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There is no Pupil of the Week on Monday due to ......
Our whole school Athletics Day!!
Greetings from Kerrie …

A fantastic community school fete!
We were blessed with the promise of gorgeous weather for our fete day and true to the forecasts, we had one out of the box!

With a very early start, the set up crew arrived in the dark, and the work began. By 9.30am, our fete village had emerged and we were ready to go with our earlier start at 10.00am.

Everyone had on their best smiles to welcome ours and the broader community. Dane (teacher) started us up again with great music and soon had Noah (student) join him with a percussion accompaniment. The entertainment played out, alongside the aroma of and freshly brewed coffee and barbeques sizzling with hamburgers, sausages and souvlakis! The crowds grew and by 11, it was pumping with a great vibe and feel of the Northcote Primary School fete. Many bargains were to be had with our home made crafts, jams, sauces and chutneys, some beautiful home-made cakes to go with the delicious coffees. Plants, Books, toys, and vintage clothes were soon crowded too as was the fantastic things on offer at the Silent Auction.

The children flocked to the rides, the Giant Inflatables, the Chair-O-Plane and the abseiling wall challenged the brave. The Tombola, Lucky Dip, lob-a-choc, ring-a-can, asteroid blaster, splat-a-rat, hand ball and mini golf kept the children coming back for more. As the weather warmed up, children lined up for the Dunking Machine and plenty of ‘friends’ and family members to assist with the dunking! There was so much for the kids to do!

After all that energy, then there was the food, glorious food! With the irresistible smells of the famous BBQ’s, alongside the Salad Bar, Anti-Pasto and Poffertjes, so many ‘mmmmmm’s could be heard. The kids headed straight to the Kids Treats stall, filling their pockets and mouths with sweet delights while the fairy floss whipped about their hair and ears!

The Loud Auction, with Angelo from Ray White Real Estate, expert auctioneer, got underway, encouraging the crowd to dip into their pockets and snap up a bargain. Fine beverages were sold over at the Bar while the crowd were entertained by the talented bands playing up on stage.

So much to see, so much to taste, so much to smell, so much to hear.

The children had such a fun time, the adults relaxed and once again, it all came together at our Annual NPS Fete! Such a great feel to the day with everyone doing their bit to help out.

Thank you all
A very super huge THANK YOU and YOU, to all of our community (parents, children, staff, friends of parents and staff, ex-NPS students) for giving up your time, enlisting others, and generously supporting the success of our fete.

Thank you our fete co-ordinators Brooke and Susan!
In particular, the very hard work of our extraordinarily calm and cheerful fete co-ordinators, Brooke Van Der Hoeven and Susan Callaghan is acknowledged.

The BPay Biller Code is: 616037
Please remember to put your reference located on the parent payment statement. Please do not make any BPay payments through during the holidays as there will be no-one available to process them. Thank you.
On behalf of our community, thank you for their tireless work, enthusiasm, drive and energy to make our fete so successful. I know there was a core group supporting them, and we extend our thank you to that group as well as all Stall Co-ordinators and parents who worked on the day, before the day and behind the scenes.

Thank you to our students.
There were many current and ex-student volunteers assisting with stall set up, serving on stalls, helping with games and at the end of the day, helping clean up.

Clean up & pack down
I would also like to thank all parents, staff and children who were involved in the ‘after fete had finished’ clean up. Many hands made light work and we were finished in around 2 hours with the school grounds and buildings returned ready for school on Monday.

Thank you Ian T
Our fete maintenance people, who worked tirelessly prior to, during, and after the fete, sorting out every little and big bits and pieces, and for bringing along Brett, the sparky, to make sure all was ok.

Fete Administration
Thank you to Ian Nunn, Charles Larkin, and the other volunteers on the day, for the very important job of fete administration. Rochelle Pennefather as well, who helped Lyn with the fete float.

How much did we raise?
Ian Taylor, our School Council President, will tell you later on in the newsletter … read on!

House Captains and Vice Captains
On Tuesday, the children gathered in their house colours and listened to the speeches of the year 6 students who had put themselves up for consideration for Captain and vice captains of this year’s houses.

Green House Captains - Everett & Indigo
Vice-Captains - Ethan C & Amy
Blue House Captains - Miles & Mia
Vice-Captains - Ethan Mc & Juliette
Red House Captains - Luca & Niamh
Vice-Captains - Finn B & Hannah
Yellow House Captains - Thomas & Heidi
Vice-Captains - Edmund & Charlotte

Congratulations to our new captains and vice-captains!!!

We are all looking forward to the whole school Athletics on Monday!

Ex-student Tim Dodd, success at the track - Nationally
Timothy Dodd, an ex-student of NPS, now in year 8 at Princes Hill Secondary College, won 2 Gold medals at the recent Australian Junior Track and Field Championships in the following:

High Jump Under 15 – Personal Best 1.81 metres
400 metres Under 15

An outstanding effort and we are very proud of Tim. Congratulations Tim, from all your friends at Northcote Primary School Community.

Warm regards,
Kerrie
**School Council News**

The new school council met last night and welcomed new members Stephanie Gaffric, Scott Meaklim, Richard Unsworth, Karen McLean and Natasha Thomson. Thanks and farewell to retiring members, Wade Montgomery, Chris Thompson, David Jacklin and Claire Sherwell.

School council spent some time exploring our role and operating procedures and sharing experiences and ideas. Various members of sub-committees gave a run down on the activities and achievements of their committee. The list was lengthy and interesting. Kerrie and I took the opportunity to explain some school council processes and recent highlights and to reinforce how effective and co-operative school council has been to date.

