NEWSLETTER
No. 27 May – 2 June 2016

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Important School Diary Dates

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Please be aware of the parking restrictions around Northcote Primary School. The parking restrictions are intended to ensure the safety of children coming and going from the school.

Parking inspectors regularly patrol the streets around the school and, if your vehicle is parked illegally, it is possible for it to be booked by camera / imaging, without your immediate knowledge.

Pupil of the Week

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Well done Xara B year 6
Xara has had her trials for the state school girl netball team. She made it through the first two trial selections, and had her 3rd round of selections last Friday 27th May. We are yet to hear the news as to how she went, but would like to congratulate Xara on making it past the first two trials at the State level of school netball.

Playground Supervision before and after school
The playground is supervised by teachers before school from 8.45 – 9.00am and after school from 3.30 – 3.45pm. We have noticed quite a number of children in the yard before 8.45am and without a parent. This is of great concern to the staff, as the children are not scheduled to be supervised during this time and without an accompanying parent, are potentially at risk.

Please support the safety of your children by ensuring that they do not come to school unaccompanied before 8.45am in the morning. If you need your child to leave home early without you and be at school, please book them in to Before Care Program where they will be supervised safely.

Teachers have been instructed to call you and alert you, if they notice your child at school unaccompanied before 8.45am so that you can put arrangements in place to ensure their safety.

Library Fund donations – still time before the end of the financial year
School Council would like to remind parents that there is still time in this financial year to make a donation to the Library Fund, and claim it on this year’s tax return. Always an important fund to donate to but particularly since the Library was part of the damage caused by the vandalism a few weeks ago. We will be looking to replace the damaged books and some furniture items so your donations would be most welcome and gratefully appreciated.

How to avoid a cold this winter
Georgie Botto, HealthLogix reporter

‘Where’s your jumper? You’ll catch a cold out there!’

This message is often quoted by well-intending adults, however, researchers believe that low temperatures are not directly to blame for the increase in colds each winter. Indeed, it seems wet weather may be the real culprit, according to Dr Ronald McCoy, spokesperson for the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners.

“A cold virus is spread by droplets, which are more common during the wet. And of course, during winter, it is often more wet,” he said.

These droplets are usually passed from person to person through airborne transmission, such as sneezing and coughing, and can travel up to a metre – so keep your distance!

But I only get colds when it’s cold!
Indeed, chilly weather is partially to blame, but not in the way you may think. When it’s cold, we shift our behaviour, and this, according to Dr Sorana Segal-Maurer from the Division of Infectious Disease at New York Hospital Queens, is the reason for increased colds in winter. "When the weather turns cold, we all run indoors, where air is recycled and we’re often in close quarters with other people and viruses. We all sneeze on top of each other," she told CNN.In these indoor environments, infected droplets can easily be transmitted between individuals.
Simple steps to avoid the sniffles
When you sneeze or cough, it is common courtesy to cover your mouth or nose with your hand. But where do all those germs go once they are on your hands? Your computer mouse, the office door handle, your sandwich, the handrail on the train?

Infected droplets tend to settle on surfaces, so as soon as you touch a contaminated surface, and then happen to touch your face, a cold could be on its way, according to Dr McCoy. “The single biggest thing you can do to prevent catching a cold virus is hand washing, particularly before eating and drinking,” he said, adding: “I would say 70 to 80 per cent of colds are caused by contamination by hands.”

The US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention provide similar advice to reduce the risk of getting a cold:
- Keep hands clean by washing them frequently with soap and water or using a hand sanitiser.
- Try not to touch your face with unwashed hands.
- Avoid people who are unwell.

Too late, my child is already sick …
Conversely, if you or your child has a cold, you too can help to prevent the virus from spreading, with these steps from the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention:
- Keep your child at home if they are unwell.
- If you blow your nose, sneeze or cough into your hands, wash them immediately.
- Keep your distance from others while you’re sick.
- Step away from people before sneezing or coughing.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue to contain germs.

