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Important School Diary Dates - 2017

May	25	Thurs	Gr 5/6 Darebin Indigenous Walk Excursion
	28	Sun	Prep Disco – 4.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
	31	Wed	Community Sub-Committee Meeting
Jun	2	Fri	Bookings for Movie Fundraiser Close
	3	Sat	Working Bee – 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
	7	Wed	Movie Night – 20 th Century Women – Westgarth Palace Cinema
	20	Tues	Italian Poster Competition closes
	30	Fri	End Term 2 – 2:30 p.m. Finish

Pupil of the Week (Assembly Item by Grade Prep)

ooJ	Hugo I	12B	Rosie C	34H	Tauwhitu T	56E	Ronan B
ooL	Ned L	12G	Eimer Y	34J	Stirling U	56N	Christian McK
ooW	Olive P-S	12NK	Hannah W	34K	Andersen W	56P	Cassius McD
		12S	Holly C	34L	Lachlan S	56S	Aimee M
		12T	Fleure D			56T	Naoise M

Reminder: Donations to the Library Trust Fund for this year's tax can be paid at the office until Wednesday 21st June. Thank you.

Community Sub-Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 31st May

7:15 p.m. at Kitty Somerset

565 High St, Thornbury

Please join us to discuss fundraisers, community events and other community related items!

Community.nps@gmail.com

Greetings ...

Student Achievement

All students during our Open Day

I would like to acknowledge all the students for their powers of concentration and engagement on Monday as we held our annual open day. Not only were their own parents and friends parents in attendance but also grandparents. In all learning areas, there was a buzz of activity and voices as students shared their learning and explained their achievements.

I was impressed by how well the students remained engaged in their learning despite being observed and asked many questions. As usual, our students expressed themselves in a respectful and articulate manner when called upon to explain to parents from their point of view, their learning or aspects of the school programs. It is never rehearsed, and I am always interested and indeed I value, their perspective. Their pride in their school is always evident. Well done Northcote Primary students, we are proud of you.

Thank You Parents, Grandparents and Friends

Our open day was very well attended, especially in the junior grades where at times, it seemed there was standing room only for some sessions. My thanks go to all of the parents and family members who were able to take the time to come along to the school to see their children in action, your children loved it! They waited excitedly and you made their day to see you watching and joining in their learning activities. Well done Preps for making pasta and thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the preparation, cleaning and cooking. I was informed by many preps that the pasta was delicious and made even more so with Elena's pasta sauce.

Well Done All Cross Country Participants!

Thirty-three of our students from years 3-6 participated in the annual, interschool, cross-country, running events at Bundoora Park on Tuesday. Steve (5/6 teacher) and Kate (3/4 teacher) reported that the conditions were superb and that our students performed at an outstanding level. Please see Stevens report.

Group Tours for Prospective Enrolments 2018

We have commenced our group tours for prospective enrolments next year and will continue weekly until close to the end of this term. Many of our tours are booking out, so if you know someone who is interested, please encourage them to make contact with the school as soon as possible, to book in for a tour.

Siblings Commencing Prep in 2018 – Enrol Now

If you are a current family with children in the school and they have a sibling due to commence in 2018, I strongly advise you to fill in an enrolment form and lodge it at the office, or scan and email to us. Once tours commence, enrolments will fill up fast and we would like to ensure a place for siblings of current families as soon as possible.

National Sorry Day – 26th May 2017 and National Reconciliation Week – 27th May 2017 to 3rd June 2017

National Sorry Day acknowledges and raises awareness of the history and continued effect of the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from their families, communities and culture.

National Reconciliation Week celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision. This year marks 50 years since the 1967 referendum, and 25 years since the historic Mabo decision. The theme for National Reconciliation week is 'Let's Take the next Steps' in our nation's reconciliation journey.

May 27 - Marks the anniversary of Australia's most successful referendum and a defining event in our nation's history. The 1967 referendum saw over 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the national census.

3 June, 1992 - The High Court of Australia delivered its landmark Mabo decision which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land—that existed prior to colonisation and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for land rights called Native Title.

Next week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort.

Further information is at <http://www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw/>

Warm regards, Ross

Urgent Works on the Hall

The Hall and other parts of the school are in dire need of a significant injection of cash to keep them safe and restore them to their former glory. School council has been aware of this for a long time and has been working on a number of fronts to access the required funds. Needless to say the works are extensive and far beyond the resources and capabilities of the school community.

