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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PUPIL OF THE WEEK
(Assembly item by Prep)

- 00L - Ripley G
- 00LW - Kate M
- 00N - Oscar P
- 12DN - Angus I
- 12J - Toby W
- 12S - Ava S
- 12T - Georgia D
- 34D - Daniel O’N
- 34J - Jack M
- 34K - Lucy C
- 34KL - Matthew R
- 56C - Rayanne
- 56M - Caleb S
- 56N - Iris B
- 56S - Tom K
MEDICATION GIVEN AT SCHOOL

If your child requires prescription medication to be given at school, a “Medication Request Form” must be filled out at the School Office for that day, or for the period of time it is required to be given. Pain relief, such as paracetamol, can only be given by School staff with a letter from the child’s doctor. The Medication Distribution Policy can be found here.

Greetings ...

Student Achievement - Amazing School Musical!

What fantastic performances we were all treated to in our bi-annual concert titled “Boston Towers – the Day the Dancing Disappeared”. Two shows held over one night, with a break in between, was the format this year, at the Ivanhoe Civic Centre. As many parents have commented personally to me last night, and this morning, it was an entertaining and inspiring show on so many levels.

To see such commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and enjoyment in our children on stage in the performances themselves, behind the stage and around the stage on lights, sounds and stage management was such a thrill. To watch the courage the children mustered to overcome their nerves and believe in themselves as performers and truly shine on the night was reward in itself but then to see their individual performances elevate to such levels that produced such a wonderful show makes the whole Northcote Primary School community very proud!

Whole school musicals are such a huge effort, with much planning, learning both personal and content, practice and perseverance. At our school, it is also a way of drawing all our students together, to contribute to one event, to give them a sense of belonging and achievement in a different forum. It is also a joyous and happy event for all our students, one that their families can share in and makes it all the more worthwhile.

There are many people to thank and I will let Lisa (Arts teacher) do that in coming newsletters as she knows the number of people who contribute in many different and helpful ways to bring all this together but for now, I thank Lisa for her outstanding effort, the Northcote Primary School community, for coming along and sharing such a wonderful night and especially, I thank the children for their incredible performances! Well done and groovy baby!!!

2016 Leadership program – successful Grant from Telstra

NPS has been successful obtaining the Telstra Grant of $1200 for our Year 5/6 Student Leadership conference in 2016 through the efforts of one of our parents, Con Kastoras (father of Christos).

It is fantastic news and a great result for the school. Thank you Con, this Telstra grant will help us support our children to attend the conference to learn about important skills in Leadership to put into practice at our school.

Honourable Fiona Richardson MP talks with our year 3/4s

Last Friday, we had a very important local community member and Member of Parliament, visit our year 3/4s to talk about our local community and her role as a politician. Minister Richardson, Fiona, stayed for over an hour, to answer the many questions the children had about why she wanted to be a politician; how she became one; what important things she had achieved; what advice she would have for them and so on... In fact they had so many good questions that we couldn’t fit them all in!

Fiona asked the children to email the questions with some ideas for improving the local area to her. Fiona was interested in our school, in particular the progress of buildings and maintenance and offered to support us if needed.

Warm regards,
Kerrie, Principal Austin Powers
GRADES 3-6 Students!! URGENT - MISSING SCHOOL SPORTS TOPS

This coming Monday is the District Athletics Day. I will be taking 45 enthusiastic students. I would like our WHOLE team to be wearing our school sports tops. However, when I did a quick count I noticed that we were missing quite a few. If your child sometime this year has been given a top PLEASE make sure they are brought back to school as these tops where purchased by the school. I need these tops to be returned AS SOON AS POSSIBLE as I need to distribute them to our athletes on Monday. I would appreciate it if you could check with your child and make sure they have returned them. These tops were only used by students from grade 3 to 6.

Hoping you can help me out with this dilemma!

