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### Important School Diary Dates for 2015

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**REMINDER: PUPIL FREE DAY THIS COMING WEDNESDAY 29 JULY**

### PUPIL OF THE WEEK

*(Assembly item by Grades 1/2ST)*

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**Please see important musical information attached to back of newsletter**
Congratulations to the Interschool Mixed Netball team who finished first in the district interschool sports competition held throughout term 2! Well done all students who played in the team and special thanks to team coach Claire Sherwell for her efforts with the team.

**3070 – Is this the place to live?**

This is the big question the year 3/4s are investigating in their Term 3 Inquiry unit and covers a range of learning domains from the AusVels curriculum including but not limited to: Humanities, Civics and Citizenship and History. This question led to the 3/4s heading off on a local field excursion on Thursday where they walked around their local ‘hood including Merri Creek and Merri Park. The students told me that they had to get ‘evidence’ that supported the ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ answer to the question, using their own observations and photos taken with the iPads. The following represents a summary of the evidence they have reported back so far:

**Evidence for the No answer:**
- Lots of litter in Merri Creek
- Plastic bags in the trees
- Lots of bad graffiti like messy tagging
- Rubbish in the shelters at Merri Park
- Broken glass everywhere in the Park.

**Evidence for the ‘Yes’ answer:**
- It has everything here like tennis courts, cafes, many schools
- Lots of murals
- A lot of culture and aboriginal paintings
- Lot of history – things that have been here for 30 years
- It is very multicultural and that’s good because of the different cultures that bring different things to our lives
- Lot of very good graffiti art
- Lots of trees and views that brings the natural world to us
- Lot of ‘No Smoking’ signs
- Lots of pedestrian lights to make it safe to walk around
- They keep the old things like buildings, they are really beautiful
- Close to the city and not much traffic

When I asked the representative group, they said it was a really good excursion because it was nice to get out of the classroom. One student commented that she liked to get out and smell the trees – “I like the smell of all the trees, especially so you can read a book and smell the trees at the same time, it’s nice”

The 3/4s will now work together in groups to make a presentation to show the other students on the Apple TVs.

**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.

**Warm regards, Kerrie**

**Education subcommittee**

The Education subcommittee will meet on Monday 27th July at 7pm in the school staffroom. All parents are welcome. Please contact Scott Meaklim (Scott.Meaklim@gmail.com) if you plan to join us.
LAST WEEK TO REGISTER FOR READING CHALLENGE!

THANK YOU to all the parents who have already emailed Stephanie. If you are interested, please send an email, as outlined below. This is the last week to register.

Hi Northcote PS Readers! Our school has registered for the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge for 2015. The rules are really simple to join in:

1. Your mum or dad sends Stephanie an email that says My Child would LOVE to be in the Reading Challenge! They need to include: Student Name / Grade Level / Teacher
   Email: Griffiths.Stephanie.C@edumail.vic.gov.au

2. Stephanie will give you a form you can fill out to keep a record of all your books.

3. Stephanie will give you a password so that YOU can log in to the website and add all the books you have read. You have until 14 September 2015.

4. Over the next months you will need to read:

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(The Challenge books are mostly books that you will have at home, or find in our school library)

5. At Assembly in September all the excellent students who reached the challenge receive a certificate! Hooray!

So now, go and bug mum or dad to email Stephanie. Go on, do it now!

A SHOUT OUT TO MUSICIANS

As you are aware, our musical is fast approaching and we would love to round up our usual suspects plus a few more to play in the ‘Parental as Anything’ band for the performance. Commitment would be to 3 night time rehearsals of about 90 mins each at school plus a 5pm show and a 7.30 pm show on Thursday September 10th.

This year we will only do 3 songs:

- Nutbush City Limits
- Shake a tail feather
- Love Shack.

We already have a pianist/keyboard player and a drummer or two but we also require:

- Electric guitar
- Bass guitar
- Sax
- Trumpet
Percussionist

If you are able to join us, can you please email me a.s.a.p on:

engelander.lisa.d@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thanks,

Lisa

5/6 Excursion to Northcote High

On Tuesday the grade 5/6 students were invited to watch the preview of Northcote High’s today production of ‘Anything Goes’. It was wonderful to see so many of our talented former Northcote primary students strutting their stuff so confidently on stage, as crew, in the band, as well as running the lighting and sound at such a young age.

