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**Important School Diary Dates for 2015**

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**Exciting News:** The BPay Biller Code has now been fixed. It will be available from Tuesday 10th March. The code is: **616037**

(Please note there is no Pupil of the Week due to Monday’s Public Holiday)

Second Hand Donations Are Now Finished. Thank You

A list of our exciting Silent Auction donations will be sent home with your child tomorrow. Make sure you check it out over the weekend!

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**Twilight Working Bee**

We will be having a Twilight Working Bee after school on **Thursday 12 March from 3.15 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.** to clean up before the fete. Meet on top turf outside Maintenance shed where there will be a list of jobs to do. Bring own wheel barrows, brooms and rakes.
Greetings from Kerrie …
Student Achievement
Swimmers representing our school
A group of 5 of our students reached the Divisional Swimming finals and competed on Tuesday. Congratulations to all students who put themselves forward to participate, we are very proud of their efforts.

The results are as follows:
Marcus C (year 5) – 3rd in 9/10 year old Butterfly; Xara B (year 5) – 1st in 11 year old Freestyle and 2nd in 11 year old Backstroke; Matteo RH (year 5) – 1st in 11 year old Backstroke and 3rd in 11 year old Butterfly; Imogen (year 5) – 1st in 9/10 year old Backstroke and 2nd in 9/10 year old Butterfly; Thomas N (year 6) – 1st in 12/13 year old Butterfly.

Our students commented that they did not expect to win or achieve a place but were thrilled and so happy to make it through to the Regional Finals next week! Congratulations to all the swimmers, we are very proud of you all. Best of luck for next week all of you.

The Northcote Primary Annual Fete is … nearly here!
The weather forecast is predicting a beautiful autumn day 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
I 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
During the day, 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 straight after the fete, so please 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.

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

School Council Election 201-2016
We have received 3 parent nominations for the 4 parent vacancy category and nominations have now closed. Although we still have 1 parent vacancy, School Council may decide to co-opt other members. If you are interested in joining the next School Council, please contact the school and your name will be forwarded to council for consideration.

The successful nominees in the parent category are:
Ian Nunn (father of Imogen & Jorja), Scott Meaklim (father of Grace), and Stephanie Gaffric (mother of Aidan).
I would like to congratulate our new school councillors and thank them for putting themselves forward to contribute at the School Council level.
The terms of office are for these members are for 2 years.

The new School Council will meet before the end of term (after the fete!!).

Kerrie

Volunteers in school
Last week Heather and I spent an hour taking 10 parents through the Classroom Helpers / Volunteers training session. The session provided guidance on how classroom volunteers can best assist teachers in the classroom and support students in their learning.

We had discussions around how to help with reading, how children learn to read, and a model of a reading session between Heather and a student from Grade 1.

We are very fortunate that we have many parents and grandparents able to lend a hand and support our learning programs, through hearing students read, working with a small group in the classroom, changing home readers and laminating and making resources to name just a few of the many tasks we are grateful for our volunteers for undertaking.
Volunteer Agreement
To ensure that volunteers understand their role and are suitable to work with students, a volunteer agreement must be signed by each volunteer and authorised by the Principal. The agreement outlines the school expectations of the volunteer role and the volunteer responsibilities. A copy will be given to each volunteer and one retained by the school.

If a volunteer has a current Working with Children Check card, this can be presented at the office with the Volunteer Agreement.

If you are currently volunteering in classrooms, you MUST complete one of these forms. They are at the school office and will be able to be downloaded from our website.

Register at the office
Volunteers MUST sign in at the school office and receive their Classroom Helpers badge before starting their work in classrooms. When classroom work is finished, the badge is returned to the office and the volunteer must sign out.

This is to ensure that all adults within the school are authorised to be there. It is also to ensure that in the event of an emergency we have an accurate record of who is in the school and in which area.

Ross
Acting Assistant Principal

Ex-Students from NPS
Congratulations to our ex students, Elyse McConnell and Ben Walton-Healey on the recent announcement of their engagement. Elyse and Ben attended NPS from the mid 90’s and were often in the same grade over their primary years. They attended different secondary schools and both families were very involved in our N.P.S. community while Elyse and Ben and other family members attended here.

Secondary School Information/Tours
Princes Hill Secondary College
Tours for Grade 6 students wanting to attend Princes Hill Secondary College in 2016 will be each Wednesday and Thursday of Term One, beginning Wednesday 25 Feb. To book in for the tour, could parents please phone Princes Hill Secondary College on 03 9389 0600. Tours will begin at 9:00am, so please arrive by 8:50am.

Northcote High School - Tours and Open Day 2015
School Tours commencing Mon 9 Feb
School day tours for prospective parents and students run several times per week in Term 1 and early Term 2. 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 numbers are limited (9488 2300)
School Open Morning - Tuesday 28 April
Open Morning 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.
Northcote High School, St, Georges Rd, Northcote, 3070, Australia. Phone 9488 2300

Thornbury High School Information Evening
Thursday March 12th 2015 – 7.00pm
238 Collins Street, Thornbury 3071
Hear from School Captains, students, staff and School Principal Peter Egeberg.
Tour the school & attend some classes.
To register phone 9480 4066 [extension 7]
Lost/Accidently Taken
A red bike lock belong to Isobel (Gr 3) was mistakenly taken from the bike shed last Friday afternoon. If you have found it, please return to the office. Thank you.

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City of Darebin School Holiday Program – Brochures available outside the school office.

Vietnamese School of Languages – Brochures outside the school office.

The Big Dreams BIG YARD SALE is on again, this time for TWO DAYS! With prices starting from just $1, you wouldn’t want to miss out.
Saturday 14th of March - 9.30 to 4 (same day as our fete, why don’t you walk down and make a day of it?)
Sunday 15th of March - 9.30 to 2.
Rear of 269 High Str., Northcote - enter via Eastment Street (literally around the corner from school!). CASH ONLY.

**Bright Sparks Creative Workshops**
**Holiday Program - April 2015**

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 and share their creations and experiences with one another. Sessions are run by an Art Therapist and are beneficial for all children from Prep to Grade 3.

10.30am - 2.30pm April 7, 8 & 9
$160 / $140 for a 3 day course or $60 per session

Jika Jika Community Centre - Corner of Union and Plant Streets, Northcote

**Bookings essential by Friday, April 3.**

Contact Naomi on 0421 914 220 or email: naomi@brightsparks.id.au

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**Heidelberg United Football Club**

*Now Recruiting Junior Girls*

We are currently recruiting girls for the following teams:
- U-12’s & U-14’s
- U-16A’s

At Heidelberg United our focus is on encouraging respect and fair play and providing junior girls with a pathway to our Women’s Premier League Teams.

Training: Olympic Park, Heidelberg West
Next to Northland Shopping Centre

For more information please phone Stacey:
0439 886 819

**United We Stand**