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### Important School Diary Dates for 2015

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### PUPIL OF THE WEEK

(Assembly item by Grades Prep – yes, it’s this Monday)

- OOLW - Kevin D
- OON - Hamish E
- OOL - Clare H
- 12DN - Samuel F
- 12J - Melina K
- 12S - Amelie M
- 12T - Charlotte M-V
- 34A - Dean P
- 34D - Daniel N
- 34K - Lucas G
- 34KL - Kate J
- 56C - Finn B
- 56M - Matteo R-H
- 56N - Sabrina N
- 56S - Lily M
Greetings ...

Student Achievement - Well done our Year 3’s and 5’s
I would like to acknowledge all the year 3 and 5 children, who have been working hard on showing their best on the NAPLAN tests this week. Tests have been going on for three days since Tuesday and whilst we try and make it as relaxing as can be for them, it’s not always a fun thing for all students. Some students relish the challenges.

TED talks from our Preps
The Prep children have started their weekly TED-dy talks this term. The focus is on developing their skills in the Speaking and Listening part of the curriculum so each week a group of children are rostered on to take Teddy home for the weekend. The children then record Ted’s adventures with their family on the weekend and Monday after assembly, the children do a presentation to their class on the Interactive Whiteboard. This supports children to understand and work on their skills of speaking to an audience; using their voice correctly; and making their presentation interesting for the audience. It also supports children to understand what makes good audience behaviour. The preps are also learning about how to give positive feedback to each presenter.

Some feedback from children included:

“You spoke clearly.”

“You did interesting things.”

“You looked at your audience.”

“I liked your photos.”

A very engaging and authentic way to develop children’s speaking and listening skills. Well done Preppies!

Our School open morning Tuesday May 19th
Just reminding you that we will be holding our whole school open day on Tuesday May 19th. We are inviting our current parents/carers to come along and see the school programs running and student’s quality work on display. Many parents/carers, especially in the Junior and Middle sections of the school, come into their child’s classroom on a regular basis with the ‘learning expos’ but we are also aware that some parents are not able to. So, we are scheduling a special day and hope that parents might be able to shuffle their schedules around and come along.

You would have received information via class newsletters, inviting you to come along on open day to observe and acknowledge your child’s great work. It does mean a lot to your child, to have you come and see them ‘in action’ learning at school. Teachers will also include information in the class newsletter, about the timetable so you can see which times are available to come along to see a particular activity or learning experience. Please keep in mind that this is not parent teacher interview time, but an opportunity to see your child in their class during the day. You will also see the tours in action, for Prospective Prep enrolments in 2016. We look forward to seeing you all throughout our open day and hope you can join us!

Parent Payment Statements
Updated statements were sent home two weeks ago to those families with amounts outstanding. There is a Cultural Performance coming up on 28th May which is covered by the Cultural Performance amount on your statement of $30.00. If you have not as yet paid your full fees this amount needs to be paid prior to the Opera Australia performance. Thank you.
Prep Enrolments for 2016
Tours for prospective parents will continue each week, generally on Tuesdays, including the Tuesday of our Open Day, until the second last week of this term. Our tours have filled up very quickly and only have a few spaces left on tours for this term. We are receiving calls on a daily basis from parents interested in a tour. We have already received a number of enrolments for Prep 2016.

Have you enrolled your 2016 Prep yet?
If you have children currently attending NPS, have a pre-schooler AND you haven’t yet enrolled for next year, please call in to the office and pick up an enrolment form, or download one from the website as soon as possible. Prep 2016 enrolments are due in by the end of this term, so don’t miss out!

Student safety and security at school
As part of our regular reviews of school security arrangements, the outside student toilets will not be opened until a teacher is scheduled to be on yard duty at 8.45 a.m. Likewise at the end of the day, the toilets will be locked by the yard duty teacher straight after school. Students will be encouraged to go to the toilet before they finish the school day using the internal toilets. If a child needs to use the toilets outside of these times, they can come to the office for assistance.

A reminder to parents that children should not be in the school yard unsupervised before 8.45 a.m. and after 3.45 p.m. The after school yard duty teacher will lock all school gates (including the bike shed) except for the front gate, by 3.45 p.m.

Please help us to ensure student safety by leaving the school grounds by this time, so that the yard duty teacher is able to ascertain which children have not been picked up from school and bring them to the office. We appreciate your support around student safety.

No Ball Games in the Front Yard before and after school
We are reminding children again (mostly the Preps to 2) about not playing ball games in the school yard at the front of the school (Helen Street) both before and after school. It is a safety issue as the yard is often filled with parents and community members, toddlers, prams, etc. and it becomes quite unsafe to also have to worry about balls flying around and the possibility of being hit by one, even if it is accidentally. If the children are keen to play from 8.45 a.m. – 9.00 a.m. or 3.30 p.m. – 3.45 p.m., they are welcome to play in the bigger area and space at the back of the school (Henry Street side) of the school.

Warm regards,
Kerrie

SCHOOL BANKING
What a great start to our school banking program we’ve had with 65 accounts opened in the first week!!! It’s not too late to join the program, just head to your local Commonwealth Bank Branch and open a ‘Dollarmite’ account, you’ll be issued with a yellow deposit book then just bring it into school each Monday (or Tuesday’s when a public holiday falls on Monday). Remember siblings (up to age 16) can also participate.

Did you know that our school also benefits from all your saving efforts? Commonwealth Bank donates $5 for each account opened plus 5% of all amounts banked to our school. In our first week alone we raised over $350 for our school!

If you’ve any questions please let us know and remember it’s not about how much you bank but how often you do.

Happy saving,
Sue (Imogen grade 5 & Jorja grade 2) and Tracey (Oliver grade 2 & Ruby prep)
Italian Update!