I’m so proud of them all and hope that our little primary school musicals somehow inspired them to participate so enthusiastically! I spoke to the director who singled out year eight student Hamish Larkin who is in charge of lighting and sound, and remarked that he was, “Very special.” I remember when he was in grade four he insisted that the technician teach him as well as me how to use our first sound desk. Within five minutes he understood everything and then spent the next 3 years getting me to catch up with him!

We are very proud of all our past and present students talents and endeavors in the Performing Arts. Our students are looking forward to showing you what they have been doing for the last two terms when they perform in September.

Regards,

Lisa

56 Science – Scientists in Schools

During term 3, the 5/6 students are focusing on Science. The 5/6 students have been developing their science understanding through weekly “Pocket Science” rotations.

The 5/6 team have signed up with a program called Scientist in Schools. Scientist in Schools is a program run by the CSIRO which matches teachers with scientists. Through the matching, the 5/6 team will work with a scientist to enhance the teaching and learning of science. NPS has been matched with Dr Andy I.R. Herries. Andy is Director of The Australian Archaeomagnetism Laboratory and Associate Professor of Paleoanthropology at La Trobe University. We look forward to working with Andy.

We are also looking forward to a variety of guest speakers. The guest speakers are parents who are experts in scientific fields and they are coming in to share their wealth of knowledge with the students.

I am looking forward to students investigating the field of science and continuing to make sense of our world.

Nicole (5/6 teacher).
Northcote Primary School’s Annual Trivia Nite
Tickets are now on sale for this year’s hugely popular fund raiser - the Trivia Nite!!

Due to popular demand we are at a new venue this year – the Northcote Town Hall –so will be in the main hall which can accommodate up to 200 people. You can make up a table of 8 or join in with other friends and families from school to enjoy a wonderful night of amusement, prizes and possible glory.

When? Friday 7 August 2015, 7.30-11pm
Where? Northcote Town Hall
Tickets? Available online via: TryBooking http://www.trybooking.com/IESX
Cost? Tickets remain at last year’s price of $25 per person
Food? Remember to BYO your food, drinks, cutlery, crockery and glasses.

If you don’t have internet access, please contact Bella (0418362905) or Emily (0419 205 417) and arrange for an alternative way to book your tickets.

Please don’t miss out on securing your spot for a great night of fun!!

ITALIAN UPDATE
Buongiorno a tutti! Here in the Prep and 1/2 areas, we have, as always, a busy Term 3 ahead of us. We will continue to work productively on our reading, writing, listening and speaking skills through our topics of Animals in Prep and the Human Body in years 1 and 2. An exciting term of Italian learning awaits us!

Prep – Gli animali (Animals)
This term students will be learning all about Animals. Students will explore different habitats animals live in and learn about jungle, farm and domestic animals. We will learn the song ‘Nella Vecchia Fattoria’ (Old McDonald) and explore the sounds animals make in Italian. Students will consolidate their learning of colours and numbers and continue to focus on using greetings and expressing their feelings in Italian.

Years 1&2 – Il corpo umano (The human body)
During term 3, the years 1 and 2 students will learn about the human body in Italian. They will learn names for the parts of the body and produce detailed self-portraits to present to the class taking inspiration from famous Italian portraits. We will also look at how nouns are changed in Italian, depending on gender, and from singular to plural. Students will use this knowledge (and their imaginations) to create and correctly describe a fictional character. We will also be revisiting the alphabet in Italian and consolidating and extending our knowledge of numbers.

The Middle and Upper School have started Term 3 with lots of energy and interest. Initially, we will be focusing on student interest based topics where the students will be able to track their progress and reflect back on their learning goals. Many students are achieving their goals, which is fantastic! The term will see students developing both their macro and micro skills and they will be reading a variety of texts through our ‘La Communita di Northcote’ and ‘Italia’ topics.

Years 3 and 4 – La Communita di Northcote
We have started the term revisiting numbers and number patterns and colours. We have completed an assessment task for students to track their progress in these areas.

