NEWSLETTER
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Important School Diary Dates

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| Apr  | 11 | Mon | Start Term 2                           |
| 13-15| Wed-Fri | Gr 5/6 Camp                              |
| 19   | Tues| Photo Day (changed date from 15th March) |
| 25   | Mon | Anzac Day Public Holiday                |
| 29   | Fri | Triskills begins for Grades P-4         |

Nits! It’s that time of year again when the little beasties are back. Please make sure you check (and treat if necessary) your children’s hair over the weekend.

For more information visit: https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsandtreatments/head-lice-nits

Finding head lice

Half of the people who have head lice never scratch their head, so itching is not a reliable sign. Lice can be hard to spot because they move quickly.

The easiest and most effective way to find head lice is to use the conditioner and comb treatment weekly. This includes:

- Step 1. Comb hair conditioner onto dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This makes it difficult for lice to grip the hair or run around.
- Step 2. Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.
- Step 3. Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.
- Step 4. Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least four or five times.
- Step 5. If the person has been treated recently and only hatched eggs are found, you may not have to treat them again, since the eggs could be from the old infection.
- Step 6. If lice or eggs are found, the person should be treated.
Greetings ...

A wonderful fete for all!

Given how hot and humid it had been in the preceding days, our fete day delivered lovely weather for us all to enjoy.

The dedicated set up crew arrived in the dark, and the work began. By 9.30 a.m., our fete village had emerged and we were ready to go at 10.00 a.m.

Everyone had on their best smiles and best wares, to welcome ours and the broader community. The band started up from the stage as the wonderful smells of delicious food and drink wafted around the school grounds.

The coffee stall and barbeque and souvlaki stalls, soon got busy and the early bargain hunters flocked to the book stall and pre loved, vintage clothes and toys. The plants, the bric-a-brac, and jams, chutneys, sauces and home-made cakes started to draw the crowds.

The children were off, fairly floss flying behind as they raced to the chair-o-plane and other rides and activities. The face painting, balloon twisting and karaoke soon had as many as the famous dunking machine. There was so much for the kids to do!

After all that energy, then there was the food, glorious food to be had! With the irresistible smells of the famous BBQ's, alongside the Salad Bar, folks just settled in the ‘café’ section, relaxed, ate, and soaked up the great vibe and atmosphere.

The Silent Auction kept people enthralled, who would end up with the auction item for a great price too! As the afternoon warmed, fine beverages sold over at the Bar to quench the thirsty crowds. So much to see, so much to taste, so much to smell, so much to hear.

The children had such a fun time, the adults relaxed and once again, it all came together at our Annual NPS Fete! Such a great feel to the day with everyone doing their bit to help out.

Thank you all

A very super huge THANK YOU and YOU, to all of our community (parents, children, staff, friends of parents and staff, ex-NPS students) for giving up your time, enlisting others, and generously supporting the success of our fete.

Thank you our fete co-ordinators Brooke and Susan – brilliant again!

In particular, the very hard work of our extraordinarily calm and cheerful fete co-ordinators, Brooke van der Hoeven and Susan Callaghan is acknowledged.

On behalf of our community, thank you for their tireless work, enthusiasm, drive and energy to make our fete so successful. I know there was a core group supporting them, and we extend our thank you to that group as well as all Stall Co-ordinators and parents who worked on the day, before the day and behind the scenes.

Thank you to our students

There were many current and ex-student volunteers assisting with stall set up, serving on stalls, helping with games and at the end of the day, helping clean up.

Clean up & pack down

I would also like to thank all parents, staff and children who were involved in the ‘after fete had finished’ clean up. Many hands made light work and we were finished in around 3 hours with the school grounds and buildings returned ready for school on Monday.

Thank you Ian Taylor – School Council President

Our fete maintenance people, who worked tirelessly prior to, during, and after the fete, sorting out every little and big bits and pieces, and for bringing along Brett Andrew from Soho Electrical & Data, to make sure all was ok.
Fete Administration
Thank you to Ian Nunn, Charles Larkin, Lyn Ramsay, Connor Nunn, Claire Bishop, Janine Cooper and the other volunteers on the day, for the very important job of fete administration.

How much did we raise?
Ian Taylor, our School Council President, will let us know in next week’s newsletter, we are still sorting through reimbursements, etc.

2016 House Captains and Vice Captains
The following students have been elected to the leadership House Captain and Vice Captain positions:

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The students will be presented with their badges at Assembly on 21st March, so that they can wear them on our School Athletics day, 22nd March.