Krissy King, PE teacher

Working Bee Tomorrow – Senior Campus
Sat 12 September 1–4pm - BBQ afterwards

Tasks to be completed:
★ Planting of citrus, apple and olive trees
★ Preparing new garden beds
★ Repair work to lawn area and sowing of grass seed
★ Fitting of timber rails to the bottom of fences to retain new garden beds
★ Preparation and planting of berry garden beds
★ Sweeping and cleaning up
★ Spreading mulch

Tools needed:
★ Cordless drills
★ Hand saws
★ Rakes – garden and leaf
★ Wheel barrows
★ Spades
★ Garden forks or pitch forks
★ Mattocks
★ Towels

LOST PROPERTY IS ART!!!

We have been approached to contribute our lost property items to a fabulous art installation that will occur at ArtPlay, the City of Melbourne’s Cultural Centre for Children at Birrarung Marr. It is on the 22nd November.

So if you haven’t picked up misplaced items by the end of term – rest assured, they will be relishing their moment in the ‘limelight’ instead of dwindling in the dusky, dank baskets in the entrance to our hall.
Or….they could make an even bigger impression by finding their owner and being worn all around Northcote, Westgarth and wider Melbourne. They could even be worn to visit the ‘Lost Property Installation’ at Birrarung Marr. (The details of this event will be in the final terms newsletter).
Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion finishes Tuesday the 9th September. Please send any stickers with your child to school, the collection box is in the office area. Final date to collect is next Monday the 14th September. Thanks Fi

Term 3 School Banking News

We have just one more school banking for this term, on Monday 14th September, but we will be back the very first day of Term 4.

A reminder to all our consistent savers, if you have made 3 or more school banking deposits this term, you will automatically be entered into a competition to win some very exciting prizes! To double your chance of winning, don’t forget to complete the Money Mission at commbank.com.au/prizeportal.

Thank you to all our existing school banking participants and we hope those of you who have reached the 10 deposit milestone are enjoying your rewards. If you are interested in joining the school banking program, the easiest way to get started is to open a Youthsaver account for your child at a local Commonwealth bank and then have them bring their Dollarmite deposit book to school each Monday.

Any questions? Just ask Tracey (mum to Oliver Grade 2 and Ruby Prep) or Sue (mum to Imogen Grade 5 and Jorja Grade 2)

ITALIAN UPDATE

THE COUNTDOWN TO OUR ITALIAN DAY BEGINS!

Ciao a tutti (Hello everyone)! Wow! What a term! The Year 3/4’s have been learning about numbers through Maths activities. We have been learning about adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing numbers via automatic responses. Integrating with the classroom theme, we have also looked at our Northcote Community and the Italian influence in our area.

The students have made comparisons of words and phrases between the English and the Italian languages and we have looked at word origins too!

The Year 5/6’s have been thoroughly engaged in our Italian Gestures topic where we have been learning about everyday Italian Gesturing. We have watched some YouTube clips and completed some activities and games. We learnt that the art of gesturing goes back to Ancient Times, a form of communication for foreigners especially for trade purposes. Using ipads, the students are currently completing a short movie in the outdoors, similar to the Charlie Chaplin era, with only gestures and music. A truly engaging topic, an interest requested by the students!

ITALIAN DAY! Yes! An Italian Day is being organised for Tuesday, 20th October. The Italian Student Committee has been busy making plans!

It will be a day where the students will be immersed in the Italian language through a variety of cultural activities. Some of the activities most students can look forward to are: Soccer with soccer players, Bocce with Adeglia and her team, Roberto the ‘Connie’, Puppet Making, Michelangelo’s Artists, Waiter’s Race and much more as well as a special pizza lunch and gelato treat!

**The theme for our day will be: ’Evviva L’Italiano!’**

The children are required to come to school dressed in a character or famous Italian. Ideas to consider could include: Pinocchio, Il Pappagallo, La Befana, Michelangelo, Da Vinci, soccer players etc. **If this is too difficult, children...**
may dress in neat casual attire representing the colours of the Italian flag which are: VERDE- Green, BIANCO- White, Rosso-Red.

**PLEASE DO NOT HIRE ANY COSTUMES. THIS IS NOT NECESSARY!**

**AIUTO URGENTE! (URGENT HELP):** Help will be required for the special lunch and gelato organization and distribution. A big GRAZIE to the 4 parents who have contacted me to assist and support us on our Italian Day. More help is still required. Please refer to last week’s newsletter for details and contact me by next Monday so that I can start finalising tasks before the end of term.

