NEWSLETTER
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If you need to contact the Out of School Hours Program please call 0420 637 931. Thank you

| Important School Diary Dates for 2015 |
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| Aug 19 Wed | Grade 1/2 Yarrabee Excursion |  |
| 24 Mon | Book Parade – 9.10 a.m. |  |
| Sept 1 Tues | Pupil Free Day – No School for Children |  |
| 5 Sat | Working Bee – 1.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. (see page 5) |  |
| 10 Thur | Whole School Rehearsal |  |
| | School Performance 1 – 5.00 p.m. to 6.45 p.m. |  |
| | School Performance 2 – 7.30 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. |  |
| 11 Fri | Grade 3-6 Swimming finishes |  |
| 14 Mon | District Athletics |  |
| 18 Fri | End of Term 3 – 2.30 p.m. |  |
| 19 Sat | International Talk Like A Pirate Day |  |
| Oct 4 Sun | Daylight Savings Begins |  |
| 5 Mon | Start of Term 4 – 9.00 a.m. |  |
| 6 Tues | Division Athletics |  |
| 7 Wed | P-2 Swimming Begins |  |
| 12-13 M&T | Grades 1/2 ST Camp to Mount Evelyn |  |
| 13-14 T&W | Grades 1/2DNJ Camp to Mount Evelyn |  |
| | [Please note: there is no swimming this week] |  |
| 14 Wed | Region Athletics |  |
| Nov 2 Mon | Pupil Free Day – No School for Children |  |
| 3 Tues | Melbourne Cup Day – Public Holiday |  |
| Dec 18 Fri | End of Term 4 – 1.30 p.m. |  |

F.Y.I. School photos will be delivered next week!

Sewing Bee Cancelled Friday August 14th

Hi All,
Due to unprecedented prior assistance from many parents who have taken home a lot to cut and sew over the last few weeks, there is now no need for a sewing bee. If I have a need for any other assistance, I will put an announcement in next week’s newsletter. Thanks and enjoy your - now free- Friday! Lisa
GREETINGS ...

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Well done for our year 5/6 representative basketball teams who played at the Northcote District Primary Schools Sports Association Basketball Competition on Tuesday. Steve, year 5/6 Team Leader, accompanied the 4 teams and said they were exciting games with a high level of skill and fitness. We were able to field 4 teams this year, due to increased interest and the number of children playing basketball in outside of school competitions.

Steven reported back that we would have been proud of the way our students represented our school in their behaviour and playing effort. For exciting news on the results, read the article further on in the newsletter. Congratulations players!

WHAT A WONDERFUL NIGHT AT OUR ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT!

A bit of fun and head scratching evening was had by all on Friday night for our annual Northcote Primary School, Trivia Night! Red, a past parent, stepped into the breach at the last minute to provide his polished and silky skills as the Master of Trivia and ran the evening for our school at the Northcote Town Hall.

There was a mix of questions and music on the night, true or false, paper plane competition and paper, rock and scissors championship (Congrats Natasha! Prep Teacher – who knew?). Duncan (parent) grabbed our attention and provided an impromptu treat, dancing up a storm to the interval music that we all appreciated!

There was something for everyone to answer, or offer an answer!

There was keen competition between teams as scores went up and down. Thanks again for all those parents, friends and staff who attended and made the night so enjoyable. For all the time and effort everyone put into it.

Thank you to the brains trust and the organisers: Emily Nance; Bella Thorpe (last time!!); Mick Thompson, Malcolm Wickett and Ross Campbell.

See page 5 for the winners of the night – and how much we made!
DET’s Parent Opinion Survey
Thank you to the parents who filled out and returned the parent opinion surveys. The surveys are sent to the Education Department to be collated and the results will be sent to the school in term 4. We look forward to your feedback.

2016 Prep Enrolments
Prep enrolments for 2016 are in process of being finalised and welcome emails have been sent out to our new preps and families this week. Information about the Ready, Set, Go Program and other key dates are part of the welcome pack and have also been sent out to our current families who have a little Preppie starting next year.

If you have submitted an application, and have not received an email with information, please contact the school as soon as possible.

Northcote Station
Late last week and over the weekend one of our parents found (and disposed of) 4 syringes around Northcote Train Station. There were two clearly visible along the path where students and their siblings walk to and from school each day. The others were along the platform. I realise there is little that can be done to prevent irresponsible people dropping them but it is good to warn as many as possible that this hazard exists around there.