The state government has provided a significant level of funding (over \$230,000) recently. This money is welcomed as a great start to the works we require. However, what is needed goes well beyond what is possible with this level of support. We also know that 'bandaid' solutions are mostly wasting our limited resources as all the causes of the problems need to be addressed at once.

Last week I announced that a school council working party was meeting to ramp up action on some of the most pressing projects. We met yesterday and have identified a number of actions as immediate priorities. Members have committed to taking action immediately.

Working party members at present are: Pauline Ioannou, Karen McWilliam, Andrew Gillett, Ian Taylor, and Sam Corrie.

We are asking for your help too. Look out for ways you can be involved and please think about what you might be able to contribute to make the school an even better place for our children to learn and grow.

Ian Taylor,
School Council President

District Cross Country Report

by Steven

What a magnificent day it was on Tuesday – beautiful sunshine, light winds and the smell of crushed grass as hundreds of athletic students from the Darebin district pounded the hills of Bundoora with their feet. What for? Well, they were competing in the District Cross Country at Bundoora Park.

NPS had 33 students involved and they acquitted themselves extremely well. The 9/10 year olds went first on their 2 km journey, followed by the older students who ran 3 km over the twisty, undulating course. The first 10 placegetters in each race would proceed to the next level of competition. Once again, we were highly successful, with almost a third of our entrants making it through to the Division Cross Country, to be held on June 14th at Bundoora Park.

Congratulations to all our competitors for the effort you showed, your support for each other, and for your excellent behaviour. A big thanks also to Kate (3/4 teacher) and Sharyn and Anna (pre-service teachers) for helping marshal and supporting all students. Finally, it was fantastic to see so many NPS parents, grandparents, friends and canine entertainment turn up to support our runners.

Below are the names of our qualifiers. A special mention to Zac H (3/4) for his superb run. Zac was well-positioned to finish in the top 10 but unfortunately suffered an injury close to the finish. Great effort Zac and we hope to see you back next year.

12/13 Girls – Gabi B (6th)

12/13 Boys – Guy F (1st – by a fair distance!)

12/13 Boys – James W (8th)

11 Girls – Julia RH (9th)

11 Boys – Ned vdH (3rd)

11 Boys – Liam C (7th)

9/10 Girls – Claire L (1st – comfortably)

9/10 Girls – Minke C (2nd – not far behind Claire)

9/10 Girls – Eliza B (9th)

9/10 Boys – Finbar K (4th)





Premier's Reading Challenge – Ends September 8, 2017

Thank you to all parents who have already sent me an email!

Our school is excited to announce the 2017 Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge. It is simple to do!

Please email griffiths.stephanie.c@edumail.vic.gov.au

Subject: READ

Include: your child's name, grade level and teacher

Thank you! Stephanie will then register your child.

Once you have registered, Stephanie will send you the log in details for your child. You can log onto the website and type in the book titles. Your child may be able to do this by themselves. Then, until September, just continue reading and make sure you record the books you have read.

The challenge finishes on Friday, September 8th, 2017.

Each year level has a TOTAL number of books to read. In that TOTAL, your child will need to read a number of "CHALLENGE" books. On the website it will tell you whether the books are in the CHALLENGE list.

<i>If you are in:</i>	<i>You must read a total of:</i>	<i>Number from the Challenge Book list:</i>
<i>Prep</i>	30 books in TOTAL	<i>20 or more</i>
<i>Year 1</i>	30 books in TOTAL	<i>20 or more</i>
<i>Year 2</i>	30 books in TOTAL	<i>20 or more</i>
<i>Year 3</i>	15 books in TOTAL	<i>10 or more</i>
<i>Year 4</i>	15 books in TOTAL	<i>10 or more</i>
<i>Year 5</i>	15 books in TOTAL	<i>10 or more</i>
<i>Year 6</i>	15 books in TOTAL	<i>10 or more</i>

The Challenge Book list includes many titles you will already have at home, or in our school library. There is a huge range of wonderful books to choose from.

Thank you, Stephanie Griffiths



Yes it's on again! The Boscastle Pie Drive

Northcote Primary school invites family and friends to purchase award winning Boscastle gourmet pies as part of our fundraising efforts to improve facilities and resources for 2017.

Orders must be placed by Tuesday 13 June and pies will be delivered on Thursday 22 June.

Orders can be made via the Trybooking link below or the order forms which are being sent out through the classrooms.

