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Important School Diary Dates

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Important Aftercare News

Enrolments for 2016 Before and Aftercare must be received by 7 December 2015. Any enrolments received after this date will go on to the waiting list. Enrolment forms are available at The House and school office.
PUPIL OF THE WEEK
(Assembly item by Grade 6- Grade 6 Awards)

00L - Andrew S
00W - Aava T
00N - Jack R
12DN - Syna S
12J - Ruby K
12S - Stirling U
12T - Vicky K
34D - Mona K
34J - Aimee M
34K - Alyssa M-V
34KL - Otto PC
56C - Aidan M
56M - Juliette H & Heidi G
56N - Iris B
56S - Indigo vdH

Don't forget! End of Year Picnic Tea – Monday, December 7th

Program
Children dismissed from school to go home 3.30 p.m.
Picnic Tea 5.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.
When? Monday 7th December
What to bring? BYO yummy picnic food, drinks for the children, rugs & chairs.

Greetings ...

Student Achievement
GRADE 6 AWARDS 2016
Community and School Involvement Scholarships (sponsored by the RSL):
RSL award (awarded to one male and one female Yr 6 student who have demonstrated outstanding achievement, leadership, community engagement, school contribution and dedication to learning).

Hannah Kelly – Hannah has achieved excellent results in all academic areas this year. She has been an active participant in the whole school production, with singing and dancing roles. This involved long hours of rehearsal and preparation. Hannah led a student Action Team which was responsible for producing a school yearbook. She has been a member of the Northcote Environmental Action Team (NEAT) for the past two years, assisting to gather data, educate the school community and promote sustainable initiatives across the school. Hannah was part of a small group of students who attended an annual leadership conference early in the year, hearing from inspiring young leaders. Hannah has also been a very caring and friendly buddy to many Prep students this year. She has had a vital role in interschool sports teams as well and has been Red house vice-captain.

Ethan McKenzie – Ethan has shown a strong commitment to improving his academic results all year. He works hard and has a good attitude to learning. Ethan has strong leadership skills and actively seeks to get involved in group projects or collaborative tasks. He had several very important organisational and performance roles in the school production, such as being a stage hand, dancer and all-round assistant.
Ethan has also led a sports Action Team, organising games for younger students. He attended an annual leadership conference early in the year, hearing from inspiring young leaders. He has been an energetic and dynamic buddy to Prep students this year. Ethan is heavily involved in sports teams at a community level, has had a vital role in interschool sports teams this year and has been Blue house vice-captain.

**Annual Book Prize:** *Donated by David Feeney (for overcoming challenges or showing great improvement). (The Honorary David Feeney is the Senator for Victoria, Federal Labor member for the House of Representatives seat of Batman).*

**Lachlan Gill** – Lachlan has shown an excellent attitude to learning all year. He has demonstrated persistence and hard work to show improvement in all areas. He has particularly applied himself in the areas of spelling and writing. A major milestone for Lachlan was taking on the challenging role of being a narrator in the school production. Lachlan always approaches new challenges with a positive attitude and does his best to succeed. He has been a role model to others in many areas: his personal organisation, sporting attitude and on-field sporting leadership. He motivates others and always sets a good example for them.

**Catherine Helen Spence Award:** *Donated by Fiona Richardson (State Labor Member for Northcote).*
The Catherine Helen Spence award is presented to a female Grade 6 student each year by Fiona Richardson MP, usually in recognition of a student’s strong leadership skills, role modelling, advocating for the rights of others or ability to interact with a wide range of students.

**Mia Ostwald** – Mia has demonstrated her ability to care for, lead and be a role model for younger students (especially with many Prep students). She goes out of her way to ensure the wellbeing of junior students at school. She had a crucial role in organising the Craft Club student Action Team, devising a budget and supervising younger students to construct safely with craft materials. Mia has also been a dynamic member of the interschool netball team, accepting any role requested by her coach and leading by example in terms of fairness, respect for opposition and determination to do well. She has been Blue house vice-captain. Mia had a lead role in the school production as an actor, singer and dancer. This required sacrificing much of her lunchtimes for many hours of rehearsals. Mia has the ability to work collaboratively with anyone, bringing out the best in herself and others. Furthermore, she has demonstrated the ability to rise above distractions in order to focus and achieve high quality work.