2015 Annual Report
Each year, school councils are required under legislation to conduct a public meeting. The school’s annual report is presented by the school council at this meeting.

The 2015 Annual Report will be made available to members of the school community on the school’s website as soon as the Department of Education has signed off on it.

In the meantime, you are invited to attend a public meeting prior to our next School Council meeting on Wednesday, 16th June from 6.30 – 7.00pm where the School Council will present the report.

If you wish to attend, please RSVP by email, to the school email address by Wednesday 8th June so we can ascertain numbers and venue at the school. Please note, this is an adult event and not appropriate for children.

Warm regards,
Kerrie

Parent Teacher Interviews and 3 Way Conferences

WHEN? Three Way Conferences will be held for all students from 11.00 a.m. – 7.30 p. m. on Tuesday 21 June.

HOW LONG? Interviews will be of 15 minutes duration.

HOW DO I BOOK? For booking these conferences we will be using an internet-based booking system called Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO).

WHEN CAN I BOOK? Bookings open on Tuesday 14 June.

3-Way Conference or Parent Teacher Interview? This year, you can choose between the two. Once you have booked your time, please email or notify your child’s home-group teacher of your preference.

You will be able to book the interview times that suit you best from any internet-connected computer. If you do not have internet access, please contact your home group teacher to make a booking.

Otherwise, please access the system as follows:
- Go to the school’s home page: www.northcoteps.vic.edu.au
- Click the PTO icon as shown on the right...
- Click “Obtain PIN/Password” and enter your email address. Your PIN will be emailed to you. The email you receive will include a link that can be clicked on to log straight into PTO, bypassing the login screen.

Full instructions are provided to you after log in. Please note the following points:
- When you log on, the system displays only your own child/children. Bookings are made for individual parents/guardians, not for couples. Couples can however log on to the system simultaneously to coordinate bookings. If two parents/guardians wish to attend a single interview time slot, one parent/guardian should make the booking then both can attend.
- You will only see time slots that are available at the time you are using the system. As time slots are booked for teachers, those time slots are no longer displayed as available. PTO prevents double-booking of teachers or parents/guardians.
- When you have made all the bookings you require, you can download or email a report of your bookings in time order for printing. You can log in and change bookings any time up to 10am on the day of interviews. (Tuesday 21st June)
- Other parents may be making bookings at the same time that you are using the system. It is possible, though unlikely, that a time slot is displayed to you as available, but is then booked by another parent shortly afterwards. If you then attempt to book this time slot it will not be available and a message will be displayed to indicate this.
- If you encounter any problems using PTO please contact the school office by phone on 9481 0009, or by email to northcote.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Bookings for Specialists
If you wish to see a specialist please contact them and book a time via their email. Lisa, Rosa and Elena will have appointment times from 3.30 – 5.30 p.m.

Lisa: englander.lisa.d@edumail.vic.gov.au  Rosa: paladino.rosa.r@edumail.vic.gov.au
Elena: frazzetto.elena.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM
Tuesday 21st June 2014 - 9.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.
On Tuesday 21st June, parents/carers (and students, if 3WC) will be meeting with their Home Group teacher to discuss each student’s learning progress, future learning and any concerns. In order for the school to manage the provision of 3WC and/or parent/teacher interviews throughout the school day and evening, students are encouraged to attend school ONLY for their conference/interview. There are no regular classes on the day as all home group teachers and specialists are involved in conferences which run from 11 am – 7.30 pm.

An alternative program will operate from 9.00 – 3.30 for parents who are unable to make care arrangements. Unfortunately, only students who are registered for the alternative program can attend, as we need to make staffing arrangements in advance. For example, if your 3WC/interview is scheduled for 12pm, and you have had your child at home until then, you bring your child to school for your 12pm conference/interview and then afterwards they leave with you – your child cannot stay on at school after that. If your child is attending the alternative program from 9.00 - 3.30 they may stay at school after their conference.

