NEWSLETTER
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Important School Diary Dates for 2015

May
12-14 Tues-Thurs  NAPLAN Testing for Grades 3-6
18-22 Mon  Education Week Begins
19 Tues  School Open Morning
28 Thurs  Cultural Performance – Opera Australia

June
1 Mon  School Photo Day
13 Sat  Working Bee – 1pm
17 Wed  School Council Meeting at 7.00 p.m. – Staffroom
26 Fri  Prep 2016 enrolments due

July
13 Mon  First day of Term 3 – 9am
2016 5 March  School Fete (mark it in your diaries!)

PUPIL OF THE WEEK
(Assembly item by Grades Prep)

OOLW  Reuben T
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12DN  Lucinda C
12J  Matthew R
12S  Austin I
12T  Elena C
34A  Alex M
34D  Peta V
34K  Emma B
34KL  Matilda McD
56C  Flora B
56M  Stephanie M
56N  Ronan H (Jessica C for 27/4)
56S  Imogen N
**Greetings ...**

**Student Achievement**

**Well done all students! A very successful Evacuation practice**

On Thursday we had our regular evacuation on-site practice with the whole school and it was very successful. What makes it successful? All students, staff, and visitors responded to the evacuation signal promptly and exited the building calmly to assemble at the designated area. Once all were accounted for, the timer was stopped and we had made it out in 5 minutes. Great effort from all, to take the practice seriously and ensure that it worked. We hope we never have to do an actual evacuation but at least we will be prepared to get everyone out safely and securely.

**Our School Open Morning - Tuesday May 19th**

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 students’ 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.

Soon, you will receive 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. We hope you can join us!

**Temporary Relocation ‘Out of School Hours Program’ to School Hall soon**

As reported in last week’s newsletter, School Council is pleased to announce the completion of the design, planning of the extension to the out of hours house. Distribution of tender documents have been completed and we expect commencement of building works in late May for a two month building program.

This means that the Out of School Hours program will still be available but in the temporary location of the school hall. We anticipate that this will be for the remainder of Term 2 and part of Term 3 this year. We will let you know exact dates for the relocation as soon as we know but it should be happening towards the end of May. The house will not be available during this time.

Parents will need to enter the school using the school gate in Helen Street, not the main gate but the gate closest to the school crossing. The Before and After school entrance to the Hall will use the external door, adjacent to the double Prep doors. The door will have a sign on it to indicate the right door. The program will operate for the same hours as normal across the week, just located in the Hall. Further details will be in coming newsletters.

**Update regarding Senior Campus**

You may have noticed that some of the vegetation on the boundary has been cleared and construction of the new fence has commenced. The cricket nets are also being repaired. At this stage, we are still unsure of an occupation date, but we hope we will be in by at least Term 3. We’ll keep you posted!

**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 preschooler 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!

Warm regards, Kerrie

School council news
School council met Wednesday night and powered through the formal agenda. Highlights of our discussion included:

- Senior campus development includes plans to finalise our new teaching area and lots of excitement about holding an opening event to welcome the school community to our new facility. Please look out for further details and come along to help out with the last of the fun.
- Plans for the NOOSHC building works are progressing well and we expect to finalise a start date soon. The new building is going to provide much needed space and new resources for the program. During the weeks of the works, the program will be temporarily located in the school hall. Further details will be sent closer to works starting.
- The next working bee for the school will be on **Saturday 13 June, starting at 1.00pm**. The focus will be on maintenance and gardening on the main campus. Lots of fun for the whole family – please come along and join in.

School Fees
Finally I’d like to remind families to make sure you’ve paid your fees and voluntary contributions. School council puts in a lot of effort to set reasonable fees and make the best use of the money families contribute. In the meantime we need to run activities for students, support their wider learning and make sure all the learning resources they need are available. The sooner we bank the fees to sooner we can finalise the budget.

