NEWSLETTER
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Important School Diary Dates

Oct
Fri 21 “Dancing with the Stars” Latin Night (see next page)
Thurs-Fri 27-28 Prep-Two Swimming
Fri 28 Mango Orders close (see Page 9)

Nov
Tues 1 Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – No School
Thurs-Fri 3-4 Prep-Two Swimming
Sun 6 Vision Portraits Fundraiser (see Page 8)
Thurs-Fri 10-11 Prep-Two Swimming
Fri 25 Ready, Set, Go! Program No. 1 – 9.00 to 11.00 a.m.

Dec
Fri 2 Ready, Set, Go! Program No. 2 – 9.00 to 11.00 a.m.
Tues 6 Ready, Set, Go! Program No. 3 – 9.00 to 11.00 a.m.
Mon 12 Grade 6 Graduation Night
Tues 20 Last Day of Term 4 School ends at 1.30 p.m.

2017 Term Dates

Term 1 - Tuesday 31st January to Friday 31st March at 2.30 p.m.
Term 2 - Tuesday 18th April to Friday 30th June at 2.30 p.m.
Term 3 - Monday 17th July to Friday 23rd September at 2.30 p.m.
Term 4 – Monday 9th October to Friday 22nd December at 1.30 p.m.

Pupil of the week
(Assembly Item by Prep)

00J - Rosie E 12N - 56E - Cassie S
00L - Annabelle L 12S - Kevin Dai 56N - Georgia B
00W - Alice G 34H - Matthew R 56S - Rayner E
12B - William S 34J - Eve F 56T - Marcus C
12NH - Ruby N 34K - Emma M
12K - Alice P 34L - Charlie M
Parent Social Night with a Latin Showcase!!

Friday October 21st, 2016
Doors open 7.30pm (please be prompt)- show starts 8pm
Northcote Uniting Church Hall (251 High St, Northcote)

Cost: Only $20!

Includes: Full show & table seating. BYO food/nibbles.
Drinks available at great bar prices.
Dress: To impress with a touch of Latino red.

Bookings & more details: Online at www.trybooking.com/NDGL

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Greetings ...

Student Achievement
Our Preps write Persuasive Texts!
As part of their Writing curriculum, our Preps are learning how to construct persuasive style texts. This is their very first go at it and their topic was:

Why should you go to Northcote Primary School?
We do lots of fun things.
You don’t have to wear a uniform. You get to wear your own clothes.
Our own teachers are the best because they teach us and care for us.
We have colourful classrooms that make me feel good.
I love Nessy because you get to learn and play games.
In my opinion, Northcote PS is the best because I love the best teachers.
Django

Why should you go to Northcote PS?
Everyone learns a lot.
Developmental play is fun because you can draw too!
Nessy is fun because you can play games on the computer and learn.
IPads are great because you can play ‘Montessori Words’.
ICT is fun because you can type on a computer.
In my opinion, Northcote PS is outstanding.
Zachary

You should go to Northcote PS because we do lots of learning.
Sometimes we do Nessy which is fun.
We do Art after we have finished getting our work done.
Sometimes we do developmental play and we have the best kids and friends at NPS.
So you should send your children to Northcote PS.
Kavin

You should go to Northcote PS because it is the best school.
The teachers make us learn a lot that I really like.
I like to play games on Nessy.
I like Art because we get to do drawing.
I like PE, because we get to play games.
That’s why Northcote PS is the best school ever!
Amber

We think Northcote PS is the best school.
We do ICT and we get to print our work. I’m learning how to type and print.
We do PE every Thursday and I learn new skills.
We do lots of music and every time I learn new music.
Every ‘Fun Friday’ we get to choose an activity that we want to do. In my opinion, NPS is the best.
Drue

You should come to Northcote PS because I think it’s the best school.
We have fantastic teachers and they teach us lots of counting stuff.
Nessy is fantastic because I’m one of the winners when we play ‘Snap’.
We don’t have to wear school uniforms. We can wear our own clothes. We have fantastic kids here too.
In my opinions, NPS is the best!
Eva
You should come to Northcote PS because everything is colourful.
You get to play and you get to choose your activities and you get to make pretty things.
You get to eat yummy things when you get lunch orders.
You get to win special nuggets in the Nessy games.
You should come to Northcote PS because it is an amazing school.
Isla

You should come to Northcote PS because you get to do fun things.
You get to draw in Art and you get to learn skills in Art.
We also get to do developmental play and sometimes we get iPads.
Also you get to play with your buddies because I play with my Grade 6 buddy sometimes.
You get to play outside because you get to play on the monkey bars.
In my opinion, Northcote PS is the best school because it is spectacular.
Abigail

You should go to Northcote PS because everyone learns a lot.
There’s no school uniform and that’s good because we can wear normal clothes.
We get to play Nessy and iPads because there’s lots of different learning apps.
We do Art and it’s fun because there’s different activities.
And there’s PE and that’s fun because we get to learn new skills.
In my opinion, Northcote PS is awesome!
Edward

Aren’t they little gems and you can see that they have tried to keep to the persuasive framework
the teachers have modelled for them. Well done Preps! Of course, we agree with you too!

