NEWSLETTER
No. 16 – 9 June 2016

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Important School Diary Dates

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No Pupil of the Week this week due to
Queen’s Birthday Holiday on Monday

School banking will be Tuesday next week...

Greetings...

Student Achievement - Well done our Cross Country reps!
On Wednesday 8 June, representatives from Northcote PS ran at the Division Cross Country Championships at Bundoora Park. All the students did amazingly well and these are their places in the different age events:

9/10yo: Ben G 27th; Ned VdH 5th; Alex M 11th;
11yo: Guy F 3rd;
12/13yo: Xara B 5th; Lexi M 8th; Finn AF 5th; Noah A 7th; Matteo RH 3rd

Guy F volunteered to be interviewed for the newsletter and he reported the following:

Kerrie:
What was the course like compared to last year?
Guy:
It felt a lot longer even though it was only a kilometre longer, 3kms, it felt a lot longer.
Kerrie:
What were your strategies?
Guy:
I tried to come to the front at the start and keep the pace all the way and stay with the front group.
Kerrie:
Do you think it worked?
Guy:
Well I came 3rd!
Kerrie: That’s fantastic! This means you will go through to the Regional Finals. How confident are you feeling about the next level of competition?

Guy: I feel pretty confident.

Kerrie: What kind of training will you do for the next race?

Guy: Well, I’ve got outside of school training on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Little Athletics and I am part of a training group here at school.

More cross-country quotes...

Lexi: I reckon I felt more prepared after doing the first race. Xara’s mum helped us by suggesting we do a pre-race stretch and warm up.

Xara: I felt relaxed halfway through the run but over the last 100m I felt my stomach swirling. That’s when I chucked.

Matteo: This course was harder than the first course because it was hillier. I was quite tired but happy to have finished just behind the leaders.

Noah A: It was a harder course this time because of the hills and it was confusing because the course looped back around. I was really happy to make it through to Regionals because I didn’t get that far last year.

Finn AF: It was a challenging course. I was relieved at the end to get through to Regionals.

Ben: I was very tired at the end. I am happy with my performance.

In order for the students to go through to the Regional championships they had to get into the top 10. Matteo, Finn, Noah, Guy, Ned, Lexi and Xara, have made it to Regionals – congratulations!

An outstanding effort from these students, we congratulate them all for the training and commitment they have shown. Congratulations to all participants, we are very proud of you all. Best of luck to our students going on to the next level!

Thank you parents - Playground Supervision before and after school

After last week’s article in the newsletter asking parents to support the safety of their children in the yard both before and after school by ensuring that children did not come and play in the school yard without a parent before 8.45am and likewise after school, the teachers have noticed a huge improvement. We have seen very few children wandering around in the school yard between 8.00am and 8.45am. This is a big relief for the teachers as we were always worried about the children’s safety in the yard when they were unsupervised by a parent.

Dogs in the school yard

Dogs are part of many of our children’s and families lives and are well loved pets, teaching children about animals and caring for living things. Some schools ban dogs entering the school grounds. To date, our school has been a dog friendly school on the proviso that dogs are always on a leash and under the control of a responsible adult, on the school grounds.

If you bring your dog onto the school grounds, you must be with them at all times; be mindful and preventative of any exuberant behaviour (eg. control the dog jumping on anyone else); have them well clear of any entry and exit areas where children are coming out of classrooms.

Not all people like dogs. Please be mindful of your dog’s behaviour and if your dog is not trained to be in public with children, adults and other dogs, in a safe, controlled and quiet manner, then please keep your dog at home where they can wait for the family to arrive.

Thank you for your support, your children and the teachers are very appreciative.
Love your Library!

Library Fund donations – still time before the end of the financial year

School Council would like to remind parents that there is still time in this financial year to make a donation to the Library Fund. Donations received by 15 June will be processed by NPS in time for you to claim it on this year’s tax return. Your donations would be most welcome and gratefully appreciated by all the children in our school, who love going into the Library and discovering a new book to read.

Warm regards,
Kerrie

-working bee-
Saturday 18th June
1.00 to 4.00 pm
Don’t Miss Out!

Working Bee Sat 18th June 1 – 4.00 pm
Please come along and support our school and help complete these small projects. You don’t have to attend the full 3 hours – any time you can spare would be greatly appreciated. Please email me if you are able to attend or add your name to the list in the school foyer.

You will need to bring gardening equipment eg spade, wheelbarrow, hand saws, secateurs, rakes and brooms.

This working bee we would like to have tasks completed on both campuses and we would suggest that for ease of organisation that the following areas are assigned to different learning areas.

