NEWSLETTER
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Important School Diary Dates for 2015

May
18-22 Mon-Fri  Education Week Begins
26   Tuesday  District Cross Country
28   Thurs     Cultural Performance – Opera Australia

June
1    Mon       School Photo Day
8    Mon       Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday – No School
13   Sat       Working Bee – 1.00 p.m.
17   Wed       School Council Meeting at 7.00 p.m. – Staffroom
26   Fri       Prep 2016 enrolments due
               End of Term 2 – 2.30 p.m.

July
13   Mon       First day of Term 3 – 9.00 a.m.

2016
5    March     School Fete (mark it in your diaries!)

PUPIL OF THE WEEK
(Assembly item by Grades 5/6)

00LW - Ruby N
00N - Paul R
00L - Sunny B
12DN - Andersen W
12J - Isabella H
12S - Tye W
12T - Charlie M
34J - Josh C
34D - It’s, it’s ????
34K - Christian McK
34KL - Phoebe S
56C - Mitchell P
56M - Georgia B
56N - Finn O
56S - Tahlia D
Greetings ...

Student Achievement – Open Day
We enjoyed a very active day for our 2015 Open Day on Tuesday. Our students were very proud to showcase their high quality work for their parents and relatives. Big smiles beamed all around with lots of ‘Wow!’ moments as parents enjoyed watching their children’s learning program. Parents attended throughout the day and saw Reading, Writing, Maths, Physical Education, Music, Inquiry into Space from different cultural perspectives in the 3/4 area.

Thank you parents, families and friends who were able to come to the school during the day to support your children, they were very proud as I’m sure you were too. We also ran four tours for prospective prep parents on the day so the children were kept very busy answering questions from some of the tours. I was very proud of their thoughtful and considered responses.

Thank you all staff who also put a great deal of effort into showcasing our school for our own community and for our visitors in the tour group.

Welcome Janelle, new 3/4 teacher
Last week, Janelle Adams was appointed to the teacher vacancy at the 3/4 level. Janelle comes to our school very highly regarded by her past school in Queensland and we are very glad to have her as part of our staff and the Northcote Primary Community. We look forward to working alongside Janelle and the 3/4 students have given her the thumbs up already! Janelle just has to get used to our lower temperatures!

Warm regards,
Kerrie

Environment Sub-Committee
Are you a believer in the necessity to give the best environment possible to your kids? We do! If you are like us, then we would love to hear from you!

The environment sub-committee is looking for new members to join us! We discuss improvement of school grounds and buildings, environmental initiatives, working bees and many other things!

If you like to get things done and see the result of your actions, then you’ll enjoy being part of this subcommittee.
We only meet every 6 weeks and our next meeting will be Tuesday 2nd June from 7.00 p.m. Email Stephanie (stephanie.gaffric@gmail.com) for more information.

Your involvement will make the difference ... You will surely not regret it!
We look forward to meeting you.
Can anyone help in the library?
We have hundreds of new books to cover....
There are always books to shelve in the right places....

Please contact Susi in the library. She is around on Wednesday 9.15 - 5, Thursday 9.15- 3, Friday 9.15-12 and she can show you how to do it!

And a HUGE THANK YOU to those wonderful parents who help already. (They take books home to cover, or do them when they can in the library; they organise to do it in groups or solo - you can too!)

Also please help your children make the most of their library

Students can borrow up to 5 books at a time
Books can be kept for up to two weeks, and loans can be extended.
Encourage your children to keep their books in one special place so they can find them easily.
If the books do not return, they cannot borrow more and this affects their enjoyment of the library and prevents them from using this amazing resource (and other students can’t use the books).
Please contact Susi or the classroom teacher if the book or books are lost. There is a $20 fine for lost books.
Please support your kids to learn to use their library as it is a wonderful life skill to have and of course helps their reading!!!!!!

School Photography – Photo Day Monday 1st June
By now you should have all received your photo order envelopes. Attached to this email are instructions on how to order online if you wish to do so. There are also sibling photo order forms available. If you wish to have a family photo of your children taken, please collect a form from the school office, fill it in and return it to us. Alternatively you can order them online as well. If you have any queries, please call in and see us.
Thanks, Jo, Lyn & Meg.

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

Urban Alice Café & Catering. Available for every event or function, we specialise in office and function catering. For orders/enquiries contact us on 0401 857 724 or urbanalice@yahoo.com.au. We are located at 213 High Street, Northcote. Menu includes wraps and sandwiches from $9pp, seasonal fruit from $6pp, cakes and slices from $6pp, hot food from $9pp and antipasto from $8pp. GF, V & Vegan available.
Don’t yell, move closer

As a busy parent it’s easy to give your voice a work out when you don’t get the cooperation you want from your children.

