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Important School Diary Dates

2018

Jun	28	Thu	2019 Prep enrolment forms due
	29	Fri	<u>Last Day Term 2 – 2.30 p.m. finish</u>
Jul	16	Mon	<u>First Day Term 3</u> (School photos to be delivered during term 3)
	19	Thu	Make-up photography session 9–10 am (see page 2)
	25	Wed	Victoria State School Spectacular choir rehearsal
	27	Fri	Grade 5/6 Swimming Commences
Aug	1	Wed	Grade 5/6 NHS matinee performance 12 pm
	6	Mon	Curriculum day – no school for students
	8	Wed	District basketball
	13	Mon	Grade 3/4's excursion to National Art Gallery (Cultural performance excursion – part of school fees)
	14	Tue	Grade 5/6's excursion to National Art Gallery (Cultural performance excursion – part of school fees)
	22	Wed	Victorian State Schools Spectacular choir mass rehearsal

School will be finishing at 2.30 pm on Friday 29th June.
Please call on 9481 0009 if you are in any way delayed.

We hope everyone has safe and enjoyable holidays! See you all in term 3!

Greetings,

Student Achievement

Student reports online via Compass

Hopefully by now you would have all read your child/children's reports by accessing them online via Compass. If you are having any trouble doing this, please call the office for assistance.

Well done all students on their mid-year achievements.

Quick survey for parents on the revised midyear reports

We have a 5 question quick survey for parents to fill out to give the school some feedback on the revised reporting format. Please do if you have the time, it is useful for us. Some parents accessed the survey on the night of the parent/teacher/child conferences. The link was sent out via compass today, for those of you who may have missed it. Closes Friday at 5.

Farewell to ...

Saskia Ashkanasy 3/4K

Saskia will not be returning next semester as the family are moving to London for the next two to three years. We will miss Saskia and we look forward to her returning to Northcote Primary in the future.

We wish Saskia and her family, all the best in London and at her new school and thank the family for being part of the NPS community.

Hannah Bekhit 1/2 L

Hannah will be leaving our school to join her older sisters at their school next term. We will miss Hannah and we wish her all the best at her new school and thank the family for being part of the NPS community over the years.

Last day of term, Friday – 2.30pm dismissal

Children will be dismissed from their classrooms at 2.30pm on Friday. Don't forget them!
Please call us if you are delayed in any way.

A safe and happy holiday

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very safe and happy holiday for the next two weeks. See you back in Term 3. If you are lucky to have your holidays with your children, have lots of rest, fun and relaxing times together with a few pyjama days thrown in, it's certainly the weather for it!

Thank you all staff

I would like to thank all staff for their commitment and hard work for the first half of the year and wish them a restful and relaxing break over the holidays.

School Works and Security over the holidays

There will be some works done on the school over the holiday break. The roof will be fixed, above the outside toilets and the gables fixed and painted above the staffroom. You will see scaffolding and tradespeople on the roof during week 1.

There will also be some investigative works related to our Master Planning project so again, some tradespeople in the yard measuring and taking samples of soil for testing.

Our school community and broader community play a vital role in keeping our school secure and safe over the holidays so that it is all ready for the children on their first day back at school. If you see any 'unauthorised' people on school property over the school break, please call Northcote Police on 9403 0200 or 000 and report it in. The local police have been very supportive in driving by the school, particularly at night, and attending the school when our community call in with a report.

**Warm Regards,
Kerrie**

School photos

Dear Parents and Caregivers

On Thursday 19th July from 9.00 to 10.00, there will be a make-up photography session for portrait photos only. This is for children who were absent on photo day.

All students will need to be photographed for our school records, each child will be given an envelope so that you can order a portrait photo if you wish to.

Kind Regards

Ross Bennie

Assistant Principal

School Council News

Hearty thanks to parent members of school council who braved the cold and dark to attend an extraordinary meeting last night with Simon ... from Clarke Hopkins Clarke. The meeting was to update us on our restoration projects and our master plan and provide advice to keep the project moving into the next phase.

Stalwarts, Kerrie and Ross were also there to represent the views of staff on school council who were given an early leave pass in recognition of the huge effort they put into the parent/teacher meetings and the three way conferences on Tuesday.

Simon LeNepveu, architect from Clarke Hopkins Clarke presented a range of materials, detailing current thinking on potential layout, key design elements and project staging. School council were pleased with the current state of the plan and emphasised the need to ensure all preliminary investigative works are completed as soon as possible and that accurate cost estimates are provided to ensure we can realise the full potential of the master plan. Simon assured us that the project is progressing well and meeting its benchmarks

Early next term we will provide the school community with further detail and be seeking your input on achieving our dual goals of restoring our 19th century school and turning it into the best 21st century educational facility it can be.