<https://www.trybooking.com/QGIX>

School Fundraiser – Gourmet Hamper Raffle

Two fabulous gourmet hampers to be won valued at around \$150 each! With one great voucher inside each hamper - \$50 for All are Welcome (the new Northcote bakery) and \$75 voucher to the awesome pizza restaurant Farina 00.

The two winners will be drawn at the movie night fundraiser on Wednesday 7th June. You don't have to be there to win, we will hold your prize for collection at school!

Tickets for these great prizes will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and will be for sale after school this Friday 26th of May, Monday 29th May and Friday 2nd June on the ABC TURF. Even if you can't make it our movie night you can help raise funds for our wonderful school by purchasing a ticket or two. Thank you.

From your Community Sub-Committee



Italian Update - Ciao A tutti!! (Hello Everyone!)

Italian Student Committee: Students in Year 5 and 6 have been briefed about our Italian Day and how to apply for The Italian Student Committee. This is a leadership position at the school where the students will be required to write a 'creative' letter addressed to me outlining why they should be chosen to be part of this committee. The 'creative' letter can be a letter on paper, a poster, a 3D model or a mini movie to be watched. Students chosen will assist with the planning process of the Italian Day and will contribute to the running of the day as well. They will also receive a badge at a special Assembly. At present there are many interested students and the application process has commenced. Grazie to those students who have already submitted their application! Applications close on **Tuesday 30th May**.

Italian Day Help - any assistance will be greatly appreciated: If you can help in any way, please contact me at school on Monday or Tuesdays and leave a note at the office.

Pasta or Gelato making classes on Italian Day - Through student surveys, an expression of interest has emerged for cooking activities. If you would like to participate and assist in making and cooking pasta or even 'gelato' with the year 3/4 or 5/6 students or even in the junior school, please see me or contact the school **as soon as possible**. We endeavour to schedule these activities on our Italian Day which will be on a Tuesday in either early term 3 or midterm 4.

State-Wide Italian Competitions - Poster Competition 2017 Task Sheet

- * No larger than A3
- * Include a painting, drawing or collage
- * Be **clearly** labelled with the student's name, year level and school
- * Individual student entries will be accepted from students in Foundation to Grade 6

Foundation, Grade 1 and Grade 2 - La più bella mongolfiera è... (The most beautiful Hot-Air Balloon is..)

Students are to create a poster about a hot-air balloon. They may focus on the size, shape and colour of the vessel. The heading on the poster must have the words "La più bella mongolfiera è..." or "La più bella mongolfiera va...".



The poster must contain five (5) adjectives or adverbs describing the hot-air balloon – these do not need to be in sentence form. Students may even choose to name their hot-air balloon!

Example*

“La mongolfiera più bella è ... rossa; lenta; burrascosa; gonfia; grandissima”

Grade 3 and Grade 4 students - Cosa vedo dalla mia mongolfiera? (What can I see from my Hot-Air Balloon?)

Students are to create a poster about what they may see from a hot-air balloon. The heading on the poster must have the question “Cosa vedo dalla mia mongolfiera?” or “Dalla mia mongolfiera vedo...”. The poster must contain five (5) brief sentences describing what can be seen from the student’s hot-air balloon.

Example*

“Cosa vedo dalla mia mongolfiera? Io vedo una vista bellissima. Io vedo i tetti rossi di Siena. Ci sono delle persone piccole come le formiche. Io osservo il mercato nella piazza. Guarda, c’è un pappagallo che ci accompagna!”

Grade 5 and Grade 6 students - Dove mi porta la mia mongolfiera? (Where will my Hot-Air Balloon take me?)

Students are to create a poster about where they are going in a hot-air balloon. The heading on the poster must have the question “Dove mi porta la mia mongolfiera?” or “La mia mongolfiera mi porta...”. The poster must contain five (5) detailed sentences describing where the student’s hot-air balloon is travelling to.

Example*

“Dove mi porta la mia mongolfiera? Sono diretto per Alberobello ad apprezzare un panorama punteggiato di Trulli – storici, bianchi e carini. Io piloto la mia mongolfiera verso Marostica per vedere La Scacchiera in Piazza Castello. Io sono in viaggio per Portofino a contare le numerose barche a vela; canoe e navi da crociera. Sto andando a Roma per vedere come passano il tempo le famiglie in Villa Borghese. Vado in Piemonte per seguire l’espresso da Domodossola a Locarno e a fare delle fotografie in mezzo alle Alpi.”

*These are examples only and are not indicative of the breadth of possible student responses.