**ITALIAN DAY LEVY:** Due to the nature of activities and having different organisations attending our special event, there will be a levy which will need to be paid for each student to cover the costs of the day. This year, we have two options for parents to choose from.

**Option One** levy will cover the cost of activities and the special lunch (pizza and Gelativo Gelato).

**Option Two** levy will only cover the costs of the activities on the Italian Day and no pizza lunch and gelato.

As I only work here at the school on Monday and Tuesday and for catering and ordering purposes, it is imperative that all levies are paid for by FRIDAY THE 9TH OF OCTOBER. Unfortunately, no late ‘lunch’ orders will be taken after this date.

Please refer to the important information below regarding levy and special pizza and gelato orders. Please note that the special lunch orders will need to be finalised by Friday the 9th of October.

Due to a shortage of the Gelativo Gelato in our state, the Italian Student Committee has had to survey the students this week asking them if they are likely to have a gelato and which flavor, so that we can put an approximate order can be put through by next week.

Think this is all for now. If you have any queries about Italian or about our Italian Day, please feel free to see me at school on Monday or Tuesday.

Until next term, buone vacanze (happy holidays) and take care, GRAZIE MILLE FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT,

Signorina Rosa, Italian Teacher and Coordinator
ITALIAN DAY 2015

OPTION ONE

Last day for payment is Friday 9th of October

PLEASE NOTE:

NO FOOD ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.

Please return to your child’s classroom teacher.

Student’s Name: ___________________________ Home Room: __________

Total cost of Italian Day includes activities and special lunch order as per below:

$10 per child

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An ICY POLE will be provided to those students who are not permitted to have the gelato due to allergies.

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Amount Enclosed: $_________ (Cash/Cheque)

One order form per child but payment for siblings can be made in one envelope.

If your child is not having the ‘special lunch order’ please remember they will need to bring their lunch on this day.

**IF YOUR CHILD HAS AN ALLERGY TO SPECIFIC FOOD, PLEASE MAKE A NOTE ON THIS ORDER FORM.**

Parent/Guardian Name and contact number:
ITALIAN DAY 2015

OPTION TWO

$5 levy

Please note that this order does not include the ‘special pizza lunch and gelato treat.

Please pay by Friday the 9th of October

Please return to your child’s classroom teacher

Student’s Name: ___________________________ Home Room: __________

Italian Day levy to cover the costs of activities:

$5 per child

Amount Enclosed: $_________ (Cash/Cheque)

One order form per child but payment for siblings can be made in one envelope.

**Please remember that your child/ren will need to bring their own lunch on Italian Day as this form does not include the ‘special lunch order’.

Parent/Guardian Name and contact number:

__________________________________________________________________
Parenting insights

Building parent-school partnerships

How to raise a child to be a giver

Michael Grose highlights why it is so important to teach your child to be a giver not a taker, and gives five practical ways to develop a sense of generosity in kids.

Young children are egocentric by nature. As any three-year-old knows only too well the world revolves around them. "I want..." "Give me..." "It's mine..." and other variations are the mantras for this age group. This self-centredness is developmental, which means its something they grow out of... or they're not supposed to.

But some kids never bridge the gap from self-centredness to generosity. They become takers with an inflated sense of entitlement rather than givers who do all they can to accommodate the needs of others. While it can be argued that some children maybe self-centred by temperament I'm not convinced that we can blame Mother Nature entirely. There is no doubt that parenting impacts enormously on a child's propensity to give rather than take.

In the eagerness to get kids off to a good start in life a spirit of generosity is one quality that parents can easily overlook. Developing children's personal competencies tends to be higher on most parents' wish lists for their kids than developing a generous spirit.

But developing a sense of sharing in kids has plenty of positives. Children who are able to share their time, their space and themselves generally have more friends and experience more success than those who are self-centred and mean-spirited. Quite simply, they are leadership material.

Like most facets of child rearing developing a community ethos in kids can be a frustrating task but perseverance, modeling and expectations are parents' greatest allies when it comes to things that really matter. Here are five practical ways to develop a sense of generosity in kids:

1. Think 'ganger'
   It's a quirk of modern life that parenting is an individual endeavor. "What's in the best interest of my child?" has replaced "What's in the best interest of the family?" as a key parenting principle. Encourage children to make allowances for each other which may mean everyone watches a sibling's special concert rather than some children missing it because it's boring!
   "We put ourselves out for each other" is a wonderful family strength that often needs to be reinforced by parents.

