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**PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

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| 34KL | Rayner E |
| 56C  | Josh C |
| 56E  | Juliette H |
| 56N  | Sophie V |
| 56S  | Sarah J |
Twilight Working Bee
After school - Thursday 12 March from 3.15 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Greetings from Kerrie ...
The Northcote Primary Annual Fete is ... nearly here!
Rain, rain, rain today ... but not on Saturday! The weather forecast is predicting a beautiful autumn day at 26 degrees, for our fete day on Saturday 14th March.

Come along and join us all
Be there and of course insist all your friends and family come along too. We have so many exciting things for our community to sample, try and buy on the day, so make sure you come along and support your child’s school, work alongside other parents and staff, get to know our community and of course enjoy an expertly made coffee, drink, delicious food and tune into some great music!

Reminder - Supervision and safety of children at the Fete
School Council would like to remind parents that all children need to be supervised by parents on the day. It will be a busy day for you if you are working on stalls, or fete tasks, so please make arrangements to ensure the care and supervision of your children are covered. Please keep your eye on your child/children and a general community eye on other children, throughout the day to make sure we all have a safe and enjoyable time. Remember though, the responsibility remains with you.

First Aid assistance at the fete
There will be a St. John’s ambulance first aid van, operating throughout the day with qualified staff available to administer and assist with first aid if required. The van will be located by the Hawthorn Road entrance.

Entrance to the Fete
There will only be one set of gates open for the fete and this will be the double gates at the Hawthorn Road entry. This helps us manage people and vehicle traffic so that it is safe for all.

School Buildings
There will be minimal fete activity held inside school buildings. The buildings will be locked for security reasons. Please do not enter the school buildings on the day. A number of School Councillors and Staff will be checking buildings throughout the day to ensure security and safety of school property.

Monday Morning Assembly
The Hall may not be cleared in time for our Monday morning assembly next week, so be aware that the assembly may have to be cancelled before school Monday morning via an announcement. This will be due to storage of hired fete equipment (tables, racks, etc.) in the Hall and we hope that this will be cleared by the end of the week.

Annual General Meeting
The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th March from 6.30 – 7.00 p.m. in the Staff Room. At this meeting, I will go over the 2014 Annual School Report. This report specifically covers information and performance data on Student Achievement, Engagement and Wellbeing and Productivity.
If you would like to attend the meeting, please email your RSVP with your name, and your child’s/children’s name to the school email address at northcote.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au by Tuesday 17th March, 9.00 a.m.

Under the Commonwealth’s National Education Agreement, the annual report is required to be published on the internet. In order to ensure Victoria’s compliance with these requirements, the VRQA State Register provides a means for all Victorian Schools to publish their annual report online to parents.

Our school will also publish the annual report on our own website for our community, as soon as School Council has endorsed it at the meeting on Wednesday evening.

Look forward to seeing you all at our fun for everyone fete!

Warm regards,
Kerrie

Regional Swimming Report

Our five amazing swimmers made our school proud again on Wednesday by competing in the Northern Region Swimming Carnival at Northcote Aquatic Centre. The students were Thomas N, Xara B, Matteo RH, Imogen N and Marcus C, all from 5/6. Despite not finishing in the top 3 swimmers in their individual events, all five swimmers swam to the best of their abilities. According to Marcus, some of our swimmers were not feeling 100% due to illness or injury, and this affected their performances.

Imogen said it was much harder swimming at this level because they were competing against “big and bulky” swimmers from other schools. She also added that it was incredibly fun and exciting to be swimming against others at such a high level.

Congratulations to all our swimmers for making it to Regionals. We are proud of you all. Also, a huge thank you to the families of the swimmers for transporting, supervising and encouraging all of our swimmers over the past few weeks. Good luck in 2016.

Athletics Update! Monday 23rd March

What a busy time we are having in our Physical Education classes training hard for our House Athletic carnival which will be held at Collingwood athletic track on Monday 23rd March. ALL students will have received a permission slip to attend this event (except the Grades 3 & 4s who are on camp). The day will begin with students being bussed to the Collingwood athletic track at 9.15 a.m. and all students will participate in a variety of events. The preps to grade 2’s will be coming back to school at 12.30 and the grade 3 to 6’s will be coming back to school at approximately 2.45 p.m. Students in Grades P-2 will need to bring a snack and drink bottle. Children in Grades 3-6 will need snacks, a drink bottle plus their lunch.

If you wish to assist teachers at the beginning of the day or throughout the day, PLEASE come and see me as your help will be greatly appreciated. You will be working with teachers to ensure that all students are actively participating in events where they feel safe and are trying their best to achieve points for their house. This year our main focus is to give all activities ago and enjoy being part of a house team. Just one more reminder - don’t forget to wear your HOUSE TEAM COLOURS.

Fingers crossed we get a beautiful sunny day to be enjoyed by all! If we do get a forecast for rain we will let you know the backup date.

Krissy,
PE Teacher
Secondary School Information/Tours

Princes Hill Secondary College Tours
To book in for the tour, please phone 03 9389 0600.