Ross Bennie
Acting Assistant Principal

RETURN THIS FORM TO SCHOOL BY THURSDAY 16 JUNE 2016

My children will attend the alternative program on Tuesday 21st June

Child’s Name: _______________________________ Grade_______ Teacher ______________
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Child’s Name: _______________________________ Grade_______ Teacher ______________
I'd like to thank Northcote Optical, 276 High Street, Northcote, for their help in attending to the lost screws and tightening of hinges in several student's glasses over the course of a few years now. My dashes up to their business at break times always ends with quick repairs. The students are also really glad their glasses are 'saved!'

Tracy Budin

I am collecting footy cards for kids who can’t afford them. You will find a shoe box with printed writing with the details in either the 1/2 Natasha/Katinka or in the 3/4 classroom. If you would like to donate some of your football cards that would be great. Please only donate 2016 cards. I will finish collecting on Friday 10 June.

Connor Hastings 5/6S

TAX DEDUCTIBLE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO THE NORTHCOTE PS LIBRARY FUND
To obtain a tax deduction for the 2015/2016 financial year, a voluntary contribution can be made to our Library Fund. Thank you to those families who have already contributed earlier in the year.

Contributions, with the form below, must be received at the office by Wednesday 15 June 2016 to enable time for processing and the receipt returned to parents by Wednesday 22 June. Thank you.

**To be eligible for a tax deduction in the 2015/16 financial year, your donation to the Northcote Primary School Library Fund must be received at the school by Wednesday 15 June 2016 to enable time for processing and receipt to be returned to parents by Wednesday 22 June 2016. Donations can still be made during Term 3 and Term 4 but will not be eligible for a tax deduction until the following year.**
FROM THE EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE:

DO YOU WORK IN THEATRE, VISUAL ARTS, MUSIC, DANCE, CIRCUS, DESIGN, MEDIA OR ANY OTHER FORM OF THE ARTS?
DO YOU HAVE ANY SPARE TIME?

Over our past few meetings the Education Subcommittee has been discussing ways to facilitate more support for arts experiences at NPS. One of our strategies is to investigate the possibility of a Parent Artists Group – a group of parents or guardians who have skills in the performing or visual arts and, ideally, some experience in working with children who would be willing to volunteer some time to run workshops or other arts related activities across the school. In consultation with teachers, this group could deliver a range of arts experiences supporting the curriculum and the artistic life of the school, including one-off or a series of workshops, professional development for teachers, development of assembly items or special events (such as Book Week). The school is supportive of the idea but in order for it to happen it needs an expression of interest from parents or guardians who are prepared to offer both their skills and their time.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF THE PARENT ARTISTS GROUP AND WILLING TO VOLUNTEER SOME TIME we will be meeting at the school on Wednesday, June 8 from 4pm - 5pm for a general discussion about the feasibility of the plan and an audit of potential participants before a more formal meeting with teachers to be held before the end of the term where we will consider ways to implement the plan during Term 3 and Term 4.

To register your interest in being part of this group and/or coming to the meeting, please contact me by email at randomacts@optusnet.com.au

CHRIS THOMPSON (Gully's dad – Grade 5) - Education SubCommittee

A big thank you to everyone for the lovely flowers I received at assembly on Monday morning.

I started working here at NPS in February 1974 after working in a busy dental surgery for a couple of years. I had two years family leave from 1990-1992, but it has been an incredibly rewarding and enjoyable role which has changed considerably along the way.

NPS has always had a certain "feel" to it and ex-teachers and Principals who I still catch up with, always speak fondly of their time here. It has been amazing to see some second generation families in our school community over recent years. To see the school looking as it is now, (the buildings, the senior campus - we are finally using the block! and the grounds) compared to how it was in my earlier days, shows the hard work and dedication by our NPS parents and staff over the many years to make it the great school that it is.

Thanks again, regards, Lyn Ramsay.

Hello families and friends,
The 1/2 students are collecting plastic lids for an art project they will be working on this term. By collecting the lids and reusing them we are also minimising waste! Please help us! We need as many plastic lids from milk bottles, juice bottles, etc., as we can collect.