2. Don't let them get away with meanness
   Children won't forget when it comes to behaving generously. They don't always get it right, which means that parents as the wise adults need to remind children when their words and actions are intolerant or mean-spirited, or when they need to put their own needs behind the needs of others.

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... How to raise a child to be a giver ...

1. Develop a sense of other
   Children and teenagers don't live in a bubble. The socialisation process demands that kids be accountable for their poor behaviours. "What does this social situation reasonably require of my child at his or her age and stage of development?" is a great question to ask yourself to develop a sense of other, rather than entitlement in kids.

2. Encourage giving
   During the Victorian bushfires a few years ago I heard the story of a nine-year-old whose mum went into her bedroom to grab him for being up too late. She found him busy writing his name into little plastic bags, ready to donate at the school bushfire appeal the next day. There were plenty of stories like this showing the generosity of Australian kids, we just need to encourage them. In everyday life, rather than wait for a tragedy, to give their generosity a kick start. You can begin by encouraging them to give toys, books and clothes away when they have finished with them, or giving a good deed by a neighbour or friend.

The skills that kids need for future success are changing as technology, greater flexibility and mobility, and new economic forces are transforming workplaces at an astonishingly rapid rate. But the basic attitudes and character traits needed to succeed such as teamwork, initiative and generosity haven't changed too much over time. Ask any employer and I'm sure they'd say they'd hire a given over a ticker any day as they are just as valuable to have on a team. Hopefully they are not becoming a rarity as well.
ATTENTION ALL PARENTS AND CARERS!
DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WITH AUTISM?

Principals Brooke Briody and Pamela Mathieson are run information sessions all about Autism.

Brooke and Pamela are experts in the field of Autism and will deliver sessions on topics that will include:

1. What is ASD and how ASD impacts on children’s behaviour at home and school.
2. How to set up structures and use visuals in the home and community to reduce challenging behaviours.
3. How to use visuals to teach independent living skills.

The sessions are to be held on the 7th, 14th and 21st of October at NSE Reservoir.
They will run from 9:30 – 11:00. Morning tea will be provided.
Resources packs will be available to take home.
The cost of the sessions will be $15 or $20 per session.
Payment via direct debit.

* No refunds available.
Please email Pamela to book mathieson.pamel@educmail.vic.gov.au.

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Volunteers Needed
Can you spare an hour or two each week to visit a newly arrived refugee or migrant in the home and help them learn English and settle in Australia? We have isolated people in the Broadmeadows, Coolaroo, Meadow Heights, Roxburgh Park and Craigieburn areas who are waiting for help. Northern AMEP (NMIT) is currently seeking volunteers. Free training and support are provided. If you are interested in being part of our team, contact Pearl Yau on 9269 1153 or email namephometutor@melbournepolytechnic.edu.au

Please don’t hesitate to contact me on 9269 1155 if you have any further queries

Kind regards
Vicki Hambling
Melbourne Polytechnic - Epping Campus
Coordinator of the NAMEP Home Tutor Scheme

Want to Run, Jump and Throw all the way to the Rio in 2016?

Collingwood Little Athletics Track & Field season starts soon for all aspiring athletes aged 5 to 15

Come along and have fun at our centre-George Knott Athletics Track
Heidleberg Rd, Clifton Hill; no experience necessary.
Little Bolters and Pre Registration: 5.30pm Friday 18th September 2015-2016 Competition Season commences: Saturday 3rd October 8.30am
Registrations open online soon via our website. collingwood littleathletics.org.au and Facebook - collingwood@lavic.com.au
ph Rohan Jones 0400 217 700
Share Your Slice Of The World With A WEP Exchange Student
Hosting an overseas secondary school student gives Australian families the opportunity to share their life and culture with young people from around the world for a school year, semester or term. It is about discovering another culture, encompassing different traditions and practices, and supporting a new family member as they do likewise. To find out more about students like Lorenzo, Andrea and Sara, head to our website: https://wep.org.au/host/student-profiles/