Northcote High School - Tours
Please ring to book a place as numbers are limited (9488 2300)

Thornbury High School – Tours
To register phone 9480 4066

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City of Darebin – Family Circus shows this Easter. Pants Down Circus ROCK! And Westside Circus. Brochures are available outside the school office.


Talking Turtles Speech Pathology

Referrals can be made for Assessment or Therapy for children aged 2 to 18 years, for:

- Articulation (speech),
- Oral Language,
- Literacy,
- Fluency,
- Pragmatics (social skills)- ASD
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A doctor’s referral is not necessary. Assessments and therapy can be completed at the clinic - 30 Kenneth Street Preston or at the student’s school, kindergarten or childcare centre. Please contact Talking Turtles Speech Pathology for availability and pricing.

Maroulla Christodoulou,
Certified Practising Speech Pathologist

Mob: 0432 167 594 Email: talkingturtlessp@gmail.com
Would You Like To Host An Overseas Exchange Student? Learn about another culture, learn a new language or perhaps improve your culinary skills. Hosting - An Experience for Life. Student Exchange is looking for host families across Australia to welcome overseas students into their home. Visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student or call 1300 135 331 for more information.

These school holidays a bunch of kids from rural Victoria (Yackandandah) are set to take the Melbourne International Comedy Festival by storm by performing their original children's show at the Famous Spiegeltent outside the Arts Centre. We would love it if you could help promote this event through your newsletter, leading up to the Victorian school holidays. More information can be found at www.yackandandahyoungplayers.com

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Trad Netball Junior Clinics and Games
A fun atmosphere with skill learning in a positive environment
Age 7-13 years
4.30pm Thursday after school at Northcoite high School

PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN:
- the rules of netball, throwing and catching skills
- goal shooting technique
- teamwork, attacking and defending skills
Please use contact details below to register or to make further enquiries.

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Henry St Studio
A CREATIVE SPACE FOR CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES
AGES 8 - 12 YEARS

Times
Tuesday 4.00 - 5.30pm
Wednesday 4.00 - 5.30pm
Thursday 4.00 - 5.30pm

Cost
$22 per class (includes art materials)

Address
34 Henry St, Northcote 3070

Contact Jane Newey
T: 0414 438 741
E: janenewey@yahoo.com.au
W: henrysstudio.com

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Join our Easter Family Night

Date: Thursday 26th March 9416 6000
Time: 6pm-8pm Bookings Essential

Activities: PONY RIDES & ANIMAL FARM

There will be a visit from the Easter Bunny along with an Easter egg hunt, craft activity, sausage sizzle.

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Ivanhoe Aquatic Centre
Learn to Swim Intensives
Preschool and school age groups

4 day intensive
Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April
Tuesday 7th April - Friday 10th April

Cost $54
Concession $48.50

Includes pass entry
Bookings essential on 9490 7111.

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Ivanhoe Aquatic Centre
Children’s activities
(Pool entry grade 6)
Cost $13.50

Closed Good Friday
“COME TRY” TWILIGHT EVENING
WEDNESDAY MARCH 25
5-7PM @ Alphington Park Oval

Free sausage sizzle - come along and see what all the excitement is about!
Invitation for boys and girls from Prep to 9 years to join our MiniRoos - Development Squad

MiniRoos is a smaller version of football that provides boys and girls with a fun introduction to the rapidly expanding world game of soccer. It will teach children basic soccer skills and enjoy a small sided game each week.

Parent involvement will be sought and encouraged!

When: 4.30-5.30pm Wednesday afternoons during terms 2 & 3
(commencing 15 April 2015)

Where: Alphington Park Oval

Fees: $250

Please register and pay online via our website: www.alphingtonfc.com

What to wear/bring: football boots or runners, shin guards, drink bottle and a 😊

For any queries please contact:
Steve Kellock, Jr Club President 0421 844 862 or email admin@alphingtonfc.com

Alphington Football Club is proudly sponsored by:

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MLC Gymnastics
Talent Day

When: Thursday 9th April, 2-4 pm
Where: MLC Gymnastics,
207 Barkers Road, KEW
Who: Girls born between 2007 – 2010

There is no cost involved in this holiday activity.
Please contact MLC Gymnastics
on 9274 6410 or email
colden@mlc.unimelb.edu.au to enrol.

Gymnastics provides a great athletic base for all sports, developing your daughter’s strength, flexibility, coordination and agility.

No gymnastics experience is necessary. If your daughter is small, strong and energetic, then gymnastics might be the sport for her!

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Alphington Footy Camp 30th & 31st March
Aberfeldie Footy Camp 30th & 31st March
Montmorency Footy Camp 1st & 2nd April
Vermont Footy Camp 1st & 2nd April
Hawthorn Footy Camp 9th & 10th April
Parkdale Footy Camp 9th & 10th April

Children aged 5-12 years
Morning and Afternoon Tea provided
Giveaways/Prizes for all children

REGISTER AT
www.communitycamps.com.au
1300 562 571