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Enjoy your holidays and we’ll see you in Term 2!!!!
Don’t forget to complete the fete survey and either email it or drop it off to school. Here is the link:

http://northcoteps.vic.edu.au

Greetings from Kerrie …
Our Whole School Athletics Day!
Our students poured from the buses in their house colours ready and eager to start our annual school athletics day, on Monday March 23rd, at the Collingwood track.

The weather was threatening but you couldn’t put our students off from their enjoyment of the contest, and you could feel the excitement in the air. The cheering lifted the children from the starting line and propelled them down the straight. Those little preppy legs charged up to the finish line with their house captains running parallel on the grass, cheering them on and showing the way to the ones who got a little wayward.

Participation was the focus, as long as every child ‘had a go’, sometimes helped along by a house captain or teacher, and receive a ribbon acknowledging their efforts. Healthy competition was also taking place with children trying their hardest to win their events for their house points. A sea of colours spread out across the track and field with children running, jumping, throwing and cheering each other on. Parents, Grandparents and friends also provided support by helping out as marshalls, on the finish line, helping with equipment and so on.

All children came out of their classes at the end of the day with ribbons flying from their t-shirts and weary smiles on their faces. A great way to end our term!

Congratulations House Captains and Vice Captains
The House Captains and Vice Captains had important jobs on the day and it was great to see them step up and take on real responsibilities of helping with the organisation and equipment for the various events. Well done Captains and Vice Captains!

Thank you Krissy
Many thanks go to Krissy, our Physical Education Teacher, who put numerous hours into the organisation and coordination of the school Athletics Day. It ran superbly without a hitch. Well done Krissy.

Thank you all parents, staff, friends, pre-service teachers, and supporters for also helping out on the day to make it a very successful one for the children.

3/4 Camp to Emerald and the 5/6 Camp to Cape Schanck
This year we had the 3/4 camp and the 5/6 camps in successive weeks on either side of the school fete, a very busy time! Hence we haven't had time to report back on it but having been to both camps, I can report that they were both very successful camps. The students enjoyed beautiful weather in rural surrounds and were highly engaged with the challenge by choice activities.

Both teams will prepare a report for the newsletter next term but before the end of term, I would like to thank both parent volunteers who came on the camps and the teachers, who put in many hours before and on the camps to make sure the children have an enjoyable time away from home with their friends. Special mention to Claire Sherwell (teacher) who attended both camps and organised the 5/6 camp, thank you Claire! Thank you also to Ross (Acting Assistant Principal) for attending both camps too. Well done all students in years 3 to 6, you were all fantastic campers!

Thank you Tony, Archer’s dad
You may have noticed that we had a problem with a few bricks from the external side of the main building and Junior building, where the keen soccer players kick the ball, falling into the inside of the buildings. We have
wanted to get them fixed for so long, and Tony volunteered to get this done for us. Finally, the eyesore no more and all bricks mortared back into place. Thank you Tony, your time and efforts are much appreciated!

Farewell Emma, year 5/6 teacher
Tomorrow is Emma Fulgenzi's last day. Emma replaced Margaret Barrett who has been on Long Service Leave during Term 1. Emma worked quickly to get to know all of the students in the year 5/6 area and they have loved her teaching style, a mix of warmth, friendliness, respect and firmness. Thank you for all your work this term Emma, for being an important part of the 5/6 teaching and learning team and the staff team. Emma is off travelling for a few months and we might see her back as a relief teacher again in the future. All the best Emma.

Best wishes to Andrea
Andrea (3/4 teacher), is expecting her first child very soon. Friday will be her last day and we would like to wish her all the best at this very exciting time of her family’s life, soon they will be 3!

End of Term 1
It has been a busy and productive term with many activities that have provided opportunities for parents to understand, support and participate in the teaching and learning practices at our school. I have felt energised and very satisfied with the work that has gone on in term 1 - it has set us up for another great school year.

Thank you to our Parent community
As Principal and speaking on behalf of the staff, it is wonderful that we have positive and productive relationships with our parent community. Together, we understand the nature of our task at our school is to provide the best learning environment we can for the children and actively work towards achieving this at every level.

Thank you Staff
As always, our dedicated staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that the year has started well and the children are settled and focused on improving their learning. Teacher teams report a term where children settled quickly and with a focus on assessment early in the term in Literacy and Numeracy, teachers were able to group children and plan their learning targeted directly to the point of need, and challenge.

