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

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**Important School Diary Dates**

**2015**

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

NPS AFTER CARE PROGRAM WILL BE BACK AT HENRY ST HOUSE THIS MONDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2015

Phone 9489 0347 or 0420 637 931
**PUPIL OF THE WEEK** (Assembly item by Music Students)

00L - Lani A  
00LW - Kate M  
00N - Holly C  
12DN - Imran B  
12J - Nell E  
12S - Theo T  
12T - Georgia D  
34D - Neko F  
34J - Christos K  
34K - Baxter K  
34KL - Phoebe S  
56C - Josh C  
56M - Thomas N  
56N - Jessica C  
56S - Lachlan G

**Broad-Brimmed Hats**

Broad brimmed school hats (Sunsmart endorsed) can be purchased from the office in Term 4, at $8.50 each. Please help us by bringing the correct money as we don’t often carry cash change.

Reminder: all children must wear a Sunsmart hat for term 4.

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**Greetings ...**

**Student Achievement**

**Girls A Basketball Team**

Congratulations to all the girls who played in the division knockout game against Preston Primary School. All the girls should be congratulated for making it this far in the competition – one more win would mean state finals! All the girls played extremely well against a taller well drilled team. Thankyou Melissa for your coaching expertise and thankyou also to the other parents who supported the girls and provided transport to the event. Read on for the student report with more details about the game and the result.

**Dante Alighieri Society Awards**

Congratulations to George and Jonathan P who have won prizes in the state wide Dante Alighieri poster competition. George and Jonathan will be presented with trophies and book prizes. Read on in Rosa’s Italian Day report for more information.

**Bravo Italian Day!**

Rosa Paladino, our Italian teacher, organised and coordinated an outstanding Italian Day for the whole school on Tuesday. It was such a success, with every child enjoying all the activities planned from Pinocchio Puppet and hat making; soccer with soccer coaches; stained glass window art; Bocce with guests from the Furlan Club; Roberto ‘The Connie’, Australian History; Michelangelo the Artist (art work done whilst lying on their backs as in Michelangelo; mask making and many other activities. The children also had the opportunity to have hot pizza for lunch and gelato for afternoon tea, yum!

Thank you to Rosa for the huge amount of work put into making it a very successful day; the student Italian Committee who worked with Rosa preparing for the day and assisting on the day; to the group...
of parents who came along to assist with serving of the food; to the teachers for their efforts and
good humour throughout the day; and to the children, who truly got into the spirit of the Italian day
by dressing up and participating. I knew it was a great success when at the end of the day, after it was
all over, a grade 4 girl asked Rosa, “Can we have one next year too?”
Well done!

**Warm regards, Ross (Acting Principal)**

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**Do you have any spare sheets / doona covers for the Library?**

During the summer school holidays, Susi likes to cover all the bookshelves with
dust covers. Sheets and doona covers make for wonderful dust covers! If you have
any spares or similar material, Susi would really appreciate your donations for the Library!

Thank you to everyone who donated Earn and Learn stickers last term. We collected over 6500
and this has translated into math counters, books, games and a Duplo farm set for the hall. A
fantastic effort! Thanks again everyone for the support.

*Fi Lang, Community Committee*

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**NPS Cricket Wickets**

Lunchtimes for the children in the junior school has a new level of fun thanks to the
amazing handiwork of Dylan (1/2S) & Hudson's (Prep N) dad Paul. Paul made and
donated a wonderful set of timber cricket wickets to the school which will be
thoroughly enjoyed for years to come! A huge thank you to Paul from everyone at
NPS!

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**FETE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The first committee meeting for the 2016 NPS Fete is happening next week. Anyone who is interested
in being involved, has some fresh ideas, a skill to share or just keen to see and hear what happens
during fete preparations is welcome to come along.

Perhaps you've been at the school for a while now and are ready to put your hat in the ring or are new
to the school and want to be more involved, this is a great opportunity. Majority of coordinator roles
are filled so it's a great year to step up and get a taste without worrying about having to over commit.
Looking forward to seeing some new faces!

**Wednesday 28th October 7:30pm**

**Venue: TwobyTwo, 235 High street Northcote**

**Fete Coordinators - Susan Callaghan and Brooke van der Hoeven**

npsfete@gmail.com
Sun Protection at School
Northcote Primary School is a registered SunSmart school member committed to ensuring students and staff are protected from too much UV which can cause skin and eye damage and skin cancer. Our school uniform includes covering clothing and sun protective hats and we have shady spaces for students to access. But we need your help.

SunSmart recommends SPF30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen be applied to any skin not covered by clothing. Our school will be implementing strategies to help remind students to apply sunscreen before heading outdoors.

Please help support this initiative by:

- Supplying your child with SPF30 or higher, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen for use during school hours
- Talking to your child about the importance of using sunscreen regularly to help prevent skin damage and skin cancer
- Ensuring your child knows how to apply their sunscreen independently and has had some practise so they will be all set to apply it safely at school
- Being a SunSmart role model at home with sunscreen, hats, clothing, shade and sunglasses.

