NEWSLETTER
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There is no Pupil of the Week due to Book Parade on Monday morning 😊
Greetings ...
Student Achievement
100+ Days of Preps
After a 100 plus days of Prep, Anton, Holly, William, Kathleen, Grace, Elida and Tom have school all figured out.

The children were interviewed by the Principal (myself) to mark 100+ days of prep, a milestone celebrated by our school.

Maths, reading, PE, playing outside were among the students favourite things but the teachers are pretty great too, especially if they love minions!

Here are their responses:

What is your favourite subject?
- PE because you get to run around!
- Probably the monkey bars. It’s fun sometimes if I’m lucky I don’t fall off ‘cos I’ve falled off about 200 times!
- I like learning how to handwrite because it makes me feel a lot better about my writing and I have neat writing in my Diary now.
- Music, ‘cos I like the dancing music.
- I like learning about the days of the week. It’s really fun because you get to sing songs.
- Maths, then you’ll be able to count higher. I can count up to 199!

What do you like most about your teacher?
Linda –
- She’s the oddest.
Kerrie – what? The oddest?
- No, the oldest and she knows more stuff – I’m guessing but she’s been the longest Prep teacher!
- She love minions and I love minions too and she helps us do our pluses.
- She helps me to learn, like I never knew what 10 plus 10 was. It’s 20.

Laura –
- She is kind. She doesn’t yell.
- She is friendly and kind. She is always nice to me.

Lucy –
- She’s nice. She helps us do things and she answers our questions ... but not when we’re learning.
- She’s kind because ..... I don’t remember (very shyly!)

What’s the best thing about school?
- You get to learn how to write in capitals and lower cases. And A’s, I’m really good at A’s both, of them.
- That you’re allowed to go outside.
- I learn about counting by 2’s. I can go up to 100.
- You get to play in the playground. You get to count by 2’s cos I didn’t know and now I do!!
- Playing outside on the monkey bars because I’m very good at it.
- It’s really fun because you make new friends by letting them play in my games.
- That you can become smarter because you learn stuff! I think I have!
National Recognition Month for School Support Staff
During August, we acknowledge and celebrate National Recognition Week for Education Support Staff. I would like to acknowledge our school Support Staff and the vital work that they do to contribute to our school being a safe, orderly and caring environment for our children to be in.

Thank you to:

Lyn Ramsay – Business Manager, monitors our school finances
Jo Hurst – office reception or Dr Jo as some of the children would call her for her First Aid duties!
Maddy and Lia – our relief Office Reception & Administration staff
Michel Stanley – our Out of School Hours Administrator; Office Reception & Administration
Susi Allender – Library technician and passionate children’s book genie
Susan Dall’osto – Teaching Support
Donna Cassidy – Teaching Support
Tami Cochrane - Teaching Support

Thank you to all our Education Support Staff, you all do a wonderful job and you are truly appreciated and acknowledged every month of the school year!

Moving out and leaving the school?
If you are moving location and considering leaving our school, could you please contact the office to let us know as soon as possible? It is vital that we have accurate student numbers to cater for adequate staffing and programs for the 2017 year and more importantly, to secure your child’s school placement for the following year.

If you are aware of any families who are yet to enrol their child at school, could you please encourage them to make contact with us as soon as possible otherwise they may miss out on a place at our school in 2017.

In the coming newsletters, I will show you all the student numbers we have for 2017 and invite you to give us your feedback on class/learning area organisation for 2017.

I’m looking forward to the school Trivia night on Saturday night, hope you have been in training and absorbing all the trivia you might need to know!!

I am also looking forward to our annual Book Parade on Monday morning, outside on the ABC turf if the weather is good, otherwise inside, in the Hall. Afterwards, parents, grandparents have been invited along to our read along morning.

Warm Regards,
Kerrie

School Council News
School council met last Wednesday night. Thanks to everyone who braved the cold and wet night to continue our great work.

We were joined by Tanya Bekhit on behalf of the working party planning the grade six graduation for 2016. School Council is very pleased to support the graduation to celebrate the achievements of our oldest students and their transition to the next, exciting stage of their education.
What a great disco at the out of hours house a couple of weeks ago. Everyone agreed that the children had a great time and I know at least one who was deeply disappointed to miss out (due to ill health). The disco was intended primarily as a social event for students and parents and was a great success. Congratulations to everyone involved.

We also approved the plan for the grade 1-2 camp at Mt Evelyn. Early October is going to be lots of fun and a little bit challenging for all the campers. Best wishes to all the staff and volunteers for a fabulous camp.

