**NEWSLETTER**
No. 20 – 21 July 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.
Our warmest congratulations to Victoria, our fantastic school crossing guard (Herbert Street) on winning the Region 2 Crossing Guard Award for 2016! Victoria does an amazing job keeping our children (and parents!) safe whilst getting to and from school. Well done!
Greetings ...

Interschool Sport – Girls and Mixed Netball Teams
Congratulations to the Interschool’s Girls and Mixed Netball teams who finished first in the district interschool sports competition held throughout term 2! Well done all students who played in the teams and special thanks to the teams coach Tracy, for her expertise and training efforts with both teams.

The Girls team will play Reservoir Primary school today to determine who will proceed in the Division competition. The mixed team’s opponent is yet to be determined; the game is to take place before Aug 2nd so watch this space for further information.

School Events Coming Up
Are you coming to the Trivia Night?
Hope so! We are looking forward to the fun night, and the opportunity to raise money for our school.

Welcome Our New Students and Families
We would like to warmly welcome Xaver Thiel and his family to our school community. Xaver started this week in 3/4H.

Great Things in the Prep Area
The Bucket Social Skills Program as part of Bounce Back
After reading all the bucket books early in the year, children then chose a mini bucket and began to put drops in each other’s buckets just like in the story.

Students in the prep area are positively reinforced by adding drips to their buckets. Drips are given for effort when working, as well as appropriate social behaviour. Using manners, being kind, helping each other, being a good friend, trying hard and persisting are just some of the things children we are seeing as a result of the program.

Recently a prep student was told by her concerned and grieving parents that their beloved dog had died whilst in the care of their grandmother. The very resilient prep child, was not as upset as expected. The child immediately offered to make a gift for the grandparent as she said, “I want to fill her bucket because it must be empty after the dog died.”

‘Amazing Amy’ Incursion
This incursion was last Friday. We have been learning the songs so that we could sing along during the performance. The actors commented that the children were the best prep audience they’d ever had. This incursion was all about helping each other and looking after ourselves. This is an indicator of the improvement in listening and in listening with empathy and understanding.

Reading Groups
We have purchased many new books with our Prep budget and recently another $2000.00 worth of books from the locally raised funds. These books are a new series and are highly engaging. The children love them and can’t wait to read them. Students are grouped according to their needs amongst the three teachers and have made amazing progress with nearly all students reaching mid-year benchmarks.

Numeracy
Pre and post testing has begun in earnest this term. Differentiated groups working with three teachers are all making solid progress as indicated by mid-year results.

Writing Groups
Three differentiated groups are working at appropriate levels. One group working on Level 1 curriculum took home narratives last week which were organised into three chapters. The other two groups are working on narratives using single sentences.

Linda and the prep team.
Kiss & Go
At present we are communicating with Darebin Council’s Traffic Management Department discussing ways to improve student safety and traffic flow in Henry Street, Hawthorn Road and Helen Street, particularly at pick up and drop off times. One suggestion is to have Kiss and Go zones where we currently have ‘No Parking’ restrictions.

Kiss and Go zones permits drivers to park in a No Parking Zone for up to 2 minutes. Drivers are allowed to stay inside or within three meters of their car for the quick pick up and drop off of students. Disabled Permit holders can park for up to five minutes.

Please email the school if you would like to give feedback regarding this proposal

Ross Bennie
Assistant Principal

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability ‘Collection Notice’

All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year.

The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.

All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 to provide information on a student’s level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.* Data will continue to be de-identified prior to its transfer to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. No student’s identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ross Bennie 9481 0009, bennie.ross.a@edumail.vic.gov.au, or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621. For questions after 5th August 2016, please call the Australian Government Department of Education and Training on 1300 566 046.

* For more information on Schedule 3—Amendments for the collection of data on students who are persons with a disability Australian Education Regulation 2013 see: http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01723/Html/Text#_Toc404934419

Ross Bennie
Assistant Principal
Premier’s Reading Challenge

THANK YOU to all parents and families who have already emailed me their details. I will be organising the passwords THIS WEEK and sending them home.

Our school is excited to be part of the 2016 Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge. It is not too late to join in...

Please email Griffiths.Stephanie.C@edumail.vic.gov.au

Subject : READ

Include: your child’s name, grade level and teacher

Thank you! Stephanie will then register your child.

Once you have registered, you just continue reading and make sure you record the books you have read.

The challenge finishes in September 2016.

You need to read the amount of books for your year level:

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The Challenge Book list includes many titles you will already have at home, or in our school library. There is a huge range of wonderful books to choose from.

THANK YOU,

Stephanie
The next NPS Community Subcommittee meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, July 26th. The meeting will be held in the Staff Room.

