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Important School Diary Dates

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HAPPY EASTER

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HOLIDAYS!!!!!

See you in Term 2
Greetings ...
Our Athletics Day!
It was wonderful coming into the school on Tuesday morning and seeing the sea of house colours, Red; Blue; Green and Yellow; worn by the children in readiness for our big whole school Athletics Carnival.

There was a buzz in the air and coloured sunscreen painted on the faces of children as we headed to the Collingwood track. We were blessed with beautiful sunny weather for our day out on the track and field. There was such excitement as teachers and parents marshalled children into groups for the first of the 100 and 50 metre races.

The cheering lifted the children from the starting line and propelled them down the track. Participation was the focus, as long as every child ‘had a go’, sometimes helped along by a house captain; teacher or parent, and received a ribbon acknowledging their efforts. Field events followed the first races as children spread out across the field to take part in Junior and Senior field events.

Parents, Grandparents and friends also provided support, helping out as marshalls, on the finish line, helping with equipment and so on.

All of the children came out of their classes at the end of the day with ribbons flying from their t-shirts and weary smiles on their faces. A great way to end our term!

Thank you Krissy
Many thanks go to Krissy, our Physical Education Teacher, who put numerous hours into the planning of the school Athletics Day.

Thank you everyone
All staff worked tirelessly out on ‘the pitch’ all day to make sure children were where they should be for their events.

It ran superbly without a hitch and wouldn’t have done so without the tremendous support of parents on the day pitching in with jobs such as: spotting place getters; ribbon distribution; raking sand for the long jump and triple jump; marshalling children to events; taking numerous photos; assisting injured children and so on.

Thank you all parents, staff, friends, pre-service teachers, and supporters for also helping out on the day to make it a very successful one for every child.

Thank you Chris, Charlie & Nelly's dad
A number of our external school doors had been looking rather shabby over the last little while, with different colours making our school look a bit of a hotch potch. It went onto our list of maintenance but due to other more urgent priorities, was shuffled to the bottom of the pile.

Along came Chris, saw the problem and has volunteered many hours to sand back the doors and give them a lick of paint presto! The school doors are back to their respectful selves.

Many thanks to Chris for seeing a problem, offering his time and energy to help us make the school environment attractive.

Farewell Emma, year 4 student
Emma is off to another school and today is her last day. We wish Emma all the best at her new school and hope that she continues to visit her old school and community.

End of Term 1
It has been a busy and productive term with many activities that have provided opportunities for parents to familiarise themselves with, support and participate in the teaching and learning practices at our school. I am
very proud of all the work that has gone into the term and the significant contributions made by both staff and parents.

**Thank you to our Parent community & staff**
It is wonderful that we have positive and productive relationships between our school and our parent community. Together, we understand that the nature of our task is to provide the best learning environment and opportunities for the children and actively work towards achieving this at every level, every day.

As always, our dedicated staff, have worked tirelessly to ensure that the year has started well and the children are settled and focused on their learning.

**Thank you students of Northcote Primary**
What a great start to the school year you have all had. We look forward to your continued enjoyment of school, your hard work and your pride in your achievements. Well done!

It is nearly time to sign off and wish you all a safe and lovely Easter break. Rest, relax and enjoy time with your families and friends and we will see you all back ready to go for Term 2!

**Warm regards,**
Kerrie

**School Council News**
**Thanks to Jennifer Haas**
The first meeting of the new school council last night marked the official end of Jennifer’s stint as a staff representative on council. As the only retiring member of council to serve the whole of her term it is finally my pleasure to thank Jennifer on behalf of school council. Jennifer’s contribution to the education sub-committee and the council as a whole was considerable. Her thoughtful suggestions, calmness and clarity will be missed.

**New Council**
Richard Unsworth is the new vice-president of your school council. Congratulations Richard. I was honoured to accept my nomination to be president for another year. Northcote is a truly great school and it is a pleasure to be part of the pursuit of excellence and great outcomes for our children.

Welcome (back) to the new and returning members of School Council. We reviewed the existing sub-committees and the following kindly accepted nomination as convenor and/or members as listed. Environment is convened by Karen McWilliams and Ross Bennie will stay on as a member. Scott will convene Education and Kerrie and Janelle will join him. Miles will continue his great work convening the NOOSHC sub-committee with Kerrie as a member. Finance will remain in great hands with Ian Nunn convening assisted by Richard and myself. Finally welcome to Pauline Sendajo who has joined school council and taken on the role of convening the community sub-committee. She will be joined by Laura and Natasha.