Exciting times indeed!

Ian Taylor School Council President

Philosothon 2018

On Friday a group of students caught the train to the NGV to critique and evaluate artwork. We were focusing on deep thinking to understand the meaning of the art in depth. Niamh, Sam, Veronica, Sammy, Lucy, Arno, Theo S, Mikayla, Edie and Lily were all participants of the Philosothon. We all said it was a fun and an enjoyable experience to be involved in. All students who entered the Philosothon had to answer three questions about beauty, art and how you would benefit NPS. It was an amazing experience and for people who are thinking about entering it next year, go for it.

By Veronica and Sammy [year six]

Somers camp

Somers camp was really fun, enjoyable and challenging. The activities and the food were great. We got to do a play, environmental studies, and even bush cooking! These challenged us mentally and physically. The food was great and we got as many helpings as we wanted! From our school we had 11 students attending the camp, some of us got separated but by the end of the camp we had all made new friends in our cabins who we really got to know. Getting this opportunity was a stroke of luck, because we've all come back from camp glowing with happiness and enthusiasm.

By Grace and Makari

Somers camp was an experience of a life time. It was a challenge and it was one of the best times of our lives. The biggest challenge was biking and abseiling. My highlight for camp was the nocturnal feeding, because we got to feed sugar gliders and a tawny frog mouth. Overall I would love to go back again because we had so many memorable moments that we will never forget. And we thank Somers camp for making Asha and I better people and giving us the life skills we need for the outside world. It taught us persistence, courage, bravery and dignity. And it was an experience to remember forever.

By Athena & Asha

Somers camp was an awesome experience. No matter how homesick we felt or how lonely we thought we were we pushed through it and there was always someone there to help. My (Julia) favourite activity was Giant Swing (which was really scary until you pulled the green bauble and then it was awesome),

Flying Fox (just fun) and Bush Cooking (yuuuuuuuummy. We made banana boats which is banana and chocolate, billy tea, marshmallows and damper.). My (Elena) favourite activity was abseiling off a 7 metre wall (awesome but a bit nerve-racking) and orienteering (I found all 60 plates and won out of my group.). We pushed ourselves to the limits through many challenges and made many new friends that we now miss. We even made friends with animals including guinea pigs (too many to name), chickens (too many to name), a snake called Wilbur (he was two metre long python) and a three legged goat called Galaxy. It was an opportunity of a lifetime that we will never forget.

By Julia Rossi Hunt and Elena Cooke

Eleven 5/6 students from NPS and another 149 kids from twenty-five different schools across the Darebin/Banyule area all went on a bus on the 5th of June to Somers camp; for nine days. The Department of Education invites primary schools every two years to Somers camp. At Somers camp you have soooo much fun making new friends, having adventures and laughing at the disco and concerts. While you're there you will have challenges along the way, you might feel a bit homesick or lonely at times but if you keep yourself happy you will have the best time ever!! (And someone might come to visit you on visitor's day) If you get the chance to go in grade 5/6 you should definitely go as you will have the time of your life!!

By Lotte and Mackenzie

THANK YOU SOMERS CAMP!!!

Coles Sports for Schools Vouchers!

Congratulations to everyone for the huge effort with Coles sports vouchers. The NPS community donated a total of 55,012 vouchers. Big thank-you to Dale and the 5/6 helpers who stuffed all the vouchers into the bags to be sent away for counting! Jo and Grace from the office had the challenging task of fitting all of them into their cars to take to the post office. Thank-you to everyone who collected and donated. We're very excited to receive some new sports equipment!



A Young Australian Broadway Chorus Production

11th-14th July

Union Theatre, Melbourne University

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Darebin Giants Domestic 2018 Summer Season



The Darebin Junior Giants compete in the Whittlesea City Basketball Association (WCBA) Junior Domestic competition. The competition allows for all skill levels, with teams for boys and girls from Under 8's to Under 19's.

Registration: \$90.00 per season
Late registration (from 1/7/2018) \$100
Uniform (singlet and shorts): \$90.00

Game Day charges: Team Sheet: \$37.00 per team
Door Entry: \$2.50 per person (charges set by each venue)

Register
Online
NOW!

The 2018 Summer season commences Saturday 21st July 2018.
Online registration link: <https://goo.gl/bR47HJ>
REGISTER NOW!



All enquiries can be directed to: giants@idba.org.au

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