



# NEWSLETTER

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## Important School Diary Dates – 2017/18

Dec	22	Fri	Last day of School – <b>1.30 p.m. finish</b>
Jan	30	Tues	First Day of School for Children for 2018 – 9.00 a.m. start
Feb	5	Fri	Welcome Back Picnic! Gates open 5.30pm for 6pm start
	21	Wed	Parent/Teacher meetings
Mar	3	Sat	School Fete
	29	Thu	Last day Term 1 – <b>2.30 finish</b>
Apr	16	Mon	First Day of Term 2
	23	Mon	School Photos
	25	Wed	ANZAC day public holiday
	30	Mon	Grade 5/6 Camp

### 2018 School Term Dates

Term 1 - Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	to	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March at 2.30 p.m.
Term 2 - Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	to	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June at 2.30 p.m.
Term 3 - Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	to	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September at 2.30 p.m.
Term 4 – Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	to	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December at 1.30 p.m.

**On Friday the children will only require play lunch as dismissal is at 1.30 p.m. sharp 😊**

**The final assembly is at 1.10 p.m.**

## Year 6 annual AWARDS 2017

Each year, significant community organisations and some of our local members of parliament, donate a prize to award to year 6's that have demonstrated specific achievements, attitudes and capabilities.

We are proud to announce the 2017 recipients of the community sponsored awards:

### Community and School Involvement Scholarships (sponsored by the Darebin RSL):

**The RSL award** - (awarded to one male and one female Year 6 student who have demonstrated outstanding achievement, leadership, community engagement, school contribution and dedication to learning)

#### Connor Hastings

Connor is a generous, modest and confident student who has had a year of successes in academic, community and sporting fields. He willingly participates in what's on offer and persists in doing and being his best. He won the Northcote High School's Speech Competition – the first NPS student in 10 years to do so. He was awarded a Medallion for his perfect score in all the Maths Olympiad tests (top 2% of Australasia). He has represented the school in many sports; interschool teams in AFL and cricket, captained the Regional T20 Cricket tournament team, District triathlon, swimming, athletics and Cross-Country. All these achievements began as collaborative efforts – in teams and learning groups, where Connor collaborated respectfully with his peers, shared his knowledge and skill, and encourage others to develop their ideas. His intentions are to participate, to contribute and to be community-minded. This makes him a worthy winner of this award.

#### Kate Jackson

Kate has achieved outstanding results across all academic areas this year. She has been a dedicated student who always does her best and has a genuine love of learning. She has actively participated in many school events within the Arts, Sport and School Leadership. Kate is passionate about many causes involving animals, the environment and people, and ensuring fair and equitable treatment for all. Kate has been an energetic member of the student-led Action Team, Potter's Gone Crafty, who design, create and sell Harry Potter-themed collectables. All money raised is donated to the Aboriginal Literacy Foundation, demonstrating Kate's community mindedness and awareness of how to be a catalyst for positive change. Kate has shown excellent leadership and sporting attitude in interschool sports teams, particularly in rounders. She has also demonstrated leadership to younger students as Blue House Captain, assisting the whole-school Athletics days. She has also been a very caring buddy to many Prep students this year.

### Annual Book Prize: donated by the Hon. David Feeney MP.

The Honourable David Feeney is the Senator for Victoria, Federal Labor member for the House of Representatives seat of Batman.

**This award is for overcoming challenges or showing great improvement.**

#### Matilda McDermott

Matilda has developed an excellent attitude to learning this year. She has demonstrated that with a persistent approach, combined with hard work, she can show real improvement. She has particularly applied herself in Literacy sessions, including writing and public speaking. A major milestone for Matilda was completing and presenting her speech to all Year 5/6 students. Matilda has become more independent, has a strong sense of social justice and is willing to give everything a go.

We congratulate all three winners of the Year 6 annual community awards.

## Specialist Program awards for Year 6 students

## **For Excellence in the Arts**

### **Gully Thompson**

For Gully, his creativity has been strongly evident since his Prep years. He has shown a flair with his writing, drawing and musical skills and talents. Congratulations Gully.

### **Mia Pennefather**

Wonderful contributions to school performances and strong evidence of her creativity in all aspects of the Arts program. Congratulations Mia.

## **For Excellence in Italian Languages**

### **Alyssa Martin-Veness**

Demonstrating strong commitment to learning Italian language and for her leadership and contribution to the Italian Day student leadership team. Congratulations Alyssa.

### **Leo Bini**

Outstanding levels of Italian language competency in both written and oral aspects and his overall enthusiasm and commitment to learning of another language. Congratulations Leo.

## **For Excellence in Physical Education**

### **Besinda Cozzo**

For her enthusiastic and cooperative attitude in Physical Education as she willingly takes on all introduced sports. She is highly self-motivated and will go out of her way to support others. She is a positive and flexible student who has the ability to interact, work or play with wide range of students. Congratulations Besinda.