From everyone at the ‘DAS’ Melbourne: **“BUON LAVORO!”**

Until next time, grazie mille (many thanks) for your continuing support,
Signorina Rosa - Italian Teacher Years 3-6 and Co-ordinator (Mon/Tue)

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THE DANTE ALIGHIERI SOCIETY JUNIOR POSTER COMPETITION 2017
Final day to enter is **Tuesday, 20th June 2017** - earlier would be preferred!

All completed posters received by this date will be sent on this day. Entry Fee = \$5

Yes, I wish my child to enter The Dante Alighieri Poster Competition.

Student’s name: _____ Grade: _____

Please find enclosed: \$5.00 Thank you.

I give permission for _____ (child’s name) to have his/her photo,
full name, grade and school name to be published in The Italian Newspaper ‘Il Globo’.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____



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Community Sub-Committee Presents

MOVIE FUNDRAISER

FUN SOCIAL NIGHT WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL.

Bring a crowd to make this a great night!

STARRING:

Annette Being Elle Fanning Greta Gerwin



TICKETS ON SALE from FRIDAY 5th May.

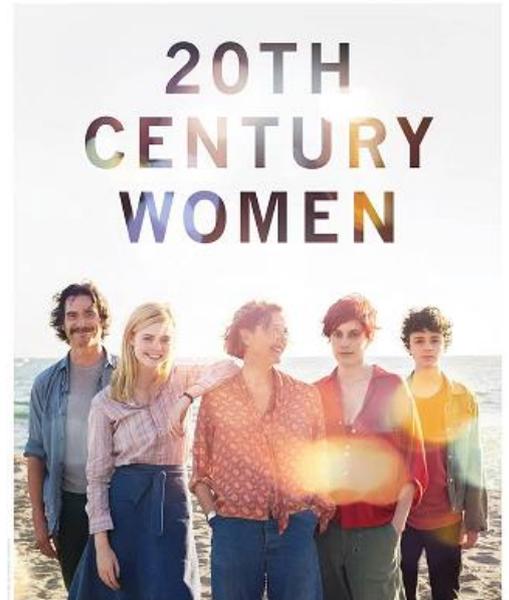
To purchase copy this link into Trybooking or visit the NPS homepage.

<https://www.trybooking.com/PVKI>

Bookings will close Friday 2nd June!!

**WEDNESDAY 7th JUNE 2017 6.00 pm for an approx
6:30pm start**

WESTGARTH PALACE CINEMA



Welcome to OSHClub!

Hi there,

The term is flying by fast! We've had some upgrades to the OSHC recently. We now have bag racks for preps and the bigger kids, we've gotten a larger book shelf to house some of our recently donated books and Geraldine has been working with the children to make the room a lot more colourful! We're really happy and we hope you are too. Speaking of your thoughts, we have assessment and rating coming in the next 4-6 weeks. If you have any feedback on how we can improve the OSHC or just what you're enjoying we'd love to hear from you. We have a suggestion box at the sign in or feel free to come and mention something to myself, Geraldine or Molly.

Tim, Geraldine and Molly

Just a few updates and reminders:

There have been some changes at OSHClub. We have a new contact for accounting. Please call **1300 395 735** or email oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au for any account enquiries. If you have any questions about the changes don't hesitate to ask, I'll do my best to help you.

- We're in the process of building some bag racks to keep the bag room tidy. Before this happens please remind your children to put them away neatly in the mornings.

- We now have code system on the door. If you haven't received it please talk to me and I can tell you it personally. I recommend you store it in your phone and it will be the same code for everyone. Please remember that it is important that you keep this code in confidence for the safety of everyone at OSHClub.
- We have a new number at OSHClub. The landline is no longer in use, so please call this number 0437692819 for any enquiries about the program.
- On last minute casual bookings. Please make sure, if you want your child to attend after care that you text or call the program with your child's name. So that we know exactly who we have each afternoon and follow up with the school so they can be told of they are coming.
- An update about lost property. We now have a hanger next to the bag racks with all the lost items. Come and have a look through if you think your child may have lost something.

If you have any questions about the program feel free to call or email us.

Program Number: 0437 69 2819

Program Email: oshclub.northcote@gmail.com

Community News

Lovely 4 bedroom Edwardian house with good sized backyard in Northcote available for 10 to 12 month rental starting 1st September 2017. Prefer to rent furnished. Perfect for those renovating and wanting to stay local. Rent negotiable (~\$750-800/week). Contact Chris 0412 008 525

