If you have information or ads for the newsletter, need to contact the school or want an email forwarded on to a teacher, please email it to northcote.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

If you need to contact the Out of School Hours Program please call 0420 637 931. Thank you

**Important School Diary Dates for 2015**

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Have a great break everyone and enjoy your holidays!

See you in Term 4!

Don’t forget we finish at 2.30 p.m.
MEDICATION GIVEN AT SCHOOL
If your child requires prescription medication to be given at school, a “Medication Request Form” must be filled out at the School Office for that day, or for the period of time it is required to be given. Pain relief, such as paracetamol, or any over the counter medication can only be given by School staff with a letter from the child’s doctor.

The Medication Distribution Policy can be found here.

Greetings …
On Monday 14th September, 45 students represented our school at the Collingwood Harriers Athletics Track to compete against other schools in our area. Our students demonstrated their athletic skills in all events and again we have some outstanding students going on to the next level to represent our school at the Nillumbik - Darebin Division Championships. All of our students demonstrated excellent cooperative and sporting spirit on the day, cheering and encouraging each other to do their best in the events.

I know our students our proud to represent our school at these events and always try their hardest. Thank you to all the teachers and parents who prepared students for the events, and for attending and co-ordinating events throughout the day, it is wonderful that they enjoy the support at these competitions.

Term 4 reminder: Sun and UV Protection - No hat, No Play!
With summer approaching, schools encourage healthy environments by monitoring ultraviolet (UV) alerts. School sun-safe practices are made in consultation with students, staff and parents.

UV radiation varies in intensity across the year and normally is highest during schools hours. From September until April, or when the Ultra Violet (UV) level reaches 3, it is important to use a combination of sun protection measures to minimise the risk of skin and eye damage, and skin cancer.

The SunSmart UV Alert app is a useful tool that can be used to know when to protect against UV radiation and when sun protection is needed. The free app is available at: www.sunsmart.com.au/tool/interactive-tools/free-sunsmart-app

Broad-Brimmed Hats
Broad brimmed school hats (Sunsmart endorsed) can be purchased from the office in Term 4, at $8.50 each. Please help us by bringing the correct money as we don’t often carry cash change. Reminder: all children must wear a Sunsmart hat for term 4.
Planning for 2016
I am currently in the process of finalising enrolment numbers for 2016 and with that information, how many classes and teachers we will need for the 2016 teaching and learning programs at our school.

Moving Out and Leaving the School?
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 2016 year and more importantly, to 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 2016.

In the coming newsletters, I will show you all the student numbers we have for 2016 and invite you to give us your feedback on class/learning area organisation for 2016.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable term holiday and see you in Term 4!

Warm regards,
Kerrie

Great news! Telstra Kids Grant
We are delighted to announce our success in applying for a $1,200 grant from Telstra.

Telstra Kids funds the little things that can make a big difference to kids lives, helping kids to play and learn. Our Telstra Kids grant will be used to fund attendance at the 2016 Leadership Conference and also participate in the 2016 Philosothon.

Huge thanks to Con Kastoras from Telstra, parent of Christos (grade 4) and Vicki (prep), who prepared and endorsed our application.

Found
Two watches have ended up in the office. One was found in the playground, the other left on the step in the office foyer. If you have lost a watch, please come and ask at the office.

Programs from Boston Towers the Musical
If you missed out on a copy of the program, please call at the office to collect one.

Costumes
Lisa is asking all performers to return their costumes to her if you haven’t already done so. Thank you!
Boston Towers: A Big Thank You!

Well what an amazing day we had last Thursday! There was so much happening; rehearsal, bus trips, costumes, quick changes and of course 2 wonderful performances. I was so proud of how all the students worked to do their best, and extremely impressed with how they realised after the first show that perhaps they could do even better, and they did! There was that extra smile, a bit more of a wiggle here and there; more confidence at the microphone and Boston himself added all sorts of extra improvisation to his character.

It was great to see so many students involved in the technical side of the performance and I was really the only adult backstage who had to do anything. The students truly ran the show! The range of learning experiences and opportunities to try something new in a performance of this type can never be underestimated and while there are some students who are not mad about being ‘onstage’, they certainly contributed with enthusiasm and professionalism behind the scenes.

There is such a wonderful sense of community at these types of events and seeing parents, grandparents and a variety of relatives and friends supporting their children was truly amazing. While I thanked some people after the 7.30pm show, there was a number I didn’t thank so I will do it here.

A Huge Thank you to:

**All Staff:** To all of you for putting up with me removing students for rehearsals, collecting money, collating the programme, rehearsing the students, making sure that everyone was prepared.

**Kerrie and Ross:** For all your support in making sure I had the time and assistance I needed to make sure everything got done. Thanks so much!