**Reviewing (reliving) the fete - Profit exceeds $42,500 – a new record.**
Thanks to everyone who put in so much to make our 2016 fete a great day. Particularly the stall holders, the people who work tirelessly to make sure goods are available, bands are playing, food is tasty and everyone is having a great day. The Fete Co-ordinators do a remarkable job and have an extraordinary support network of stall holder and all the other volunteers who make the day so great. Staff input at the fete is an added bonus as teachers organise senior students, staff the info stall, sell the school, bring their families, join in the fun and in noteworthy cases, hop up to be dunked. Thanks everyone for the extraordinary effort – above and beyond what can be reasonably expected and such a great contribution to the Northcote community.

There is always room for more hands and helpers so please set aside the date for next year. School council ratified the 4th of March as the fete day for 2017. What have you got on for that day? Put it in your diary now please. See you there.

Ian Taylor,
School Council President
... and she's over!
Even the photographers get photographed!
Leader Grants
We have applied to review the Henry Streetscape and entrance gate area:

A small gate in a cyclone wire fence and long brick wall defines the entry point. The primary objective is to widen the existing gate to ensure safe egress for 350+ students and families for drop off and pick up and to enable better access for prams and wheelchairs. Landscaped gardens will allow for imaginative play which and improve the presentation to the street; signage and commissioned artwork for the brick wall will prevent unwanted tagging and graffiti, a benefit to the school + community.


Voting is now open and closes 1st April 2016 – winners announced 9th May 2016

You do have to ‘register’ to vote which is a bit tedious but we need the local support and funding!

Italian Update
Ciao! Buongiorno! Salve!
Ask any Prep and they will be able to tell you what they mean. (Hello, Good day, Hi there).

What a great start to the year. Preps have settled well to classroom procedures and are enjoying their Italian class, learning to introduce themselves and singing ‘ciao buongiorno’ song with actions. We have also learnt to answer roll call with an Italian ‘qui = present’ and are becoming familiar with classroom commands such as ‘in piedi = stand up, and ‘seduti = sit down’.

Great work has also been done creating beautiful flags of Italy, Australia and our Indigenous flag. These have assisted in learning the background meaning as well as learning colours in Italian.

Grades 1/2 have been consolidating and expanding on their conversational skills. In paired work they have reviewed greetings and introduction of self. We are extending this conversation by becoming familiar with the vocabulary of family and learning the possessive pronoun ‘my = mio/mia’.

Learning a language is a continuous building on process and Grades 1/2 have been playing games that continuously review and revise what they have learnt in the past year or so.

Term 2 will be an exciting Term. Stay tuned for further information.

Buone vacanze! Avanti Forza! (Happy holidays)
Signora Elena Frazzetto

Community News
Northcote High School Open Morning 2016 - Wednesday April 27 is our very popular Open Morning. Student led tours run from 9 am to 12 noon, with a information session at 10.00 am in the Hall, repeated at 7.00 pm at night.

There is no need to book for this event, families register on arrival.
There are demonstration lessons, music performances and coffee available. Invite your friends, if you have a younger child this is a good occasion to bring them along.

Northcote High School ACE Program testing 2017- register now!
Testing for the 2017 Yr 7 ACE Program will take place on Saturday April 30. Application forms are on our website or available from the General Office, but these must be returned by COB Wednesday April 20

Further information is on the NHS website. Please note applications for the ACE program close before Open Morning.
Pat the Dog is coming to School!

Pat the Dog is coming to talk to us about the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program.

The School Banking program includes an exciting and exclusive Rewards Program that encourages students to get into the habit of saving regularly.

Every time your child makes a deposit at school they 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.

Pat the Dog will be excited to see you all at assembly on

Date: Monday 18th April
Time: 9am

We will be holding an Account Opening Day at our school:

Time: 8.40 am and 3pm
Date: Wednesday 20th April
Location: ask office

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification.

Alternatively, you can open an account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child’s birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.

If you have any questions or you would like to open an account please meet with Olympia Wood the CBA representative after assembly on 0422 116 38 or olympia.wood@cba.com.au

Remember, School Banking day is every Monday

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Bike Skills Course for Parents

Want to feel more comfortable riding with your kids? This hands-on course is for parents of kindergarten or primary school students. It will cover who rides in front, crossing roads and driveways, road and footpath rules, transitioning from footpath to riding on the road and more.