It will be very helpful if the lids can have a small hole drilled in the centre as this will save us a lot of time drilling the lids ourselves!
We would also like any colourful beads or any decorating item that could be threaded as well. Please send all lids and beads to Niki Skoullos and 1/2DN. Thank you!

P.S. If anyone would like to donate any stickers that look like gems or mirrors that would be great too.

Hi everyone. The Art Room needs donations of metal tins [soup can size] for our next project. It would be much appreciated if they were clean and without labels. So far we only have 20 cans and we need at least another 200! The cans can be left in the tub outside the Art Room. Thanks, Lisa.

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News from Northcote High School... Language provision at Northcote High School
Over the next 5 years Northcote High School will transition to offering only French and Mandarin within the standard curriculum program.

This change will have no impact on current students.

Northcote High School will continue to provide a languages program that facilitates learning skills in language acquisition as well as the intercultural skills to excel in an increasingly multicultural and multilingual world. These two skills are essential for future citizens living and interacting in their working lives with people around the globe.

Our school is currently home to students with community backgrounds in a wide array of languages and students choose to pursue a variety of languages (from German to Hindi and many others) in the senior school by accessing Community Language Schools, Victorian School of Languages or Distance Education. The school supports our students to access this wide variety of language opportunities.

For students in Year 8 or 9 in 2017, Northcote High School continues to offer four languages [French, Greek, Italian and Mandarin] within a compulsory program. As is current practice, from Year 10 Languages become an elective option and if sufficient students choose to study a language it will run as a subject through to VCE.

For students starting year 7 in 2017 the school will offer French and Mandarin.

This change will mean the school can focus curriculum and pedagogical development more precisely and better guarantee the viability of the programs through to year 12 into the future while also offering access to a European and a character based Asian language.

Dr Sean Butler
Acting Principal

Darebin Intercultural Centre - June Events Calendar

English Beginners Class & Intermediate Class - Tuesday 7, 14 & 21 June 1pm to 2pm & 3pm to 4.30pm
Classes are held during the school term.

Drop – in Pronunciation Tutorials - Fridays 3, 10, 17 & 24 June 11am to 2pm
For people who speak English as a second language. Come and fine-tune your pronunciation of the English language at these weekly drop-in classes, over an 8 week program. Gain access to useful, good quality resources and the
relevant expertise in pronunciation. Get practical support to improve your language skills in a safe, constructive environment.

**National Reconciliation Week** - Two sessions: Thursday 2 June from 3pm to 4.30pm OR 6pm to 7.30pm
Join us to watch a Human Rights Film Festival short that tells a remarkable story of Vickie Lee Roach, an Indigenous outsider who took the Australian Government to court... and won. Come along and learn what Reconciliation Action Groups are, what they do and how you might be able to get involved! Supported by Reconciliation Victoria and Darebin Ethnic Communities Council.

**Computer Workshop** - Tuesday 14 June from 10.30am to 12pm
Targeted at mature-age users, this program will include a review of computer basics and give some tips on organising your computer, setting it up for your particular needs, and using common internet and digital media software. Participants will need to bring in their own fully charged, Windows laptop to these sessions. Maximum 6 people per session.

**World Environment Week** - Thursday 9 June from 10am to 12.30pm
Join Darebin City Council at the Darebin Intercultural Centre for the screening of ‘Just Eat It’; a documentary film about food waste and food rescue. We all love food. As a society, we devour countless cooking shows, culinary magazines and foodie blogs. So why is it then, that in Darebin, almost 40% of the waste in our household bin is food? Come along and learn what you can do to reduce your food waste. Light nibbles provided.

**Say NO To Racism Training** - Monday 20 June from 9am to 4pm
Say NO to Racism training covers interpersonal racism and its impacts, barriers to bystander action, and the potential of bystander anti-racism. Participants will learn practical skills to help them take safe and constructive action against racism. Catering provided. Maximum 20 participants. Get in quick!