**Tracy Budin:** For wonderful choreography and rehearsing of the boys’ dances and Vogue. You’re a keeper!

**Steven Bruce:** Bass guitarist extraordinaire who showed up to Monday night band rehearsals, above and beyond his call of duty.

**Costumes:** Michel, Heather, Sophie, Shannon, Olga and Olga’s mum. Plus those who offered but in the end didn’t need to take things home: Bronwyn, Jess, Rebecca, Brigid, Jane.

**Hair and Makeup:** Kylie, Alex, Olivia and Jane. Great work girls!

**Band:** Marc, Marie, Shorty, Shane, Michael, Henry, Esther, and Steven; it wouldn’t be the same without you!

**Chris Mitchell:** Saviour, lighting and gaffer expert and all-round good guy. You rock!

**The hard working main cast, soloists, singers, dancers and backstage crew:** You were simply outstanding, talented, enthusiastic and a joy to work with. I hope you take all you have learned and use it when you get to high school. Thank you for your dedication, sense of humour and talent!

**The Students of NPS:** To all our students who performed with enthusiasm and bravery. You made us all so proud. Well done!

In the words of Boston Towers: **GROOVY BABY!**
Ciao a tutti (Hello everyone)! Yes! An Italian Day is being organised for Tuesday, 20th October. The Italian Student Committee has been busy making plans!

It will be a day where the students will be immersed in the Italian language through a variety of cultural activities. Some of the activities most students can look forward to are: Soccer with 24 soccer players, Bocce with Adeglia and her team, Roberto the ‘Connie’, Puppet Making, Michelangelo’s Artists, Waiter’s Race and much more as well as a special pizza lunch and gelato treat!

The theme for our day will be: ‘Evviva L’Italiano’

The children are required to come to school dressed in a character or famous Italian. Ideas to consider could include: Pinocchio, Il Pappagallo, La Befana, Michelangelo, Da Vinci, soccer players etc. If this is too difficult, children may dress in neat casual attire representing the colours of the Italian flag which are: VERDE - Green, BIANCO - White, Rosso - Red.

Please Do Not Hire Any Costumes. This Is Not Necessary!

Aiuto Urgente! (Urgent Help):
Help will be required for the special lunch and gelato organization and distribution. A big GRAZIE to the 6 parents who have contacted me to assist and support us on our Italian Day. More help is still required. Please refer to last week’s newsletter for details and contact me via email.

Pasta Making Activity Anyone?: Students have expressed an interest to see how pasta is made.

Sessions will run for about 30/35 minutes with groups of about 19 students for 3 to 4 rotations in the day. This activity will only occur for year levels where parents who have volunteered, have their child/ren in. It will be BYO ingredients and equipment and you will be reimbursed for ingredients purchased - please keep your receipts!😊

If there are any parents who are willing to work in a group to demonstrate how pasta is made and then get students making via with pasta machines, please contact me asap via email on paladino.rosa.r@edumail.vic.gov.au as I would like to finalise a timetable by the first week back of term 4!

Italian Day Levy
Due to the nature of activities and having different organisations attending our special event, there will be a levy which will need to be paid for each student to cover the costs of the day. This year, we have two options for parents to choose from.

Option One levy will cover the cost of activities and the special lunch (pizza and Gelativo Gelato).
Option Two levy will only cover the costs of the activities on the Italian Day and no pizza lunch and gelato.

As I only work here at the school on Monday and Tuesday and for catering and ordering purposes, it is imperative that all levies are paid for by Friday 9th October. Unfortunately, no late lunch orders will be taken after this date.

PLEASE refer to the important information below regarding levy and special pizza and gelato orders. Please note that the special lunch orders will need to be finalised by Friday the 9th of October.

Think this is all for now. If you have any queries about Italian or about our Italian Day, please feel free to see me at school on Monday or Tuesday.

Until next term, buone vacanze (happy holidays) and take care, GRAZIE MILLE FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT,

Signorina Rosa
Italian Teacher and Co-ordinator
ITALIAN DAY 2015
OPTION ONE - $10.00/child (includes activities & lunch)

Last day for payment is **Friday 9th October** – please return to your child’s teacher

**PLEASE NOTE:** no food orders will be accepted after this date.

Student’s Name: ___________________________________________ Class: _________

1. Margherita Pizza (cheese, tomato, oregano) x 4 slices in an individual box per student. **Yes / No**
   (From Northcote Pizza Hut on High Street)

2. One flavour of Gelativo Gelato-ice cream (125mls in a cup with spoon)
   **Please circle one of the flavours.**

   - Lemon & Lime
   - Chocolate
   - Strawberry Sorbet
   - Mango Sorbet

   - Please check ‘gelativo gelato’ website regarding products if your child/ren has allergies.

