NEWSLETTER
No. 17 – 11th June 2015

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Important School Diary Dates for 2015

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WORKING BEE REMINDER!!
This Saturday 1 – 4pm ~ BBQ afterwards
Come and spare an hour or two to help maintain our school.
There are plenty of interesting jobs to do!

PUPIL OF THE WEEK
(Assembly item by Grades 1/2)

00L - Lennon T
00LW - Georgia M
00N - Jack R
12DN - Ned F-P
12J - Elsie McL
12S - Nate C
12T - George R
34D - Bella F
34J - Riley W
34K - James W
34KL - Esca L
56C - Junaid E
56M - Xalia S
56N - Ethan McK
56S - Harry L
Greetings ...

Student Achievement
Well done our Cross Country reps!
An outstanding effort from these students, we congratulate them all for the training and commitment they have shown. Congratulations to all participants, we are very proud of you all. Best of luck to our students going on to the next level! (See student report further on.)

News on Senior Campus
The keys to the Senior Campus were finally handed over to our school this week! Yes, it was an historic moment to get those keys I must say, and Ross and I high fived; pretty exciting! It is not ready for occupancy just yet as a few more tasks have to be done to make sure it is safe for our students and teachers. We will be contracting a maintenance crew in to clean up all those old bottles, broken glass, and other rubbish. Clean fill will be spread and attention to the trees on northern boundary will be essential. Once some of the basic landscaping has been done, new furniture arrived ... we can take the children onsite and start, more likely now early Term 3  Whoooo hoooo!!!

Library Fund donations – still time before the end of the financial year
School Council would like to remind parents that there is still time in this financial year (2 weeks) to make a donation to the Library Fund, and claim it on this year’s tax return. The Library Fund is always an important fund to donate to but particularly since the library was vandalised in the last year. Books are still being replaced so your donations would be most welcome and gratefully appreciated.

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.

Warm regards,
Kerrie

Cross Country
On Wednesday 10 May, 11 representatives from Northcote PS ran at the Division Cross Country Championships at Bundoora Park. All the students did amazingly well and these are their places:

- Guy F 3rd, James W 23rd, Ned VDH 28th
- Julia RH 20th
- Matteo RH 6th, Noah A 12th, Finn AF 16th
- Lexi M 6th, Xara B 7th, Audrey K 8th, Sophie V 11th
In order for the students to go through to the Regional championships they had to get into the top 10. Matteo, Lexi, Xara, Audrey and Guy have made it to Regionals – congratulations!

Special recognition must be given to Julia RH for stopping in the middle of her race to help another runner who was injured. She helped the other runner to first aid, allowing several runners to overtake her. While sacrificing her position in the race she showed amazing selflessness and sporting behaviour. Well done Julia!

By: Xara B, Matteo RH and Steven

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**3 Way Conferences - Wednesday 24 June 2015**

**WHEN?**
Three Way Conferences will be held for all students from 11am – 7.30pm on Wednesday 24 June.

**HOW LONG?**
Interviews will be of 15 minutes duration.

**HOW DO I BOOK?**
For booking these conferences we will be using an internet-based booking system called Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO).

**WHEN CAN I BOOK?**
PTO will be open for bookings from Wednesday 17 June

You will be able to book the interview times that suit you best from any internet-connected computer. A computer will be available at school, near the office, during school hours if you do not have internet access.

Please access the system as follows:

- Go to the school’s home page: [www.northcoteps.vic.edu.au](http://www.northcoteps.vic.edu.au)
- Click the PTO icon as shown on the right...
- Click “Obtain PIN/Password” and enter your email address. Your PIN will be emailed to you. The email you receive will include a link that can be clicked on to log straight into PTO, bypassing the login screen.

