**NEWSLETTER**

No. 10 – 23rd April, 2015

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1. **Reminders:**

- ★ If you are having trouble paying your Parent Payments with BPAY the code is: 616037. The reference number underneath the code remains the same, e.g. 114010###.

- ★ The last day for Library Fund donations (2014/2015 tax year) is Wednesday 17th June.

- ★ If you won an auction item or a hamper at the fete, please collect it as soon as possible.
GREETINGS ...

SCIENCE INQUIRY FOR THE 1/2 STUDENTS: LIGHT & SOUND!

Students in the 1/2 area, are investigating sources of light and sound this term as part of their inquiry unit of work. They will investigate how they are produced and how light and sound travel. Students’ understanding of the role of light and sound in their lives and our community will be developed through lots of hands on activities.

Today, they have enjoyed a Science Light and Sound incursion, to help introduce the topic. We look forward to hearing and seeing what they have learnt from this unit of inquiry.

WE REMEMBER ISABEL MACKAY

On Tuesday, a group of our ex-students, current students, parents and staff, gathered together after school to remember Isabel (Issy) and unveil the beautiful installation in our front garden. Isabel was a grade 3 student at our school, who passed away suddenly, on 20th April, 2011. Isabel has a twin sister, Katie, now in year 7 at Northcote High School, and a little sister Lexie, now in year 5 (not so little now).

The commemorative installation was a collaborative project with about 20 of Isabel, Katie and Lexie’s friends, and her immediate family (Mel, Mum, and Simon, Dad) and some staff (Lisa and Karen) with a local artist. They made individual clay pieces to reflect memories of Isabel and make little homes for insects to be assembled on three poles. Mel, Simon, Katie and Lexie told me that Isabel was such a collector of things and insects, wherever she was, she had an innate curiosity and interest in living things and brought much of it home to care for and investigate. Hence, the installation is designed to attract little bugs and insects, to make a home, or take shelter for a while. Isabel’s favourite colour was red, and you will see splashes of red here and there on the installation.

I encourage you to go and have a look at the work that has been done by those who love her dearly and miss her greatly. In some way, it is to reflect the life and spirit of Isabel Mackey and I think they have done a beautiful job. It is lovely to have such an installation in our front school garden; just by the path as you come into the school, or
as you leave the office building, nod to Isabel, and see if there are little bugs making a home already. We will remember her, always.

**Senior Campus Update**
Work has been busy on the Senior Campus site (‘the block’) but in the last week, it has stalled a little. The buildings are ready to go. A new fence will be erected Wednesday, May 6th; we are still waiting for the sewerage to be connected from the street and this should happen on Monday 28th April. Likewise, we are waiting on approval from the power company to bring power from the street pole onsite.

After those works are complete, we have a few days’ worth of clean up and make safe to the site and we should be ready to occupy!

**Parents of Prep to Year 4 Students – Tri-Skills Starts Tomorrow!**
Please don’t forget, Tri-Skills gymnastics is starting for students in years Prep to year 4 **TOMORROW**, Friday 24th April. We would not like any child to miss out but are unable to allow them to participate if permission and payment has not been made. Please check with your child’s teacher as soon as possible if you are unsure whether you have done this. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please contact me at the office to discuss.

**Group Tours for Prospective Enrolments 2016**
We commenced our group tours for prospective enrolments last week and will continue weekly until close to the end of this term. Many of our tours are booking out, so if you know someone who is interested, please encourage them to make contact with the school as soon as possible, to book in for a tour.

**Siblings commencing Prep in 2016 – Enrol Now**
If you are a current family with children in the school and they have a sibling due to commence in 2016, I strongly advise you to fill in an enrolment form and lodge it at the office. Once tours commence, enrolments will fill up fast and we’d like to ensure a place for siblings of current families as soon as possible.

**Warm regards,**
**Kerrie**

**NOOSH**
Next NOOSH (Northcote Out of School Hours Care) committee meeting – Tuesday 28th April at 5.00 p.m. in the staffroom.
All parents are invited. Please advise Miles Callaghan if you intend to join – miles.callaghan@bupacare.com.au

Thanks
Miles

**Artroom News**

Hi All,
Welcome to term 2 and the excitement of the Whole School Production. We are already beginning to learn songs and starting to put our dance moves in place. ‘Auditions’ are happening in the 3-6 areas for singing, dancing, acting and narrator roles and as usual there is a lot of interest and loads of talent! The Art room is clear of tables and the floor is marked with fluorescent gaffer to give us the idea of a stage. There will be lots of lunchtime and recess rehearsing for those who commit to a bigger role and I’m sure it will be a great success. This year’s focus will be on dancing more than any of the other talents in order to deepen skills in this area. We are lucky to have Tracey Budin in grade 1/2 – a teacher of dance, who is going to assist to make sure we have some original choreography - to work with 3-6 boys who are interested in dancing to a few ‘spy’ songs.
Date and Times
Due to the considerable increase in numbers as well as the high cost of venue hire, the performances will both be held on Thursday September 10th at The Centre Ivanhoe. I will be splitting the prep, ones and twos into two groups so that they will all only perform in one concert. This way we can keep the time of the performance to a workable one as well as ensuring we have enough seats for family and friends to watch.

