**NEWSLETTER**  
No. 15 – 28th May 2015

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★ Creative Melody Students – see pg7

**PUPIL OF THE WEEK**  
*(Assembly item by Grades 3/4)*

- 00L - Grace H-M
- 00LW - Felix H
- 00N - Eve B
- 12DN - Audrey C
- 12J - Jojo R
- 12S - Henry R-H
- 12T - Charlie W
- 34D - Annabelle K
- 34J - Jack M
- 34K - Maya S
- 34KL - Lexie A-F
- 56C - Finian J
- 56M - Bobassa A
- 56N - Rosa L
- 56S - Skadi H
Greetings ...  

Student Achievement  
Great writers in 1/2DJN  

Jennifer, Niki and Dora shared some of the ideas the children in 1/2DJN put in writing this week as part of a writing and handwriting task. They were asked to write down their ideas about our school and just to provide a little extra motivation, Jennifer and Niki told them that I would be reading all of them.

Here are some of their thoughts ...

- Dear Kerrie, I like how the classrooms have a lot of room to write and play and we have very good teachers and a lot of caring people. Our teachers teach us a lot of interesting stuff. From Henry.

- Dear Kerrie, this is what I like about our school, the buildings. Also, I do like how we have a buddy for the preps so that they have someone to go to when they have been hurt or someone has been mean to them. From Eliza.

- Dear Kerrie, I like art because I like the dancing and patting the dog. I even like wearing no uniforms because I would get fed up with it. I like the books because you can read any book we like. I like the playground because I like playing most of the time. From Elsie.

- Dear Kerrie, It is amazing how you can keep the entire school safe without that many injuries at all! Plus, all of the money that all of the parents pay the school, you use for the school! I wonder how old the school is by now? Do you know how old the school is? From Ned.

Thank you 1/2DJN for your very interesting thoughts on what’s good about Northcote Primary School. I look forward to reading them all!

Well done all Cross Country participants!

Forty-five of our students from years 3-6 participated in the annual interschool cross country running events at Bundoora Park this week. Krissy (PE teacher) reported that although it was cold, it was sunny and at least there was no rain this year to make the track heavy and soggy.

Krissy and Steve (year 5/6 teacher) have been training the students at lunchtimes, with the help of our pre-service teachers. The students have had extended runs around the school and reported that they have been improving their fitness every day. Strategies were to sit in the middle of the pack at the start when the others race off then find a good pace not too far from the front. Our students started well and settled into the pack and found their rhythm and tried to keep in mind Krissy’s coaching point of managing their pace.

There were separate boys and girls races with the 9-10 year olds running 2km and the 11-12 year olds doing it tough with 3kms. Plenty of our parents were on hand to support and cheer everyone on. Many of our competitors came just outside the top 10 runners.

Top 10 placegetters to go on to level competition. (Details further on in newsletter.)

Student Reports and 3-Way conferences  

Please mark the following important dates in your diaries and/or schedule:

- Friday 19 June: student reports sent home
- Wednesday 24 June: 3 Way conferences involving students/parents and teachers.

Please note: On the day of the 2 Way/3 Way conference, students will only be required to attend school for their scheduled 3 way conference. If parents need children to attend school on the day, there will be an alternative program in place. Further information about the conference day will be in our next newsletter.
National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey; the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

May 27 - Marks the anniversary of Australia’s most successful referendum and a defining event in our nation’s history. The 1967 referendum saw over 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the national census.

3 June, 1992 - The High Court of Australia delivered its landmark Mabo decision which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land—that existed prior to colonisation and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for land rights called Native Title.

The week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort.

Warm regards,
Kerrie

Information for Parents & Cycling Children

Lots of students are riding to school these days, which is marvelous to see. However, cycling is not without its risks and it’s important to remind yourself and your children of ways to be safe, the laws, rules and how to be courteous to other road and path users.

Here is a link to a great little resource from Bicycle Network Victoria, an online guide called:

“Getting Kids Riding”

The ‘Getting Kids Riding’ guide covers:
- Choosing the right bike for your kids
- Helmet fitting
- Tips for teaching your child to ride a bike
- Where to ride
- Ride ready checklist
- Looking after kids’ bikes

Footpaths and shared paths

Children under 12 years and an accompanying adult can ride on all standard footpaths.

Shared paths are typically wider paths that are shared by bike riders and pedestrians. They can be found in most local neighbourhoods and often provide a scenic route along a river or through a park.

Contact your local council for a map of your local shared path network.
**Path etiquette**
- Keep to the left on the path.
- Let others know you are approaching by ringing your bell or calling out.
- Don’t ride too fast or act unexpectedly.
- Give way to pedestrians.
- Obey signs.
- Ride side-by-side only when path is wide enough to give way to oncoming bikes and pedestrians.

**Be alert on paths**
Teach children to look for and how to respond to:
- Other path users.
- Dogs or other animals.
- Driveways, laneways or other crossings.
- Path obstacles, such as pot-holes, change of surface, sharp or blind corners.
- Steep hills.