Full instructions are provided to you after log in. Please note the following points:

- When you log on, the system displays only your own child/children. Bookings are made for individual parents/guardians, not for couples. Couples can however log on to the system simultaneously to coordinate bookings. If two parents/guardians wish to attend a single interview time slot, one parent/guardian should make the booking then both can attend.
- You will only see time slots that are available at the time you are using the system. As time slots are booked for teachers, those time slots are no longer displayed as available. PTO prevents double-booking of teachers or parents/guardians.
- When you have made all the bookings you require, you can download or email a report of your bookings in time order for printing. You can log in and change bookings any time up to 10am on the day of interviews. (Wed 24/6/2015)
• Other parents may be making bookings at the same time that you are using the system. It is possible, though unlikely, that a time slot is displayed to you as available, but is then booked by another parent shortly afterwards. If you then attempt to book this time slot it will not be available and a message will be displayed to indicate this.
• If you encounter any problems using PTO please contact the school office by phone on 9481 0009, or by email to northcote.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

I am sure the system will be of benefit to students, parents and staff. Any feedback you may wish to provide will be most welcome.

Ross Bennie
Assistant Principal

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.

School Banking News
Extra School Banking Day 😊

Next week we will be holding school banking on both Monday 15 June and Wednesday 17 June.

Every term we plan to have at least one extra banking day, so as many people as possible can enter the holiday competition. Remember, you need to have made at least 25 school banking deposits by the end of the year to be entered in this competition.

Helpful school banking tips!

• School banking is every Monday (or Tuesday if the Monday is a public holiday).
• If you miss a school banking day, you can still make a deposit at your local branch, but this will NOT count towards the number of tokens you earn, or raise money for our school.
• Please remember to fill out the deposit slip every week you bank.
• If you lose a silver banking token, don’t worry! We have a record of every time you have banked, so you can still collect a reward when you get to 10 deposits, even if you can’t find all of your tokens.
• It is not too late to open an account and get banking! Either go directly to your local Commonwealth Bank branch with your child’s birth certificate and open a “Dollarmite” account, or download the form from the Commonwealth Bank website, complete and bring to the school office (this will take a few days).
• Remember, it is not how much you bank, but how often you do!

We have had an amazing start to school banking, so a big thank you to everyone supporting this great fundraising program. We are almost up to 100 participants already!

Any questions? Just ask either Tracey (mum to Oliver Grade 2 and Ruby prep) or Sue (mum to Imogen Grade 5 and Jorja Grade 2). Catch up with us in the playground before or after school, or leave a message for us at the office.

Thank you and happy saving!

Tracey and Sue, School Banking Coordinators
Hi Northcote PS Readers!

Our school has registered for the Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2015. The rules are really simple to join in:

1. Your mum or dad sends Stephanie an email that says My Child would LOVE to be in the Reading Challenge! They need to include:
   a. Student Name
   b. Grade Level
   c. Teacher
   Email: Griffiths.Stephanie.C@edumail.vic.gov.au

2. Stephanie will give you a form you can fill out to keep a record of all your books.
3. Stephanie will give you a password so that YOU can log in to the website and add all the books you have read. You have until **14 September 2015**.
4. Over the next months you will need to read:

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(*The Challenge books are mostly books that you will have at home, or find in our school library)

5. At Assembly in September all the excellent students who reached the challenge receive a certificate! Hooray!

So now, go and bug mum or dad to email Stephanie. Go on, do it now!

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**NPS END OF TERM CONCERT**

**THURSDAY 25TH JUNE**

2.30PM

IN THE HALL

Please join us for an afternoon of music with performances from Groups, Solos and Band.

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**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.**
# Ivanhoe Aquatic Centre
## July 2015

### Floating Inflatable Fun
**Ivanhoe Aquatic & Fitness Centre**  
**Monday, Wednesday & Friday**  
1 - 3pm  
**no booking necessary**

### Learn to Swim Intensives
**5day intensive**  
**Monday 29th June —Friday 3rd July**  
**Monday 6th July —Friday 10th July**  
**Cost $70**  
**Concession $63**  
**Includes pool entry**  
**Bookings essential on 9490 7111**

### Children's activities
**Prep to grade 6**  
**Cost $15 (bookings essential)**  
**Activities subject to change or cancellation with 24 hours notice.**