- **Senior campus**  
  Parents of students in grade 5/6
- **Kitchen garden and beds on Hawthorn Road, Junior playground and paths**  
  Parents of students in grade 1/2
- **Gardens and repairs to snake seating in the front entrance of the school and paths**  
  Parents of students in grade 3/4
- **Gardens and turf areas at the back of the school (along Henry street)**  
  Parents of students in Prep

There will be a sausage sizzle to end the day from 3.30 so that we can reflect on all the amazing things we have achieved.

**Additional work...** If you have experience in brick laying, painting, fence repair skills or installing a basic watering system please email me to discuss so that I can order the needed material.

**Student Reports**

This semester, prior scores for English and Mathematics against the AusVels curriculum will not appear on reports as in the past. This is the case for all schools that have migrated across to the Victorian Curriculum this year. We apologise for any inconvenience or lack of consistency with other year reports however, please understand, it is beyond our control. It is entirely due to the Education Department’s current student data management system (CASES21) not being updated to allow this to occur in 2016. Your child’s report will show scores for Semester 1, 2016 against the Victorian Curriculum standards but will not have progression for 12 months. You can check your child’s 2015 final semester report to compare results if you would like.
Parent Teacher Interviews and 3 Way Conferences

WHEN? Three Way Conferences will be held for all students from 11.00 a.m. – 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 21 June.

HOW LONG? Interviews will be of 15 minutes duration.

HOW DO I BOOK? For booking these conferences we will be using an internet-based booking system called Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO).

WHEN CAN I BOOK? Bookings open on Tuesday 14 June.

3-Way Conference or Parent Teacher Interview? This year, you can choose between the two. Once you have booked your time, please email or notify your child’s home-group teacher of your preference.

You will be able to book the interview times that suit you best from any internet-connected computer. If you do not have internet access, please contact your home group teacher to make a booking.

Otherwise, please access the system as follows:
- Go to the school’s home page: www.northcoteps.vic.edu.au
- Click the PTO icon as shown on the right...
- Click “Obtain PIN/Password” and enter your email address. Your PIN will be emailed to you. The email you receive will include a link that can be clicked on to log straight into PTO, bypassing the login screen.

Full instructions are provided to you after log in. Please note the following points:
- When you log on, the system displays only your own child/children. Bookings are made for individual parents/guardians, not for couples. Couples can however log on to the system simultaneously to coordinate bookings. If two parents/guardians wish to attend a single interview time slot, one parent/guardian should make the booking then both can attend.
- You will only see time slots that are available at the time you are using the system. As time slots are booked for teachers, those time slots are no longer displayed as available. PTO prevents double-booking of teachers or parents/guardians.
- When you have made all the bookings you require, you can download or email a report of your bookings in time order for printing. You can log in and change bookings any time up to 3pm the day before interviews. (Monday 20 June).
- Other parents may be making bookings at the same time that you are using the system. It is possible, though unlikely, that a time slot is displayed to you as available, but is then booked by another parent shortly afterwards. If you then attempt to book this time slot it will not be available and a message will be displayed to indicate this.
- If you encounter any problems using PTO please contact the school office by phone on 9481 0009, or by email to northcote.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Bookings for Specialists
If you wish to see a specialist please contact them and book a time via their email. Lisa, Rosa and Elena will have appointment times from 3.30 – 5.30 p.m.

Lisa: engelander.lisa.d@edumail.vic.gov.au
Rosa: paladino.rosa.r@edumail.vic.gov.au
Elena: frazzetto.elena.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

Out of school hours program
The Northcote out of school hours program will operate its usual hours on the Parent Teacher/ 3 Way conference day. Students who attend this program will be brought to school at 8.45 where there will be a teacher on duty for all students who are attending the Alternative Program.

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM
Tuesday 21st June 2014 - 9.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.
On Tuesday 21st June, parents/carers (and students, if 3WC) will be meeting with their Home Group teacher to discuss each student’s learning progress, future learning and any concerns. In order for the school to manage the provision of 3WC and/or parent/teacher interviews throughout the school day and evening, students are encouraged to attend school ONLY for their conference/interview. There are no regular classes on the day as all home group teachers and specialists are involved in conferences which run from 11 am – 7.30 pm.
An alternative program will operate from 9.00 – 3.30 for parents who are unable to make care arrangements. Unfortunately, only students who are registered for the alternative program can attend, as we need to make staffing arrangements in advance. For example, if your 3WC/interview is scheduled for 12pm, and you have had your child at home until then, you bring your child to school for your 12pm conference/interview and then afterwards they leave with you – your child cannot stay on at school after that. If your child is attending the alternative program from 9.00 - 3.30 they may stay at school after their conference.

Ross Bennie, Assistant Principal

RETURN THIS FORM TO SCHOOL [Teacher or Office] BY THURSDAY 16 JUNE 2016

My children will attend the alternative program on Tuesday 21st June

Child’s Name: _____________________________________ Grade_______  Teacher ________________

Child’s Name: _____________________________________ Grade_______  Teacher ________________

Child’s Name: _____________________________________ Grade_______  Teacher ________________

TAX DEDUCTIBLE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO THE NORTHCOTE PS LIBRARY FUND

To obtain a tax deduction for the 2015/2016 financial year, a voluntary contribution can be made to our Library Fund. Thank you to those families who have already contributed earlier in the year.

