NEWSLETTER
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Important School Diary Dates for 2015

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Last Day of Term, Friday 26th June – 2.30 p.m. Dismissal

Please don’t forget that the children are dismissed from their classrooms at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, the last day of term. Please remember to be at the school to pick the children up by 2.30 p.m.

- 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.: Normal Class Time
- 11.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.: Recess
- 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.: Normal Class Time
- 12.30 p.m. to 12.40 p.m.: Lunch Eating Time
- 12.40 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.: Lunch Play
- 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.: Normal Class Time
- 2.30 p.m.: Dismissal from School
Greetings ...

Student Achievement
Well done to all Students at their student led Conferences

It was an exciting feeling walking through the school yesterday and watching our students proudly explaining the highlights of their learning to parents and teachers. Most of the students I spoke with yesterday and this morning were very happy with their reports and 3-way conferences and were very clearly able to articulate how they were going and what they could do to improve their results for the next semester.

Teachers enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate with you, the progress that your child made since the start of the year. They are also looking forward to working on the second semester goals that your child has identified.

Prep Expo – Animal Habitats
This morning, Ross and I were in the Prep class rooms looking at and talking with our little preppies about the dioramas they had made to represent animal habitats. They were able to explain the type of habitat they had created and the animals that might live there. One Preppie had proudly made an ‘African desert habitat’ with a camel living in it. Our discussion went something like this:

Kerrie – ‘Is there much water in the desert for the camel?’
Preppie – ‘No.’
‘What does the camel do when it gets thirsty?’
Finger to chin, thoughtful ….. ‘ah … he waits for it to rain!’

Year 3/4s Working Out The Money!
The 3/4s this morning were making bread, vegetable fritters and jelly. What’s this got to do with Maths? They are finishing off learning about money, applying mathematical operations to solve problems with money. They have done some prior estimation with the shopping list required to make and buy the bread, fritters and jelly; then represented mathematically the purchase, money involved, measurement and time of the entire experience of making this morning’s lesson. They are having a lot of fun with their learning and applying mathematics to everyday situations and solutions and, of course, looking forward to the eating part this afternoon!

Help Shape The Education State
Dear Parents,
The most important thing that we can do as a school community is to make sure we give each and every student a great education and a great start to life.

I know from speaking to many of you that you have great ideas for how we can improve the education we provide our students at school, and more broadly how we can improve our school system as a whole. I also regularly hear ideas from our staff, our school council, our local businesses and others in the community on how we can make our education system even better.

The Victorian Government has committed to making Victoria the Education State and has recently begun a consultation process – asking for us to share our ideas and experiences, our challenges and solutions – to help us improve our education system across the state.

This is an opportunity for all of us to have our say and play a role in shaping what our education system will look like in the years to come.

I will be thinking about how I can contribute my ideas to this consultation and I will be asking our staff to participate as well. I invite you to join in the conversation, because your ideas and insights – as parents of children currently in our school system – are critical to making sure we get the vision right for our state to become the Education State.

You could also use social media to encourage your family and friends to join the discussion – education impacts everybody, and everyone deserves the opportunity to have their say. The best way to get involved is to go to educationstate.education.vic.gov.au where you can join in the online conversations or register to attend one of the sessions running across the state throughout June and July.

As always, I invite you to share your ideas with me on what is working well and what we can do better.
**Last day of term, Friday – 2.30pm dismissal**

Please don’t forget that the children are dismissed from their classrooms at 2.30pm on Friday, the last day of term. Please remember to be at the school to pick the children up by 2.30pm.

We have had many tears at the office when children discover they are the last ones left at the end of the term. Please call us if you are delayed in any way.

**A safe and happy holiday**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very safe and happy holiday for the next two weeks. See you back in Term 3. If you are lucky to have your holidays with your children, have lots of rest, fun and relaxing times together with a few pyjama days thrown in!

**Thank you all staff**

I would like to thank all staff for their commitment and hard work for the first half of the year and wish them a restful and relaxing break over the holidays.