Warm regards,
Kerrie

Education Sub-Committee Survey
The Education Sub-committee of School Council is really keen to hear your views on how NPS is going with reporting on student progress, particularly what you like (or don’t like) about the reports and the 3-way conference process. Please go to the link at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NPSSchoolReport to fill in an online survey, which will take between 5 and 10 minutes.

The survey will be open until Monday August 24th and results will be discussed at the Education Subcommittee and fed back through the school newsletter.

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre
Thank you to all children and families who donated items over the course of last week. The items have been packed up and personally delivered to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. Max D, year 5, went along with his family to hand deliver them and during his visit he learnt more about the centre and the process of delivering donations. Below is an overview of Max’s experience at the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre.

Last Friday I got to see the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. I went to deliver the donated items collected last week and while I was there I saw how the centre ran. But before I could donate our items I had to wait our turn, so my family and I offered to help out with unloading trucks which were delivering donated bags of flour. Once we delivered our items they showed me the food bank. The food bank has heaps of shelves with lots of food, but rather buying the food with money they use points. Each family gets a certain amount of points they can use. Most cans are 1 point, while cereal is 4 points.

How the process of delivering donations work: trucks and cars are allowed to come with items to give. The volunteers that work there wheel trolleys out and take all the stuff inside. It is then loaded into an elevator and taken upstairs. Then the volunteers sort all the food into its point categories. Then load them onto the shelves. They also have a cooking area so that refugees can come and have a hot meal served to them (like a cafe).

By Max Daphne, Year 5.
Lost Property. Please collect any lost items from the hall foyer area. It’s going to be a great weekend for drying clothes – so let’s get them home to go into that washing machine!

'Book Week' is a couple of weeks away! Our annual 'Book Week Parade' will be held on Monday 24th August. The theme is 'BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD'. I’m sure we can light up Northcote P.S. with as many wonderful and colourful costumes. The parade starts at 9:10 a.m. sharp on the front turf (near the entrance). Don’t forget to stay back after the parade and visit your child/children's/grandchildren's classrooms for a read-a-long session. We can't wait to see how your love of books will inspire you to create a costume which lights up our world.

Kind regards,
Natasha Thomson.

Thanks for supporting the Boscastle Pie Drive, pies went home on Tuesday and we raised over $750 for the school. If you didn’t collect your pies, please do so asap.

Voting closes this Friday at 5.00 p.m. for the Local Leader Grants. Be sure to support Northcote Primary’s grant application. The link is on the school website. Get those votes going!!! We are one of the finalists.

Earn and Learn stickers - do you know any small businesses that shop at Woolworths and could collect stickers on the schools behalf? There is a collection box at South Preston Woolworths or outside the school office. The program runs until September so easy to be involved.

Thanks, Fi Lang

Working Bee
Saturday 5th September - 1.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.
B.Y.O. Brooms, wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes & gloves
The list of jobs to be completed will be located in the school foyer next week.
Please make sure you sign up!
Oh What A (Trivia) Night!
Last Friday, 160 parents, teachers and friends enjoyed an excellent night of fiendish questions, party games, food, wine and great company at the annual NPS trivia night. Our brand new Brains Trust of parent volunteers Mick Thompson, Ross Campbell and Malcolm Wickett delivered a great evening's entertainment, incomparably MC'd by former parent Rohan (Red) Smith.

Special thanks for their generous donations and help with prizes go to Mitchell at Harvest Wine, Chris Thompson, Fi Lang, Sue Lawson, and Madeleine Acosta for the singing lesson vouchers, courtesy of Erin Hill.

Our thanks to the many staff who came along to help support this great annual fundraising event which raised over $3,300 for the school – a fantastic outcome!!!

Congratulations to the 2015 winners ... The Breakfast Club in 1st place, Ministerial Entitlements in 2nd and Star Wild in 3rd – well done!!!

Bella and Emily

Basketball Round Robin
Boys B Team
The boys’ basketball B team played amazing all day. We had tough competition all day. We won one game and lost two. The scores were: 4-2 Northcote won (against Thornbury); 10-17 Northcote lost (against Holy Spirit); and 15-4 we lost (against Wales St).

Highlights
In our first match, Max D scored a buzzer beater that won us the game. Before that, Ethan M scored which drew us. Harry T scored 8 points against Holy Spirit which was a whopper. Special mention to Ronan H for amazing defensive work. The whole team played really well.
By Harry Teague

Girls A Team
On 11th August, 2 selected groups of girls and 2 selected groups of boys (an A team and a B team for each gender) played in a basketball round-robin at the Coburg basketball stadium. All the teams played really well, learnt a lot and had fun.

