If you have information or ads for the newsletter, need to contact the school or want an email forwarded on to a teacher, please email it to northcote.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

### Important School Diary Dates for 2015

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### Reminders:

- **If you are having trouble paying your Parent Payments with BPAY the code is: 616037.** The reference number underneath the code remains the same, e.g. 114010###.

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

- **Updated Parent Payment Statements will be sent home in the next couple of weeks.**
PUPIL OF THE WEEK
(Assembly item by Grades 5/6)

- Aava T
- Rosie C
- Isabella F
- Edie C
- Bianca B-S
- Sara B
- Ella M
- Adam C
- Olivia A
- Waabe A
- Jonathan P
- Amirah Z
- All students in 56M
- Max D
- Bailey F

Greetings ...

Welcome back everyone!
So lovely to see you all back at school ready to start Term 2 and I trust that you all had a relaxing break over the Easter and term holiday period.

Prep Enrolments for 2016
Tours for prospective parents will commence next Tuesday, 21st April at 9.00am, and continue every Tuesday until the second last week of this term. We are commencing our group tours for much earlier this year, due to high demand. Every Tuesday morning, you will see a group of interested parents learning about our school. We have had many enquiries and tours are booking up fast.

If you know of any parents who are considering schools for their children for 2016, please let them know about our great school, and to ring our office to book in for a tour.

Siblings Commencing Prep in 2016 – Enrol Now!
If you are a current family with children in the school and they have a sibling due to commence in 2016, I strongly advise you to fill in an enrolment form and lodge it at the office. Once tours commence, enrolments will fill up fast and we’d like to ensure a place for siblings of current families as soon as possible. Prep 2016 enrolments are due in by the end of this term, so don’t miss out!

Tri-Skills Gymnastics for Prep to year 4’s
Just a general reminder for all parents of children in years Prep to 4, that Tri Skills will commence on Friday 24th April. We are pleased to have received many of the payments due for this so far ($28). If you are yet to make
this payment, please do so as soon as possible or your child may have to miss these fantastic sessions. If you are having financial difficulties, please contact me at the office to discuss.

**After School Supervision and keeping our children safe**

Just a reminder to parents that the school yard is supervised by a teacher on assigned yard duty from 3.30 – to 3.45 p.m. every night after school. The after school yard duty role for the teacher is to supervise the yard whilst the children are leaving the school to go home. By 3.45 p.m., the teacher will have locked all gates except the front gate, the outside toilets, brought in the crossing flags and located any children who are still in the yard and have not as yet been collected by family.

Children are encouraged to leave the school grounds after school, immediately, and make their way home. That way, we are able to ascertain which children need to be sent to the office so we can call parents.

Parents in the yard after school can support the yard duty teacher by exiting the school and ensuring their children have collected their bikes and scooters from the bike shed by 3.45 p.m. If they notice any child remaining, they should bring the child to the office straight away.

**Warm regards,**

**Kerrie**

**School Banking Account Opening Day**

Northcote Primary School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they've collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The rewards items available during 2015 are:
- **ET DVD**, released Term 1
- **Planet Handball**, released Term 1
- **Invisible Ink Martian Pen**, released Term 2
- **Intergalactic Rocket**, released Term 2
- **Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System**, released Term 3
- **Cosmic Light Beam Torch**, released Term 3
- **Outer Space Savers Money Box**, released Term 4
- **Lunar Light Band**, released Term 4

School Banking day will be every Monday, commencing Monday 4th May.

Each week you need to bring in your Dollarmite Deposit book and Wallet with some deposit and the Deposit Slip and stub complete. Place your deposit in the wallet and hand it to the classroom Teacher. It does not matter how much you deposit but it is important to save every week (can be even 5c). This is to teach our children great saving habits.

The Commonwealth Bank will be holding a School Banking Launch at Northcote Primary School on Monday 4th May followed by an account opening session after assembly and another account opening session on Friday 8th May from 8.45. Please ask the office as to where the CBA representive will be located. If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification. No identification is required for your child attending school (siblings can also participate), as the school will confirm their identity. Alternatively, you can open an account at any branch, by calling 13 22 21, or online if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer.
Community Committee Meeting

Community Committee is having its first meeting next Wednesday the 22nd April at 7.30 pm, the committee is made up of parents and teachers and focuses primarily on community events such as the welcome picnic, website content, grant application and other fundraising activities. This however, is a fairly brief description and I would be happy to talk to anyone about getting more involved. Personally I got involved from a desire to see better facilities provided to the kids through fundraising.

Later this year we will see several experienced members leave as their children graduate, and so we would welcome anyone with new ideas and enthusiasm to come along, particularly with grant writing skills or contacts. We meet twice a term and you do not have to be a member of school council to be on any of the sub-committees.

If you would like to come along to the meeting please email me on flgenie791@gmail.com

Kind regards,
Fi Lang
Community Convener and Dane and Eliza's mum

Tri Skills Timetable 2015 – Fridays
Below is the timetable for our upcoming Tri Skills program for Grades Prep to Four.

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Found
In the yard on Tuesday a small girl’s runner (multi-coloured) with “Glam It Up” on the side. Also found in the yard yesterday a mobile phone (not working, no battery). If either of these items belong to you they can be collected from the office.
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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Host Families Needed For New Exchange Students in 2015

Many girls and boys aged between 15 and 18 from exciting countries like Italy, France, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Canada, Japan, Switzerland, Brazil, Norway, Sweden, Argentina, Finland and Austria are hoping to come here to study for 3, 5 or 10 months from July this year and stay with a volunteer family that is willing to host and welcome them and can afford an extra member at the family table. If you feel you could do this for them for the length of their stay or even some of it, please contact Klaus Schumann on (03) 9758 4279 and let me know of your interest.

Yours sincerely,

Klaus Schumann, WEP Community Coordinator
NEW CREATIVE ARTS CLASSES IN FITZROY NORTH

Sound of Moves offers a variety of classes developed to foster creativity and encourage self-expression!

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PARENT & CHILD classes are a great idea for fun bonding time!

See our website for a full list of classes, our timetable and our fantastic SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS!!!

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Family Relationship Courses - All courses below are held at Drummond street services, 100 Drummond Street, Carlton

**Relationship Renovation**
Tuesday, 19, 26 May, & 2 June
6.30 – 8.30pm
This three week course explores the basics of happy relationships and helps support couples strengthen their bonds, improve on communication and better deal with conflict.

**Stepping Up**
Thursday, 23, 30 April & 7 May
6.30 – 8.30pm
For couples in a stepfamily or considering starting one. This three week course explores the different dynamics in stepfamilies compared to nuclear families.

**Making Stepfamilies Work**
Saturdays 16, 30 May, & 13 June
10.00am – 3.30pm
For couples in a stepfamily or considering starting one. This program covers many of the issues stepfamilies have to face, including relationship histories, parenting styles and divided loyalties.

Parenting Seminars

**How to Talk so Kids will Listen and Listen so Kids will Talk**
Tuesdays, six weeks
Starting 28 April – 2 June
6.30 – 8.30pm
Based on the well known parenting book by Adele Faber & Elaine Mazlish
Cost: $60 single, $90 couple or family rate, concession available with a Health Care card.
Come along to find out more about anxiety and strategies to help your teenager to worry less.
**FREE**

**Parenting Teenagers Who Worry Too Much**
Thursday 16 & 23 April
6.30 – 8.30pm
For parents of children aged 2 – 12
Come along to find out more about anxiety and strategies to help your teenager to worry less.
**FREE**