We all chose sub-committees and elected convenors. I encourage all school community members to get involved with a sub-committee. They really are the best way to contribute to a great education for your children and a strong school. Scott will convene Education and be joined by Kerrie, Natasha, Jennifer and Ross. Miles will convene NOOSCH and with Kerrie is very keen to recruit new members. Fiona continues to convene the Community Sub-committee and graciously accepted her nomination as school council vice president. Fiona will be joined at community by Natasha who is new to council. Ian Nunn has kindly agreed to continue convening finance on behalf of Kerrie, Scott and myself. Stephanie will take over from Ross as convenor of Environment. I am deeply appreciative for the double (sometimes triple) load school councillors take on through sub-committees. Can you help out too? Come and join the fun! Contact a convenor and check out the school web site to get more details on sub-committee activities and responsibilities.

What a great fete we had last week. The outcomes were great and there was enthusiastic praise for the organisers, the volunteers, the weather, the crowds and all the fun. It was a terrific day and a fabulous outcome financially with over $40 000 raised to support school development. Something we should all celebrate.

We also reviewed and endorsed the 2014 annual report which I commend as a great summary of the strengths and achievements of our school and students.

Finally, I thank school council for their ongoing confidence. I was very pleased to accept nomination for a second term as school council president. I look forward to continuing our successful journey.

Ian Taylor
School Council President.

**Athletics Update! Monday 23rd March**

When: Monday 23rd March
Time: 9.15 a.m.
Where: Collingwood Harriers Athletics Track, Heidelberg Road, Clifton Hill
What to bring: Appropriate sport clothes and shoes, a hat drink, bottle & sunscreen (possibly a coat)
Grades P-2 will need a snack (they will be returning to school at 12.30)
Grades 3-6 will need a snack and lunch

Just one more reminder - don’t forget to wear your HOUSE TEAM COLOURS.

Krissy,
PE Teacher
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2015

On Friday 13th March, 12 grade 6 students went to the Halogen Foundation’s National Young Leader’s Day conference. At this event we heard from many famous people including Andy Griffiths and Bindi Irwin. The 12 students who went were: Ethan McK, Indigo, Hannah K, Heidi, Flora, Charlotte, Edmund, Daniel N, Finn B, Ronan, Miles and Bellissa. We had a fantastic day listening to the speakers. The speakers were: Mike Martin (director of Halogen), Bindi Irwin (Zoologist and daughter of Steve Irwin), Andy Griffiths (famous children’s author), Jessica Gallagher (gold medallist winter paralympian) and Coen Ashton (17-year-old with Cystic Fibrosis). They talked about leadership and their experiences. It was very inspirational to hear about their difficulties and how they overcame them. They were also other opportunities for us to enjoy ourselves. Such as: Vance Joy singing Riptide, an amazing dance by Kstar and an Andy Griffiths book signing session! What we took out of this opportunity were many tips on how to be a better leader and how to develop our leadership skills!

Overall the day was amazing and we had fun listening and learning about Leadership.

By Indigo and Hannah K.

Helen's Harvest - Thank You

Many thanks to everyone who donated fresh or bottled produce to the Helen's Harvest stall on Saturday, and to those volunteers who staffed the stall in such a friendly and efficient way. The donations of fresh garden produce including figs, cumquats, passionfruit and herbs, made the stall look particularly appealing and we sold every jar which is a sure sign of success.

A very special thank you must go to Jenny Chong, grandma of Edie and Luke Campbell, who donated over 100 jars of delicious preserves to the stall! What an incredible effort!

Emily

Silent Auction Winners

Please collect your goodies as soon as possible. If you have purchased vouchers and can't make it to school then please pay by credit card over the phone and we will post or email the voucher to you.

Lost

A toy bunny rabbit. Kate lost it on Monday. It is small, with yellow fur with white fur inside the ears. Please return to the office or Laura (teacher) in Prep.
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March/April School Holidays Tennis Coaching - Mayors Park Tennis Centre, Clifton Hill
Clinic 1 - Dates: Monday, 30 March – Thursday, 2 April  Time: 9.00am – 12.00pm
Clinic 2 – Dates: Tuesday, 7 April – Friday, 10 April  Time: 9.00am – 12.00pm
Refreshments and loads of fun are provided. Places are limited so please call 9482 5200 or download an enrolment form from our website: www.mayorsparktennis.net. Priority will be given to students attending all four days. Term tennis coaching is also available.

Love footy? Over 35? Over 45?
If you can play, why not play fortnightly.
We want you at the mighty Brunswick Mudlarks - Over 35's Football in the Inner North. We’re part of the booming Victorian Masters League, and play once a fortnight, for an 11 game season. The rules are slightly modified to prevent injury and to promote fun and fitness. We currently field three teams – 35’s, 40’s and 45’s. So if you’ve played before or perhaps just ‘retired’ from open age, check out www.brunswick.mafv.com or call/text Rohan Lyon on 0409 527 576.

Bubbledome school holiday program – check out our exciting range of courses running these April holidays. Brochures are available outside the school office.

Basketball School Holiday Camp – Coburg Basketball Stadium. Registration closes 23rd March. For more information call 0406 488 313 or email admin@hoopsmart.com.au. Register at hoopsmart.com.au

Dragons Basketball Skill Camp - April School Holidays. Booking is essential. For more information and registration form contact camberwelldragons.com

Brunswick Zebras community football in the inner north. New players welcome. Visit brunswickzebras.com or contact brunswickzebrasfc@gmail.com.

Join us to celebrate Harmony Day with a performance of world music and gypsy melodies by Orkestra Glasso Bashalde (The Orke).

For Harmony Day
The Orke will fill the library with wonderful sounds from their repertoire of world music, including Klezmer, Middle Eastern, Greek, Macedonian and other Balkan and Romany music.

Register for a reminder online at: www.darebinlibraries.vic.gov.au or call 1300 655 355.