NEWSLETTER
No. 27 – 8 September 2016

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Important School Diary Dates

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Pupil of the Week
(Assembly item by Preps)

00J - Henry McD
00L - Eva S
00W - Abigail F
12B - Sienna I
12NH - Kaylan T
12K - Matou KQ
12N - Deena V
12S - Connor H
34H - Freddie A-B
34J - Natasha H
34K - Eva V
34L - Eena S
56E - Erin G
56N - Kate J
56S - Guy F
56T - Isobel U
Greetings ...

Student Achievement

What a vibrant learning place our school is! Just this week alone, there were so many opportunities for our students to be involved in active inquiry, hands on authentic learning and opportunities to step outside the school environment to join a broad range of other schools and students.

Inquiring into Diversity with the 1/2 children

We were treated to a heart-warming performance yesterday by the entire 1/2 cohort of students. The performance was linked to their current guided Inquiry unit about Diversity. They wanted to create a performance about celebrating Diversity so came up with an ‘Opening Ceremony’ as their vehicle.

Throughout the term, the children had been participating in group work with singing, learning to play instruments, flag making, drama and dance. Every child learnt every part and at the end, they could choose which group they wanted to be part of for the performance. Invitations went out to parents and other classes with two performances scheduled for yesterday morning and a matinee in the afternoon.

The Performance began with a stirring rendition of the Australian National Anthem, Advance Australia Fair. The children handed out song lyric sheets to encourage parents to join in the singing, especially the second verse! The parent standing next to me at the back declared ‘The parents were all saying after the morning performance that this is the best version of Advance Australia Fair we’ve ever heard!’ Made some parents quite misty eyed to see over 100 little ones standing up straight, in formation, singing their hearts out. They followed up with an enthusiastic song called ‘Celebration’ that had us all smiling and clapping along.

Well done all students in the 1/2 team, it was a great performance with a strong message for all. Here is some feedback from our parent community:

“Just a quick note to say a HUGE thanks to you and all the 1/2 teachers for putting together today’s performance. As a parent I was filled with so much pride and joy watching all the children not only participate but to stand up there with such confidence and excitement to celebrate such an important topic. I know my child has thoroughly enjoyed the lead up to today’s event and smiled from ear to ear during the entire performance, I hope we get to see more of these types of performances. Thanks SO much for all that you do!”

And ...

“I just wanted to send a note to say how much I enjoyed this morning’s Diversity Concert. The kids were brilliant! They were all participating so enthusiastically, it was great to watch. I especially love the message behind the concept and felt that the idea of the performance was a great tool for learning about the message. Well done to you and the 1/2 team!”

The Arts

A large group of our year 5/6 students are off to Hisense Arena today, to join over 3000 Victorian school students in the State Schools Spectacular choral singing and performing. Today and tomorrow are rehearsal days with 2 performances on Saturday matinee and finale in the evening. The students were very excited as they left for the station together with Lisa (Arts teacher) and Tracy and Emma (5/6 teachers) and parents. They are participating in both the dance and singing parts of the show.

I will be attending along with Emma (5/6 teacher) on Saturday and I can’t wait to see it all in action.

Warm Regards,
Kerrie
School Council News
School council met last night and celebrated the success of the School Trivia Night. A record fund raising total over $6000 was supported by strong ticket sales, spirited competition for the prizes and healthy bar sales. School council congratulates the organising committee and the bar volunteers on a great event and a terrific outcome. One of the highlights of the night was the preview of our next social event, “Dancing with the Latin Stars”. Make sure you put it in your diary.

We also began our consideration on setting the fees for next year. We are working to keep the fees at the same level as this year and to restructure the fees to support our learning and teaching strategy. This will assist us to adhere to Department of Education and Training guidelines. In implementing the new Victorian curriculum there is an increased reliance on our information technology platforms. Our new fee structure will reflect this exciting development.

School council congratulates Steven Bruce (5/6 Team Leader) and Cheyne Brown (PE Relief Teacher) on their recent sports grant success. Our school impresses in so many ways and it is terrific that we can attract this type of support for our students.

Please come and join the fun at our next working bee. Saturday 15th October from 1.00 to 4.00 p.m. If you’d like to support the school some more, why not join a school council sub-committee? The more the merrier. See you there.

Ian Taylor,
School Council President

NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme)
In conjunction with the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), the North-Western Victoria Region is organising information sessions targeting families attending schools within the North East Melbourne Area that may be eligible for NDIS support.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) will provide all Australians under the age of 65 who have a permanent and significant disability, including children with a disability or developmental delay aged 0-6 years, with the reasonable and necessary supports they need to enjoy an ordinary life.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) information for students who live in North Eastern Metropolitan Area (NEMA) in receipt of the following programs/supports:

Students with disability transport program (Specialist School Bus, taxi or conveyance allowance); and/or
Personal care support at school (Program for Students with Disabilities (PSD) funding at level 4, 5 or 6; and/or
Medical Intervention Support (MIS)).

How do I know if my child is eligible for NDIS?
From October 2016, students in receipt of these programs/supports can access the NDIS if they meet the age, residency and disability requirements. If your child meets the disability requirements and you live in NEMA which is the following Local Government Areas outlined below, your child may be able to access the scheme.

Banyule
Darebin
Nillumbik
Whittlesea
Yarra

When will parents be contacted?
From late September 2016 the NDIA will phone you or send you a letter to begin the initial paperwork.

What do I need to do after the NDIA contacts me?
As the NDIS may fund supports and services in addition to what your child is currently receiving at school we encourage you to respond to the NDIA as soon as they get in touch.
It is important to note the NDIS does not fund supports that relate to your child’s learning. These will still be the responsibility of schools and the education system. If your child is eligible for the NDIS, you will be asked to work with the NDIA to develop a plan which will identify the services and support best suited to your child.

What will change and what won’t
Your child will be assessed for need and may be eligible for a range of supports. For now, your child’s bus to school and support for personal care needs at school will continue to be delivered in the same way. If there are changes to arrangements in the future these will be gradual and we will talk to you first. For now there is no change.

What if my child isn’t receiving personal care or transport?
If you live in NEMA and your child is not currently receiving these services through the Victorian Government, and you believe they might be eligible for the NDIS, we encourage you to approach the NDIA to be assessed. You can contact the NDIA on 1800 800 110.

What if I don’t live in NEMA?
The NDIS is transitioning across Victoria, Local Government Area by Local Government Area from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2019. To see when the Local Government Area you live in is scheduled to transition, please refer to the website: https://myplace.ndis.gov.au/ndisstorefront/about-us/our-sites/vic.1.html. Closer to the Area rollout more information will become available.

Upcoming Information sessions
The NDIA and the Department of Education & Training will be holding a series of NDIS information sessions for parents and students across the five Local Government Areas. Please find the details of the session in the table below; there is no requirement to RSVP.

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The NDIA are also seeking expressions of interest regarding a Docklands information session for families working in the CBD. Families interested in a Docklands information session can contact the VIC North Community Engagement team by emailing: vicnorth.engagement@ndis.gov.au

Additional information
For additional information, visit: http://www.ndis.gov.au/about-us/our-sites/vic

If you have any further questions please contact: Cheryl Mills, Acting Inclusion, Access and Participation Manager, Early Childhood and School Support, North- Western Victoria Region ph: 5440 3126 or via email: mills.cheryl.a@edumail.vic.gov.au
Child Safety Standards

The Victorian Government is introducing child safe standards to improve the way organisations that provide services for children prevent and respond to child abuse that may occur within their organisation. The standards are compulsory for all organisations providing services to children, and aim to drive cultural change in organisations so that protecting children from abuse is embedded in the everyday thinking and practice of leaders, staff and volunteers. This will assist organisations to:

- prevent child abuse
- encourage reporting of any abuse that does occur
- improve responses to any allegations of child abuse.

The child safe standards are a central feature of the Victorian Government’s response to the Family and Community Development Committee of the Victorian Parliament’s Betrayal of Trust: Inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and Other Non-Government Organisations (Betrayal of Trust Inquiry).

Background to the standards

The Betrayal of Trust report was tabled on 13 November 2013. It found that while the majority of children are safe in organisations, there are inadequate and inconsistent approaches to child safety in organisations across Victoria. It provided 15 recommendations, including the introduction of child safe standards in Victoria to ensure child safe environments in organisations that work with children.

The Victorian Government has committed to implementing all of the recommendations of the Betrayal of Trust Inquiry. The Department of Health and Human Services (the department) is leading the development and implementation of the child safe standards, and has held consultations with organisations in Victoria likely to be subject to the new standards. You can download a copy of the outcomes report of the consultation on the Department of Health and Human Services website at www.dhs.vic.gov.au/about-the-department/plans-, programs-and-projects/projects-and-initiatives/children-, youth-and-family-services/creating-child-safe-organisations

What is child abuse?


Physical violence

Physical violence occurs when a child suffers or is likely to suffer significant harm from a non-accidental injury or injuries inflicted by another person. Physical violence can be inflicted in many ways, including beating, shaking, burning or use of weapons (such as, belts and paddles).

Sexual offences

Sexual offences occur when a person involves the child in sexual activity, or deliberately puts the child in the presence of sexual behaviours that are exploitative or inappropriate to his/her age and development.

Serious emotional or psychological abuse

Serious emotional or psychological abuse occurs when harm is inflicted on a child through repeated rejection, isolation, or by threats or violence. It can include derogatory name-calling and put-downs, or persistent and deliberate coldness from a person, to the extent where the behaviour of the child is disturbed or their emotional development is at serious risk of being impaired.

Serious neglect

Serious neglect is the continued failure to provide a child with the basic necessities of life, such as food, clothing, shelter, hygiene, medical attention or adequate supervision, to the extent that the child’s health, safety and/or development is, or is likely to be, jeopardised. Serious neglect can also occur if an adult fails to adequately ensure the safety of a child where the child is exposed to extremely dangerous or life threatening situations.
Regional Netball Final
WHAT AN INSPIRING WAY TO FINISH OUR NETBALL SEASON – Through to the Semi Finals!

We were in close contact with our biggest supporters back in the classrooms, with text messages flying in real-time, and face-time calls being shared with the whole class using our new Hovercams. Several of the students’ families also enjoyed the excitement courtside and made it a memorable event. Thank you for attending!

The team won the two play-off games at a pace the girls have never had to sustain before during their NPS netball journey this season. It was gruelling, fast-paced and exhilarating. Our winning scores of 14-13 and 19-15 were hard, and skilfully, fought for. The Semi-final was just as intense coupled with the difficulty of an injury and frantic decisions over positions for the subs. My-oh-my did they play hard - right till the end! But they had met their match at this point, and with the scores of 14-23, Preston Parklands went on to play in the Grand Final. CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS ON YOUR SUCCESS!

Lost
Finn Simpson-Henry (Prep Laura) lost his school bag last Friday after school. It was either left on the footpath in Hawthorn St just near the school (at the drop off time) or was taken from our car shortly after on High St just around the corner. It was a soft backpack with pastel coloured print of old maps on it. Had the usual school stuff inside as well as some very special Pokemon cards, a jacket and a knitted hat. We would really love to have it back if anyone has found it!! Please contact Finn’s Mum Andrea: 0416 077 965 or drop it into the school.

FRIDAY, 21ST OCTOBER

Dancing with the Latin Stars

Prepare yourself for a night of dancing and fun! We’ll even have some professional Latin dancers who will be performing on the night. For those keen, you’ll have an opportunity to win some fabulous prizes as you compete with a pro as your partner!! Ticket and venue details will be revealed soon.
We are SunSmart - a note for families

Too much UV can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer. Overexposure to UV during childhood and adolescence is a major factor for future skin cancer risk.

You can’t see or feel the sun’s UV so don’t be fooled. Whatever the weather, if the UV levels are three or more, it’s important to Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide!

Our school aims to protect children and staff from too much UV to help minimise future skin cancer risk. We are a registered member of the Cancer Council Victoria’s SunSmart Program. Please help support our SunSmart membership by ensuring your child follows the SunSmart measures included in our policy.

During the daily local sun protection times (issued whenever UV levels are three and above), use these 5 SunSmart steps – even if it’s cool and cloudy.

1. **Slip on a shirt** - for free dress days, ensure your child wears clothing that covers as much skin as possible (e.g. elbow length tops with a higher neckline or collar and longer style shorts or skirts). Densely woven fabrics are best.

2. **Slop on SPF 30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen** – apply a generous amount of sunscreen at the start of the day and make sure children have sunscreen in their bag ready to be reapplied throughout the day. Please ensure they get plenty of sunscreen application practice at home so they’ll be all set when they are at school.

3. **Slap on a hat** – one that protects the face, neck and ears such as a broad brimmed, legionnaire or bucket style hat. Peak caps do not offer enough protection and are not recommended by SunSmart. Please help your child remember to bring and wear their approved hat.

4. **Seek shade** – choose shady spots for play whenever possible.

5. **Slide on some sunglasses** - if practical and approved by the school. Make sure they are labelled AS 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

Sun protection times

Don’t just wait for hot and sunny days to use sun protection. Check the sun protection times each day so your family can be protected when they need to be.

Daily local sun protection times and weather details are available from the SunSmart widget on our school website, in the weather section of the newspaper, on the SunSmart website at sunsmart.com.au and as a free SunSmart app. Sun protection times can also be found at the Bureau of Meteorology website and live UV levels are available from ARPANSA.

Further information contact SunSmart
P: 03 9514 6419
E: sunsmart@cancervic.org.au
W: sunsmart.com.au
Community News

Full Boarding Homestay Families Are Sought for International Students Studying at Northcote High School

Northcote High School seeks quality homestays from our local community, to help care for our young international students studying in year 10, 11 +12. They are mainly from Asian countries, such as China, Vietnam, Korea, Thailand and Cambodian and some International Students are from European countries such as Italy and Germany.

Hosting International Students can bring a rich cross cultural experience and opportunity for our families. Many local families are already on board with the Northcote High School Homestay Program and over the years have enjoyed and benefited from the diverse cultural and language exchange experience, especially when they have school age children at home. The reverse experience for our International Students is very much a part of their overseas study journey.

If you have a spare room and are willing to take care of a young international student please contact the International Student Office 9488 2334 or email wang.lixia.l@edumail.vic.gov.au for more information. Full boarding homestay fees are $300 per week (tax free), which covers a fully furnished room, 3 healthy meals daily, laundry, household bills (including internet). Students are responsible for their own transport.

Jocelyn Hill
Assistant Principal
Northcote High School

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or register at
www.cliftonhillclinic.com.au

KERBAL SPACE PROGRAM
WELL YES, IT IS ROCKET SCIENCE
with the one and only Adam Simon, Preshil’s IT wizard!

Preshil Holiday Program
Monday 26 September - Friday 30 September 2016
9.30 am to 3.30 pm

*The Media Space* Preshil Secondary Campus
12 - 26 Sackville Street, Kew

Suitable for girls and boys in Grades 4, 5, 6 and 7

$150 for the week, $35 per day (preference given to whole week)

Bookings visit trybooking.com/MW01

Places are limited | Bring your own lunch | Parental Permission Slip required

Preshil has been running outstanding STEAM electives for several years now and is keen to offer these opportunities during the school holidays.
This is our first and we look forward to building this program for 2017.

All our staff are required to complete the “Mandatory Reporting” and “Safeguarding Children” online training modules. For further details about our Elective Program, please visit preshil.vis.edu.au or call 9817 6135.

YOU’RE INVITED
TO A WEEKEND OF FINE ART, FOOD AND FAMILY FUN
9 - 11 Sept
Fairfield Primary School
Preview Night / Fri Sept 9
Gala Evening / Sat Sept 10
Family Day, full of fun, arty activities for kids / Sun Sept 11
www.artforall.com.au
Begin Bright – Primary Tutoring – programs available:

- Individual Tutoring Session (30/40 or 60 minute sessions)
- Group Tutoring (45 or 60 minute sessions (max 3 children))

Call 1300 234 462 or www.beginbright.com.au

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**SUMMER FOOTBALL PROGRAM**

4 OCTOBER - 13 DECEMBER 2016
EVERY TUESDAY (EXCEPT MELB CUP)
10 WEEK PROGRAM
$120

5-8 year old program
Boys and Girls

9-11 year old program
Boys

9-11 year old program
Girls

**VENUE**
Coulson Reserve - John St, Clifton Hill

**ENQUIRIES & BOOKINGS**
Contact: Michael Tynkon
0411 813 622 | junior@fcch.org.au

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**HOLIDAY INTENSIVE**

Get outdoors with our 3 day soccer intensive this 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 Shede Olakhale 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 $80 for 3 days**
**WHERE**
Mon 26th Tues 27th Wed 28th September
**TIME 10 – 11.30am**
WHERE
Edinburgh Gardens North Fitzroy Opposite North Fitzroy Primary School

**BOOKINGS** are essential and places are limited

BOOKINGS: info@kickstarttraining.com.au or phone Sarah on 0439 218 800
Booking is essential for planning purposes

"My son’s favourite time of the week is attending Shede’s soccer clinic", Angela

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**MOVE CREATE DANCE**

A creative workshop for all primary school children

Book now for this September

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**FURLAN CLUB**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY**

**COOKING CLASS & BOCCE CLINIC**

WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER
10.30AM – 3.00PM

**COOKING CLASS & SHOW**
Make A Scene Theatre presents a FREE SHOW guaranteed to entertain all ages!
Show starts at 2.00pm
www.makeascene.com.au
https://www.facebook.com/makeascenetheatre/

THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER
10.30AM – 3.00PM

**BOCCE CLINIC**

**COST: $30.00 PER CHILD FOR 2 DAYS OR $18 PER DAY (LUNCH INCLUDED)**

FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CONTACT FURLAN CLUB ON 9484 0477 OR ADELA ON 9480 5979