Contributions, with the form below, must be received at the office by Wednesday 15 June 2016 to enable time for processing and the receipt returned to parents by Wednesday 22 June. Thank you.

NORTHCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL LIBRARY FUND VOLUNTARY DONATION – 2016

RETURN THIS SLIP WITH YOUR PAYMENT

PARENT/GUARDIAN: __________________________

Receipt will be made out in this name.

CHILD(REN): _____________________________________ CLASS(ES): __________________________

AMOUNT: $ __________________________

Cheques to be made payable to “Northcote Primary School Library Fund”

□ Visa   □ Mastercard   □ Cash   □ Cheque

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Card Holder’s name: __________________________

Signature of Card Holder: __________________________

Total Amount: __________________________

Contact phone no: __________________________

Date: __ __ / __ __ / __ __

**To be eligible for a tax deduction in the 2015/16 financial year, your donation to the Northcote Primary School Library Fund must be received at the school by Wednesday 15 June 2016 to enable time for processing and receipt to be returned to parents by Wednesday 22 June 2016. Donations can still be made during Term 3 and Term 4 but will not be eligible for a tax deduction until the following year.**
FREE EX-LIBRARY BOOKS!!!
Thursday June 16th
We’re giving away ex-library books, some ancient, some duplicates, some new books too!
Read them or make something new with them!!
Maximum 3 books per student
Outside the back door of library at lunchtime.

I am collecting footy cards for kids who can’t afford them. You will find a shoe box with printed writing with the details in either the 1/2 Natasha/Katinka or in the 3/4 classroom. If you would like to donate some of your football cards that would be great. Please only donate 2016 cards. I will finish collecting on Friday 10 June.

Connor Hastings 5/6S

FROM THE EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE:
DO YOU WORK IN THEATRE, VISUAL ARTS, MUSIC, DANCE, CIRCUS, DESIGN, MEDIA OR ANY OTHER FORM OF THE ARTS?
DO YOU HAVE ANY SPARE TIME?

Over our past few meetings the Education Subcommittee has been discussing ways to facilitate more support for arts experiences at NPS. One of our strategies is to investigate the possibility of a Parent Artists Group – a group of parents or guardians who have skills in the performing or visual arts and, ideally, some experience in working with children who would be willing to volunteer some time to run workshops or other arts related activities across the school. In consultation with teachers, this group could deliver a range of arts experiences supporting the curriculum and the artistic life of the school, including one-off or a series of workshops, professional development for teachers, development of assembly items or special events (such as Book Week). The school is supportive of the idea but in order for it to happen it needs an expression of interest from parents or guardians who are prepared to offer both their skills and their time.

Hello families and friends,
We’ve had a great response, but we need more bottle tops! Here is a work in progress pic of the beautiful up-cycled pieces we are making to hang in the garden.

The 1/2 students are collecting plastic lids for an art project they will be working on this term. By collecting the lids and reusing them we are also minimising waste! Please help us! We need as many plastic lids from milk bottles, juice bottles, etc., as we can collect.

It will be very helpful if the lids can have a small hole drilled in the centre as this will save us a lot of time drilling the lids ourselves!

We would also like any colourful beads or any decorating item that could be threaded as well. Please send all lids and beads to Niki Skoullos and 1/2DN. Thank you!

P.S. If anyone would like to donate any stickers that look like gems or mirrors that would be great too.
Hi everyone. The Art Room needs donations of metal tins (soup can size) for our next project. It would be much appreciated if they were clean and without labels. So far we only have 20 cans and we need at least another 200! The cans can be left in the tub outside the Art Room. Thanks, Lisa.

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FOSTER CARERS NEEDED
If you have thought about foster care, please get in touch and ask the questions you have always wanted to.
Ring Key Assets 1800 932 237 or 1800 WE CARE Email: info@keyassets.com.au Web: www.keyassets.com.au

Resilient Rainbow Kids Group:
Strengthening children’s resilience and pride in their LGBTIQ families.

Who can attend?
Children in grades 1-6 who have a parent or parents who are LGBTIQ.

Why should my child attend the Resilient Rainbow Kids (RRK) group?
Whether your child is well connected to other children in rainbow families and has no issues, or feels like the only one and doesn’t know how to respond to difficult questions, RRK will provide a safe space to talk about their families, school experiences and lives; to share the joys and express the fears. In the group, a feeling of belonging is experienced and new friendships are created. The games, activities and role plays are designed to increase self-esteem, practice new skills and share in the pride of being a child in a rainbow family.

