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Important School Diary Dates

2018

Nov	26	Mon	Education Sub-committee 7.00pm – 8.30pm
	27	Tue	Environment Sub-committee meeting – 7.00pm – 8.30pm
Dec	3	Mon	Rescheduled Whole School Photo 9.30 a.m.
	5	Wed	School Council Meeting 7.00pm – 8.30pm
	11	Tue	Year 7 – 2019 Orientation Day #1 8.30 am – 3.00 pm
	13	Thu	Grade 6 Graduation 6.00pm – 9.30pm
	17	Mon	Art Walk and Picnic Tea
	18	Tue	School Transition Day #2
	20	Thu	5/6 excursion to MSAC
	21	Fri	End of year 1.10 final assembly 1.30 Dismissal

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Greetings,

Our Triathletes - Congratulations

Last Wednesday more than 90 of our students from grades 4 to 6 participated in the local schools Triathlon event at Northcote Aquatic Centre and Mc Donnell Park. Students formed teams in age groups and each individual in the team competed in a leg of the event, a run, swim or cycle. Congratulations to the students who participated in the event with quite a number of our teams coming first as well as second and third! The behaviour of our students was exemplary, well done, we are very proud of you.

Congratulations Tracy, 5/6 sports co-ordinator, who organised and coordinated the entire event, an amazing job, considering that close to 900 students from local schools attended. Thankyou Dale and Tracy, who both did a fantastic job organising our teams of students on the day as well as coordinating information for students and parents at school. I would also like to recognise Dale's commitment in assisting with setting up the event from 7.00am on the day!

Feedback we received from other school communities after the event was that it was one of the best triathlons so far. Also, thank you to teachers, Penny, Kate and Steven and pre-service teachers, Morgan, Edward and Aimee for their support on the day. Our parent group support was also fantastic as they helped in transporting the bikes back and forth to the venue and stayed to be a very positive vocal support for our students.

Students who participated in this event will be acknowledged at assembly on Monday.

Well done all for representing our school in such an outstanding way, out there in the wider community.

The Preps visit their old Kinders - Annie Dennis, Batman Park and Time Out

The 2018 Prep students went 'back in time' to visit their old kinders, to talk with children in 4 year old kinder, about their year at school. The students shared some advice to the next group of preps and told them about all the fun things that we do at school as Prep students. It was also a great opportunity for our 2018 preps to see their old kinder teachers - they were all amazed at how much they had grown!! The kinder and school visits that we do all help assist with the transition from kinder to school and continues the relationships between our school and kinders.

Annual end of year “An Evening of the Arts”

This important event and date is for your diaries. Our ‘Evening of the Arts’ where we combine our ‘Art Walk’ exhibition of student’s work, with a family picnic tea into the one evening. This is always a fun evening and a lovely way to end the year as a school community and acknowledge the children’s art work.

How will it work?

1. Commence the Art Walk (certain classrooms will be designated ‘galleries’) with students, parents and families, invited to tour each learning area to view children’s chosen art works. As you wander through, you will have the opportunity to view art works right across the school from all students from Prep to Year 6.
2. Picnic tea time - we will move to our traditional picnic area (the turf area on the Henry Street side of the school) for a picnic tea and the learning areas will remain open for a little while longer to cater for working parents who may not have had the opportunity to get to the earlier viewing times.

Program

Children dismissed from school to go home or to aftercare	3.30pm
Art Walk	5.30pm – 6.30pm
Picnic Tea	6.15pm – 7.30pm

When?

Monday, 17th December (back up date in case of inclement weather: Tuesday, 18th December)

What to bring?

BYO yummy picnic food; drinks for the children; rugs & chairs.

Supervision

To assist with the organisation of the evening, we ask that parents supervise their own children, as teachers will be occupied with the organisation of the Art Walk.