At this stage there will be a performance at 5.00 p.m. and another at 7.45 p.m. running for approximately 1 hour 40 mins. The 3-6 students will remain at the venue between shows bringing a light snack to sustain them between performances. There will also be a practice run on the same day at The Centre Ivanhoe in the morning. This is not set in concrete and we will bring you more news as we get closer to the date. This year ALL bookings will be through TRY booking.

A few requests
If you have any 60s, 70s or 80s clothes hanging around that may be small enough for students in the grades 1,2,3 and 4, please send them along to school with names on them if you wish them returned.
I will need a costume co-ordinator for each double class or prep to ensure all have costumes pieces required.
If you can do some simple sewing, I will need some flares and dresses made.
Any parent interested in playing in the parent band for 3 songs, please let me know if you can assist – including sax and percussion - otherwise I will be asking you (I know who you are!😊)
If anyone knows of where there is a pink panther dance costume suitable to fit an 11 year-old girl so that I don’t have to make one, I would be very grateful!

Any questions or answers to the above requests, please email me on engelander.lisa.d@edumail.vic.gov.au

Regards,
Lisa

Will your child be absent for the Whole School Performance on September 10th?
If your child is going to be away for our performance on Thursday September 10th, can you please let me know A.S.A.P so that I can make adjustments to the class item? It makes it very difficult for other students to work if their partner is not going to be there or there’s suddenly a space where someone is supposed to stand.
Please email me on engelander.lisa.d@edumail.vic.gov.au

Lisa

Parent Information: National Assessment Program, Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) [http://www.naplan.edu.au](http://www.naplan.edu.au)

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests will be conducted on Tuesday 12th May, Wednesday 13th May and Thursday 14th May 2015.
Most students at Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in schools across Australia will be completing literacy and numeracy tests on the same days. The results from the national literacy and numeracy tests provide a measure of how Australian students are performing in the content strands of numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation.

These tests will include:

* **Language Conventions** incorporates spelling, grammar and punctuation
* **Writing** either a persuasive or narrative text
* **Reading** comprehension

Years 3 and 5 teachers, at Northcote PS, are preparing and familiarising students with the tests, by exploring test content, format and expectations.

It has been recommended that parents and carers can best assist students by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests. They can assure their children that the assessments will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class. Parent information and test samples are available on the website [http://www.naplan.edu.au](http://www.naplan.edu.au) or by contacting your child’s classroom teacher. If you have any questions or concerns about the testing program, please contact your child’s teacher.

**Timetable for National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2015 at Years 3 and 5**

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Katinka Kastner – NAPLAN co-ordinator.

**Tri Skills Timetable 2015 – Fridays**

Below is the timetable for our upcoming Tri Skills program for Grades Prep to Four.

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Please make sure your children wear appropriate clothing – jeans, tights, skirts are not preferred.
Northcote High School - Dates for your Diary

School Open Morning - Tuesday 28 April
Open Morning 2015 will be held on Tuesday 28 April between 9 am and 12 noon. All prospective parents and students are welcome and there is no need to book in advance for this event. Registration takes place on arrival. Parent information sessions run at 9.30 am, 11.30 am with a repeat session at 7.00 pm.

ACE Program Testing
Testing for entry to the 2016 ACE program will take place on the morning of Saturday 2 May. Applications must be received by close of business, Friday 24 April (That’s this Friday!)

Princes Hill Secondary College will be holding a Grade 6 information evening for potential Year 7 enrollments for 2015. This will be held on Wednesday the 29th April. There are two sessions, the first at 4:00pm and another at 7:00pm. There is no need to book through the school.
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50 Gadd St Northcote 3070 (just off St Georges Rd)

Term 2 Mon 13 April - Sun 28 June 2015

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<th>MONDAY and FRIDAY</th>
<th>Wake up to a new day!</th>
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<td>6.15 - 7.15 am</td>
<td>Tune in to your body and get the most out of your day.</td>
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<th>SUNDAY</th>
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<td>A fun total body tone up targeting butts, bellies, backs and 'bits' using the ballet barre and Pilates balls and therabands.</td>
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*New price
For more information visit justbelievefit.com.au
Enquiries 0402916128 or at justbelievefit@gmail.com
facebook.com/justbelievefit

Pre and Post Natal Pilates classes
(Small group classes by appointment. Please see website for more information)

Timetabled classes are recommended for people who are healthy, able bodied and not pregnant. It is always advisable to seek your doctor’s clearance before undertaking a new exercise program.