You know how it goes.
You want your son or daughter to give you some help and they don’t respond.
Perhaps, you want a child to stop annoying his or her sibling.
Or you simply want your kids to QUIETEN DOWN inside.
When your request for cooperation is ignored.
So you do what over 90% of parents do. That is, you repeat yourself. Then if that’s still ignored you RAISE the volume.
‘I’ll yell at them. That should work!’
Hmm, I'm not so sure. Usually yelling only succeeds in producing parent-deaf kids.

if yelling, shouting or raising your voice is a habit you’ve developed to get cooperation then here’s a great strategy to use instead.

Next time your kids ignore a reasonable request move close to them and quietly repeat your request once.

No aggression, Just expectation.
It means you may need to stop what you are doing. So be it.

Proximity is a powerful Influencer. Great teachers know this. That’s why they move around in class so much: to teach and also to manage.

So save your voice for conversation, encouragement and affection.

Use your body effectively to manage kids.
The key, of course, is to do it.
My challenge for you is to bite your tongue when you want to yell. Take a deep breath (as the Mood Meter teaches you) and move into your child’s proximity. Don’t stare him down. Just be close to him or her.

Keep doing it and the cooperation levels you get from your kids will increase astronomically over time.

But you’ve got to do it.
In future don’t yell, move closer.

Michael Grose
Helping your kids to build new skills

Keeping kids entertained at the end of a school day presents a challenge to many parents, particularly those who are trying to balance work and other commitments.

There’s lots of research that shows that kids who participate in supervised activities – from OSHC to playing sport or even doing hobbies at home – have positive developmental and behavioural outcomes. But it’s not always easy to make sure your child is consistently supervised. And it’s certainly not easy to ferry your children between endless extracurricular activities after school.

That’s why OSHC is a good option for many families. Your children are supervised within the school grounds until you finish work or tend to other commitments. While in our care, they get to choose from a wide range of active games and structured activities, which helps build social connections, resilience and confidence.

Our OSHC team also strive to help your kids build new skills using the My Time, Our Place framework. We start with a profile of your child; things they like and things they’re good at, so we can build activities that will engage them. We also encourage kids in our care to nominate things they’d like to try.

Some of our supervised activities include:

- Cooking sessions where we make healthy snacks
- Outdoor games like soccer, basketball and ball skills
- Homework Club so kids can complete their reading and maths work before they get home
- Arts and crafts

Visit the OSHC room to see some of these activities in action and to see how easy it is for your child to join in.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

The Camp Australia Team
Melbourne University and Moreland Lacrosse Club’s invite you to take part in the Northcote & Brunswick Schools District Boys Lacrosse U13 Game

Come and Try Something Different!

All equipment will be supplied

Including Helmets, Gloves, Lacrosse Sticks, Uniforms

Grade 4 to 6
Saturday 23rd May, 2015
Location: Western Oval, Park Street Brunswick
Start time: 12:00 midday

There is an U17 game between Moreland and Melbourne University before the U13 game if you’d like to come and see men’s lacrosse at a higher level.

Darebin Intercultural Centre

Where difference is acknowledged, explored, understood and embraced.

Intercultural Japanese Film Night

Explore the Japanese culture through a film

Darebin Intercultural Centre will present one of Japan’s most popular and enduring classics. An elegant and emotional film about honesty, love of children, nature and peace.

Due to the length of the movie, this event will commence at 6pm sharp

When: Friday 22 May 2015
Time: 6.00 pm – 9.30 pm
Cost: FREE including a Japanese snack for dinner

BOOK NOW!

Book via 0470 8440 or email intercultural@darebin.vic.gov.au, or on Eventbrite under Darebin Intercultural Centre Events

SeaPony Soccer is a developmental & participation program that introduces boys and girls aged between 5-10 to the game of football (soccer). It focuses on teaching the basics/intermediate skills.

* Fun games & activities * Great giveaways

For more information call Joe (0415-388-028)
E-mail: jyamam@optusnet.com.au

Time: Every Sunday Morning
Starting Date: 7th of June 2015
Finishing Date: 28th of June 2015
Registration Date: Sunday 11:45 – 12:30 pm
31st of May 2015
Address: James Street Reserve, Heidelberg Heights 3081