Next week, we will begin our learning journey through the eyes of the Italian community of Northcote. We will look at the Italian influence in Northcote and the experiences of Italians migrating to Australia. Students will be developing both their macro and micro skills and they will be reading a variety of texts. We will look at sentence structures and comparing these to the English language.
Years 5 and 6 – I Gesti (Italian Gestures)
The students have been totally engaged with our ‘gesti’ unit. This topic has come about due to student interest. We have looked at a variety of gestures that the students are aware of and then we had a look at contemporary ‘gesti’ in Italy via some clips. The students loved the video clips as they came out of our session using some of the gestures and recalling these to this very day! In coming weeks we will create and perform some gestures and look to see how and why these are used. The students will then move onto our ‘Italia’ topic where we will briefly look at Italy both in past and present.

More about the progress of these units in coming weeks.

ITALIAN DAY
Si! A date for Italian Day is being finalised and it will be in early October in Term 4. Stay tuned for the exact date and lots of information about this special day. The Italian Student Committee will finally be known next week and our first meeting will be next Tuesday! Yeh!

SPECIAL NOTE: Grazie to Signora Julia for all of her terrific work with the students in Prep and Year 1 and 2 for the last year and a half. Julia has been a wonderful Italian teacher and we all wish Julia well with the birth of her ‘bebe’.

Grazie for your continuing support - Saluti, Sigorina Rosa e Signora Julia.

Junior School Council Project
FAMILY DONATIONS for the ASYLUM SEEKER RESOURCE CENTRE

Please bring to school an item listed below that is very much needed by asylum seekers living in Melbourne.


Congratulations to Max Daphne in Year 5 who initiated this project. Here’s the detailed reasons he submitted to Kerrie and the Junior School Council about why the Northcote school community should help this cause:

“I strongly believe that giving food to them is the right thing to do. We are well off we don’t need more food we have heaps. So why not give some to people who really need it, the asylum seekers. When they get sent out to a house they get given tiny bits of food. They can’t really find jobs to get money to buy more food. So we have to give them what they cannot afford. We really should... help out people who want to come to our country!”

They need:
Grade Preps:  • healthy breakfast cereals  • dried fruit, nuts & seeds  • flatbread  • long life (UHT) milk
Grade 1/2s:    • tomato paste  • tinned sardines and salmon  • tinned tomato, corn and peas  • tinned beans and lentils (without sauce)
Grade 3/4s:    • green tea, black tea & instant coffee  • spices  • honey (in small jars)  • dishwashing detergent
Grade 5/6:     • shaving items  • sanitary pads  • shampoo  • soap  • toothbrushes  • washing powder

Donations accepted in class
ALL of WEEK 4
3rd to the 7th August

Fundraising with Bakers Delight
Northcote Primary School has a ongoing fundraising effort with the Bakers Delight at Northcote Plaza. Just mention “Northcote Primary School” at the time of payment and much needed funds will be raised for our school.
Pie Fundraiser

The Boscastle Pie Drive is back! It's our annual winter fundraiser and a chance to stock up the freezer after the school break.

Forms were sent home with children last week. Here is a link to the form on the website: **Boscastle Pie Fundraiser Order Form**

**Order forms and monies need to be received by Friday the 31 July. Delivery will be Tuesday the 11th August.**

Thanks Fi Lang - Community Committee

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**Merri Community Childcare & Kinder Fundraiser** – 3.00 p.m. on Sunday 2nd August. Dancing, blow up guitars, fairy bread and silent auction. Northcote Social Club. Tickets $10.00 each or $30.00 family of 4. Available from merriccc.com.au/shop/ or northcotesocialclub.com or 1300 724 867. Sneak peak ontherrrrockets.com.au

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**Transition in the Pub: The Green Pledge**

*Friends of the Earth Melbourne*

Wednesday July 29, 7.30pm
The Wesley Anne, 250 High St. Northcote

Join not-for-profits Transition Town Darebin and Friends of the Earth Melbourne for a night of music, good vibes and learning about how you can get active in tackling climate change through the Green Pledge.

7.30 Mango Retreat - acoustic folk
8.45 Inaugural ‘Climate Action Charades’
9.30 onwards Nicks Lion - guitar and loops
Humus - alternative stuff