### Important School Diary Dates

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#### 2017 Term Dates

- **Term 1** - Tuesday 31\textsuperscript{st} January to Friday 31\textsuperscript{st} March at 2.30 p.m.
- **Term 2** - Tuesday 18\textsuperscript{th} April to Friday 30\textsuperscript{th} June at 2.30 p.m.
- **Term 3** - Monday 17\textsuperscript{th} July to Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} September at 2.30 p.m.
- **Term 4** - Monday 9\textsuperscript{th} October to Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} December at 1.30 p.m.

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*If you have information or ads for the newsletter, need to contact the school or want an email forwarded on to a teacher, please email it to [northcote.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:northcote.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)*
Greetings

Student Achievement - Writing – Kate J, Year 5

Students are currently involved in writing a reflection of their learning and their highlights for their 2nd Semester, end of year reports. Teachers are providing some prompts that children might like to reflect on or they can decide for themselves what they would like to have recorded in their reports. I would like to share Kate’s (year 5) reflections. After the task was explained, Kate took herself off and began writing her reflection and I have her permission to share it with you, I think you will enjoy it. Go Kate!

Student comments can be boring  
I liked this and it was FUN!!!” (*sarcasm alert*)
Really?
Poems are as sweet as chocolate buns

My student comment is much better  
And now I have written a buddy letter  
Integers can be below zero  
And creativity is rad because my brain is the hero

Moustache has an accented ‘ou’  
While poems use rhymes like tiramisu  
The buddy hats will be blue and white  
And I will add a rainbow stripe

We talk about ethics  
Boy, the discussion is tough  
But I bet you have never made something steampunk with junk and stuff

I have many goals for next year too  
To go to the leadership conference and be captain for blue  
Well if all doesn’t happen  
I’ll stick to algebra and number patterns  
And I plan to be a superb buddy too  
As a leader of the school ought to do.

Kate

We do have some very creative writers at our school.
Ready, Set, Go!
Our 2017 Prep orientation commences this Friday. I know you will join me in welcoming our new families to the school as they wander in looking for where to go. If they look a little lost, please welcome and direct them to the Prep learning area entrance. We will have official ‘Guides’ from year 5 & 6 to assist during the program as well. We are looking forward to welcoming our future preppies and their families.

Warm Regards,
Kerrie

Out of School Hours Program 2017 – News from School Council
Dear Parents/Guardians,
Over the last few months, the school council has conducted a review of our arrangements for managing the school’s out-of-school-hours program, as well as the choice of provider. This has resulted in the school tendering the operations of the program to a number of qualified providers. Ultimately, from a short-list of the strongest 3 proposals, a selection of the preferred candidate was made.

And so, we are delighted to announce that OSHClub has been selected as the operator of Northcote Out-of-School-Hours (NOOSH) program for 3 years, starting from term 1, 2017. The first official day of operation will be 30 January 2017, which is a pupil-free day. In addition to before and after school programs, OSHClub will also run holiday programs starting in the Term 1 holidays.

We are confident that OSHClub is a great fit for our growing school community. They are committed to building and maintaining a strong collaborative approach with the school community; which they were able to demonstrate through examples of how they work with other schools. OSHClub operate at a number of schools in the area and come highly recommended.

See information contained in the OSHClub flyer attached for details of the program. OSHClub will be holding a Parent Information Night on Monday 5th December at 7.00 p.m. for those parents interested in finding out more. The information night will be held in the After Care House.

Thank you Camp Australia and Staff
We would also like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the school community and school council, to thank Camp Australia and their staff for their many years of service to the school, and in particular to Rosa (co-ordinator) and Marie, both long time staff members.

Thanks and regards
NOOSHC Sub-Committee & School Council

Icypole Fundraiser
With the weather warming up, why not cool down with an icypole! On sale this Friday you can purchase an icypole from the canteen area from 3.30-3.45pm. Icypoles are $1 each. What a delicious way to raise funds for the school.
Hi Parents and Carers,

We have a growing lost property monster that is overflowing from its cage!

I've gone through and returned any named items to their owner but there is still a lot of clothing and containers that need to find their rightful home.

Attached are two pictures of the remaining lost property. Please look at them carefully and come in to collect anything that you recognise. These items will be on display in the hall on Wednesday and then put back into the baskets after that.

Any items not collected by the end of term will be donated to charity.

Warm Regards,
Kate Stevenson (Grade 3 /4 Teacher)

Northcote Primary School students collect food with Need A Feed Victoria to help others.

Northcote Primary School students have collected over 65kg of non-perishable food this year to help 'Need A Feed' support locals who are struggling to make ends meet.

A huge thanks to Stephanie and the Junior School Council for organising the food drive, as well as speaking to all the students about issues facing those in our community and how emergency relief can make a difference.

This year we worked with DIVRS in Preston to provide local clients who require support with food and personal care items. The food collected will contribute to food hampers for over 350 families during December for Christmas, as well as emergency relief for the post-Christmas period.

A great effort by all, and a great big thank you.

Nikki Shelton (Felix and Piper’s Mum)

Need A Feed can be contacted at food@needafeed.org.
Lost
Peta (Grade 3/4L) lost her necklace at lunchtime a couple of days ago in the little kids playground. It is a chain with a little lantern charm. If anyone has found it or knows of its whereabouts please contact the office.

NPS END OF YEAR MUSIC CONCERT
CONCERT 1: THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER
CONCERT 2: THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER
2.30pm in the hall.

Your child’s music teacher will let your child know which concert your child will perform in. Please join us for an afternoon of music to celebrate the end of the year.
Dear NPS Families,

With our 2017 School Fete fast approaching and a whole Festive season in between, I would like you to consider that if you are going to have a clear out, a declutter or a good old purge of goods over the holidays, could you please keep our fete in mind and donate to our Secondhand Stalls.

We are looking for good quality items of clothing, toys, books, household bric-a-brac and small pieces of furniture.

Unfortunately we cannot accept electrical goods, damaged or incomplete items.

Weekday and weekend dates and times will be set aside for donation drops offs, which will be announced early next year.

Many thanks in anticipation

Donna Cassidy
dcassidy3070@gmail.com
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](http://sunsmart.com.au) and as a free SunSmart app. Sun protection times can also be found at the [Bureau of Meteorology website](https://www.bom.gov.au) and live UV levels are available from [ARPANSA](https://www.arpansa.gov.au).

Further information contact SunSmart

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Amazing Movies BYOD

Learn lots of cool techniques to make your own amazing movies! Each day focuses on a different set of skills and techniques. Learn about camera shots and lighting by creating your own stop-motion animation, create camera magic using different filming and editing techniques, then use your skills to film and edit a movie trailer! Express your creativity! Students will need to bring their own smartphone or tablet, and may bring along their own props such as Lego and other movie props.

IMPORTANT: This is a Bring Your Own Device course. Students will need to bring along their own tablet (iOS or Android), with the following apps installed: YouTube Capture, Instagram Hyperlapse, Lego Movie Maker.

BOOK NOW

Our holiday courses will be held at Kingswood college from Monday 16th - Wednesday 18th January, 9am-5pm. Possibly might run some in the 2nd week from Monday 23rd-Wednesday 25th if we get inquiries.

Price : $299 for a 3pm finish , $329 for 5pm finish

Call us on 1800 11 55 62 , or book on our website: www.bubbledome.com
Cheers - The Bubble Dome Team :)

Bright Sparks Creative Workshops

Holiday Program - January 2017

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 January 23, 24 & 25
$170 / $150 (concession) for a 3 day course or $65 per session
Jika Jika Community Centre, Northcote

Bookings essential by Friday, January 20.
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.