All awards will be presented at this Monday’s assembly along with the Specialist teacher awards (Arts; Languages – Italian; and Physical Education). Congratulations all students.

**Student Achievement – Congratulations Miles Fricke**
A number of boys from our school tried out for the Eastern Cricket Association Representative cricket squad. From well over 100 boys and several try outs, Miles Fricke (year 6) made it into the final representative group of 28. Outstanding effort Miles, we congratulate you on your persistence and high level cricketing skills, well done.

**Ready Set Go! Step into Prep!**
We have concluded our 2015 Prep orientation program and from feedback received from parents in the program (even our experienced parents), it was very worthwhile.

Our goal for the Ready-Set-Go! Program is to provide orientation experiences that support a seamless transition from Kinder to Prep for all children and for our new parents into our community.

We’ll find out next year how well that went but from our observations of the 2016 Prep group, they will be a great group, quite settled! Thank you to: Linda Batten (program co-ordinator); Natasha Thomson
and Laura Wandke, the 2015 Prep Teachers, for their work in the program; to all staff, parents and students who contributed to the program and were such a great help across all 3 sessions. It was wonderful to see our soon to be new preppies, so excited and confident by end of the program.

We had a fantastic speaker at the first session, Chris Daicos, a Training and Development Consultant with a background in education across broad range of sectors and social work. Chris did a presentation on ‘Building resilience in children’.

Parent feedback to me said they really enjoyed the common sense, practical approach with strategies and tips that they could go home and put in place straight away. A parent requested some further resources on the topic and Chris has provided a link for interested parents.

Finding time to teach children independence
To view the entire article, click here.

End of 2015 school year
Last Day of Term – Friday 18th December.
We will run a modified timetable on the last Friday of term as we dismiss the children at 1.30pm after final assembly.

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<td>I will be rounding you all up, last ‘hometime’ call for 2015</td>
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<td>Gates locked – time to head home, school’s over for the summer holidays.</td>
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Remember, school finishes at 1.30pm on the last day
Please confirm arrangements with your child about going home at the end of the day at 1.30pm as it is very distressing for any child to be left at school on the very last day, when every other child and their parents, sisters, brothers, friends are happily heading off on holidays, and school suddenly seems like a big empty place!

Bikes, scooters and skaters before the end of the year – Please check the bike shed
A reminder to all parents and children, please do not leave bikes, scooters or skateboards in the shed overnight and especially collect them before weekends. Please check before the last day and make sure that your child has their bike/scooter or skateboard for their holidays as we cannot guarantee the security of these valuable and treasured items over this period.

Second relocatable has arrived at our Senior Campus
We were delighted to see the crane lifting our brand new double Mod 5 classroom into place on our Senior Campus this week. Further work on the internal fit out may take up to 4 weeks, so we have our fingers crossed, that all will be ready to go by the 2016 school day 1 for our year 5/6 students. My how that area has changed in the last 12 months and we believe that not only has it added to the benefit of the school but the work completed on the gardens has also increased the benefit to the local community to have in their area compared to what it was before!
**2016 Staffing arrangements**

There is lots of news on the staffing front. I am able to confirm the following staffing arrangements for the 2016 school year:

- **Prep**
  - Linda Batten – Team Leader
  - Laura Wandke
  - Lucy Jones

- **1/2**
  - Brooke Lopuszanski – Team Leader
  - Stephanie Griffiths
  - Niki Skoulos / Dora Polidoras
  - Natasha Thomson
  - Katinka Kastner

- **3/4**
  - Janelle Adams – Team Leader
  - Kate Stevenson
  - Jennifer Haas
  - Leah Gibson