**School Security over the holidays**

Our school community and broader community play a vital role in keeping our school secure and safe over the holidays so that it is all ready for the children on their first day back at school. If you see any ‘unauthorised’ people on school property over the school break, please call Northcote Police on 9403 0200 and report it in. The local police have been very supportive in driving by the school, particularly at night, and attending the school when our community call in with a report.

**Warm regards,**

Kerrie

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**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 on 9481 0009 or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621. For questions after 7 August 2015, 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

**Calling for volunteers to be this year’s trivia nite brains trust!!**

Have you always admired Stephen Fry from QI, do you have a broad interest in sport, music, current affairs and general trivia, would you like the chance to contribute to one of the best fundraisers at the Northcote School community?? Well then here is your chance – we have a fabulous MC, a great venue, lots of prizes, so just need a couple of people who are keen to create the questions that will challenge and entertain our school community the night of Friday 7 August. If you are interested and available please contact Emily on 0419 205 41 or Bella on 0418 362 905.
NPS Parent Register - Share your skills!
Throughout the year we have many events, activities and initiatives at our school that families can participate in to support your child’s education.

There are a huge array of skills and talents among our parent community that could be a great resource for our school. From time to time, we have need of specific skills but often don’t know who might be able to help.

Helping out could mean anything from talking to students about your special area of interest, assisting with a classroom activity or sharing your knowledge with staff. From craft to composting, physiology to flamenco, astronomy to acting... we’re interested in a whole range of skills.

The Northcote Primary School Skills Register helps us to identify different skills. You can register your skills and talents by clicking on the link below. Please take a few minutes to complete this form, especially if you are new to the school or did not do so last year. Don’t be modest about what you can do!

Your information will be kept confidential and will only be accessed by the teaching staff for planning purposes.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NPSSkillsRegister

Working Bee
A mighty big thank you to all the families, children and staff who worked so hard at our last working bee. The working bee started at 1.00 p.m. on a beautifully warm winter’s afternoon and finished with a BBQ at 4.00 p.m.

There were many tasks completed and other projects started which will be finished at our next working bee. Garden beds were weeded and two new gardens were landscaped and planted. A large amount of sand and mulch was moved in wheel barrows by a team to replenish the sand pit and renew the soft fall in our adventure play grounds. A team with brooms and leaf rakes swept and cleaned our playground areas. The kitchen garden team dug in compost and mulched garden beds and wrestled with giant cockroaches in the compost bin, which gave up the most amazingly rich compost. Seating was fitted to a retaining wall which supports a new garden in the south corner of the playground, the fence was repaired with a number of sharp pieces of wire removed and storerooms were cleaned and reorganised. An old garden edge and star pickets were removed and tidied in readiness for a new landscaping in the spring and a team of creative children decorated and constructed bunting to surround the new garden beds. A fantastic effort by all those who attended, given that we only had three hours and managed to complete all the tasks with a bit of time at the end of the day to reflect on our achievements and enjoy the BBQ and an interesting coconut and banana drink.

The Environment committee would like to thank the families, about 25, who attended. On Monday morning I heard many children and parents comment on the new gardens and how clean and tidy the grounds looked.

Thanks again to all those who participated, it was a very busy afternoon but extremely satisfying as we accomplished so much. We look forward to the next working bee which will be next term and will focus on the grounds at the new senior campus. Early next term there will be a landscape design of the proposed gardens on display in the school foyer. At this time, if you are interested in donating plants for the school gardens, please contact me as we have a planting schedule as a guide which we want to continue to follow.

Ross Bennie, Member of the Environment Sub Committee
Northcote Primary’s Annual Trivia Nite
Do Not Miss Out!!!!
Friday 7 August 2015, 7.30-11pm at the Northcote Town Hall

Tickets are now on sale for this year’s hugely popular fundraiser - 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.

Be sure to buy yours online via TryBooking http://www.trybooking.com/IESX
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.