**When passing driveways**
- Children need to learn to be aware of reversing cars.
- Remind them to watch out at each driveway and stop out of the way of reversing cars.
- Children’s peripheral vision is not fully developed until around the age of 10, so it’s important to encourage them to turn their head to look at driveways.

**When crossing roads**
- Stop, dismount and walk your bikes across the road.

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**On the road**
- Start teaching usually somewhere between eight and 12 years, depending on the child.
- Once your child can demonstrate good bike control and behave safely, you can start teaching road riding.
- Start on quiet local roads. As your child’s skill and confidence increases over time, slowly venture onto roads with more traffic.
- When riding on roads, adults should ride behind children, in a protective position slightly further out from the kerb than the child.
- If you don’t feel confident about your own ability riding on the road, you can ask a friend to help out, or you can brush up your skills (see page 16 for more details on how Bicycle Network can help).
- If you are unsure of relevant road rules visit bicyclenetwork.com.au/roadrules.
- Due to cognitive development, children should not ride on the road unaccompanied by an adult until around the age of 10 years.

**Riding to school**
- Riding to school helps children progressively learn independence, helps with confidence and improves their health and social connectivity.
- Test different routes to school with your child until you are comfortable for them to ride independently the whole way, or part way to school.
- Establish the preferred route to school with your child by riding with them for a week.
- The Ride2School program can help your school get more active. See Ride2school.com.au for more details on how we can help your school.
Correction re Swimming Dates for Grade 3-6s...
On the letter sent home with students regarding swimming, I stated the program commenced on 24 August. It should have said 24 JULY. Your child(ren) will have 8 lessons. So sorry for the confusion. My mistake.

Kind regards, Krissy King.

NOOSHC Committee Meeting
Next NOOSHC (Northcote Out of School Hours Care) committee meeting – Monday 1 June at 5pm in the staffroom. All parents are welcome. Please advise Miles Callaghan if you intend to join – miles.callaghan@bupacare.com.au

Thanks, Miles

Italian Update
STUDENTS WHO WISH TO ENTER THE POSTER COMPETITION WILL NEED TO RETURN THE SLIP BELOW WITH THE $5 ENTRY FEE IN AN ENVELOPE TO THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY 29 MAY - UNFORTUNATELY NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.

All completed posters must be at school by MONDAY 1 JUNE for mailing on this day! No entry fee will be accepted next week.

Details for the competition are in past newsletters.

Grazie for your continuing support.
Saluti (cheers), Signorina Rosa. (Italian Teacher and Co-ordinator Mon/Tues)

THE DANTE ALIGHIERI SOCIETY JUNIOR POSTER COMPETITION 2015
Final day to enter is Friday, 29th May 2015 – ALL COMPLETED POSTERS TO BE AT SCHOOL BY NEXT MONDAY

All completed posters received by this date will be sent on MONDAY 1ST JUNE. Entry Fee = $5

Yes, I wish my child to enter The Dante Alighieri Poster Competition.

Student’s name:  ______________________________________________________________
Grade: _________  Please find enclosed: $5.00

I give permission for ________________________________ (child’s name) to have his/her photo, full name, grade and school name to be published in The Italian Newspaper ‘Il Globo’.

Parent/Guardian Signature: __________________________________________________________
Cross Country

On Tuesday 26 May a select group of 45 students aged 8-12 participated in the District Cross Country at Bundoora Park. We were running against 9 other schools.

For once, it wasn’t raining!!!! YAY!!! There was a beautiful blue sky and the sun was shining. Although, since it was dewy, it was quite muddy. A highlight was seeing a mob of kangaroos bound across the course between races.

Overall, eleven NPS students made it through to Division. Congratulations to these kids who made it through:

- ★ 9-10 Boys: Ned VDH, Guy F and James W.
- ★ 9-10 Girls: Julia RH
- ★ 11 Boys: Noah A, Matteo RH and Finn AF.
- ★ 11 Girls: Lexi M, Sophie V, Audrey K and Xara B.

Unfortunately none of the 12-13 runners made it through to Division but they still did really well. We had a lot of encouragement from the other schools and, all in all, it was a great day. Everyone ran the whole way and tried their hardest. Feedback from some runners:

- ★ “It was a really good experience and loads of fun.” - Kai S
- ★ “It was challenging but I felt really proud of myself when I crossed the finish line.” - Finn B
- ★ “It was nerve-wracking before the race but when we started it was fun.” – Niamh B

Thank you to the parents and teachers for volunteering to marshal and supervise the races. They encouraged and helped out a lot of fantastic runners. Good Luck to those who made it to Division! Division cross country will be held on 10 June, again at Bundoora Park. **By Tahlia and Lexi**
**MUSIC SPACE**

Term 2, almost finished already; how quickly the term is going!

A few changes that will be taking affect with performances and concerts this year. Due to the number of students learning music and little time we have to perform to fit everyone in, we have decided that during certain assembly's we will give students the chance to perform a solo item if they wish. This will help with the end of term concerts and still give students the chance to perform a solo but will ease pressure of trying to fit everyone in for end of term concerts.