- **5/6**
  - Steven Bruce – Team Leader
  - Emma Fulgenzi
  - Tracy Budin
  - Nicole Parker

**SPECIALIST PROGRAM**

- **Arts**
  - Lisa Engelander
  - Mon-Thurs

- **Italian**
  - Rosa Paladino
  - Mon & Tues

- **Italian P – 2**
  - Elena Frazetto
  - Mon & Tues

- **Phys.Ed**
  - Krissy King
  - Mon-Thurs

- **Literacy Support – Year 1/2**
  - Keziah Gillam
  - daily various times

- **Program Support**
  - Ross Bennie (Assistant Principal)

**EDUCATION SUPPORT STAFF**

- **Business Manager**
  - Lyn Ramsay

- **Administrative**
  - Jo Hurst

- **Library Technician**
  - Susie Allender

- **Integration Aide 1**
  - Susan Dall’osto

- **Integration Aide 2**
  - Brooke Apollonio

**Staff Leaving**

As you can see, we have a number of new staff and therefore, a few familiar staff missing from our 2016 list.

- Claire Sherwell (this year’s 5/6 teacher) is having a tree change and moving to the country, and has picked up a position at a school in the Grampians area. Dane Noble (this year’s 3/4 Teacher and Team Leader) is having a sea change, moving to the Victorian surf coast and is currently in the process of obtaining a position at a school close to his new home. Margaret Barrett (this year’s 5/6 teacher and past 5/6 Team Leader) is taking Long Service Leave for Term 1 in 2016 and then resigning from full time teaching. All three teachers represent a wealth of experience they have contributed to our school and will be missed at many levels.

Meg Marsh, office administrator, will also not be back next year, as she seeks to build her work further in the fitness industry.
I will officially farewell all staff leaving, in next week’s newsletter.

**Welcome new teachers**
We warmly welcome, Kate Stevenson (2016 - 3/4 teacher). Kate completed her final pre-service placement at our school this year, in the 3/4 area and has continued to volunteer in the school with various activities. We have been very impressed with her knowledge, commitment and teaching skills already developed.

We warmly welcome Lucy Jones, who will join the Prep team with Linda and Laura (all L’s!!). Lucy was rated highly by the selection panel and we are pleased to have her join our teaching staff in 2016.

**Welcome back**
We welcome back, Emma Fulgenzi. Emma has actually had various roles in our school already and she is familiar with both the children and the school ethos and programs. Emma replaced Margaret Barrett in term 1 this year, in the 5/6 team, while Margaret was on Long Service Leave. We were delighted to select Emma to join the 2016 team.

We welcome back Elena Frazetto, who will continue to teach Italian Languages in the P – 2 classes. Welcome back Brooke Lopuszanski (nee Johnston). Brooke is returning from family leave and will head up the Year 1/2 team in 2016. Great to have Brooke back too!

Keziah Gillam will return for a short period of time in Term 1, then she will be off on Family Leave to have her second baby!

Both Heather Dent and Andrea Read remain on Family Leave.

See you all on Monday at our end of year picnic! I’m looking forward to catching up with you all.

**School Council News**

**Watering Rosters – Summer is Coming!**
We are currently in need of some families to water gardens over the school holidays. If you can help out please contact Karen McWilliam, who convenes the environment sub-committee or the office to pass on a message.

**Budget**
Coming to the end of the school year, our meeting last night completed some important business and recognised some important milestones. We adopted the budget for 2016, noting that our interest income will be reduced next year given our large capital outlay on the NOOSHC house this year. Overall, the 2016 budget is responsible, allowing funds for lots of the development projects we have been planning, whilst ensuring financial stability. In 2016, government policy changes in funding and fee structures will put extra pressure on our budget. School council to need to stay focussed on collecting parent fees and expanding parent raised funds through fundraising activities and good planning. We will be calling on the whole school community to support this vital effort. Once again, thanks to Kerrie and Ian Nunn and the finance sub-committee for the thoughtful and thorough effort.