What do parents say about RRK group?
‘Scott has really enjoyed your group and found the other kids to be lots of fun - and this from a child who generally lacks confidence and is awkward in new friendships.’

‘Even though Cathy has other rainbow family friends, she sees this group as special, perhaps because you discuss things that she doesn’t with her other rainbow family friends.’

‘Thanks for working your magic and giving our kids a space to talk about their lives.’

Who runs the group?
It is run by Viv Ray, a qualified teacher, Social Worker and Counsellor in private practice. A highly experienced group facilitator employed by councils, community groups and health centres to run groups.

When is the next group?
The next group runs from 3:30 to 5:00pm over 3 consecutive Saturdays in 2016: 30th July, 6th August and 13th August. The venue is in Hawthorn.

How do I book my children in?
Phone: 0423 264 416 Email: vivien.j.ray@gmail.com Website: www.fairfieldcounselling.com.au
Visit ‘Resilient Rainbow Kids’ Facebook page
Bright Sparks Creative Workshops
Holiday Program - July 2016

Bright Sparks is a creative arts program designed to help children learn about themselves and develop a sense of inner strength, promoting confidence, resilience and general wellbeing.

Children create artwork that is meaningful to them through a variety of creative media such as: painting, drawing, clay and recycled art materials.

Sessions are run by an Art Therapist and are beneficial for all children from Prep to Grade 3. Individual Art Therapy sessions are also available.

10.30am - 2.30pm July 5, 6 & 7
$160 / $140 (concession) for a 3 day course or $60 per session.
Jika Jika Community Centre, Northcote.

Bookings essential by Friday, July 1.
Contact Naomi on 0421 914 220 or email: naomi@brightsparks.id.au

Naomi Williams (M. A. Arts Therapy) is a Creative Arts Therapist with 11 years experience facilitating creative workshops, individual art therapy sessions and resilience programs for children.
The dancers and singers from Northcote Primary are excited and proud to invite you to their performances.

Saturday 10 September: Hisense Arena: Shows at 1pm and 6:30pm.

**Early Bird tickets** – available for **one week only** from 10am on Friday 3 June

- **Adult** – $35 (normally $40)
- **Child Under 15** – $18 (normally $20)
- **Concession** – $30

Buy 10 tickets and get one adult ticket free (for group bookings please call 1300 364 001)

Visit [www.ticketek.com.au](http://www.ticketek.com.au) or phone Ticketek on 132 849

Talented young musicians, dancers, singers and skaters from Victorian State Primary and Secondary schools will feature on stage, while many other students will work behind the scenes, gaining unique, on-the-job, professional experience.

This program, run by the Department of Education and Training, helps to develop each student’s performance skills, discipline, perseverance, cooperation and confidence under the training of industry professionals.

The three-hour Spectacular will be filmed for broadcast by Channel 7.

For more information go to the Spectacular Facebook and website page:

https://www.facebook.com/performingartsunit  
**Ivanhoe Aquatic Centre**

**July 2016**

**Floating Inflatable Fun**

Ivanhoe Aquatic & Fitness Centre
Monday, Tuesday & Friday
1 - 3pm
No booking necessary

**Children’s activities**
Prep to grade 6
Cost $17.50 (bookings essential)
Activities subject to change or cancellation within 24 hours notice.

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**Belly Dance**

**EGYPTIA PRESENTS**

**A-Z ORIGINAL BELLYDANCE WORKSHOPS**

Saturday 29 May – 21 August 2016
1.00pm – 4.00pm
Bellydance Technique & Review Routines 1.00pm – 2.15pm
A-Z Bellydance New Routines 2.30pm – 4.00pm

Learn five dynamic new routines.

**Venue:** Forever Dance
1/432 Church St, Richmond
Contact: 0417 946 382

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**A-Z Bellydance**

**A-Z Original Bellydance Education Program**

Learn a new set of routines and review the previous set in each workshop.

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**Sunday 29 May**

- Brush up on Basics
- SEEDS OF A-Z Routines A-E

**Sunday 26 June**

- Review Routines A-E
- FOLKLOGO Routines F-J

**Sunday 10 July**

- Review Routines F-J
- TAKISM Routines K-O

**Sunday 24 July**

- Review Routines K-O
- STAGE PRESENCE Routines P-T

**Sunday 7 Aug**

- Review Routines P-T
- VEIL Routines U-Z

**Sunday 21 Aug**

- Review Routines U-Z
- A-Z Creativity & Choreography

Register at egyptia@bigpond.com or www.trybooking.com/LKKU
One Workshop $45
Review class: $20, New Routines $30

Egyptia is a certified A-Z Bellydance Teacher
For more info on A-Z Bellydance: www.ketisharif.com

Email: egyptia@bigpond.com
Mobile: 0417 546 382

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