We are all looking forward to the whole school Athletics in the last week of school before the end of Term 1.

Warm regards,
Kerrie

Thank You
A big thank you to Rochelle Pennefather for spending time collecting fete float money from the bank and then spending nearly two hours collating the floats for the appropriate stalls with me on the Wednesday morning before the fete.... this is always one of those tricky tasks but with a few laughs along the way we always balance!! This was before the rest of her Wednesday was spent cleaning & sorting the canteen in order to cook/prepare for the salads on the Friday. Your time was very much appreciated.
- Lyn Ramsay
National Young Leaders Day

On Wednesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} March, 12 year six students (Audrey, Bailey, Finn AF, Mica, Sophie, Marcus C, Molly, Harry T, Rosa, Munro, Jemma and Kai) got the opportunity to go to the 2016 National Young Leaders Day. This is where 4 successful leaders talk to 4000 kids from year 6 across Victoria about how to be a leader. These 4 speakers were Nathan “Dubsy” Want, Dylan Parker (the world paper plane Champion), Harry Baker (world poetry champion) Kate Austin (founder of Pinchapoo). The main idea of the day was MASTERING THE LITTLE. Don’t take huge steps – all the little ones will add up.

The first Speaker, Nathan (Dubsy) Want asked us the question: When did you first become a leader, and he discussed the time when he became the under 12s cricket captain. He also stated the fact that we don’t make a difference overnight, we do it over time.

The second speaker, Dylan Parker spoke about how we all have a story that is defined by our choices, big and small. He insisted you stay focused, try new things (even if they seem small) and never give up.

The third speaker Harry Baker did a poem about Bumblebees. He had got the inspiration from a news show that talked about how scientists proved that Bumblebees shouldn’t be able to fly (their bodies are to big) imagine the bumble bees had listened before they started to fly this means that although someone thinks you can’t do it you might as well try.

The fourth speaker, Kate Austin talked a lot about her childhood and what challenges she had to go through. She challenged her dreams to fulfil what she wanted to do, which was keep trying and don’t listen to the haters.

By Audrey K, Bailey and Mica.
Volunteers in School

Yesterday Niki and I spent an hour taking 12 parents through the Classroom Helpers / Volunteers training session. The session provides guidance on how classroom volunteers can best assist teachers in the classroom and support students in their learning.

We had a lively session, with lots of discussion around how to help with reading, how children learn to read, and a model of a reading session between Niki and Gracie.

We are very fortunate that we have many parents and grandparents able to lend a hand and support our learning programs, through hearing students read, working with a small group in the classroom, and laminating and making resources to name just three of the many tasks we are grateful for our volunteers for undertaking.

Volunteer Agreement

To ensure that volunteers understand their role and are suitable to work with students, a volunteer agreement must be signed by each volunteer and authorised by the Principal. The agreement outlines the school expectations of the volunteer role and the volunteer responsibilities. A copy will be given to each volunteer and one retained by the school.

All volunteers need to have a current Working with Children Check card - this can be presented at the office with the Volunteer Agreement.

Volunteer agreement forms are available at the office. A Working With Children Check is applied for online through the Justice Department. When applying please state that you will be volunteering at Northcote Primary School.

Register at the office

Volunteers MUST sign in at the school office and receive their Classroom Helpers badge before starting their work in classrooms. When classroom work is finished, the badge is returned to the office and the volunteer must sign out.

This is to ensure that all adults within the school are authorised to be there. It is also to ensure that in the event of an emergency we have an accurate record of who is in the school and in which area.

Ross Bennie
Assistant Principal

World’s Greatest Shave

Elena Kleinschmidt (one of our Year 5 students) is participating in the World's Greatest Shave. Elena has bravely volunteered to shave her head on Saturday 12th March to raise funds to support the Leukemia Foundation. Please get behind Elena and sponsor her by following this link:

https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registrant/FundraisingPage.aspx?Referrer=%26Referrer%3dhttps%253a%252f%252fworldsgreatestshave.com%252f&RegistrationID=616401#&panel1-1

and clicking on "sponsor" on the World’s Greatest Shave website and then simply searching on Kleinschmidt - she's the only one participating!!
On Wednesday 9th March, 13 students represented Northcote Primary at the Regional swimming championships. Everybody swam exceptionally well and to even get to this level is a very big achievement. And this is the first year that Northcote has had more than six swimmers get through the second round (Division). The results were:

**Girls Medley relay: 4th overall**
Backstroke: Imogen  
Breaststroke: Holly  
Butterfly: Xara  
Freestyle: Audrey K

**Boys Medley relay: 5th overall**
Backstroke: Kai Shookry  
Breaststroke: Marcus  
Butterfly: Matteo  
Freestyle: Harry

**Boy's Freestyle relay: 8th**
George  
Connor  
Ben  
Kai Sanders

**Individuals**
**Freestyle:**  
Xara: 3rd overall  
Matteo: 4th overall  
**Backstroke:**  
Imogen: 4th overall  
Xara: 2nd overall  
**Breaststroke:**  
Ava: 4th overall  
Marcus. C: 5th overall  
**Butterfly:**  
Marcus: 5th overall  
Matteo: 2nd overall

A special mention to Xara and Matteo for getting top three and achieving medals for their great efforts. For the butterfly Matteo missed out by a 100th of a second and Xara by 500ths of a second.
Fete 2016

As another fete is done and dusted and we all remember our favourite bits, it’s time to celebrate the unsung heroes of the day “the fete stallholders”. Many are seasoned champions who put in hours of work pre-fete to make, sew, wash, bake, purchase, sort, beg, borrow and plan their amazing stalls. Below is the list of stallholders/organisers:

Fete collective gear - Bronwyn Wickett
Helens Harvest - Emily Nance
Salads - Rochelle Pennefather and Clair Portelli
BBQ - Duncan & Sophie McKenzie
Souvlaki - Jim and Maria Papazoglou
Bar - Miles Callaghan
Poffertjes - Talia Dyson
Books - Catherine Hart
Cakes - Violetta Traicevski
Toys - Vanessa O’Neill
Plants - Kylea Clarke & Margarete Kleinschmidt
Craft - Amanda O’Donnell
Crazy Hair & Nails - Kylie Kilgour
Clothes - Julie Todardo
Bric-A-Brac - Sally Swan
Washing up - Nicole Oke
Treasure island - Chris Mitchell
Side show alley - Louise Brown & Sarah Pollitt
Kids treats - Angela Moutsoulas
Tombola & Lucky Dip - Kirsty Teague
Kids Stage - Miryana Stojanovska
Kids Craft - Susan Callaghan
Main Stage - Anthony Shortte & Chris Wheatley
Mystery Bottle - Sue Lawson
Silent auction - Karen McWilliam
Social Media - Pauline Sendejo
Finance - Ian Nunn

A special mention to those stallholders who are retiring after many years of service. It’s been a massive commitment to Northcote Primary School. We hope they enjoy the fete next year as visitors:

The honour roll
- Duncan and Sophie 6 years on the BBQ
- Catherine 8 years on books
- Talia 5 years on pancakes
- Kylie many years on Face-painting
- Brooke 2 years as Fete Co-ordinator and 2 years with craft.

Thanks.
The fete committee

And ... the only teacher game enough to get dunked was ........... (see over page)
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Social Support Group for Parents and Carers of a Child with a Disability

Welcoming all parents and or carers of a primary school aged child with a disability, this social support group provides a space to share ideas, take a break and feel inspired about parenting. This six week program in a child friendly and community space is free and offers a friendly and confidential space for parents to talk about what matters to them.

Commencing: Monday 18th April 10 to 12pm
Northern Community Church of Christ at 81 High St Preston
Bookings essential please ring Sue Silk
Melbourne City Mission on 9385 3296
email s silk@mcm.org.au

This program is supported by the Northern Community Church of Christ—Developing Community, Deepening Spirituality and Demonstrating Compassion

Bright Sparks Creative Workshops
Holiday Program - April 2016

Bright Sparks is a creative arts program designed to help children learn about themselves and develop a sense of inner strength, promoting confidence, resilience and general wellbeing.

Children create artwork that is meaningful to them through a variety of creative media such as; painting, drawing, clay and recycled art materials.

Sessions are run by an Art Therapist and are beneficial for all children from Prep to Grade 3. Individual Art Therapy sessions are also available.

10.30am - 2.30pm April 5, 6 & 7
$160 / $140 (concession) for a 3 day course or $60 per session.
Jika Jika Community Centre, Northcote.

Bookings essential by Friday, April 1.
Contact Naomi on 0421 914 220 or email: naomi@brightsparks.id.au

Naomi Williams (M. A. Arts Therapy) is a Creative Arts Therapist with 11 years experience facilitating creative workshops, individual art therapy sessions and resilience programs for children.