The major capital expenditure for this year was the expansion of the before and after school house at NOOSHC. The new space is fabulous and a testament to the careful planning and work put in by the all involved, particularly Kerrie, Miles and former NOOSHC sub-committees for bringing this to fruition.

Warm regards, Kerrie
Fete
School council also approved some plans for the 2016 Fete. It is set to be a great day again next year and is the centrepiece of our fundraising efforts. Please put your name down to help out in any ways you can. The more the merrier!

Farewells
Sadly, the end of the year means some people leaving school council. Last night we farewelled Fiona Lang and Margaret Barrett as it was their last meeting. School council is deeply appreciative of their efforts, Fiona as the deputy president as well as convenor of the community sub-committee and Margaret as a staff representative and member of the school leadership team. As well as being a great support to me, Fiona will be sorely missed for her energy and clear-sightedness both in bringing together the school community around fundraising and school celebrations as well as generating so many great ideas to support the school. Margaret has been part of the school for longer than most of us can remember and has been a great resource to school council and superb in leading the 5/6 teaching team. Their energy, enthusiasm and insight will be missed. The meeting enjoyed the opportunity to hear a little of their plans beyond Northcote Primary School.

Staff Survey
School council noted with great satisfaction, the outcomes of the recent school staff survey. Our results remain significantly above the state average and provide a great platform for continuing to strengthen our teaching teams and excellence across the whole staff group. It’s great to have these survey results to verify the feeling we get from the school and the positive things we all say about the place.

See you all at the end of year picnic next Monday. We have plenty to celebrate from 2015 and to plan for next year.

Ian Taylor - School Council President

School Banking Dates
- The last school banking for this year will be on Monday 14th December.
- The first school banking for 2016 will be held on Monday 1st February.
- New school banking participants are always welcome. We plan to hold an account opening session during Term 1 of 2016.

ArtPlay Art Club News
Using Northcote Primary School’s lost property the ArtPlay Art Club explored what happens to lost things and created an installation on that theme. Come and see the results in the gallery at ArtPlay.

When: Wed 25 November to Sun 17 January, 10am to 4pm.
(Exhibition will be closed Wed 16 Dec to Sun 3 Jan 2016.)

Where: Birrarung Marr, behind Federation Square, Melbourne

Sue Davis
Northcote Primary School students collect food with Need A Feed Victoria to help others.

Northcote Primary School students have collected over 120kg of non-perishable food, as well as almost $200 in gift card donations, to help ‘Need A Feed’ support locals who are struggling to make ends meet.

The School Council agreed to support the program, but it wasn’t until two very dedicated volunteers; Grade 6 student Thomas Noonan and Grade 3 student Lucy Cashen, took the reins that the campaign really took off. Thomas organised the classroom collections after speaking to all the students about issues facing those in our community and how emergency relief can make a difference. Lucy rallied support from her neighbours, after letterbox dropping her street; she went on to collect a substantial amount of food as well as gift card donations.

Darebin mums, Nikki Shelton and Suzi Blackburn, formed Need A Feed Victoria early this year. Need a Feed works with community organisations in Darebin. These organisations refer Need A Feed to local clients who require support with food and personal care items. The food collected will contribute to food hampers for over 300 families during December for Christmas, as well as emergency relief for the post-Christmas period.

Need A Feed has supported over 5000 families in NSW and QLD in the last 3 years. Need A Feed Victoria is excited to launch its program here in Darebin.

A Need A Feed public collection point is at the Thornbury IGA, Miller Street Thornbury. Need A Feed is also seeking partnerships with local businesses to raise funds to provide fresh, nutritious food for the program.

For more information or to contact Need A Feed go to www.facebook.com/doyouneedafeed.

Need A Feed can be contacted at food@needafeed.org.

2015 Triathlon Report (better late than never!)

On Friday 13th November, the District Triathlon was held at Northcote Aquatic Centre and adjacent McDonnell Park. NPS had 62 students that participated on the day, either as swimmers, runners or cyclists.

Anyone aged between 9 and 13 was allowed to enter, but had to guarantee they could actually swim 50m, run 1km or cycle 1km!

