School finishes at 1.30 tomorrow

Friday 18th December timetable is as follows:

11- 11.30: Recess
1.10: Final Assembly
1.30: Dismissal
1.45: All school gates closed

Term 1- 2016, school starts Thursday 28th January at 9:00am for all students

Have a safe and happy holiday, see you in 2016
Summer Watering Roster

We still in need families to go on the summer watering roster to help keep our plants alive over summer. If you can help, please contact Karen at k.mcwilliam@elenbergfraser.com

Volvo keys handed in to school office. Found in Helen Street on 16/12

Greetings ...

Student Achievement
Well done Xara!
Xara competed in the Victorian Swimming championships held on Wednesday 16th December. Xara did well to get to that high level of swimming competition as she had to qualify for state times before she could compete. She came 30th out of 40, meaning that she is in the top 30 swimmers in the state. Great effort and achievement Xara.

Farewell ….
Brooke Apollonio
Brooke has worked at Northcote Primary School over the past two years supporting the lovely Lachie with his application to learning. Brooke has worked in partnership with another teacher aide, Susan, and teachers to learn about specific student needs and how to adapt the learning program to ensure inclusiveness wherever possible. We will miss Brooke’s ‘can do’ attitude and her advocacy for student needs. Brooke has picked up a position at a school closer to her home and we would like to thank her for all her work at our school and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

Farewell Meg Marsh
Meg initially helped us out when we were looking for a replacement for Jo who was on sick leave for a short period. We were so impressed with Meg’s adaptability and work that we asked her to stay on and work in the front of office every Friday. We have appreciated Meg’s ability to work in an office that often has high demands in terms of competing needs (phone ringing; child in sick bay; tradies wanting keys; newsletter deadlines; teacher needing an excursion form and so on!!) Meg has also contributed to the review and improvement of system practices around the operational side of the office bringing her experiences from her other profession. We would like to thank Meg for her work in our office and wish Meg all the best as she pursues and expands her next career in the Personal Fitness industry.

Thank you to all the staff at NPS
I would like to thank all staff, teachers, office staff, student support staff, out of hours staff for their tireless work, energy, enthusiasm and the ‘extra mile’ they are always willing to go to make Northcote Primary School such a great place to be. They all work so hard every day, and truly deserve their break.
Thank you all, well done NPS staff.

Our neighbours and school security over the Holiday period
I would like to ask our neighbours both near and far to help us keep our school secure and ready for the children to start the 2016 school year. If you could report any unwanted or illegal behaviours to the police on either the local Northcote Police number or ‘000’ we would greatly appreciate it.
Final Assembly – Hot weather relocate to Hall
We have been monitoring the temperatures climbing over this week and due to high temperatures forecast for Friday afternoon, for safety reasons we will hold the final assembly in the Hall. Given the number of parents who usually attend the final assembly, to make room we will not have seating available as we do on Monday morning assembly. Please note there will be standing room only. Parents can also view the assembly from the Prep rooms at the back and side.

At the end of the assembly, the children in Years 1 – 5 will leave the Hall as they do for Monday morning assembly and pick up their bags. The Prep and Year 6 children will wait until there has been a little clearance so they can safely move outside.

The assembly will commence at around 1.10pm and conclude at 1.30pm.

Farewell to our 2015 Year 6s
I would like to congratulate all the year 6s on their graduation from Northcote Primary School. Many have attended Northcote Primary School for all their primary school years and some students joined us along the way.

We have lovely memories of you all as little preppies, and we had tears in our eyes as we saw the ‘then and now’ photos on Graduation night last week. It was a very enjoyable evening where the focus was on our Year 6 Graduates as we gathered together to celebrate and acknowledge the journey our young people have made over the years they have been at Northcote Primary School.

They have proven to be an outstanding group of students, particularly in their final year as they have grown into their maturity and taken on levels of responsibility and made contributions to our school community. We are so very proud of them all and we listened fondly as Steven, Margaret, Claire and Nicole and Emma, year 6 teachers, read out an individual tribute to each Year 6 student highlighting their achievements.

They have all grown through many challenging and rewarding times together and have developed strong friendships. While I am sure they will all pursue a variety of interests as they progress through secondary school, I hope that they continue to enjoy each other’s friendship and share those bonds into the future.

So to our Year 6 Graduates, I hope that you look back on your time with us with fondness and good memories as we will remember you well too. We wish you all the very best for all your future endeavours.

So long and farewell to each of you.

And finally …
Another great year at Northcote Primary School comes to a close,

Thank you all for your support throughout the year.

I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas. May the end of the year draw to a happy close and the new one start with much joy, laughter and fun. I hope you all spend time with those you love over the holiday period.

See all of you in 2016.
Warm Regards,
Kerrie
Farewell and Good Luck!

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Grade six families leaving us for the final time are:

Mohmmad/Ahmed, Bartlett/Veljanoska, Martinella/Boura, Morgan, Doyle, Axup/Liebold, Stanley, Stewardson/Rollason, Macleod/Bellemo, Lightman/Hyde, Johnson/Hayes, May, Mekawy, Ritman/Henley, Thorpe/Corr, Redpath, Reid, Weekley, Fox, Hardy, Monkhd, McMahon/Kelly, Minutolo/Marras, Le, Nguyen, Webster/Nicolajuk, Cleaves/Nischwitz

Special mention to the Ritman/Henley family who are leaving after 13 years and the Fox family who started at NPS in 2000 and and Le family who have been at NPS since 2002

Others moving to another school:

Piplani/Kaur, Hay, Stukel/Flett, Thomson/Lang and Rawlins/Kempton families

Thank you for your contribution to our school and we wish all those who are leaving Northcote PS the best of luck for the future!!!