September/October School Holidays Tennis Coaching - Mayors Park Tennis Centre, Clifton Hill
Clinic 1 - Dates: Monday, 21 September – Thursday, 24 September  Time: 9.00am – 12.00pm
Clinic 2 - Dates: Monday, 28 September – Thursday, 1 October  Time: 9.00am – 12.00pm
Cost: $140.00 per week or $40.00 per day
Refreshments and loads of fun are provided. Places are limited so please call 9482 5200 or email: jeffb@mayorsparktennis.net  Priority will be given to students attending all four days. Term tennis coaching is also available.
SealPony 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 basic/intermediate skills.

* Fun games & activities * Great giveaways

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

Time: Every Sunday Morning
Starting Date: 4th of October 2015
Finishing Date: 13th of December 2015
Registration Date: Saturday 10 am - 11 am
26th of September 2015
Address: James Street Reserve
Heidelberg Heights 3081

Hearts in Mind is a project based at Reservoir Neighbourhood House, creating a soft landing place for parents of children with Autism and other additional needs.

Term 4 Programs

Mindful Wellbeing Course
Reduce anxiety and stress and increase resilience with this unique 9 week course delivered by psychologist Evelyn Bugel for parents and carers.

Day: Thursdays 11.12.30pm
Cost: $300* (Students & HCC - $200)

*A rebate of $195 is available for all participants with Mental Health Care Plan from your GP.

Mindful Art Project
Replenish your energy stores through weekly sessions that include a dash of yoga and mindfulness with a splash of creativity.

Day: Mondays 12.30-2.00pm
Cost: Free

Spaces are limited, so please contact Lisa or Georgina for more details.

heartsinmindproject@gmail.com

Reservoir Neighbourhood House, 28 Cuthbert Rd Reservoir

Darebin Arts’ Loud Mouth has the city bubbling with family friendly activities in the September School Holiday!

Separation Street
23-27 September
Northcote Town Hall

An Awesome Alphabetic Alphabet

Wash Your Kids in Orange Juice

Random Musical

School of Random Workshops

Tickets available now from $1.5


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SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

School Holidays are coming and Move Create Dance is running two special holiday classes on the 25th of September at the Northcote Town Hall.

Three to Five Year Olds
from 10.00am to 11.00am
Cost: $18
Early primary: Prep - Grade 3
from 11.30 to 1.30 pm
Cost: $20 light snack provided

For more information or to make a booking contact Anne Gollan on
0410354021
www.movecreatedance.com

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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH
2PM 5PM
SEVERN RESERVE, CHEEK ST, IVERING

KIDS ACTIVITIES AND RIDES
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AND CRICKET CLINICS
FOOD, FACE PAINTING
SPORTS STARS
MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT
MARKET STALL
SILENT RAFFLES
AND MORE

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT
ADAM 0471 585 352 OR EMAIL: ADAM.WESTIVARINESTOFC@gmail.com

Single Parents
Sausage Sizzle
Face Painting
Ball Games
Children’s Entertainment
Fun Galore!

Active kids
Sunday 13th of September
Family Fun Day
Join us!

We are a non-profit group run by
Single Parents FOR Single Parents and their active kids. We offer coordinated activities all summer long
BMX, Cricket, Sports, Dance, Swimming, Soccer, Basketball, Tennis, Pony Rides, Parties only nights and so much more!

12 Noon till 5 at Edwards Lake Reserve, Car Lineington and
Gumtrees Dr
Middleway Ballance: 10 DJ
RSVP for this event by the 11th of September

Mum
0420 287 127
info@singleparentsforsingleparents.org
www.singleparentsforsingleparents.org

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Piano lessons!

Northcote teacher offering classical piano lessons in a relaxed environment, for beginners and beyond!

I’ve been playing for over 25 years and have recently started teaching. I am actively involved in local community music ensembles and have achieved grade eight AMEB and grade five AMEB musicianship.

I am passionate about sharing the joy of learning and playing music with others!

For further information contact Claire on 0458 900 145 or via

learnpianowithclaire@gmail.com

$30 for 30 minutes or $55 for one hour. **Your first lesson is FREE!**

*Lessons held in my home or I can come to you!*