The day started with overcast skies, worsening to drizzle patches, then clearing to have everyone scampering for sunscreen. No one complained!

With about 900 students participating from 10 schools in the district, NPS can proudly boast an incredibly well behaved, sporting and competitive bunch of students on the day. Even more impressive was the fact many students had not competed at District sports before. We also had a fair bit of success, totally owning the 2nd place category on the day.
A huge pat on the back must go to all the competitors, the parents who transported their students and stayed, supported or acted as martials, and to Nicole (5/6), Dane (3/4) and Kate (pre-service teacher) for playing important roles on the day.

Here are the results:

1st place: Baxter K, Markus H, Christian M (9/10 Boys/Mixed)

2nd place: Xara B, Lexi M, Sophie V (11 Girls)

2nd place: Munro D, Finn AF, Riley H (11 Boys/Mixed)

2nd place: Audrey K, Ivy P, Mica S (11 Girls)

2nd place: Rosa L, Leah C, Alicia C (11 Girls)

2nd place: George T, Ned vdH, Liam C (9/10 Boys/Mixed)

2nd place: Francis C, James W, Christian M (9/10 Boys/Mixed)

2nd place: Connor H, Harry T, Ben G (9/10 Boys/Mixed)

3rd place: Max D, Lachlan G, Everett O (12/13 Boys/Mixed)

We hope some of these teams will enter the triathlon again next year.

Steven Bruce (Sports Co-ordinator)

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**Summer Holiday Intensives**

Get outdoors with our 3 day soccer intensive these school holidays! Fun soccer skills and matches. (Open age)

**December Intensive**
Drop off the kids and get that last minute shopping in before Christmas

**January Intensive**
Drop off your kids and have a rest after all the madness – (and get the kids out and about in the fresh air)

**Healthy Snacks and Drinks Provided at Each Session!**

**Bookings:** Email info@kickstartfootball.com.au or phone Sarah on 0430 328 080
Booking is essential for planning purposes

"My son’s favourite time of the week is attending Shale’s soccer class”, Angela

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**School Holiday Program**

This free event features over 50 stall holders each week offering individually handcrafted and locally designed products including fashion, jewellery, kids’ items, ceramics, homewares and much more.  

**Thursdays, 5.30pm-10pm**
November 26  
December 3, 10 & 17  
Come and find that unique gift for Christmas.  
Licensed bar on site and free live music.  
Northcote Town Hall  
189 High Street Northcote  

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**Basketball School Holiday Camp**

COBURG BASKETBALL STADIUM  
23 Outlook Road, Coburg North  
All levels | Boys and girls | 6-14 years

"Tournament Play  
*3 on 3 Competitions  
*Skills Test  
*Innovative Program  
*Fundamental Development  
*Multiple Awards/Prizes"

Team building | Leadership | Life skills | Goal setting | Educational workshop | Special guest and coaches

**Registrations Close: 18th January 2016**  
Register at www.hoopsmart.com.au

For more information call 0406 480 313 or email admin@hoopsmart.com.au

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**Kris Kringle Night Market**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday  
1.00-3.00pm | January 4 - 22  
No extra cost! No bookings needed!

**Learn to Swim Intensives**

One Week Preschool Intensive start  
Monday January 4, 11 & 18  
Only $70.60 with conc.

**Book Today 9490 7111**
I am a trained artist and teacher who is offering art classes to primary aged children after school at my home studio. As the studio is located in the back laneway off Henry St, I am able to collect students after school and walk them to class. Students have afternoon tea and begin class at 4pm.

Times
Tuesday Senior 8-12 years 4.00 -5.30 pm
Thursday Junior 5-7 years 4.00 -5.00pm

Cost
$22 Senior
$20 junior

Contact Jane Newey
T: 0414 438 741
E: janhnewey@yahoo.com.au

HENRY ST STUDIO

A collection of 'Donuts' from the pOp Art series.
Clay and acrylic paint
Ages 7 - 11 years