Sun protection is a shared responsibility. For more information about sunscreen please visit sunsmart.com.au

P.S. Have you heard about Vision202020’s My Park Rules competition? Visit http://myparkrules.com.au/ to find out more. It’s an opportunity to design a dream green outdoor space with the winner actually getting it built!

ITALIAN DAY - WOW! CHE GIORNATA! (WHAT A DAY!)

Italian Day on Tuesday the 20th of October was a tremendous success and yes, the weather was kind to us too! ‘Evviva L’Italiano’ was our theme and the students looked terrific with their attire. It was sea of verde, bianco e rosso! There were Chefs, Pizzas, soccer players, Mario e Luigi, La Befana, Pinocchios and even a few portraits of ‘The Mona Lisa’!

The day began with a very short assembly outside on the green turf where the students quickly organised themselves into their groups. We then had a brief introduction, followed by the cutting of the ribbon, by our Acting Principal, Ross, to symbolise the official opening of our day. Perfetto!

We then went to soccer clinics with Paul the coach and 24 soccer players. The Preps to Year Two’s started the clinics followed by the Middle and the Upper School. Our playground was full of colour with mini clinics taking place and a lot of laughter and smiles from our students! The day continued with a range of cultural activities ranging from mask making, mini mosaics, Pinocchio puppets, the waiter’s race, and Leaning Tower of Pisa constructions to learning more about Michelangelo and Italian history in Victoria with Roberto ‘The Connie’. Adeglia and her team from The Furlan Club, taught our students ‘Bocce’, the Italian way! Wow, what a day!

I was so proud of all the students who actively participated on our day. All students ably represented our school and guests were very impressed with our students. Yeh! Epico! Thank you for the best day ever’ was the feedback I was given as I walked (more like, ran) around the school to ensure all was on track.

This is what these days are all about! It is about learning new things in a fun and different way, and being immersed in a variety of activities to learn more
about the Italian language and culture. It’s about working as a community, as a team for the children of our school which also reinforces and supports the Italian program here at Northcote Primary School! One parent said ‘magic’ was created on the day and the students had a ‘blast’.

Our Italian Day would not have been so successful if it was not for the help and support from a number of special people.

GRAZIE MILLE (Many Thanks) to:

Ross, our Acting Principal for his tremendous support leading up to our special day and on the day and to Linda our Acting Vice Principal for her assistance with taking photos and the ‘behind’ the scene help.

- Chris for kindly collecting all of our Gelato.
- Our wonderful parents, especially Maz and Ria who brilliantly took over the canteen. Talk about coordination! Everything ran like clockwork!
- ALL the parents who came on our special day to assist with pizza and gelato distribution. Your assistance was very much appreciated by all and I enjoyed very much chatting to you all!
- Special thanks to: Julie, Kirsty, Nikki S, Jean, Marjiana, Louise, Kyria, Leticia & Julio, Annie, Pauline, Sue, Shannon, Janine, Bronwyn, Louise, Violetta, Helena, Louise B, Sandra- I hope I haven’t missed anyone! My sincere apologies if I have.
- Steve (Manager) and the team at IGA in High St Northcote for assisting us with our gelato supplies and for the donating of goods.
- Chester and his team at Pizza Hut on High Street for supplying the students with their individual Pizza Boxes! We had lunch earlier than usual but all students were fed by 1:15!
- Adeglia, Mario and Escada from The Furlan Club for teaching the students Bocce.
- Paul and his team of 24 soccer players.
- Roberto ‘The Connie’ for some Italian History sessions.
- Signora Elena for her assistance and fantastic support. What a team!
- The staff for the running of activities with enthusiasm.
- To the Italian Student Committee for 2015- Holly, Iris, Hannah, Alicia, Sabrina, Lachlan, Finn A, Phoebe, Gully, Bellissa, Amira, Tahlia, Lexie, Niamh, Max, Imogen, Mica and Ella.
- All the students for their fabulous attire on our day and enthusiasm!

Saturday Awards:
I wish both George and Jonathan all the very best for this Saturday. Both boys will be officially presented with their Dante Alighieri Society trophy for coming in 3rd place in their level in the state! I look forward to being there and they will bring in their trophy to next Monday morning assembly. Superbo!

GRAZIE, GRAZIE, GRAZIE for your continuing support! Until next time,

Saluti (cheers), Signorina Rosa, Italian Teacher and Coordinator (Mon/Tue)
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Continuing the Conversation: Beyond the Birds and the Bees

The most important thing to say during the birds and the bees talk is SOMETHING.

Young people hear messages about sex and sexuality from a variety of sources including the internet, media, their peers and porn — and it’s often incorrect. Hear from a variety of professionals in the field that can give you strategies to talk to young people about growing up, relationships, making healthy choices and staying safe.

Join comedian George McEncroe and local health services to hear from:
Jenny Walsh a sexuality education specialist and school curriculum author from La Trobe University.
An Expert Panel consisting of staff from Family Planning Victoria, Department of Education and Training School Nursing Program and Safe Schools Coalition Victoria.

WHEN: Wednesday 4th of November, 6.30—8.30 pm
WHERE: Coburg Senior School, Alva Grove, Coburg
RSVP: via http://beyondbirdsandthebees.eventbrite.com.au
For more information contact hayleyp@whin.org.au or 94841666

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