### **Luke Campbell**

Has demonstrated great sportsperson qualities, always encouraging team members to do their best whilst he puts in excellent effort every time. He demonstrates maturity and generosity by offering to share his expertise and knowledge with peers when needed, bringing out the best in himself and others. Congratulations Luke.

## **Staffing news 2018**

Earlier this week, I sent out the 2018 Staff list on Compass. In case you missed it, I have included it in this week's newsletter as well.

### **Staff leaving**

Sadly we have a number of staff who are leaving our school at the end of this year and on behalf of the school I would like to thank them all collectively, for the contributions they have made to our children's learning and wellbeing throughout the time they have been here. All of these teachers have worked conscientiously, tirelessly and demonstrated utmost care and commitment to being the best teacher they could be for the benefit of the children at our school.

**Thank you, farewell and our best wishes for your future to the following teachers:**

### **Emma Fulgenzi, year 5/6 teacher**

For those of you who know Emma, she has a little bit of gypsy in her blood and is feeling the pull of distant lands so she will be off travelling somewhere in the world in 2018. Emma has taught in the 5/6 team for the last two years and her students adore her, they have told me so! We hope to see her around when she is not travelling for some casual teaching work.

### **Lucy Jones, year Prep/Foundation teacher**

Lucy has spent two years with us teaching in the Prep Team and she has discovered that she really wants to teach in Early Childhood so is going back to university to study to update her qualifications. We know she will make an excellent Early Childhood educator.

### **Katie Budge, 1/2 class share teacher**

Katie has shared teaching a 1/2 class this year with Niki and together they have forged a strong partnership teaching team. Katie has been successfully appointed to classroom teaching position at Spensely Primary School in 2018. We believe Spensely Street students will be very lucky to have her as their teacher.

### **Jonathan Brown**

As you may know, Jonathan came to us in Term 2 this year to replace Physical Education teacher Krissy King, who was on leave. Jonathan worked hard to get to know the children and implement an engaging physical education program for all students. Jonathan has been successfully appointed to a Physical Education specialist teaching position at Findon Primary School for 2018. Well done Jon and congratulations!

### **Katinka Kastner**

Katinka was on leave this year to take up teaching in the Northern Territory. Katinka has decided that she would like to stay on and continue her professional learning in schools in Darwin and so has officially resigned from her teaching position at our school. Katinka was a dedicated and vibrant teacher at our school and we know she has a lot to offer the children in Darwin.

### **Farewell and best wishes (temporarily)**

**Penny Foster** is expecting her first baby (not that you would have noticed!) in February, 2018. We wish her all the best and look forward to when she is able to bring the new bub along to meet us all.

### **Last Day Assembly**

Our final assembly on Friday afternoon, 22<sup>nd</sup> December, **commencing at 1.10pm – 1.30pm** where we farewell our families who will be leaving us; staff; and of course, our Year 6 graduates. Hope to see you there.

As this will be the last newsletter for the 2017 school year, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank you all.

### **Thank you to all the staff at NPS**

I would like to thank all staff, teachers, office staff, student support staff, out of hours staff, for the tireless work, their energy, enthusiasm, and the 'extra mile' they are always willing to go, to make Northcote Primary School such a great place to be. In particular, I would like to thank Ross Bennie, Assistant Principal for his commitment to the leadership of NPS. They all work so hard every day, and truly deserve their break.

Thank you all, well done NPS staff, you are all very much appreciated.

### **Thank you parents and families of NPS community**

You provide the school with much support and are valued as partners in your children's education at NPS.

### **Our friendly neighbours and school security over the Holiday period**

I would like to ask our neighbours both near and far, to help us keep our school secure and ready for the children to start the 2018 school year. If you could report any unwanted or illegal behaviours to the police on either the local Northcote Police number or '000' if it is an emergency, we would greatly appreciate it.

## **Farewell to our 2017 Year 6's**

I would like to congratulate all the year 6's on their graduation from Northcote Primary School. Many have attended Northcote Primary School for all their primary school years and some students joined us along the way.

We have lovely memories of you all as little preppies, and we had tears in our eyes as we saw the 'then and now' photos on Graduation night last week. It was a very enjoyable evening where the focus was on our Year 6 Graduates as we gathered together to celebrate and acknowledge the journey our young people have made over the years they have been at Northcote Primary School.

They have proven to be an outstanding group of students, particularly in their final year, as they have grown into their maturity and taken on levels of responsibility and made so many valued contributions to our school community. We are so very proud of them all and we listened fondly as Steven, Nicole, Tracy, Penny and Emma, year 6 teachers, read out an individual tribute to each Year 6 student highlighting their achievements.

They have all grown through many challenging and rewarding times together and have developed strong friendships. While I am sure they will all pursue a variety of interests as they progress through secondary school, I hope that they continue to enjoy each other's friendship and share those bonds into the future.