At this meeting, we will discuss fundraisers & social events. Everyone is welcome!

community.nps@gmail.com

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**save the date**

**2016**

**NPS TRIVIA NIGHT**

**SATURDAY, 20 AUGUST**

**7:30PM - 11:00PM**

Follow us on Facebook for the latest updates: https://goo.gl/dg85Fq
community.nps@gmail.com
Saturday 30th July 2016
Session 1: Prep to Grade 2 - 5.30pm to 7pm
Session 2: Grade 3 to 6 - 7.30pm to 9pm
NOOSH 42-44 Henry St Northcote
Light refreshments and water will be provided for students.

Tickets can be purchased on TryBooking https://www.trybooking.com/211896 for $8 per NPS student (plus 30c booking fee), adults at no charge.

Please note that this is not a “drop and go” event, parents must be responsible for all children they bring along. Due to limited tickets, unfortunately siblings will not be able to attend.

Please consider our neighbours – walk, ride or catch public transport to the event. If you do drive please consider parking in the carpark behind the Northcote Social Club.

Don’t forget to nominate a song or two to be played at the school disco. Fill in a slip and place it in the box at the office.

Name: ____________________________

Grade: ____________________________

Song: _____________________________
Rewarding regular savers with spectacular prizes.

We’re bringing the exciting news that Prize Lights have appeared in the Outback sky, and the Dollamurries are giving students who demonstrate regular savings behaviour the chance to win spectacular prizes.

How to enter

Students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes, including camping kits, instant cameras and magazine packs.

What’s more, students who complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3, will also go in the separate draw to win one of the Supernova prizes – a PlayStation 4 pack. Students can complete the Stargazing activity online at any time during Term 3 by visiting <www.cornbank.com.au/prizelights>

Win a bag of sports equipment for your school

We’re also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 75 bags full of sports equipment, valued at $2,000, when students make three School Banking deposits during Term 3.

To complete the Stargazing activity, or to find out more, visit <www.cornbank.com.au/prizelights>
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There’s something for all people of all ages whether they have autism, are carers, educators or just want to know more!
We have exhibitors covering the areas of:
  · Psychology
  · Occupational Therapy
  · Speech Pathology
  · Teacher training
  · Anti-bullying organisations
  · Fitness and Self care
  · Natural therapies
  · Calming and education equipment supplies
  · Clubs and sports groups
  · Community, Government and Adult support organisations
  · And many more!

Presentations from leading specialists throughout the day and a Quiet Room to retreat to when needed.

Tickets available at www.autismhealthandwellbeingexpo.com

$15 Adult
$10 Student
$10 Concession

Children under 12 years old FREE!

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NORTHCOTE HIGH COMEDY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

BOOK NOW THURSDAY 4 AUGUST 2016 7-10PM THORNbury THEATRE
STARRING LAWRENCE MOONEY, GERALDINE HICKY, DAMIAN CALLANIN, CELIA PACQUOLA, DAVE THORNTON, JOSH EARL, HOSTED BY GEORGE McGINNIE
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PARENTING TODDLERS
TANTRUMS AND TIARAS

For parents, supporting toddlers to grow and explore can be both exhausting and exhilarating!

Come along to this seminar to get some ideas for supporting your toddler through this stage of growth and at the same time make parenting easier!

Tuesday
2 August 2016
6:30 – 8:30 pm
Connon Bunn Centre
160 Brunswick Street
Fitzroy

This seminar is FREE but BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

PARENTING CHILDREN WHO WORRY TOO MUCH
FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGED 2-10 YEARS

Come along to find out more about anxiety and strategies to help your child worry less and help your child to stay positive.

4 Week Group
Wednesday Mornings
27th July
3rd, 10th, 17th August
9:30 to 11:30am
Thornbury Neighbourhood House
12 Main Street
Thornbury

This seminar is FREE but BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

READY STEADY FAMILY
HELP FOR NEW PARENTS (BABIES WELCOME)

All new parents are invited to a fun 2 hour session on navigating your new role as a mom or dad (bikes come along as well of course).

We will:
• Talk about what’s changed and why!
• Generate some ideas for coping with the ups and downs
• Look at the roles we play in our new families
• Look at how to stay reasonably happy and healthy in the nursery
• Identify warning signs to be aware of (preventing problems)
• Meet some others with the same challenges

Come along with your partner or a support person or friend.

Wednesday 27 July
5:00pm to 8:00pm
&
Saturday 20 August
10:00am to 12:00pm
Dandenong Neighbourhood House
89 Central Road
Dandenong

FREE session, refreshments provided