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<td>experience fun lessons in tumbling, acrobatics, juggling, fire twirling (poi), devil sticks, spinning plates, hula hooping and more</td>
<td>Paint, paste, draw, be creative without all the mess at home to clean up</td>
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<td>Easy, quick and inexpensive cooking activities the kids can try at home</td>
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<td>Come along in old clothes and crawl commando style, go on missions and test your skills and ability on obstacle course</td>
<td>Shake it, move it &amp; show your groove to the beat of songs you like. Get fit, have fun, learn team work &amp; make new friends</td>
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<td>Come along and watch a movie. Movie treats will be supplied, relax &amp; just chill out on the last day of the holidays - you can even stay in your PJ’s</td>
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**The Pancake Parlour**

**50 YEARS 1965-2015 LOVELY!**

**BUY ONE SHORT STACK**  
(Two buttermilk pancakes with your choice of cream, ice-cream or whipped butter and topped with maple-flavoured syrup)

**AND RECEIVE A SECOND SHORT STACK FREE.**

For restaurant locations: www.pancakeparlour.com.au  
Dine in only. Present this voucher to redeem offer. Valid until 30/10/2015.  
Maximum 3 vouchers per group. Not valid public holidays.
ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AND GIVE BLOOD

Northcote
Northcote Town Hall
189 High Street, Northcote 3070
Monday 22 June 1.30 pm – 7.30 pm

To make an appointment call 13 14 95
Or visit donateblood.com.au

MON 6th & TUE 7th JULY 2015 | 9.30am-3pm
BASKETBALL SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP

Coburg Basketball Stadium
25 Outram Road, Coburg North
All levels | Boys and girls | 6-14 years

$125 FOR TWO DAYS
*LIMITED PLACES
*RIPE WITH EXPERIENCE
*ADVANCED COACHING

TENNIS SMART

Let's Talk about Raising Children
A night of honest conversation for parents. Participate, gain insight & learn practical strategies that can transform family life.

Our children's sense of wholesomeness and well-being are affected more than anything else, by our attitudes.

What does your current parenting landscape look like? What's working, what's not? What matters most? What attitudes do the hold the key to connectedness? How do we make a shift that's right for you?

The night stands alone, though it will also be followed by 2 day weekend in July where you can develop capacity for seeing the interconnections and finding the practical solutions.

For families of all shapes & sizes with children infant through to young adult.

Hosted by Daniella Connors

Date: Thursday, 18th June
Time: 7.30pm-9.30pm
Cost: $25 each, $40 per couple
Where: Sacred Arts Studio, 177 Beavers Rd., Northcote (Enter through red door.)

For information or booking, please contact: Daniella Connors
e: daniellaeconnors@optusnet.au
m: 0410 697 554
w: www.facebook.com/thesocietyofchildhood
### 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.

**After School Program**
- Tuesdays
- 14th July – 15th Sep
- 4 pm – 6 pm

**School Holiday Programs**
- Tuesdays 30th June
- 1st July
- 10 am – 4 pm

### 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**
- Wednesdays
- 15th July – 16th Sep
- 4 pm – 6 pm

**School Holiday Programs**
- Wednesdays - 1st & 8th July
- 10 am – 4 pm

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**Talking Bodies**

This full, inclusive theatre workshop explores the ways we can use gesture and ourselves to create an everyday language understood by all.

**Details**
- **Date:** Thursday 22nd July
- **Time:** 10 am - 2 pm
- **Cost:** $50 / $33

**Venue:**
- Rehearsal Room
- St Martin’s Youth Centre
- 203 Martin Street
- South Yarra 3141

**Booking:**
- Online by 26 June: www.stmartinsyouth.com.au
- Or by phone: 9657 4277

**Email for more information or to let us know of any access requirements:**
- info@stmartinsyouth.com.au

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*We acknowledge this barrier to the arts that exists for many young people because of disability, social difference or social disadvantage, and we offer scholarships and programs to overcome these barriers.*