Thank you students of Northcote Primary
What a great start to the school year you have all had. We look forward to your continued enjoyment of school, your hard work and your pride in your achievements. Well done!

It is nearly time to sign off and wish you all a safe and lovely Easter break. Rest, relax and enjoy time with your families and friends and we will see you all back ready to go for Term 2!

Warm regards,
Kerrie

Reminders: Athletics Day Payments – If you have not paid the $12.00 for your child, please send the money to school tomorrow. Thank you.

Please complete the fete survey (see link above) and return to school as soon as possible.

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

Updated Parent Payment Statements will be sent home early next term.
Congratulations to TRYathletes from Northcote Primary School (Northcote)!

Five students from Northcote Primary School took part in the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon at Catani Gardens, St. Kilda on the 8th March 2015.

These TRYathletes from Northcote Primary School (Northcote) are:

Callaghan, Liam
Sheehan, Asha
Sheehan, Xalia
Siciliano, Mica
Vergers, Sophie

New smoking bans to apply on school grounds and at school entrances

From 13 April 2015, smoking will be banned within four metres of an entrance to all primary and secondary schools in Victoria, and within the school grounds, under an amendment to the Tobacco Act 1987.

A similar ban applying to the entrances and grounds of Victorian childcare centres and kindergartens will be introduced at the same time.

While smoking was banned on the grounds of all Victorian Government schools by the Minister for Education in 2009 via a Ministerial Ban Order, the new bans are enshrined in legislation and will also apply to Catholic and independent schools in Victoria, thereby ensuring a consistent approach across the government and non-government sectors.

A public awareness and information campaign will promote community awareness of the bans. Print and radio advertising, as well as social media, will be used prior to the introduction of the bans and for a period following their commencement.

Officers from councils will be responsible for enforcing the bans, and will take an education approach, making sure smokers understand the new laws. However, an infringement penalty of $147 could apply to adults caught wilfully breaking the law.

Italian Update

Salve a tutti! (hello everyone!)

What a great start to the year for all classes for Italian! All year levels have been full of energy and thoroughly engaged in our sessions!

The year 3/4’s have settled in well in our new learning area for Italian! The students see the mezzanine area as our special place for learning Italian! So far we have been learning about ourselves where we have been revising basic greeting terms and applying Maths skills to measure our height and count our ‘denti’-teeth! All students have completed their language ‘Learning Goals’ and they have had fun with our tactile games! Our year 3/4 students are becoming quite confident with responding to our weekly roll call questions!! Magnifico!

The Year 5/6’s have also been a busy bunch! We started the year with ‘conversation’ skills and writing a short paragraph about ourselves in Week 2! We had an interesting session calculating exactly how much time they spend learning Italian each term and how many days this equates to in a year! Ask your child. The students couldn’t believe it and once this was established we completed writing our own ‘Learning Goals’ for learning Italian. Students also completed writing a letter to an Italian student called ‘Leti’ using prior language and new language acquired throughout the term. What an achievement! Superbo!

In the Prep area, students have been introduced to Italy and the Italian language through songs, games and interactive activities. All students show enthusiasm during the Italian sessions and they even remembered the song we learned as a group during the Prep ‘Ready, Set, Go’ program last year very impressive! We have been
learning how to greet one another and practise these greetings every session. Students have very much enjoyed learning about 'Pinocchio' and his adventures through stories and songs. The Preps have also been focusing on basic body parts and numbers 1-10! What a great first term of learning Italian! Bravi!

Year 1/2’s have had a great start to the year furthering their understanding of Italian. The year 1’s have settled in extremely well in their new learning space with the year 2’s. We have been learning about all things related to ourselves – birthdays, how we are feeling and consolidating our knowledge of greetings and basic conversation skills. Students particularly enjoyed surveying their classmates about how they were feeling by asking and responding in Italian. Students also wrote their own 'Learning Goals' which they will focus on completing in Term 2. Fantastico!

**Competitions**
The Italian year will provide our students with more state-wide competition opportunities. The Dante Alighieri Society Melbourne will announce their poster and IT competitions shortly as will another association who will run a Drama/Theatre Competition, which our students have expressed a lot of interest in.