The girls’ A team had great success the whole tournament through and it paid off because they, after great teamwork and effort, came 1st in the overall girls competition! The girls won their first game with ease and then had quite a large break until their next game but another team decided to have a practice match in between. Then they played their next game, the semi-finals, and won that too, which led them to the finals. The final was a surprisingly friendly game which they played very well and very differently to the first game and closely won 12-18! The girls obviously learnt lots and had plenty of fun.

We especially thank Melissa, Steven, Matthew and Krissy for their help, coaching and co-operation with the kids.
By Lexi Mackey

Boys A Team
On 11th August we went to Coburg Basketball Centre. We played against different schools in the Northcote district.
Our first game was against Bell Primary, it was a very competitive game. They had more height on their team and we couldn’t stop them from shooting and rebounding. The overall scores were 27-24 we sadly lost both the game and our chance of getting to the grand final.

We lost a valuable player before our first game unfortunately after having a fall and spraining his arm. 😞 We had been waiting for a while and had got invited to a friendly match against the same team to pass the time. It was a fair game and at half time was a tie at 14, by the end of the game our players were tiered and we had lost 23-29. 😞

At our final game we were against Wales Street Primary and it was an easier game but it was still competitive. We were evenly matched in height this time and the scores were 13-19 we won!! 😊

The overall winner of the boys competition was Saint Mary’s who had the height and skill together. They played against Holy Spirit who played a good game but lost by 2 points. 😊

Girls B Team
On 11th August a group of kids and I went to a basketball tournament. There was an A team and a B team for each gender and each team played a few games each. I was in the B girls’ team with Amy, Mia, Mica, Tahlia, Audrey, Amirah and Holly. I think everyone had a fantastic time and played extremely well! The A team for girls even won the whole thing. It was super fun and I really enjoy basketball now. It was a great experience for everyone and I hope everyone had a fun time like I did!!!
GO NORTHCOTE!
By Juliette Howarth

Congratulations to our Mixed Netball Team who came 3rd in the Northern Regional Netball Competition today.
Well done everyone!!!!
Register online at: www.collingwood.basketball.net.au
New players welcome. Players must register and pay by 16th August to ensure a place in a Summer team. Enquiries: Megan Rouse 0417 106 490 manager@collingwoodbasketball.com.au

Single parents active kids proudly presents: Free family fun day. Edwarde’s Lake Reservoir, corner Griffiths and Leamington Sts. Sunday 13th September. Starting 12 noon. Free bbq, activities as well as membership specials/renewals and more. Even if you can't attend there are plenty more opportunities, here is a link to our very active website http://www.singleparentsactivekids.org/ Like minded single parents to chat with, active kids wanting to play with your active kids, win win! “single does not mean alone” Please rsvp to info@singleparentsactivekids.org or call moush on 0430 504 119.

WEP Student Hosting - A Window to the World!
Hosting an exchange student allows families to gain insight into another culture and way of living, without leaving the comfort of their own home. For more information and to see the wonderful students waiting to be placed with their host family, check out the WEP Australia website, www.wep.org.au, or call 1300 884 733.

Held at the home of Carlton Football Club, Ikon Park, the 2015 Parents Victoria conference is inviting all interested parents to register for the event. Registration and Payment must be forwarded to Parents Victoria by 17 August 2015, the Conference is on 25-26 August 2015. For more information, go to www.parents victoria.asn.au or email office@parents victoria\ asn.au
Edinburgh Cricket Club
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CRICKET is for GIRLS
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So if you’re a girl and want to play cricket this summer, Edinburgh Cricket Club in Fitzroy is the place for you.

Edinburgh has a proud history of women's cricket and offers opportunities for girls of all ages and abilities to get into cricket.

We provide female coaches at all levels, and a supportive, inclusive club environment to play cricket and have fun.

This summer, come check out:

The GIRLS ZONE at our Milo in2Cricket program
(Saturdays, 10.00-11.00am, for kids aged 5-7)

Our JUNIOR GIRLS TEAMs on Friday/Saturday's
(Under 10 &12s Saturdays 8:30 -11:30am, Under 15s Wednesdays, 5.30 - 8pm)

Not sure if you’d like to play but want to give it a go?

Come along to our GIRLS COME AND TRY days
(Sunday, 30 August and Sunday, 6 September 2015 10:00-11:00am, Brunswick St Oval North Fitzroy)

More info: www.edinburghcricketclub.com