Ian Taylor,
School Council President

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Book Week 22nd – 26th August – by Senora Elena
The theme for 2016 is: **Australia! Story Country.**

Come dressed as one of the new popular characters or much loved ones from the past. It will be fun to guess who is who!

On Monday 22nd morning assembly will be replaced by the very popular “BOOK PARADE”. Weather permitting this will take place on the ABC turf (Helen St. Side of the school). Plan B will be advised if it rains.

Our school has many budding authors so come and celebrate our published Australian authors and our Australian authors of the future.

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Cakes for the Cakeless

raising money for kids in poverty

As one of the grade six action teams some of us have been putting together a cake stall.

The 2016 cake stall will be open every Tuesday starting on the 2nd August until the 30th August. We will open at 3:15 and will be closing at 3:45.

All money raised by the cake stall will be donated to the charity Save The Children.

We will gratefully accept baked goods donations that can be delivered to the office on Tuesdays (To prevent allergy risk all ingredients must be clearly labelled*).

The maximum price for the stall is $5 and the minimum is 50c.

*Anything without clear labelling will be given back to the donor.
5/6 Wheeltalk Incursion

Last Thursday, the 3/4s and 5/6s participated in the Wheel Talk incursion. It was organised through Disability Services Victoria. The main activity was to play basketball, but in a wheelchair!

At the start of the session, the instructor Brendan (who was wheeley funny) explained he had a car accident in his early 20s which caused him to be a paraplegic. He had three important messages that he shared with us which meant a lot. “Mistakes happen. But it’s important to accept and learn from them.” So even if something does happen, good or bad, you can learn from it. Another important message he told us was not to live with a problem by yourself. Share what you are feeling. Whether you talk to family, friends or someone professional; it can make a huge difference. You can even write down all your thoughts if you don’t feel comfortable sharing them with someone else. But whatever you do, one day you will have to accept what happened. Think before you act. That’s another important message and can have a huge impact on the actions you decide to make.

It was such an amazing experience and I had such a great time learning about everything including how to actually use a wheelchair!

By Stephanie from Year 6
Basketball Round Robin 2016
On Tuesday 9th August, 27 year 6 students attended the district Basketball round robin. The bus ride consisted of a sing-song and a lot of revving up.

The boys A team started with a bang and beat our archrivals Westgarth 35-0. Woohoo! They went on to make the quarter finals and unfortunately lost.

The girls A team absolutely thrashed Fairfield B 37-2. We gave the two points to Fairfield. They went onto the next game and won but unfortunately they did not make the finals.

The boys B team sadly lost all of their games. Better luck next time.

The girls B team lost their first game 8-20. We had a MASSIVE bye so Steven decided to organise a friendly game against Wales St 18-2. WE WON! The team lost their last game 4-8, sadly preventing us from going to the semi-finals.

We returned home with no placing, but we were all happy that we won some games, and that’s all that matters.

Thanks to Melissa, Karen, Steven, Cheyne, Jack and Tarnya.

By Rosa and Holly
**NPS Trivia Night**

251 High St, Northcote Uniting Church Hall

**Time:** Doors open at 7:30pm for an 8:00pm start.

**Host:** We have a special host this year who will be running a ‘multi-media’ program for the trivia. He has a lot of experience (including Northcote Social Club) and some very interesting questions up his sleeve. Prepare yourself for a great night!!

**Games:** We’ll also have lots of fun games that will run throughout the evening. So bring your gold coins because you won’t want to miss out on any of them!! Some great prizes are to be won!!

**Surprise:** At 9:00, we have some special guests who will present a sneak-peek at what’s in store for our next fundraising event on 21st October. You won’t want to miss this one!

**Bar:** This event is licensed and we will be running our own bar this year (which means more money for the school!!). Therefore, guests are not permitted to bring alcohol into the venue (but you can bring as much food/nibbles as you’d like). Please bring cash (small bills preferable) to the event, as we will not have credit card facilities. Bar prices below:

- Wine by the bottle → $30
- Wine/Champers by the glass → $6
- Beer → $6 and $8
- Soft Drinks → $2
- Mineral Water → $2
- Crisps → $2

For those who don’t want to stop when trivia is over, the Purple Emerald (349 High St) will be open until 3am and they’re expecting you. So head on over there for another drink!
Saturday 10 September: Hisense Arena: Shows at 1pm and 6:30pm.
Buy 10 tickets and get one adult ticket free (for group bookings please call 1300 364 001)
Visit www.ticketek.com.au or phone Ticketek on 132 849

For more information go to the Spectacular Facebook and website page:

Community News
Rewarding regular savers with spectacular prizes.