Professional Learning on Pupil Free Day 4#
Part one of Pupil Free Day 4# focused on Curiosity and Powerful Learning.

Curiosity and Powerful Learning rely on Ten Theories of Action that assist us to identify, design,
implement and evaluate teaching and leadership practices that expand our students’ ability to use
curiosity as a doorway to powerful learning. A Theory of Action proposes a link between cause
and effect.

When we take a particular action, then we expect that action to have specific effects. The
Theories of Action for teachers, describes what outstanding teaching looks like and represent the
best summaries of research on effective teaching. They also reflect the standards for high quality
teaching established by many school systems. (David Hopkins; Wayne Craig with Oli Knight –
Curiosity and Powerful Learning).

Our Acting Leading Teachers, Janelle Adams and Linda Batten, took the teachers through a data
analysis of questions that they had put to random groups of students from each class to determine
the students understanding of the lesson’s learning intention and the lesson’s outcome and
success criteria. Teachers have been focusing on implementing the Theory of Action ‘Harness
learning intentions, narrative and pace so that achievement and understanding will increase and
curiosity will be enhanced’. We believe that by making learning intentions explicit, each student
has more control over their own learning and can contribute more effectively to learning
outcomes for the whole class.

The results were highly encouraging and we plan on repeating the activity to compare the data
and ensure that the Theory of Action is embedded in our practice.
Connecting Feedback to Data about children’s actions and performances
We also studied in depth another Theory of Action ‘When we connect feedback to data about student actions and performances, then behaviour will be more positive, progress will accelerate, and curiosity will be enhanced’.

Feedback is not just something that teachers provide to students; in fact it is at its most powerful when it is from the student to the teacher about their learning. The main purpose of feedback is to reduce the discrepancies between a learning intention and children’s current understanding, behaviours and performance. Behavioural feedback helps children recognise the link between effort and outcome.

High Quality work
Effective feedback for children recognises and reinforces success and high quality work and gives specific suggestions about how to modify and improve work that does not meet the success criteria. It supports children to monitor the quality of their work as they produce it and know what high quality work is and how their work compares.

Child Safe Standards
The focus in the afternoon, were the Child Safe Standards. A guest speaker took staff through each standard and the implications for our school and for individual teacher knowledge and awareness.

World Teachers’ Day is an annual global observance that recognizes the significant contribution of teachers to society. It was officially established by UNESCO in 1994. World Teacher’s Day is celebrated on October 5. Such a date was chosen to commemorate the Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers that was adopted by UNESCO on October 5, 1996. World Teachers’ Day aims at mobilizing support for teachers around the world. It is also focuses on ensuring that teachers will continue to meet the needs of future generations.

In Australia, we celebrate World Teachers’ Day on October 31st. Don’t forget to let your child’s teacher know how much they are appreciated on World Teachers’ Day, maybe your child might like to make a little card?

Looking forward to seeing you at our parent social night – ‘Dancing With the Stars’ on Friday night. Come along and enjoy yourselves!

Regards,
Kerrie

Working Bee
Thank you to all 27 families, their children and staff who worked so hard at our working bee last Saturday. The working bee started at 1pm on an extremely windy day which did make sweeping a difficult task. It wasn’t long before all those who were sweeping worked out that the wind needed to be coming over their shoulder otherwise the leaves and rubbish did not make it into the wheelbarrow!

At the Senior Campus, garden beds were weeded, two new apple trees planted, some mulch spread, the huge pile has almost gone and a mature olive tree was relocated from the main campus. The original plants and trees which have had nearly a year’s growth are now well established. The citrus trees have plenty of blossoms so they should start to produce a small
amount of fruit and it seems an ideal location for the olive trees which were also covered in flowers.

At the main school campus the main tasks completed were weeding garden beds, sweeping and cleaning up the leaves, branches and twigs after the recent wind storms. A team of very fit able bodied persons were able to dismantle a blue stone edging and dig up a mature olive tree in preparation for the area to be used for the new climbing frame. The old pergola was removed with all rubbish including the old timbers, stacked in a skip. All the drains were cleared, playground surfaces were swept and cleaned and tan bark returned to the adventure play grounds.

A fantastic effort by all those who attended, given that we only had three hours and managed to complete so many tasks. The school looks great!