If your child has allergies to gelato they will be provided with an icy pole **Yes / No**

Amount Enclosed: $__________ (Cash/Cheque only)

One order form per child but payment for siblings can be made in one envelope.

Please provide information of any food allergies for your child: ________________________________________________

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Parent/Guardian Name and contact number: ________________________________________________

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ITALIAN DAY 2015
OPTION TWO - $5.00/child (includes activities only)

Last day for payment is **Friday 9th October**. Please return to your child’s classroom teacher.

Please note: This order does not include the special pizza lunch and gelato treat and that your child/ren will need to bring their own lunch on that day.

Student’s Name: ___________________________________________ Class: _________

Amount Enclosed: $__________ (Cash/Cheque only)

One order form per child but payment for siblings can be made in one envelope.

Parent/Guardian Name and contact number: ________________________________________________
Save the date!

Vision Portraits $15.00 fundraiser will be coming to Northcote Primary School

Sunday 22\textsuperscript{nd} November

A great Christmas gift idea!

More details to follow early in Term 4. In the meantime, check out Vision Portraits website at:


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HENRY ST STUDIO

I am a trained artist and teacher and (Mum to Elvie in Grade 3). I am currently offering art classes to primary aged children after school at my home studio. As the studio is located in the back laneway off Henry St, I am able to collect students after school and walk them back to the studio where they will have afternoon tea and then begin class at 4pm.

Times

Tuesday       Senior 8-12 years   4.00 – 5.30 pm
Wednesday   Junior 5- 7 years      4.00 - 5.00 pm
Thursday        Senior 8-12 years   4.00 – 5.30 pm

Students can attend classes casually or enrol for the term. Cost is $22 a senior class and $20 for junior classes. Contact Jane Newey

T: 0414 438 741    E: janenewey@yahoo.com.au

We are inviting singers and choirs to join the No Excuses! massed women's choir, presented by the School of Hard Knocks and the Big West Festival.

No Excuses! is a new song suite, created by composers Christina Green and Kathleen McGuire, focussing upon family violence and domestic abuse, with real stories of struggle and inspirational resilience as shared by women from Melbourne's western suburbs.

No Excuses!, to be performed by women singers and instrumentalists, will premiere at the Big West Festival in November 2015. Audiences will be empowered by messages of solidarity and hope.

No Excuses! Project

Rehearsals for the women’s choir will commence on Sunday 27\textsuperscript{th} September led by the composers, Dr Kathleen McGuire and Christina Green.
To join this exciting new choir, and to be involved in the premiere performance of this moving and empowering new work, please click below to register. Please invite your female friends, family and colleagues to join also. *No one will be turned away due to lack of funds (see below for more details).*

Registration includes:

**8 x Rehearsals** - Footscray Hospital, Sundays 4-6pm from 27th Sept to 15th Nov 2015
**2 x Performances** - Big West Festival, Friday 20th & Saturday 21st Nov 2015 at 8pm

Music to print & audio files
Parking, if required
Rehearsals will be held from 4:00 to 6:00pm on Sundays at **Footscray Hospital**, 160 Gordon St Footscray. If you are driving, free parking will be provided on site. It is also accessible via public transport.

If you are a music director or choir manager interested in this project, please contact us to enquire about how your choir or singers may also be involved.

For more info about **No Excuses!**, please visit: [https://noexcuses.teamapp.com/](https://noexcuses.teamapp.com/)

**REGISTER HERE**: [Book Now](https://noexcuses.teamapp.com/)

**PAYMENT OPTIONS:**
We have a selection of registrations available. Please select the one that applies best to you. We are relying upon your honesty:
- Standard registration fee: $50
- Limited income registration fee: $25
- No income: use promo code NOEXCUSES
Donate: If you are able, please consider making a donation to offset those who cannot afford to pay a fee.

**Kid-friendly hairdressers: who says haircuts can’t be fun?**
Slinky Barbershop has opened at 563 High St Northcote offering **$20 boys cuts** for ages 12 & under with our new barber Leelah between Wed - Frid from 11am until 6pm (walk-ins welcome).
**$20 girls cuts** aged 12 & under can also see our new Hairdresser Levi between Wed - Frid from 11am until 6pm (appointment necessary).
Slinky Hair
phone: 03 9972 1013
Address: 563 High St Northcote, Vic, 3070

**City of Darebin** school holiday program – brochures available at the office.

**Darebin Community Health** – Commonwealth Child Dental Benefits Schedule. Claim up to $1000 dental treatment every two years. Brochures available outside the office or contact 9403 1200. For clinics and public dental information visit [www.dhav.org.au](http://www.dhav.org.au)