Italian Student Committee

The response has been overwhelming and the level of creativity, outstanding! I have received pizza box deliveries, soccer ball entries, 3D pasta art, to lego designs, knitting items and messages in a bottle! The Mona Lisa also made her presence felt through a stimulating and jaw dropping power point! She spoke to me! Love it! This has truly been amazing. I feel so PROUD to be the Italian teacher of this school!!

I now have the hard task of selecting only dieci (10) students. This will be an incredibly difficult task indeed. I will organise a display entries outside the office foyer for you to look at. Please take care when looking at these wonderful pieces of work from our fabulous students.

Here are more samples of the ABSOLUTELY AWESOME CREATIVE APPLICATIONS! See below!

Students please note: THE ITALIAN STUDENT COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE THIS FRIDAY 15th MAY - please leave entries on my desk. An announcement of successful candidates will be made in two weeks.

Statewide Italian Competitions

Sì, Sì, Sì! The annual competitions are here! Our students have been waiting with anticipation on the announcement of this year’s Dante topics. Last year, our school received three state-wide winners (Prep - George 1st Placing, Year 5 – Sabrina 2nd Placing and Hannah 3rd Placing) and many Finalists and High Distinctions. Such a high level of achievement! We hope to do well again this year!

All classes have now commenced working on drafting, sentences writing, editing and soon commencing good copies.

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Victorian Primary Schools Poster Competition 2015 for Years 1 – 6

Years 1 to Grade 2 are required to create a poster in the form of a drawing, painting or collage with the following topic in mind:

C’era una volta

Students are to create a poster, and write five (5) interesting words in Italian, about their favourite PERSON from a fairy tale or fable. The story may be from ANY COUNTRY around the world. The heading on the poster must have the words “C’era una volta....” along with the character’s name and the title of the story he/she appears in. For example: “C’era una volta __________, che appare nella favola __________.” The next sentence could then contain the five adjectives. For example: “Questo personaggio è ___________; __________....” The illustration may be in the form of a drawing, painting or collage no larger than A3 size, on one side of the sheet ONLY.

Grades 3 and 4 are required to create a poster in the form of a drawing, painting or collage with the following topic in mind:

C’era una volta

Students are to create a poster, and describe in five (5) short but interesting sentences in Italian, any ANIMAL character that they like from any fairytale or fable. The first sentence should contain the title and the author of the story they have chosen. For example: “C’era una volta __________, un animale della
Years 5 and 6 students are required to create a poster in the form of a drawing, painting or collage with the following topic in mind:

*C'era una volta*

Students are to create a poster, and describe in five (5) detailed sentences in Italian, a preferred SCENE from a myth, fairytale or fable, under the heading: “C'era una volta....” The name of the Italian story – and its author - should then be included in the following sentence. For example: “Ho illustrato una scena della favola italiana _____________ di _______ __________ (i.e. author).” The next four sentences could mention the setting; the characters in that particular scene, or the plot of the story. The illustration may be in the form of a drawing, painting or collage no larger than A3 size, on one side of the sheet ONLY.

From everyone at the ‘DAS’ Melbourne: “BUON LAVORO!”

Each entry must be:
Clearly labelled with entrant’s name, year level, school and school address
No larger than one A3 sheet. (It is not possible to accept anything other than A3 posters, models or 3D presentations will NOT be accepted.) Completed by the individual student and not more than one student completed in correct Italian.

The above information is part of the Judges’ criteria for selection of the winning posters as well as:
Neat & colourful presentation (laminating is not part of the criteria)
Original & creative interpretation – encourage students to think about how their poster will stand out from the others.
The selected judges are not affiliated with any Primary School.
The Judges’ decision will be final and no communication will be entered into.

If you wish your child to enter this competition, please enclose $5 together with the slip below in an envelope and send this to the office before Tuesday 26th May, 2015 - NO LATER. Winners will be required to attend the Presentation night in September at the University of Melbourne-date to be confirmed.

Grazie for your continuing support and stay tuned for more news soon.
Saluti (cheers), Signorina Rosa.
Italian Teacher and Co-ordinator (Mon/Tues)
Parents Victoria Online Conference May 18-21

The conference is being held during Education Week on 18-21 May and will cover social media, online reporting, career advice and pathways, access to education, parent clubs, and funding. There will also be the opportunity for participants to raise other issues important to them. For updates, visit: Parents Victoria

The online conference will feature live online discussions, hosted by a member of Parents Victoria. Each day a special guest from a relevant organisation will be available to comment on one of the topics. Final dates and times are currently being confirmed.

You don’t need to be a member of Parents Victoria to take part and no special software is required. The online discussions will be easy to join in, with guidelines and online resources provided.

To register for the event, visit: Register for Parents Victoria Online Conference May 2015
Are You Interested In Different Cultures?
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2015. Hosting exchange students gives Australian families the opportunity to share their life and their culture with young international students for a term, semester or year. July is fast approaching and our students can’t wait to hear from a welcoming host family they can call their own and learn about the place they will soon call home. Meet Our Students:

Armelle (17) from Belgium loves sports! She tells us that she dances twice a week, participates in a fitness class on Wednesdays and is beginning gymnastics classes. She also goes to scouts with her friends on Saturday mornings. Armelle is looking forward to discovering Australia, seeing the new landscapes and speaking English with her new host family!

Gianni (17) from Italy has a wide range of interests and hobbies. He tells us that he is interested in sports, especially martial arts and basketball. He also likes to collect fossils, model airplanes, is passionate about history and travel and is very excited about being able to share his culture and learn about Australia.

Hosting Is Fun! Request Student Profiles!
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. To help you make this important decision, contact WEP today on 1300 884 733, info@wep.org.au or www.wep.org.au to receive a full information pack for your family.
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