We still have an end of term concert: **Thursday 25th of June at 2.30** in the Hall but this will showcase band, group items and more big stuff rather than solos. Students and parents closer to the date will be informed if they are involved and we hope to see you there!

We have been given **Monday 1st June** for our first assembly performance and will have another 2 next term and more to follow term 4. The students performing on Monday are:

- Eva
- Holly and Amy
- Livi and Lucas
- Nonie
- Oliver, Eddy, Lucy, Annabelle and Lotte
- Finnian

We look forward to seeing you on Monday for our first Assembly performance and can't wait to hear what our students have been learning throughout the year.

Yours Musically, Melody Bell

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**READ ALL ABOUT IT...**

The 6th annual **Melbourne International Singers Festival 2015** presents a spectacular BEST OF BRITISH concert on Monday June 8 at Deakin Edge, commencing at 2.30pm. The concert, which celebrates the **Queen’s birthday**, also marks the September milestone when Queen Elizabeth II will become the longest reigning British monarch. Additionally, the concert celebrates the 70th birthday of British composer **John Rutter**.

Proceeds from BEST OF BRITISH will benefit the **School of Hard Knocks**, assisting in providing arts, cultural and wellbeing programs for Melbourne’s homeless and most disadvantaged.

**Best of British** features a panoply of performers and includes many of the best loved, traditional pieces of quintessential British music, including John Rutter’s Gloria, Rule Britannia, Jerusalem and Land of Hope and Glory and much, much more in a heartfelt tribute to the Queen.

**Fees:**
- Adults $20
- Conc/U16 $15
- Family $60 (2 adults & 2 children or 1 adult & 3 children)
BECOME A FOSTER CARER!

All sorts of people make great Foster Carers. They are tradesmen, nurses, sales reps, shop assistants, teachers etc. They are couples, singles, from different cultural backgrounds, with or without their own children. They are people who have the desire to give a child a safe and welcoming place to stay.

Our next information session is on Monday 29th June 2015 7pm to 8.30pm in the Glenroy area.

Come along to find out more & have your questions answered. To book or to receive an information package please contact Lynette Tollit on 8470 9999 or lynette.tollit@anglicarevic.org.au

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CDP presents Tall Stories' musical adaptation of

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Songs, laughs and scary fun for children aged 4+ and their adults.

The Gruffalo said that no gruffalo should ever set foot in the deep dark wood...

But one wild and windy night the Gruffalo's child ignores her father's warning and tiptoes out into the snow. After all, the Big Bad Mauze doesn't really exist... does he?

The team behind The Gruffalo return with the charming sequel. The Gruffalo's Child brings together physical theatre, music & beautiful puppetry to deliver songs, laughs & scary fun for children aged 4+ and their adults...

"Every bit as funny, charming and innovative as The Gruffalo... everything good children's theatre should be!" 4**** (The List, UK)

"Smiles all round... can't fail to please" (Courier Mail)

"A delight" (The Daily Telegraph)

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New four-week course starting:
Thursday 4 – 25 June 11–11.45am  $80 per family

“Marisa is a wonderfully enthusiastic and inspiring instructor with an unparalleled ability to motivate and encourage families to have fun through movement”
(Katela Chrisanthopoulos and Jill Byrnes, 2015 Batman Park Kindergarten Fun Day Fete Coordinators)

Places limited - Book now.  justbelievefit.com.au
All classes held @BRUNSWICK SCHOOL OF DANCE
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Pottery for Kids
Janet Hammill
Opportunity to learn new skills and further develop existing pottery skills
- Creative three-dimensional artwork
- Sculpting - dragons, gremlins, gargoyles and much more
- Hand building techniques such as coil building, slab building, pinch pots and clay modelling.
- Glazing techniques, drape and slip moulds and mosaic work.

Manga Drawing and Street Art
Janet Hammill
Learn the drawing and painting techniques to produce manga/anime
Drawing painting and street art -
- Proportion and shading
- Using colour effectively.
- Graffiti lettering styles.

Opportunity to produce exciting artwork that is uniquely personal.

After School Program
Tuesdays 14th July – 15th Sep
4 pm – 6 pm
Full $140: Conc: $128

School Holiday Programs
Tuesdays 30th June 1st July
10 am – 4 pm
Full: $75.00 Conc: $60.00

After School Program
Wednesdays 15th July – 16th Sep
4 pm – 6 pm
Full $140: Con: $128

School Holiday Programs
Wednesdays - 1st & 8th July
10 am – 4 pm
Full: $75.00 Conc: $60.00

Darebin Intercultural Centre – Intercultural Village Games Afternoon. Thursday 4th June from 12.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Held at the Darebin Intercultural Centre (59A Roseberry Ave, Preston). This event is free with a light lunch provided. To book phone 8470 8440 or email intercultural@darebin.vic.gov.au

Darebin Intercultural Centre – Thursday Movie Matinee. Thursday 11th June from 12.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. To book phone 8470 8440 or email intercultural@darebin.vic.gov.au.

Bubbledome Holiday Program – Brochures available outside the school office.