Last Tuesday evening members of The Environment committee spent time walking around the school grounds identifying areas for improvement. These included re-establishing garden beds on the Henry street side of the school, widening the pedestrian gateway on Henry Street, replacing and relocating the drinking troughs, renewing the line markings and adding extra 4 square courts, a chess/checker board grid on the senior campus and a new line puzzle/maze outside the 1/2 area. We also looked at positions for new seating and the placement of protective netting that would make areas where ball games are played safer. These projects will be costed with some to be completed before the end of this year.

If you are interested in joining the Environment Committee please contact me. Our next meeting is scheduled for 15th November 7.00 pm at school in the staffroom

Thanks Again!

Ross Bennie
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Italian Update!

Ciao a tutti!

THE DANTE ALIGHIERI SOCIETY COMPETITION AWARDS:

Our 2 prize winners were formally presented with their award on Saturday, the 8th October The University of Melbourne. Both students and their family attended this special afternoon. Both Elena and I were extremely proud of each student as their name and school was called out to the large audience. Our students ably represented our school.

Congratulations to our 2 Prize Winners:

Holly (Year 1B) for SECOND placing.
Kate (Year 5N) for FIRST placing.
Both Holly and Kate received a trophy with their name engraved on it, a prize and had their photo taken for Il Globo- the Italian newspaper.

All student posters and certificates were be collected by me at the awards afternoon and all posters and certificates will be distributed during next Monday morning assembly, the 24th October.

Congratulations again to all students who entered this year’s state wide competition.

Until next time, grazie for your continuing support.

Saluti (cheers),

Signorina Rosa
Italian Teacher and Coordinator.

Mon/Tues
New Strain of Norovirus & Hand Hygiene Policy

The Department of Health and Human Services has identified a new strain of norovirus that may lead to gastroenteritis outbreaks.

Norovirus is characterised by acute onset of nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. Other symptoms may include fever, headaches and muscle aches. Symptoms usually resolve after 48 hours, but if a parent is concerned about their child’s symptoms they should seek medical attention.

Throughout the year it is important to remind everyone of the importance of good hygiene at school and at home.

To help prevent the spread of norovirus, everyone, should:

- avoid attending work or school when experiencing gastroenteritis symptoms and advise the school of their illness
- stay away from school until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours
- maintain strict hand hygiene procedures at all times. Hands must be washed with soap and water, especially after going to the toilet and before eating or preparing food
- if staff are required to help attend to students with gastroenteritis symptoms, use of personal protective equipment such as aprons or gloves is recommended.

Schools have a responsibility to provide soap and running water. If running water is temporarily not available, alcohol-based hand sanitiser should be provided until running water can be supplied.

Schools must provide soap, as soap and running water have been clinically shown to be more effective for preventing norovirus transmission than alcohol-based hand sanitisers.

Alcohol-based hand sanitisers are also not as effective in cleaning hands when hands are visibly dirty or soiled.

Further information

The Department of Health and Human Services has issued the following advice on managing the new strain of norovirus, see:

- [Health Victoria: New strain of norovirus detected in Victoria](#)

Dr Jenny Proimos
Principal Medical Advisor
Early Childhood and School Education Group
Community News

BATMAN PARK KINDERGARTEN have limited vacancies for the 3 Year Old Pre-Kindergarten Program in 2017. Batman Park Kindergarten hold sessional Kindergarten and 3 Year Old Kinder is a great opportunity to see if sessional Kindergarten suits you and your child's need. 3 Year Old Kinder is 3.5 hours a week. Please contact Batman Park Kindergarten on 9481 0237 for more information.
The Mango Fundraiser

Support our Annual Mango Fundraiser

If you love mangoes here’s your chance to indulge in fresh juicy Kensington Pride mangoes AND support our school’s annual fundraising drive at the same time.

We are having mangoes delivered direct from the farm to us.

It is some of freshest, most delicious fruit available!

The Mango Fundraiser picks and packs trays of fresh mangoes, during their premium harvest period, and delivers them directly to us, just in time for Christmas.

One tray of mangoes costs $25

The number of mangoes on each tray can and will vary, based on their size but each tray will contain between 14 - 20 mangoes.

Ordering is easy this year – simply order online at: https://www.trybooking.com/229532

ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY 28th OCTOBER.

Delivery of the Mangoes will be on the last week of November. The exact date will be confirmed and communicated via the newsletter. Don’t forget, all money raised goes directly to the school – so get involved and order your Mangoes today!

Everything you need to know about Mangoes!

Mangoes really are one of nature’s super foods as they are packed with nutritional goodness. Mangoes are an excellent source of vitamin C and one mango gives you your recommended daily intake of vitamin C.

There’s heaps of ways to enjoy your mangoes – eat them fresh, add them to a smoothie or salad. You can freeze or even dry them so you can enjoy them all year round.

Remember only put them in the refrigerator when they ripen. If you put a green mango in the refrigerator it will never ripen!
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Giant Jumble Sale

Sausage Sizzle

SAT 22nd OCT 9am-4pm

‘Jika Jika’ Community Centre
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