**World Refugee Week – Then I Came By Boat** - Wednesday 22 June from 11am to 12.30pm
Darebin City Council invite residents, who live, work or play in Darebin to commemorate World Refugee Week at the Darebin Intercultural Centre. Join us to listen to the Iranian Women’s Choir and to watch ‘Then I Came By Boat’, a short film carefully selected from the Human Rights And Film Festival archive. The film screening will be followed by a presentation from Khoi Doan who will share his own, inspirational story with us. Light nibbles provided.

**World Refugee Week – Freedom Stories** - Thursday 23 June from 6pm to 8pm
Join Darebin City Council for a screening of ‘Freedom Stories’, a documentary film that explores the achievements and stories of former ‘boat people’ who arrived in Australian waters seeking asylum from the Middle East around 2001, a defining year in Australian politics. Locked in remote detention centres and then placed on temporary protection visas, their limbo lasted for years. Now Australian citizens, they are finally building secure lives and contributing to their new country. Hear from documentary producer, Lisa Horler and from local advocacy group, Grandmas Against Detention of Refugee Children. Light nibbles provided.

**Friends of Interculturalism** - Thursday 30 June from 6.30pm to 8pm
Join us for our fourth quarterly, Friends of Interculturalism event as we celebrate with dance, song, film and food!

All events have limited numbers. Registration is essential. To make a booking:
Phone 8470 8440 or email intercultural@darebin.vic.gov.au Or find us on Eventbrite.com.au

**DAREBIN INTERCULTURAL CENTRE**
59A Roseberry Avenue, Preston, 3072
Find us at https://www.facebook.com/DarebinInterculturalCentre
TTY (Hearing Impaired): 8470 8696 | Multilingual Line: 8470 8470
NORTHCOTE GOLF COURSE

Junior Tiger Golf Program
Term 3 2016

Enrol into our special introductory program commencing 11th July and receive first lesson free

- Golf tuition for 5-16 year olds
- 10 weeks of golf tuition
- Registered qualified coaches
- Fun classes & elite talent pathways
- Classes available Saturday mornings
- Classes will begin week of 11th July 2016

Offer ends 11th July 2016
Email: Tony.D@lmservice.com.au or call 9484 6961 for availability

Northcotegolf.com.au 143 Normanby Ave, Thornbury Ph: 9484 6961

Lakeside Netball Club is looking for both girls and boys to join our junior netball teams.

We are a well established club having had a presence in the northern suburbs for well over 25 years. Our coaches are passionate about the game and come with a wealth of netball knowledge ready to share with your child.

We train Friday afternoons (4.00-5.30pm) and play Saturday mornings at Darebin Community Sports Stadium, 857 Plenty Road, Reservoir

We are looking for players of all abilities between 9 and 17 years of age.

New season starts Term 3 – Saturday, 16 July 2016

Interested? Want to know more? Contact us at: wplakesidenetballclub@gmail.com or call Sharyn on 0430 460 898

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And now on Saturdays 10.00 - 11.00 am Northcote

DAREBIN GIANTS JUNIOR BASKETBALL CLUB

PLAYERS WANTED FOR ALL-AGE GROUPS
BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME

If you would like your child to play in a team sport at a family-friendly club then we are the club for you.
- New season is starting in July after the school holidays.
- Games are played on Saturdays.
If you would like more information or have any enquiries please contact:
Christine: 0431 012 425
Tina: tepees1@gmail.com
The dancers and singers from Northcote Primary are excited and proud to invite you to their performances.

Saturday 10 September: Hisense Arena: Shows at 1pm and 6:30pm.

Early Bird tickets – available for one week only from 10am on Friday 3 June


Buy 10 tickets and get one adult ticket free (for group bookings please call 1300 364 001)

Visit www.ticketek.com.au or phone Ticketek on 132 849

Talented young musicians, dancers, singers and skaters from Victorian State Primary and Secondary schools will feature on stage, while many other students will work behind the scenes, gaining unique, on-the-job, professional experience.

This program, run by the Department of Education and Training, helps to develop each student’s performance skills, discipline, perseverance, cooperation and confidence under the training of industry professionals.

The three-hour Spectacular will be filmed for broadcast by Channel 7.

For more information go to the Spectacular Facebook and website page: