NEWSLETTER
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Important School Diary Dates

2016

Feb
4 Thurs Parent Payment Statements Mailed Home today
8 Mon Picnic Tea
17-19 Wed-Fri Grades 3&4 Camp
Mar
5 Sat NPS Fete 10.00 am- 4.00 pm
14 Mon Labour Day Public Holiday
15 Tues School Photo Day
24 Thurs End Term 1 – 2.30 pm finish
25-28 Easter
Apr
11 Mon Start Term 2
13-15 Wed-Fri Gr 5/6 Camp
25 Mon Anzac Day Public Holiday

PUPIL OF THE WEEK
(Assembly item by Grade 3/4)

00L - Eva
00W - April
00J - Elida
12DN - Dean K
12B - Freya
12K - William C
12S - Myrina R
12N - Henry
34H - Emma B
34J - Cassius Mc
34K - Poli P
34L - Kai S
56E - Kai S
56T - Caleb S
56N - Adam C
56S - Matilda Mc
Greetings ...

We are off to great start to the 2016 school year!
Welcome back to Northcote Primary and a special welcome to our new students and their Families, and our new staff. We are delighted you are all part of the wonderful Northcote Primary School Community!

I hope you all had an enjoyable break over the holiday period. We are looking forward to an exciting year of learning together in 2016.

Welcome to New Students and Families
I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to our new students and their families: Kai P in year 2; Nate H in year 3; Diesel S in year 4 and his sister Kyra in year 6; Poli in year 4; and Hayyu in year 5.

Welcome back to our returning students and families
Brothers Louis and Theo in years 6 and 3 respectively; Julia and Matteo RH in years 4 and 6; lovely to have them back with us.

Welcome back and welcome to our New Staff
We welcome Brooke Lopuszanski from family leave, Brooke is team leader of the 1/2 team; Emma Fulgenzi back from travels and in the 5/6 team.
This year we have 2 new staff working at our school.
Lucy Jones has joined the Prep teaching team and Kate Stevenson has joined the 3/4 team.

I congratulate all the new students, families and staff, for settling in so well and already becoming part of the Northcote Primary School Community.

The beginning of the school year is one of our favourite times - there is such a great buzz around the school, with staff keen to meet their students and begin classes and students excited about seeing each other and the next year of learning.

Our new 2016 Preps and families
We have 62 brand new Preppies, beginning school for the very first time, last Thursday. It is a significant and exciting time for these students. As families you will see so many changes as your child grows in age, size and maturity and develops their interests over the school years. We support them as they develop into emerging and independent thinkers with curious minds and keen and successful learners.

We are very proud of the way they have settled into school helped along by their experiences from Kinder, their participation in the school’s comprehensive Ready, Set, Go Program, their dedicated older buddies from grade 6, their very proud and supportive families, and our excellent Prep teachers, Linda, Natasha and Laura.
Welcome to our school both 2016 Preps and new families.

We look forward to working with you and your child to ensure they positively contribute to their own learning and fulfil their potential.

Congratulations on becoming part of the wonderful Northcote Primary School Community!

Year 6 Buddies
The Year 6 Buddies have been very conscientious at their role as big buddy to the new Preps. They have lived up to our expectations of them as leaders in the school. They were very excited about the Preps first day of school and they eagerly met their new little buddies just before recess, shared morning tea together and got to know each other. The big Buddies have given the new Preps the opportunity to explore the school environment at recess and lunchtime whilst feeling safe and supported.

Whilst on yard duty, I have seen the Big Buddies playing with their little buddies on the equipment; showing them the playground toilets and taps and delivering them to line up when the bell goes. Thanks Buddies, you are all doing a great job and are very good role models and leaders for other students in our school too.
Recent threatening phone calls to Victorian Schools

I am writing to reassure you in light of the recent hoax threatening phone calls to Victorian schools in the last few days.

Our school has not received such a call but I wanted to inform you that, like all schools, we have an emergency management plan in place for situations like this, and we practise it throughout the year. We continue to review all our practices and resources throughout the year and update our plans as appropriate. Those schools which did receive a threatening call enacted their emergency management plans and they worked well.

The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Coming important school events ….

Welcome Picnic – Monday 8th February (see noticed emailed out on Tuesday). A reminder we will again be running the wristband raffle for the fete!

‘Q & A’ / Information sessions for Parents / Carers for all year levels week commencing February 22nd

Teaching Teams from each year/home group levels will present an overview about curriculum content and how it will be presented in your child’s learning area and then answer or discuss questions that you might have in regards to your child’s learning program in general. This is not a forum to discuss individual children or their needs and if you feel you would like to do that, please contact your child’s home group teacher (email or phone call) to arrange a time to do this.

In order for parents/carers to attend all of their children’s information sessions, we run the sessions throughout the week for different year levels on different days, as below. Sessions will be held in each of the learning areas and will be for an adult audience, so parents will need to organise childcare for their children.

The sessions will be held from **5.30 – 6.30pm** sharp.

Monday 22 Feb – Preps
Tuesday 23 Feb – 5/6s over at Senior Campus
Wed 24 – 24 Feb – 1/2s
Thursday 25 Feb – 3/4s

Notices/emails will go out very soon and will ask you if you are able to attend and let us know of any questions that you may have already so that we can customise the information to your collective needs where possible. Please note, the Q&A forums are not suitable for children to attend.

I look forward to seeing you at one of the sessions.

Our 2016 Fete is coming very soon!!

And finally ... in case you may not know .... Our fete is coming!!

Please read the fete news in the newsletter and if you haven’t yet put yourself down for something ... you can do so on the night of the Picnic Tea this Monday! I look forward to your contribution to our community day on the fete day.

Come and join in, be part of it, you won’t regret it.

Warm regards,
Kerrie
Fete News
Below is the link for parents, family and friends that will take you to the roster for Fete Helpers. Please feel free to sign up as soon as you can!!!

The link is  http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0845a9a929a4ff2-Northcote

Poster Rolls Wanted!
The Grade 3/4's are looking for used poster rolls for a construction activity. Any size and condition is fine, as they will be painted and decorated. Please pass any poster rolls to your child’s home group teacher, who will send them up to Grade 3/4. Thank you!

From the Art Room …
Hi all,
Welcome back to school. I will put in an update of news for the Art Room in the coming weeks. For the moment however, if you have any spare newspapers at home, can you please send them to school and place in the box outside the Art Room? Thank you, Lisa.

Community News
NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL - TOURS AND OPEN DAY 2016
School Tours commencing Tuesday 9 Feb
School day tours for prospective parents and students run several times per week in Term 1 and early Term 2. The tours depart from our foyer at 9.10 am and take about one hour. See our website for exact Term 1 dates. Please ring to book a place as numbers are limited (9488 2300)

School Open Morning - Wednesday April 27, 2016
Open Morning will be held on Wednesday 27 April between 9 am and 12 noon. All prospective parents and students are welcome, and there is no need to book in advance for this event. There is an information session at 6.00pm that night, for parents who were not able to come during the Open Morning

ACE Program Testing - Saturday May 7(TBC)
Further information on the ACE program is on our website
Applications close Friday 22 April.

Northcote High School, St, Georges Rd, Northcote, 3070, Australia. Phone 9488 2300
IN SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

The Creative Melody School’s Instrumental Music Program is directed by Melody Bell and our team of experienced music teachers who offer high quality and affordable music lessons in an enjoyable and fun-learning environment, whilst developing a strong musical foundation for all students. Teaching Methods prepare students of all ages step-by-step for a successful musical learning experience, and provides them with essential music skills such as reading music, listening in a group context, music theory and performance. Our multilevel program allows students of varying abilities to play together in an ensemble, and learn valuable team working skills.

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP LESSONS: Group lessons provide an excellent introductory foundation in a social interactive environment. Lessons are held for 30 minutes once a week on a rotating basis during school hours. Individual lessons are available for advanced students or students wishing for a one on one approach. Lessons will be 30 minutes in duration once a week on a rotating basis.

BAND/ENSEMBLE: Held once a week during lunch times. This class gives students the opportunity to come together (even if not taking part in group or individual lessons) for musical development, covering a wide range of musical styles and giving pure enjoyment in a big group environment, and also creating our own percussion instruments. Please complete the below enrolment form and remember to note down what instruments you can play.

All students enrolled with Creative Melody for Instrumental lessons are able to also join a theory/aural class once a week at lunch/recess at no extra cost. (Please tick or circle theory in instrument choice).

Creative Melody Instrumental Music Program Enrolment Form

Childs Details (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS – ALL FIELDS REQUIRED)

Name: ……………………………………………………………………………… School: …………………………………………………………………………

Grade: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Parents / Guardian: ………………………………………………………………… Phone: …………………………………………………………………

Email: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Lesson choice: (Please circle)

Voice Saxophone Flute Percussion Ukulele

Clarinet Guitar Bass Guitar Piano/Keyboard Recorder Theory

Lesson Type (Please circle)

Big Group (4-5 students) @ $22 per lesson Little Group (2-3 students) @ $27 per lesson

Individual Lesson @ $36 per lesson Band @ $10 per lesson

What instruments can you play: …………………………………………………………………… Years of experience: ………………………

Payment Method: Cash Cheque Online Deposit Has Own Instrument Instrument Hire Required

Instrument Details: (Please circle)

Contact Melody Bell: 0433 797 301 Email: giveusabell@creativemelody.com.au
School Banking Day Reminder

Don’t forget that **Monday** is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habits.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Northcote Primary School.

New School Banking rewards now available!

Exciting new Term 1 rewards with an Outback Savers theme are now available, **while stocks last!**

**Flying Snake Tail**

**Wildlife Writer Set**

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are 2 new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them!

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.