Tickets remain at last year’s price of $25 per person

And remember to BYO your food, drinks, cutlery and crockery. It is a fully self-catered venue

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

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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 ontherrrrrockets.com.au

Darebin Intercultural Centre – School Holiday Movie Matinee. Thursday 9th July from 12.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. free with a light lunch provided. Book now on 8479 8449 or email intercultural@darebin.vic.gov.au

New op shop at 292 High Street Northcote - Save the Children
You'll get more than just retail therapy when you shop at Save the Children's newest op shop. Not only will you pick yourself up an array of recycled fashion pieces, toys, books and even some vintage and modern day gems, your purchases will help to create better lives for children in Australia and overseas. Donations gratefully accepted. Anyone interested in volunteering in the Northcote store, please register at the website https://www.savethechildren.org.au/take-action/volunteer or call Wayne Eddis on 0404 161 461.

The Listies Make You LOL! Comedy for kids and their adults. Saturday 11th July 11.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre. Book at darebinarts.com.au/loudmouth or call 8470 8282. Tickets $23.00 - free parking!!!! Brochures outside the school office.
Big Dreams Northcote & Collingwood is having one big BOOK WEEK from 27th of June to 12th of July with free events and activities such as Readings from Tai Snaith & Hazel Edwards, book signing from Marc Martin, make your own book mark work station, personalised hand lettering for your books by Eliza Svikulis, Booksee shelves giveaway and more. Sign up to the newsletter on www.bigdreams.com.au and follow us on Facebook and/or Instagram to receive date updates for all events!

Sound Of Moves creative and expressive arts. Holiday Program. Two sessions daily: Session 1 from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. for 3-5 year olds and Session 2 from 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. for 6-10 year olds. Special early price of $30.00 for a three hour session. Bookings essential. Contact us on www.soundofmoves.com

Basketball School Holiday Camp – Coburg Basketball Stadium. Register at hoopsmart.com.au or call 0406 488 313 or email admin@hoopsmart.com.au. Brochures available outside the school office.

The Local Homestay Host – Are you available for Long Term students (maximum three students per home) as of the 10.08.2015? We are seeking Single Rooms ($270.00 per week on average Tax Free). Some meals are required. For further information please email: sandra@homestay-australia.com or Make an Online Application: http://www.homestay-australia.com/host_application.htm or Call Sandra 9 395 7046

LADIES MORNING NETBALL – TUESDAYS @ CLIFTON HILL
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Children’s Playgroup Available
New season starts every term, games only played on school days. Register a team or join as an individual.
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Kids smile in After School Care

“Kids smile in After School Care” is more than just our tagline. Our primary focus centres on this tagline and our commitment to the children in our care – making sure that they are safe and having fun every day. Our daily program has a structured framework along with a degree of flexibility that enables creative and adventurous free-play and a range of inquiry and energetic activities. This is one of the reasons that the activities in our program are designed to be fun as they are uniquely guided by the interest of the children. As a result, each program offers a wide range of choice including cooking, arts & crafts, sport, homework time and indoor and outdoor games.

Take a look at some of the reasons kids smile

We asked children across Australia to tell us what makes them smile in after school care. The response was staggering – and we had to find a creative way to say thank you. We arranged every single response, which was enough to fill a basketball court, and turned it into a special video. You can take a look at https://www.campaustralia.com.au/video and see if you can find your children’s artwork and watch the video.

We look forward to seeing you in the program soon.

The Camp Australia Team.

Don’t forget school holiday programs are on next week!
To view the “Out of this World” activities that are now planned and to find your closest location, visit www.campaustralia.com.au/holidays

Paediatric Health Professionals Evening

Wednesday 19th August 2015
1.30pm – 9pm
Hosted by Preston South Primary School

For parents and teachers from the kinder years through to grade 2. Understanding the role of each health professional, and how they can support your child throughout their education.

Preston has a brand new Cafe in town, Caffe’ Rustico located at 267 Gower St, Preston Vic 3072
Caffe’ Rustico is celebrating Christmas in July
We would like to invite you all to Celebrate with us.
Santa is coming to Caffe’ Rustico and has some special goodies for the kids all the way from the north pole
Sunday 12th July 2015
Time: 10am
Please call us to let us know if you are attending so we can save a spot for you!!!
Call Santas Little Helper on 0424 484 343

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