Sunday 17 April
1.00 to 3.30pm
Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre, Preston

You can book and find more info at www.darebintransport.eventbrite.com.au Please note this course is for parents only.
**AFL Victoria Holiday Programs**

*5-8 Years*  
Footy Fun Day

*9-12 Years*  
Skills Battle

**Come Join Us!**

**Session Details**

- **Wednesday, 30th March**  
  Brunswick C - Gillon Oval

- **Thursday, 31st March**  
  Moorabbin - Moorabbin Oval

- **Friday, 1st April**  
  Essendon FC - True Value Solar Centre

- **Monday, 4th April**  
  Box Hill - Whitehorse Reserve

- **Tuesday, 5th April**  
  Footscray - Merv Hughes Oval

**Register Now at**  
www.AFLVicHolidayPrograms.com.au

Like us on Facebook at Facebook.com/AFLVicHolidayPrograms and follow us on Twitter @AFLVicHolprios to keep up to date with the latest news, competitions and pro.

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**Camp Latitude**

School Holiday Program  
**Monday, 4 April to Friday, 8 April**

10am - 1pm

Program designed for kids 6-15 years of age  
Limited spots available!

Program will include:  
- Climbing  
- Trampolining  
- Fitness  
- Other great activities!

$35 a day or $150 per week, including lunches!

Bookings are essential so call today 9039 3817

www.latitude.melbourne.com

350 Malvern Road, Malvern East, Vic.

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**Inside the Brick**

**Build • Play • Share**

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**Pure Tennis Easter Holiday Clinic**

**Dates:**  
Mon 4th April - Thurs 7th April

**Time:**  
9.00am - 12pm Daily

**Location:**  
Northcote Aquatic & Recreation Centre

**Contact Danny Fuge**  
Mobile 0409 514 940

Website link:  
http://puretennis.net.au/holiday-clinics/
**Easter Holiday Intensive 2016**

Get outdoors with our 3 day soccer intensive these school holidays. Fun soccer skills and matches, anyone welcome to this open age program.

Healthy snacks and a drink provided for all participants.

Our Clinics
Our clinics are led by Sheda Olukhale a former international player who has over 20 years experience in elite sports and fitness. Our clinics are non-competitive and each child has a ball - there is a real sense of achievement after each session.

COST $65 for 3 days

WHERE
Wed 30 March, Thurs 31 March and Fri 1st April

TIME 10am – 11:30am

WHERE
Edinburgh Gardens North Fitzroy – Opp North Fitzroy PS

BOOKINGS
Are essential places are limited

*My son’s favourite time of the week is attending Sheda’s soccer clinic,* Angela

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**A Glittery Tapping Wonderland!**

**Dancing Open Day! Sunday 10th of April**

9:30am - 2 to 3yrs - Fairy Ballet, Tap, Jazz
9:30am - 4 to 5yrs - Fairy Ballet, Tap, Jazz
10:00am - 3 to 4yrs - Fairy Ballet, Tap, Jazz
10:30am - 5 to 7 yrs - Ballet, Tap, Acro
11:00am - 8 to 13 yrs - Ballet, Tap, Acro
11:00am - Adults - Tap

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**Basketball School Holiday Camp**

MON 4th & THE 5th APR 2016 | 9.30am-3pm

$125 for TWO days early bird special

"ADVANCED TALENTED PLAYERS" 30 March - 3 April

ALL HOURS PLAY

Tournament Play

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

**Hoop Smart**

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 3rd April 2016 | Register at www.hoopsmart.com.au

For more information call 0408 463 173 or email admin@hoopsmart.com.au
WORKSHOP CALENDAR ~ January - June 2016

For parents and carers of children and young adults diagnosed with Autism, aged between 0–25 years and living at home.

Aspect Victoria is pleased to offer our highly successful, contemporary, evidence-based, three (3) day Autism specific Positive Behaviour Support Workshops across Victoria in 2016.

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<td>In 2016, Aspect Victoria will again deliver workshops to culturally diverse groups and in languages other than English. Please contact us if you would like to be notified of these workshops.</td>
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<td>Wantima South (Knox) 27th, 28th &amp; 29th April Knox Csc Centre 511 Burnwood Way Wantima South VIC 3152</td>
<td>Customised Fee for Service training &amp; consultancy services is also available. If you have significant barriers to attending the workshop or do not meet the eligibility criteria, please contact our team for further information.</td>
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<td>Doveton 21st, 22nd &amp; 23rd June Rowan Park House 148 Kiddle Rd Doveton VIC 3177</td>
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Register ONLINE: www.autismspectrum.org.au

NB: Registrations open at least 6 weeks prior to the workshop and will close one week prior if a minimum of 15 participants has not been reached.

What participants say about Aspect Positive Behaviour Support Workshops:

“Brilliant information and concrete strategies to use, thank you. I have learnt very important self-reflection, being able to step back and really look at and examine behaviour, so valuable. I really value the focus on being positive and improving my child’s, my own and my family’s quality of life. Great workshop – I will highly recommend it to others”