Ian Taylor, School Council President

Parent Information: National Assessment Program, Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) [http://www.naplan.edu.au](http://www.naplan.edu.au)
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests will be conducted on Tuesday 12th May, Wednesday 13th May and Thursday 14th May 2015. These tests will include:

* **Language Conventions** incorporates spelling, grammar and punctuation
* **Writing** either a persuasive or narrative text
* **Reading** comprehension

**Timetable for National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2015 at Years 3 and 5**

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Katinka Kastner – NAPLAN co-ordinator
Italian Update 2
Preps & Grades 1/2

Prep
This term in the Prep area, we have been working on a topic called ‘Io – All about me’. We began Term 2 looking at members of our family and how to talk about them. Students have also successfully been using language to describe themselves and ask other students questions. Students have participated in activities and games, which encourage them to not just know the language introduced, but understand and use it with confidence. We have continued to develop our knowledge of numbers in Italian through use of games on the interactive whiteboard and other mediums such as songs, dice games and Tombola (Bingo). Below is a list of some of the key phrases Preps have been learning. Fun and interactive activities relating to these, as well as family members and numbers can be accessed online at http://www.education.vic.gov.au/languagesonline. In the coming weeks, students will learn how to express likes and dislikes and talk about where they live.

Key phrases:
- Come stai? (How are you?)
- Sto bene / Sto male / Così così (I am well/I am not well/So so)
- Come ti chiami? (What is your name?)
- Mi chiamo… (My name is…)
- Quanti anni hai? (How old are you?)
- Ho cinque / sei anni (I am five/six years old)

Years 1/2
The Year 1 and 2 students have keenly commenced a topic called Il nostro sistema solare (Our solar system). We began with revisiting the days of the week by looking at some activities we participated in over the holidays. Students were introduced to the planets in our solar system through a very catchy song as we looked at the similarities between the days of the week and the names of the planets. We created detailed drawings of our solar system and have begun to learn the ordinal numbers, which we are using to discuss the order of the planets. Students are showing great enthusiasm and have especially enjoyed the online activities we have been completing as a class on the interactive whiteboard. These can be accessed at home at http://www.education.vic.gov.au/languagesonline. In the coming weeks, we will begin work on our posters for the Dante Alighieri Competition.

Julia Busuttil
Italian Teacher

Grades 3-6

Italian Student Committee: All students in Year 3 to 6 have been briefed about the Italian Student Committee leadership role. Students have been applying for this position by writing a ‘creative’ letter stating why they would like to take on this role. I have been overwhelmed with sensational creative pieces of work. Our students are extremely talented! The standards of applications have been terrific and it will be difficult to select only 10 students for this role. All teachers in the year 3/4 learning area have also been impressed with what has been handed in.

Students please note that the Italian Student Committee applications will close Tuesday 12th May.

“Italian Day” date: to be confirmed soon...
State-Wide 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!

I am pleased to announce the topics and the criteria for this year. Students are asked to think about the topic and to start jotting down ideas. Please do not commence final copies as we will be working on this theme in class during the term. Years 3 to 6 have commenced this process.

DANTE ALIGHIERI SOCIETY MELBOURNE Inc.

Victorian Primary Schools Poster Competition 2015 for Years 1 – 6

Grades 1 and 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 e` __________; ___________.....” 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 favola italiana, __________ di __________ ___________ (i.e. author).” The next four sentences would describe the animal character in some detail. 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.

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 criteria 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.

There is a $5 entry fee for those students who decide to enter this competition.
Competition closes Tuesday 26th May and any winners will be required to attend the Presentation night in September at the University of Melbourne-date to be confirmed.

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 the 26th May 2015 - NO LATER.

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

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THE DANTE ALIGHIERI SOCIETY JUNIOR POSTER COMPETITION 2015.

Final day to enter is Tuesday, 26th May 2015 - earlier would be preferred! 😊

All completed posters received by this date will be sent on this day. Entry Fee = $5

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

Student’s name: ________________________________

Grade: _________ Please find enclosed: $5.00

Thank you.

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: ________________________________
Community News

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Leaving on 6 May 2015, Joe Phegan – Father of Oliver (Grade 2) and Ruby (Prep) will spend ten days walking 300km across the geographical centre of the Simpson Desert to experience what life might be like for a young person living in aged care – not a “life”, but an existence comprised of isolation, uniformity, restrictions and little decision-making ability. He has set an ambitious fundraising target of $35,000 for the charity Youngcare. To support Joe and this wonderful charity please head to http://www.youngcare.com.au/events/simpson-desert-challenge/ and follow the link to his personal page if you can assist with a donation.

My Fundraising Progress

I’ve raised 21% of my goal!

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**LET’S CELEBRATE RECONCILIATION WEEK!**

**Darebin Intercultural Centre**
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**Thursday Movie Matinee**

Come along to the Intercultural Thursday Movie Matinee - A film lover’s club.

