey from the Department of Education providing an opportunity to provide feedback on our school. The survey selects families and is generated via a computer software program. The survey is confidential and we encourage those families selected to take the time to complete and return the survey by the due date as we value our community's feedback. All surveys are sealed and returned to the Department of Education for analysis. The results are then returned and shared with School Council, staff, students and parents.

Are you the parent or carer of a child with a disability?

As part of the Victorian Government commitment to make Victoria the Education State, the Department of Education and Training has begun a review into how schools can better support students with special needs – including those with autism and dyslexia. The review into the Program for Students with disabilities includes the opportunity for parents to tell the Department what they think of the current program and how it can be improved.

Renowned human rights practitioner and Australia's former Disability Commissioner, Dr Graeme Innes, will lead face-to-face consultations for the review which is designed to guide and improve our Department's approach to providing support to students with additional needs. You can get involved by taking an online survey which will be available from September via: www.education.vic.gov.au/specialneedsplan

Your responses will help shape the Education State and encourage creative solutions to providing outstanding special needs education in Victoria.

2016 Prep enrolment

If you have not yet enrolled your child for prep next year I urge you to do so – we have a significant number of 2016 preps already enrolled, and will now commence the planning for transition and classes for these children.

Help shape the Education State

The most important thing that we can do as a school community is to make sure we give each and every student a great education and a great start to life. I know from speaking to many of you that you have many ideas for how we can improve the education we provide our students at school, and more broadly how we can improve our school system as a whole.

Over the past month the Victorian Government has been hosting open consultations on how we can make Victoria the Education State – asking all of us to share our ideas and experiences, challenges and solutions to help improve our education system across the state. The consultation has reached its halfway point, and we have three more weeks to make the most of this opportunity to play a role in shaping Victorian education in the years to come.

The Education State consultation is about more than schools – it's about the pathways between sectors, it's about how schools connect with their communities and it's about how we provide the best educational opportunities for all Victorians. For the consultation to be truly effective, it's vital that a range of people get involved parents, businesses and local service providers all have valuable insights to share. I encourage everyone

in our school community – including those business owners and services that support our school – to join in the consultation. There are a number of ways to get involved:

- Head to the Education State Homepage and take part in the online discussions;
- Sign up for one of the consultation sessions running over the next three weeks listed on the Education State Homepage; or
- Host your own conversation using the Education State Conversation Guide and send in the outcome.

As always, I invite you to share your ideas with me on what is working well and what we can do better.

Warm regards,
Kerrie

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability - 'Collection Notice'

All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the **Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability** this year.

The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.

All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 to provide information on a student's level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.* Data will continue to be de-identified prior to its transfer to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. No student's identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to **contact Ross Bennie on 9481 0009** or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621. For questions after 7 August 2015, please call the Australian Government Department of Education and Training on 1300 566 046.

* For more information on Schedule 3—Amendments for the collection of data on students who are persons with a disability Australian Education Regulation 2013 see: http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01723/Html/Text#_Toc404934419

Concession Card Holders – Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)

If you hold a current means-tested Concession Card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the above funding (which is similar to the old Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA). Eligibility criteria will shortly be posted to the NPS website, together with the CSEF application form. This form should be available on the website early next week. Alternatively, paper copies of the forms are available at the office. You will need to bring your card with you for copying.

Parent Financial Statements

Updated Parent Financial Statements will be sent out next week.



Fundraising with Bakers Delight

Northcote Primary School has a ongoing fundraising effort with the Bakers Delight at Northcote Plaza.

Just mention “*Northcote Primary School*” at the time of payment and much needed funds will be raised for our school.



Pie Fundraiser

The Boscastle Pie Drive is back! It's our annual winter fundraiser and a chance to stock up the freezer after the school break.

Forms will come home with children this week. Here is a link to the form on the website: [Boscastle Pie Fundraiser Order Form](#)

Order forms and monies need to be received by Friday the 31 July. Delivery will be Tuesday the 11th August.

Thanks Fi Lang - Community Committee

Northcote Primary School's Annual Trivia Nite

Tickets are now on sale for this year's hugely popular fund raiser - the Trivia Nite!!

Due to popular demand we are at a new venue this year – the Northcote Town Hall – so will be in the main hall which can accommodate up to 200 people. You can make up a table of 8 or join in with other friends and families from school to enjoy a wonderful night of amusement, prizes and possible glory.



- When?** Friday 7 August 2015, 7.30-11pm
- Where?** Northcote Town Hall
- Tickets?** Available online via: TryBooking <http://www.trybooking.com/IESX>
- Cost?** Tickets remain at last year's price of \$25 per person
- Food?** Remember to BYO your food, drinks, cutlery, crockery and glasses.

If you don't have internet access, please contact Bella (0418362905) or Emily (0419 205 417) and arrange for an alternative way to book your tickets.

Please don't miss out on securing your spot for a great night of fun!!

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Merri Community Childcare & Kinder Fundraiser – 3.00 p.m. on Sunday 2nd August. Dancing, blow up guitars, fairy bread and silent auction. Northcote Social Club. Tickets \$10.00 each or \$30.00 family of 4. Available from merriccc.com.au/shop/ or northcotesocialclub.com or 1300 724 867. Sneak peak ontherrrrrockets.com.au

Asthma Kids

Hi, I'm Chester! Join me on the Asthma Trail at asthmakids.org.au

Our new Asthma Kids site helps children and their parents/carers learn more about asthma in a fun and engaging way.

Monthly prize draws!
On successful completion of the trail, children can enter a monthly prize draw to win a Grit scooter and helmet or a voucher for Spencil stationery!

To find out more about asthma contact your Asthma Foundation on 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462).

Asthma Australia
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Paediatric Health Professionals Evening

Dr Jo Martin Paediatrician
Lisa Clark Occupational Therapist
Lisa Coloca Psychologist
Amy Fitzpatrick Speech Pathologist

splash
Wednesday 19th August 2015
7.30pm – 9pm
Hosted by Preston South Primary School
Hotham Street, Preston
No cost to attend – all welcome

THE THERAPY STORE
The Therapy Store will also be there on the night with products and tools to purchase for your child.

Roald Dahl's
Matilda
 THE MUSICAL

BOOK DENNIS KELLY MUSIC BY TIM MINCHIN

Dear Friends

Matilda the Musical is coming to Melbourne and we are casting the children's roles. Please [click here](#) for the casting brief for the children's roles for the Australian production of *Matilda the Musical* – Melbourne season.

Feel free to pass this on to an appropriate staff member to distribute to parents of any children who may be suitable and interested in auditioning.

Kind Regards,

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I am an experienced singer who trained at the Johnny Young Talent School in Richmond for 8 years.

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During this time I developed a teaching ethic around self confidence, technique and performance. I also have a Diploma in Community Services Work and a Certificate in Integration/Education support.



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