Therefore, for the safety of all, children will not be allowed to attend the evening without parents accompanying children for the entire evening. Children will be dismissed from school at the end of the day to go home and return with parents. Children will not be supervised in the yard after 3.45pm by teachers and therefore should not be there without their parents. Please do not drop children off at school without your attendance at the entire event.

Children at Out of School Hours Program

The program will run as usual and parents are able to pick up children from the program to come over for the picnic tea and Art Walk.

I hope to see you at the traditional end of year event and join together to celebrate our year.

Warm Regards,
Ross
(Acting Principal)

Teaching kids to ask for what they want

By Michael Grose

Much behaviour that annoys parents stems from children's inability to ask for what they want.

Most parents have experienced a young child yelling, "Mum, he took my toy. It's not fair." Perhaps you've experienced a child who whines like a dripping tap because they want something from you.

Maybe you have a teenager who'd love to ask a friend out to the school formal but hasn't the courage or the words to use. (This may not annoy you, but it frustrates the hell out the young person who becomes wracked with self-doubt simply because they can't ask for what they want.)

An important task for parents is to give kids the skills they need for independence, so they are not reliant on you to resolve their problems.

An important independence skill for kids to learn is the ability to articulate their needs and wishes clearly, respectfully and appropriately. Here's how you can help:

Start young

Recently I saw a mother tell her three year-old to ask his 12 month-old brother if he could play with a new car his little brother had been given for his first birthday.

Clearly, the twelve month old couldn't answer, but his mother did so for him. Mr. Three said, "Ben, can I play with your car." His mother answered, "I'm sure Ben would be happy to let you play with it." And so Mr. Three played with the car, without taking it away. This mother had established that asking, rather than taking is the way to do things in her family.

Use your words

When kids whine, whinge, mumble or point at what they want remind them to use their words. Rather than respond to their mumbled, garbled, ill-formed requests teach them to stand still, make eye contact, stand tall and ask for what they want. If it's not asked for, then it's not given.

Give them words and phrases that work

A number of years ago my son wanted me to persuade his sports teacher to allow him to try out for the school swimming team. This particular teacher was often dismissive of such requests, but I thought my son had a right to ask, as he was sick when the swim trials were held. Rather than make a phone call, we sat and talked about the best way to approach this teacher and the words he could use to get his attention and also to make his case. My mentoring must have worked as the teacher made time for a new trial, which was good news for my son. When kids don't have the words the best thing we can do is give them the social scripts they need to get what they want.

An important task for parents is to give kids the skills they need for independence, so they are not reliant on you to resolve their problems. An important independence skill for kids to learn is the ability to articulate their needs and wishes clearly, respectfully and appropriately.

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Coach them about time and place

Effective communication is as much about time and place as it is about the choice of words. It doesn't matter what words are chosen, but a teenage request to go to a party, just as you are dashing out the door in the morning is the wrong time to ask a question. It deserves to be met with, "Would you like to ask that question at a more appropriate time?"

Help them not to take no personally

Kids, like adults, with low confidence levels take rejection personally, while those with high confidence levels don't take rejection to heart. Discuss with kids that others, including siblings have a right to say no to a request and that a no may occur for many reasons, none of which need reflect poorly on them.

No means No.

Children have a right to ask others for what they want but that doesn't mean they keep asking if they meet a refusal. A child's request for an ice cream just before mealtime that's met with a refusal should be taken at face value. If a child keeps asking or asks another person, then it's appropriate to let your child know strongly of your disapproval. Your parenting mantra could be: No means No.

You can get a complete plan for developing independence in your child or teenager in Michael's best-selling book [Spoonfed Generation: How to raise independent kids.](#)

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Prep Brooke – Julian G

Prep Laura – George R

Prep Pip – Elsie T

1/2 Heather – Hugo I

1/2 Linda – Grace P

1/2 Stephanie – Eva S

1/2 Anita – Kevin S K

1/2 Nicole – William A

3/4 Kate – Elsie McL

3/4 Hilary – Anderson W

3/4 Mel – Monty L

3/4 Steven – Lachlan S

3/4 Sharif – Alice P

5/6 Janelle – Whole Class!