City of Darebin - Intercultural Village Games Afternoon – Thursday 7th May from 12.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. at the Darebin Intercultural Centre. Free with light lunch provided. To book contact 8470 8440 or intercultural@darebin.vic.gov.au

Thursday Movie Matinee – Thursday 14th May – From 12.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. free with lunch provided. To book contact 8470 8440 or intercultural@darebin.vic.gov.au
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SUNDAY
MAY 3RD
HAYS PADDOCK
KEW

TURN OVER
FOR MORE
DETAILS

Celebrate your best pooch-pal by participating in Dogs Unite, a 4km dog walk with a difference. This fun event will raise much needed funds for Guide Dogs Victoria.

WHAT: All dog lovers welcome to a 4km sponsored walk
WHERE: Hays Paddock, Leaon St., Kew East
DATE: Sunday May 3rd 2015
TIME: 8:00AM for 9:30AM start
REGISTRATION FEE: $40.00

Your support helps Guide Dogs Victoria raise $35,000 to breed and train a Guide Dog to give a vision-impaired person independence.

REGISTER ONLINE:
gdvdogsunitewalk.com.au
thank you!

WEST IVANHOE SPORTING CLUB
Home of the Roosters/Bluejays

West Ivanhoe Roosters is a great local football Netball club. It offers terrific club spirit and fosters pride in our local community. The Club’s core values are focused on fun, skill development, participation, inclusiveness and respect. We have also developed leadership programs for all kids.

Junior Footballers Wanted

We are currently looking for more young boys and girls to join the U12s and U16s football teams. Whether you’ve played before or not you are welcome to come and try out AFL footy this season. Play a game before you commit. We’d love to see you there! Please contact: football@westivanhoesportingclub.org.au

Ivanhoe Auskick and NetSetGO Registration

Auskick and NetSetGO start on the 2nd May. We would love to see more young boys and girls join us for these fun community based activities. For all enquiries contact:

Email – auskick@westivanhoesportingclub.org.au or
netsetgo@westivanhoesportingclub.org.au

Address – Seddon Reserve 103 Green Street Ivanhoe.
NetSetGO Information night
30 April 2015 at 7pm,
Fairfield Primary School

NetSetGO is a skills development program open to children aged 5-10. It is a great way to introduce kids to netball, encourage them to be active and make friends, all in a safe and inclusive environment.

The Parkside Netball Club (PNC) committee consists of a group of parents from Fairfield Primary and St Anthony’s Catholic Primary Schools who, as a result of a lack of local netball opportunities for our children, have set up a new netball club under the auspices of and with support from Parkside Sporting Club Inc.

We would love to share our experience and learnings from setting up our NetSetGo program and to support other groups to offer such programs, either from your school or from other community venues.

The NetSetGo Information session will be hosted by PNC, in conjunction with Netball Victoria on Thursday 30th April from 7-9pm at the Fairfield Primary School gym (enter off Fairfield Street), and will cover the following:

- General Information about NetSetGO;
- How to set up and organise a Net Set Go program; and
- Coaching tips and materials.

The session is free of charge, Netball Victoria will bring all equipment.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by Monday 27 April to: parksidenetball@hotmail.com.
Managing your Asthma and Allergy: An Expert Panel Q&A

An opportunity for you to ask your asthma and allergy questions to Victoria’s top physicians.

Panellists include:

A/Prof Sarah Ranganathan  Director of Respiratory Medicine, Royal Children’s Hospital
Dr Jo Harrison  Respiratory Physician, Royal Children’s Hospital
Prof Jo Douglass  Head, Immunology and Allergy Department, Royal Melbourne Hospital
Dr Joanne Smart  Clinical Allergist & Immunologist, Royal Children’s Hospital

Date:  Sunday 28 June 2015
Time:  4pm – 6pm
Venue:  Ella Latham Auditorium,
Royal Children’s Hospital

To register visit asthma-and-allergy.eventbrite.com.au or contact the
Asthma Foundation Victoria on advice@asthma.vic.gov.au or
03 9326 7088