We're bringing the exciting news that Prize Lights have appeared in the Outback sky, and the Dollarmites are giving students who demonstrate regular savings behaviour the chance to win spectacular prizes.

How to enter

Students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes, including camping kits, instant cameras and magazine packs.

What's more, students who complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3, will also go in the separate draw to win one of the Supernova prizes – a PlayStation 4 pack. Students can complete the Stargazing activity online at any time during Term 3 by visiting commbank.com.au/prizelights

Win a bag of sports equipment for your school

We're also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 75 bags full of sports equipment, valued at $200, when students make three School Banking deposits during Term 3.

*To complete the Stargazing activity, or to find out more, visit commbank.com.au/prizelights

90 Instant Cameras
200 Magazine Packs
50 Camping Kits
50 PlayStation 4 Packs

Things you should know: Conditions apply. See commbank.com.au/prizelights. Promotions starts 9 Oct 2019 and ends 15 Nov 2019. Additional: 7. Student Element Entry is subject to the Promoter accepting the arrangement with the parents/guardians of students who enter the School Banking program. Only one prize per student and only one prize per household. The student must be completing the Stargazing activity. See commbank.com.au/prizelights for more details.

Promotion open to students who are 7-15 years of age. For full terms and conditions see commbank.com.au/prizelights. Students can enter via commbank.com.au/prizelights. Students who have completed the activity will have their name entered into the Student Element for the promotion. Limit of one (1) entry per school. Entries will be divided into the following Student Element groups: Aboriginal, Indigenous, Non-Indigenous.

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‘VOCAL ARTS STUDIO PRESENTS’

NSC SUNDAY FUNDAY

FREE EVENT - LIVE ACTS, GIANT GAMES, FACE PAINTING, BALLOON TWISTER PLUS HEAPS MORE! 11AM-3PM

Bring your family and friends down for an action packed day that is suitable for all ages!

Northcote Social Club will be overflowing with free entertainment for the whole family and loads of activities for the kids for the launch of our annual family day.

Featuring live acts from Vocal Arts Studio very talented students, giant games (including Jenga, Connect Four & Lego), face painting from lily the magical fairy and ultra-cool balloon twister animals plus a Mini Maestros show for the toddlers! And if that is not enough, we have show bags, free ice cream and roving entertainment, there’s plenty to keep the kids busy. Don’t miss out on trying some scrumptious funday treats along with our a la carte menu all day!

We will be hosting a major raffle with some great prizes up for grabs on the day, with all proceeds going to Variety – The Children’s Charity.

Look forward seeing all your friends and families down at The Social!

Proudly supported by Vocal Arts Studio, Variety – The Children’s Charity, Child Magazine, High Street Northcote, Darebin United Apollo SC & Mini Maestros Northcote

CASUAL BABY SITTING WORK WANTED!!

My name is Paige and I am a 19 year old looking for some part time work as a babysitter/ nanny. I am currently studying Nursing at the Australian Catholic University and have also completed my Certificate 3 in Children’s Services. I have a current working with children’s check, police check and first aid certificate. My immunisations are currently up to date. Please feel free to give me a call or message on 0423982982 for more details including availabilities etc.

Thanks!
Cricket is for Girls

Come and Try Days for Girls
All ages, all skill levels welcome!

Do you like having fun? Do you want to keep fit? Are you looking to make new friends? Then why not give cricket a go! Edinburgh Cricket Club has female teams covering all ages from juniors (9-16) to seniors (no age limit). Coaching and all equipment is provided.

Where: Brunswick St Oval, North Fitzroy
When: Sunday August 28 and Sunday September 11
Time: ages 8-16 9am-10am
ages 16+ 10am-12noon

Edinburgh also runs a Fido program on Saturday mornings for boys & girls aged 4 - 12. The program runs at historic Brunswick St Oval by expert coaches.

Older boys are not forgotten. Edinburgh has an excellent junior boys program with teams at all levels from U10s – U19s.

Registration links can be found at: http://www.edinburghcricketclub.com/juniors/
For further information, contact Pauline at eocfitzroy@gmail.com

Northcote Public Golf Course

Junior Golf Lessons Special Offer
First Lesson Free

Enrol your child into our specialised junior golf coaching program and receive:

- One hour structured lessons with qualified Golf Professionals
- Ratio 6 students per 1 instructor
- Lessons available after school and weekends
- Lessons available for children between ages 5 to 16 years
- Term 4 begins Monday 3rd October for 10 weeks
- Cost $195 for the term

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