NEWSLETTER
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Important School Diary Dates

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Pupil of the Week
(Assembly item by Music)

00J Leon D 12B Harper W 34H Isobel N 56E Francis C
00L James P 12NH Clare H 34J Edie C 56N Riley H
00W Fred M 12K Lucas G 34K Charlotte MV 56S Mitch P
12N Corey G 34L Riley W 56T Matteo R-H
12S Andrew S
Greetings ...

Student Achievement

Well done our school Netball representatives

This week, both the Mixed Netball Team and the Netball Team participated in their Divisional Finals. Without giving the results away of both matches, I would like to commend all players for their committed efforts to try their best at all times.

I would also like to thank the teacher coach, Tracy and the volunteer parent coaches and umpires who did a fantastic job.

Read further in the newsletter for details of both matches and the results. Well done all netballers.

Pupil Free Day 2 – Powerful Teaching and Learning

This Pupil Free Day continues the work the staff have been doing on continuing to develop the capabilities of teachers and support staff, to build a collaborative approach to professional learning with the collective sharing of skills, expertise and experience.

Staff attended a network professional learning forum on Wednesday afternoon with many other of our local network of schools, on ‘Setting Challenging Learning Tasks’. When learning tasks are purposeful, clearly defined, differentiated and challenging, then all students will experience powerful, progressive and precise learning. We believe curiosity is enhanced when students work at a level appropriate to their understanding.

After sharing our understandings and learnings around this and what this looks like in our classroom practices, staff then investigated ‘Connecting Feedback to Data’. When we connect feedback to data about student actions and performances then behaviour will be more positive, progress will accelerate, and curiosity will be enhanced. We believe that feedback based in evidence supports our students to develop independence as learners. It directs and focuses their learning. Feedback magnifies the application of the teaching expertise.

From there we explored and developed a model of peer observations, where teachers plan to observe one another’s practice and provide feedback to each other to further support the implementation of high-impact evidence-based practice. Professional learning is conceptualised as something that happens in teachers’ daily work, embedded in a culture of collaboration and feedback and improved student learning with effectiveness measured by the impact on student outcomes over time. Collective efficacy, a strong belief in the success of all students, is underpinned by a highly motivated staff, committed to improving student outcomes.

The benefits of the above professional learning and approach are high quality, evidence based teaching practices, consistently implemented across the school.

The professional learning day was facilitated by Linda Batten (Prep Team Leader) and Janelle Adams (Year 3/4 Team Leader) who have both taken up Acting Leading Teacher positions for the second semester at our school.

We are looking forward to the high quality professional learning and the opportunity to put our learning into our teaching practice and then follow up on the next Pupil Free Day at the end of August.

DET’s Parent Opinion Survey

Thank you to the parents who filled out and returned the parent opinion surveys. The surveys are sent to the Education Department to be collated and the results will be sent to the school in term 4. We look forward to your feedback.

2017 Prep Enrolments

Prep enrolments for 2017 are in process of being finalised and welcome emails will be sent out to our new preps and families shortly in the coming weeks. Information about the Ready, Set, Go Program and other key dates are part will be part of the welcome pack and will also be sent out soon. If you know someone who has a child who will commence Prep next year and is looking at our school but has not enrolled as yet, please encourage them to do so immediately as a priority.
Many thanks to the Disco ‘Queens’
What a wonderful afternoon and evening last Saturday as our Prep to 2’s and then our 3’s to 6’s poured into the gates of the aftercare facility to experience our first school disco. Great dancing and behaviour was demonstrated by our students, and the parents too!

Many thanks to Tracy Phegan, Donna Cassidy, Pauline Ioannnou and their helpers for making it such a safe and successful night.

Warm Regards,
Kerrie

Netball Report

Northcote Mixed Team were AMAZING!

They played a remarkable game against a boy dominant team, on a cold rainy day, in the District Play-off. They’ve never had to do this before, yet they kept up an energetic and determined pace throughout the entire game. Both teams played respectfully and showed excellent sportsmanship. Even though they lost (10-15), this small margin reflected their skill and team-work against a well-practiced team.

Congratulations to all who played, and of course all the players that contributed to getting to this final: Aimee, Audrey D, Alyssa MV, Bella F, Billie TM, Elly HH, Finn O, Kate, Molly, Stephanie and Xalia

Congratulations to the team fielded at this game – Alyssa, Aimee, Junaid, Kai, Marcus C, Matteo, Molly and Stephanie.

Northcote Girls Team were AMAZING!

They held their nerve after having a wash-out on Monday, and the venue changed to Preston Primary on Wednesday. It was an enjoyable game to watch, with both teams putting up great defensive play. Our attackers managed to push through even in the slippery conditions. They won the game 19 to 7. A terrific achievement! Well done to the team fielded: Amirah, Ella, Georgia, Holly, Iris, Mica, Sophie and Xara.

Congratulations!!!! The Girls Team are off to the Regionals!!!!

NETBALL THANK YOU’S...

Netball has been a collaboration not only within the 5/6 cohort, but across the school community too. A big thank you must go to Jill Byrnes and Jane Keating who shared their skills and drills in coaching the teams as the finals approached. They also umpired in the final’s games, which was very much appreciated. Sue Lawson also assisted by donating our new ‘finals only’ netball bibs – thank you! These have been very well used. Thank you also to Tom Bentley, Jo Vergers and Jill Byrnes who helped with transport on Wednesday at such short notice. Again, really appreciated. And of course, thanks to all the spectators who managed to attend games throughout our season.
The first NPS school disco was held on Saturday evening and it was such fun event for students and parents alike with some amazing dance moves and vocals being showcased!

Both sessions ran smoothly and this wouldn’t have been possible without the amazing behaviour displayed by all students at both sessions, thank you students.

Thank you also to the parents that came along to supervise their children, it was wonderful to see so many of you on the dance floor. Special mention needs to go to Sal & Peter who won prizes for their moves.

Finally, we would like to send a huge thanks to our army of volunteers on the night who helped us with collect tickets at the door, serving food and drinks, cleaning up and many other jobs – we couldn’t have done it without you THANK YOU!

Donna & Tracey

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**THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR**

2016 / THE ELEMENTS

**DISCOUNTED TICKETS FOR SALE THIS FRIDAY ONLY – 29TH JULY**

JUST ENTER “DANCE” TO RECEIVE A 10% DISCOUNT

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](http://www.ticketek.com.au) or phone Ticketek on 132 849

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

[https://www.facebook.com/performingartsunit](https://www.facebook.com/performingartsunit)  
Renovating? Need a place to stay?
We are looking for a short term renter for our house for September and October 2016. Located in Thornbury, a 10 to 15 min drive to school. Low maintenance, no pets, limited plants – please give me a call if you, or someone you know (and can recommend!) is interested. Brigid Mahar (Connor and Elinor Hasting’s mum) 0421 596 980

Free to good home. A one year old male cockatoo – very tame. Comes with large cage/aviary. His name is Lenny and he’s very gorgeous. He may have beak and feather disease but can and will still live a very full rewarding life. If you are interested in adopting this lovely boy, see Jo in the office.
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Centre Stage Costumes & Makeup, 298 Lygon Street, Brunswick East. Kids’ costumes for hire from $35.00. Visit www.centrestagecostumes.com or call 9380 6677.

Thornbury Art and Craft Market
September 3rd 2016 from 10.00 a.m. - 2.30 p.m.
99 Leinster Grove, Thornbury.
Stallholders welcome.

Join Michael Grose for this NEW online course, Raising Mighty Boys, starts 19th August.
In this 3 week course Michael shares what he’s learned about boys in 40 years as a teacher and parenting educator, including:
- Understanding the psychology of boys
- How strong mothering make boys strong and how to be a strong mum
- The keys to communicating with boys including how to get behind the mask many of them wear
- Practical ways to manage boys’ anger and aggression (which are on the rise)
- Fabulous strategies to help boys learn
- Why boys need space and silence to help them think and process
- Helping boys successfully traverse the worlds in which they live – the real world and the digital world
- What you need to teach your boys to encourage respectful relationships
- How to frame up praise and encouragement so boys will listen.

What parents say about Michael’s courses
‘It has helped me reflect on how I react to my child’s behaviour and re-calibrate my expectations more in line with his developmental level.’
‘Michael gives it to you straight up and straight to the point. Easy to follow, easy to read, easy to listen to and not too long winded that you lose focus.’

‘Really loved it. The great thing is I now have the course material which I can go back to anytime.’

Learn how to help boys:
- Be better behaved
- Be more confident
- Manage extreme emotions such as anger and aggression
- Take more educational and social risks

Choir of Hard Knocks
10th Anniversary Hope & Inspiration Tour

Still inspiring the world........10 years on!!

HAMER HALL
Sunday 14th August, 3pm

Tickets on sale now!!!

Book Now
City of Darebin Intercultural Centre - August Events Calendar

**English Beginners Class & Intermediate Class**
Tuesday 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 August 1pm to 2pm & 3.00 pm to 4.30 pm
Classes are held during the school term.

**Drop - in Pronunciation Tutorials** - Fridays 5, 12, 19 & 26 August 11.00 am to 2.00 pm
For people who speak English as a second language. Come and fine-tune your pronunciation of the English language at these weekly drop-in classes, over an 8 week program. Gain access to useful, good quality resources and the relevant expertise in pronunciation. Get practical support to improve your language skills in a safe, constructive environment.

**Wurundjeri Week** - Monday 1 to Sunday 7 August
Wurundjeri Week is an acknowledgement and celebration of the traditional Aboriginal land owners of Melbourne including the greater Melbourne region which includes the Darebin region. Throughout Wurundjeri Week, we will have an A4 flyer that explains the meaning of the Indigenous artwork that rests in the ground by the Peace Poles, out the front of the Darebin Intercultural Centre. Come in, grab a flyer and go out to have a look and reflect on the meaning of the beautiful art piece by Wurundjeri Artist, Judy Nicholson.

**Movement to Music** - Thursday 4 August from 11.00 am to 12.00 pm
Join in this class that combines music, movement and expression, helping people to tap into their innate sense of joy, self-esteem and self-confidence, and create connection with themselves and others. Limited numbers. Get in quick!

**Computer Workshop** - Tuesday 9 August from 10.30 am to 12.00 pm
Targeted at mature-age users, this program will include a review of computer basics and give some tips on organising your computer, setting it up for your particular needs, and using common internet and digital media software. Participants will need to bring in their own fully charged, Windows laptop to these sessions. Maximum 6 people per session.

**Iranian Cooking Demonstration** - Limited numbers - Thursday 11 Aug. 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm
Come and learn how to cook some delicious Iranian dishes with Mahshid before we sit down together to eat up the fruits of our labour! Cost: $5 per person.

**Movie Day, The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel** - Thursday 18 August from 12.00 pm to 3.00 pm
Let’s relax, share in some food and watch a movie together, as a community. Some British retirees (Judi Dench, Maggie Smith, Bill Nighy) decide to outsource their retirement to exotic -- and less expensive -- India. Lured by advertisements for the newly restored Marigold Hotel and imagining a life of leisure in lush surroundings, they arrive and find that the Marigold is actually a shell of its former self. Though their new home is not quite what they had imagined, the retirees find that life and love can begin again when they let go of their pasts.

**Village Games** - Thursday 25 August from 12.00 pm to 3.30 pm
Come and have a bite to eat, meet some new people and play some international games including scrabble, mah-jong and cards.

All events have limited numbers. Registration is essential.
To make a booking: Phone 8470 8440 or email intercultural@darebin.vic.gov.au

DAREBIN INTERCULTURAL CENTRE
59A Roseberry Avenue, Preston, 3072
TTY (Hearing Impaired): 8470 8696 | Multilingual Line: 8470 8470
Dr Michael Carr-Gregg presents

When to Really Worry....

For Teachers, Teacher Aides, Parents, Sports Coaches, Youth Workers, Scout Leaders, Nurses, Health Workers (and anyone else interested)

This is a Community Event - Everyone welcome!

$20 entry

7pm to 9pm

Thursday September 1st, 2016
Shoppingtown Hotel
19 Williamson's Rd, Doncaster

Wednesday September 7th, 2016
Berkeley's Events & Catering
(Pioneer Room)
150 Yarra St, Geelong

BOOK your place!
Email rick@criticalagendas.com.au
Include your name, venue and number of tickets required.
Collect and pay for tickets on the night.
No EFTPOS
Enquiries: 0433 616 771

When does normal teenage behaviour become something you really need to worry about? In this seminar When to Really Worry by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, he will help you find out. In this insightful evening, one of Australia's leading authorities on child and adolescent mental health, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, offers practical, easy to understand information on how to figure out if your son or daughter is travelling okay. He discusses the signs and symptoms of the high prevalence disorders of anxiety and depression. Michael also includes tips on detecting early warning signs encouraging your child to visit a doctor, finding a youth-friendly GP, counsellor or therapist, navigating the public mental health system. When to Really Worry is an essential night for all parents, teachers, coaches who want to build happy and resilient young people.

Not to be missed!

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg works as a nationally registered child and adolescent psychologist. He is passionate about delivering evidence based psychology workshops and seminars that make a difference to the health and wellbeing of young people. His training and approach incorporates cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT), Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), mindfulness skills and interventions drawn from positive psychology research. He is a founding member of the National Centre Against Bullying and Chairs their Cybersafety Committee. In October 2010 - he was appointed the official advisor to the Queensland government on cybersafety. He is a Director of the The Young and Well Cooperative Research Centre, an Australian Government Initiative administered by the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research. Michael Carr-Gregg has extensive experience in the media and is currently a regular on the top rating 'Sunrise' program on Channel 7 and on Melbourne radio 3AW and is a frequent contributor to the Australian Print media.