**Salve Italian Day – Date To Be Confirmed Soon**
*Italian Student Committee: This year will see our well anticipated Italian Day at NPS! Students in Year 4, 5 and 6 have been briefed about the day and about an opportunity to apply for The Italian Student Committee. This is a leadership position at the school where the students will require writing a ‘creative’ letter addressed to me outlining why they should be chosen to be part of this committee. Students chosen will assist with the planning process of the Italian Day and will contribute to the running of the day as well. They will also receive a badge at a special Assembly. At present there are many interested students and the application process has commenced. Grazie to those students who have already submitted their application! Applications close on Monday the 27th April. Please read the school newsletter next term for further updates.*

**Italian Day Help**
Help is required for the special lunch and gelato organisation. It is best to work with a team of parents and the role would be to organise parents to distribute the pizza and the gelato. It would also entail collecting pizza orders and organising how many pizza slices we would need. I will order the pizza and the gelato. It is always a lot of fun on the day and the smiles on the students’ faces says it all!

If I receive no assistance for this area, there will be no special lunch for the students on the day. If there are any parents who can help with this can you please fill out the slip in the newsletter next term. Grazie to the parents who have already expressed interest. I look forward to working with you all.

**Can You Help? Pasta or Pizza Making Classes**
Through student surveys, an expression of interest has emerged for cooking activities. If you would like to participate and assist in making and cooking pasta or pizza or even ‘gelato’ with the year 3/4 or 5/6 students please see me or contact the school next term. We endeavour to schedule these activities in late July early August of this year either on a Monday or a Tuesday.

**Extra Italian Practise for Students**
Following many discussions with parents regarding extra Italian lessons/practise for their child/ren at home I have provided the popular education website for you once again. If you have the internet at home, visit: [www.education.vic.gov.au/languagesonline](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/languagesonline)

This program is an extra fun way for your child/ren to practise and extent their Italian knowledge and support Literacy skills. It is a great language website filled with lots of new activities and games.

If you have any queries regarding the Italian Program, particularly in Year 3 to 6, please feel free to contact me at the school or drop in directly after school for a chat or to make an appointment. I encourage you to read the school newsletter and discuss what you have read with your child/ren to stimulate conversation about what is being taught at school.
For those families who celebrate this occasion, ‘Buona Pasqua e buone vacanze’ - Happy Easter and Happy Holidays.

Until next time, grazie mille (many thanks) for your continuing support,

Signorina Rosa  
Italian Teacher and Co-ordinator  
Mon/Tue

Signora Julia  
Year Prep and 1/2  
Mon/Tue

**LOST**

A blue and white Malvern Star bike that was left in the bike shed last week has gone ride-about. Please contact the office if you know of its whereabouts.

**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.*

**School Tours in Term Two**

School day tours for prospective parents and students run several times per week to Friday May 22. The tours depart from our foyer at 9.15 am and take about one hour. See our website for exact dates. Please ring to book a place as places are limited (9488 2300)

**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.


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We are just letting all the local child care centres and primary schools in the area know that we are having an informal gig next week in our new courtyard.

As parents ourselves, we lament the lack of live music at kid friendly times so we have decided to host this little shindig and weather permitting hoping to make it a continual event.

We have a custom built bar pouring local craft beer and interesting wines from Australia and around the world and should anyone get peckish there will be a small snack menu for people to graze on as well.
Grade 6 Girls...Darebin Falcons wants you!
Come and play soccer, make friends, get fit, have fun!
We are looking for girls turning 12 in 2015 for our Under 12s team. Come by yourself or with a friend. Training is Thursday 5-6pm at A H Capp Reserve, Halwyn Cres, Preston and games on Sundays. For more information contact Jasmine on soccer@falcons.org.au or phone 0422 991 687.

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Saturdays commencing 18th April
Aussie Hoops 5 – 8 years at 9am & 1.30pm
Mini Ball 7 – 10 years at 10am & 12.30pm

Tuesdays commencing 21st April - Little Stars 3 & 4 year olds 4.20, 4.55 pm.
All Star Hoops grades prep – 3 at 4.30pm - Mini Ball grades 3 – 6 at 5.30pm

Access for All Abilities - Saturdays commencing 18th April -
11.15am – 12.30pm. For children 6 – 16 with special needs

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