So to our Year 6 Graduates, I hope that you look back on your time with us at Northcote Primary School with much fondness and good memories as we will remember you well.

Wherever your future leads you, I will be watching and cheering for you. I am looking forward to updates from your lives and seeing where your education leads.

We wish you all the very best for all your future endeavours.

So long, farewell, to each of you.

## **And finally ...**

Another great year at Northcote Primary School draws closer to the end.

Thank you all for your support throughout the year.

I wish you and your families, a Merry Christmas, may the end of the year draw to a happy close and the new one start with much joy, laughter and fun. I hope you all spend time with those you love over the holiday period.

See all of you in 2018

## **Warm Regards**

## **Your Principal**

## **Kerrie**



Principal  
**Kerrie Williams**

**NORTHCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**STAFF 2018 - Term 1**

Asst. Principal  
**Ross Bennie**

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>Learning Space</b>	<b>CLASS TEACHER</b>
Prep	Building B - Downstairs	Brooke Lopuszanski – Team Leader
Prep	Building B - Downstairs	Laura Wandke
Prep	Building B – Downstairs	Pip Cole
1/ 2	Junior School – Southside	Linda Batten– Team Leader
1/ 2	Junior School – Eastside 1	Stephanie Griffiths
1/ 2	Junior School – Eastside 2	Heather Fletcher
1/ 2	Junior School – Westside	Nicole Parker
1/ 2	Junior School – Westside	Anita Hillman
3/4	Building A – Campus B	Steven Bruce – Team Leader
3/4	Building A – Campus B	Leah Gibson
3/4	Building B – Campus B	Sharif Slamet
3/4	Building B – Campus B	Hilary Stack
3/4	Building C – Campus B	Kate Stevenson
5/6	Senior School – Upstairs & D	Janelle Adams – Team Leader
5/6	Senior School – Upstairs & D	Penny Taylor
5/6	Senior School – Downtown & U	Natasha Thomson
5/6	Senior School - Downtown & U	Tracy Budin

***SPECIALIST PROGRAM TEACHER***

***TIME/DAYS***

Art	Lisa Englander	Mon – Thurs.
Italian	Rosa Paladino	Mon & Tues
Italian P – 2	Elena Frazetto	Mon/Tues
Phys.Ed	Krissy King	Mon – Thurs
Literacy Support – Year 1/2	Niki Skoullou	Mon-Thurs

***EDUCATION SUPPORT STAFF***

***TIME/DAYS***

Business Manager	Lyn Ramsay	Mon-Fri
Administrative	Jo Hurst	Mon - Thurs
Administrative Assist	Grace Bennett	tbc
Library Technician	Susi Allender	Wed.Thurs. Fri-am
Integration Aid 1	Susan Dall'Osto	Wed - Fri
Integration Aid 2	Donna Cassidy	Mon – Wed am
Integration Aid 3	Tami Cochrane	Mon – Fri

*Farewell to our 2017 Grade 6's. Good luck at your high schools, you will be missed!*

- *Olivia Andrews*
- *Gabi Babiano*
- *Leo Bini*
- *Francis Cameron*
- *Luke Campbell*
- *Loren Cocciglia*
- *Adam Cooke*
- *Besinda Cozzo*
- *Audrey Du Tot*
- *Rayner Ekholm*
- *Daniel Feng*
- *Bella Florence*
- *Guy Fricke*
- *Ben Gill*
- *Adam Hamo*
- *Elly Heywood-Hill*
- *Jonathan Hi*
- *Markus Howarth*
- *Kiara Jacklin*
- *Kate Jackson*
- *Christos Kastoras*
- *Baxter Kennedy*
- *Elena Kleinschmidt*
- *Mona Kuwahara Quach*
- *Banjo Lay Clark*
- *Alyssa Martin-Veness*
- *Matilda McDermott*
- *Christian McKenzie*
- *Euan McPherson*
- *Aimee Murphy*
- *Daniel Noonan*
- *Ridley O'Donnell*
- *Remi Oke*
- *Daniel O'Neill*
- *Harry Ostwald*
- *Harvey Owen*
- *Mia Pennefather*
- *Otteo Pitruzzello-Carr*
- *Billie Taylor-Morice*
- *Gully Thompson*
- *Linh Trinh*
- *Jared Tripolca*
- *Isobel Unsworth*
- *James Wickett*
- *Lucinda Wilkinson*

A special farewell to the following families who will not be returning to N.P.S in 2018;

- Babianos
- Binis
- Camerons
- Cozzos
- Ekholms
- Fengs
- Florences
- Fricks
- Wilkinsons
- Gills
- Hamos
- Heywood-Hills
- Hiis
- Jacksons
- Kennedys
- Kleinschmidts
- Lay-Clarks
- McKenzies
- McPhersons
- Noonans
- O'Donnells
- O'Neills
- Ostwalds
- Taylor Morices
- Thompsons

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# Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

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Happy Holidays to all

See you in 2018!