We delve deep into the film archives of Bob Hart, our own David Stratton of the Darebin Community, and we unearth some classics that are sure to thrill - Romance, thrillers, fantasy and much more.

**When:** 14th May 2015
(2nd Thursday of the Month)

**Time:** 12-3.30pm
FREE with lunch provided

Book via 84708440 or email intercultural@darebin.vic.gov.au, or on Eventbrite under Darebin Intercultural Centre Events.

**Registration:**
www.facebook.com/DarebinInterculturalCentre

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**WEST IVANHOE SPORTING CLUB**

**Home of the Roosters/Bluejays**

West Ivanhoe Sporting Club is a great local football/netball club.

West Ivanhoe Netball Club are seeking interested players in U9/U11/U13 to play in teams on Saturday and/or Tuesday after school Competition for the new season running in Term 3 and 4 at Banyule Netball Stadium, Macleod. Registration Day: Saturday 16th May Time: 10.00am - 1.00pm Venue: Seddon Reserve, 103 Green St, Ivanhoe East: $150 + Insurance and uniform. For further information please contact Sara at south@westivanhoesportingclub.org.au

**Address:** Seddon Reserve 103 Green Street Ivanhoe.
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Some of Australia’s most beloved musicians are banding together in the fight against child abuse. Russell Morris, Tex Perkins, Debra Anne Byrne, Chris Wilson, Jerome Smith and many more artists will be serving up a night of iconic music at the 2015 Child Wise Benefit Concert.

The Benefit Concert is being presented by Child Wise Ambassador, Steve Lucas, and hosted by Mr Rockwiz himself - Brian Nankervis. The backing band - The Juggernauts of Love - is also made up of Melbourne’s best musicians and features a horn section and backing vocals.

“This is an opportunity for people to be part of a great night out, as well as make a huge difference to the lives of many children” said Steve Lucas, musician and Child Wise Ambassador.

All the money raised from the concert will go towards Child Wise’s toll-free National Child Abuse Helpline and their community education programs for the prevention and early intervention of child sexual abuse.

“We are incredibly grateful for the support of these artists, who generously give up their time and talent to help us achieve our mission to reduce the incidence and impact of child abuse and exploitation” said Child Wise CEO, Steve Betinsky.

The Child Wise Benefit Concert will be held on Tuesday 12 May from 7:00pm at the Thornbury Theatre in Melbourne. So come along and enjoy the music, hit the dance floor and help to truly make a difference to protecting children.

For more information, please visit www.childwiseconcert.com.au. Tickets can be purchased from http://thethornburytheatre.com/upcoming/

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**Cross Country 2015 - Come And Try**
Winter is Cross Country season and Collingwood Little Athletics Centre invites 5-16 year olds to come and try a Cross Country event. Distances are from 500m (Under 6’s) to 3000m (Under 13s to U15s) and meets are held at a number of our beautiful parks around the area. Most events are held on Sunday morning and are over by 10:30am (or earlier depending upon the age group).
New athletes are able to come and try Cross Country for a cost of $5.00 per time with no commitment (Maximum of 2 events). If they decide that they want to continue, Cross Country Only registration with our centre is $54.00 and with a $2.00 fee for most of the events. The full calendar and timetable are available on our website www.collarwoodlittleathletics.org.au.

**Winter Cross Country Training**
Collingwood offers a Cross Country Training programme on Tuesday and Thursdays, for registered and visiting athletes, over Terms 2 and 3.
Tuesday 5-6pm sessions will focus strength, endurance and speed, and are track based at George Knott reserve.
Thursday 4.30-5.30pm sessions are a Yarra Bend Park run for Under 11s and above.
Enquiries or questions to collingwood@lavic.com.au or call Rohan Jones on 0400 217 700.
Fees and Registration at http://www.trybooking.com/HHOU.

**Become a Volunteer Host Family this July!**
World Education Program (WEP) Australia 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. Our exchange students from Belgium, Denmark, Ecuador, Chile, Italy and the USA are young people like Matteo and Armelle, who look forward to experiencing a different culture and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

**Matteo** (17) from Italy loves music! He is in a band called 'Washing Machine' and can play the guitar, piano and drums. He also enjoys rock climbing and basketball. Matteo tells us that he can’t wait to touch down in Australia and experience the 'real' Aussie culture.

**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!

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Contact WEP Australia to request detailed program information and student profiles.
Sylvia Kelly
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