5/6 Natasha – Whole Class!

5/6 Penny – Whole Class!

5/6 Tracy – Whole Class!

Italian Update!

The Dante Alighieri Society Competition news

Last Sunday, I was invited to attend The Dante Alighieri awards afternoon at The University of Melbourne. There I collected all student posters and certificates and all posters and certificates will be distributed at a later date in the term- date to be advised.

The Dante Alighieri Audio state-wide competition: This year we did not receive any winners in this competition but The Dante Alighieri Society have very generously donated \$ 100 to the Italian Department in recognition of the outstanding achievement of our students work. On Sunday at the awards afternoon at The University of Melbourne, our school was formally recognised for the high quality work that our students produce for both competitions and we received a certificate from The Dante Alighieri Society for this recognition. I proudly accepted this certificate on behalf of our students and school. Our students are such 'super stelle!'

We are currently discussing with our 9 students Edie C, Lily P, Olivia R, Elinor H, Audrey H, Charlie M, Mikayla J, Nonie M and Alannah S on how we can best spend this money to benefit our students. Well done with your entry! Signorina is very proud of your achievements!

The SBS National Languages Competition closed on Sunday night

The SBS National Languages Competition closed on Sunday night: Several of our students entered this competition by uploading a photo or drawing on the theme 'What amazing possibilities learning a language opens for you'. Grazie mille to those parents who supported their child/ren in this competition. It was a pleasure assisting the students and emailing the parents on a number of occasions to finalise

entries. I wish those students all the very best for this competition. Upon looking at the website this week, there were many thousands of entries for this nationwide language competition and yes, I have spotted some of our student entries as well! Superbo!!

Until next time, thank you for your continuing support,

Saluti (cheers), Signorina Rosa- Italian Coordinator and Teacher (Year 3 to 6) Mon/Tues

Tree Artwork Raffle

The original tree artworks that inspired our tea towel project, have now been framed and look STUNNING. If you'd like the chance to WIN one of these unique pieces, raffle tickets are now on sale now until 17th December.

TICKETS \$5 EACH - PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE THE CORRECT MONEY AS CHANGE CANNOT BE GIVEN.

Available on sale at the office (BEFORE or AFTER school ONLY) or after school near the canteen on FRIDAY 23rd NOVEMBER.

Raffle will be drawn at the Art Walk on the 17th December.

Thank you to all those who purchased a tea towel, your support for this project is greatly appreciated!

Please note each artwork will be individually raffled so you will need to ensure you purchase a ticket for the artwork you would like to win!

Icy pole Reminder!

Icy poles will be on sale on Friday 23rd and 30th of November as well as 7th and 14th of December from 3.30 to 3.45 pm from the canteen area.



NORTHCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE

SATURDAY MARCH 2
10am - 4pm

Fete Newsletter 4

Here's the latest. Want to be involved? Get in touch: npsfete@gmail.com.

Craft Stall

We're having a craft-stall planning meeting on the morning of **Monday 26 November, 9am** - all are welcome. Come to the ABC turf gate, straight after drop off.

How can you help at this stage?



- Get in touch to chat about your ideas for the stall.
- Join us on WhatsApp and connect with others who are already busy making.
- Donate materials (fabric, yarn - whatever!).

Further details:

Shannon (Clare 3/4) - 0402 516 407
Leticia (Jacinta 3/4) - 0404 245 097
Jean (Imran 3/4) - 0416 575 159



Rides, Rides, Rides

Get excited everyone: the rides are booked in for 2019! Huge thanks to Narelle Frazer (Zan, Grade 3, Lexi, Grade 6, and Remy, Prep 2019) for her tireless work organizing the rides for our fete.



Silent Auction

Welcome to Thornbury who have kindly donated three (yes, that's right, 3!) \$100 vouchers for our silent auction!

If you know a local business, don't be shy, why don't you ask them if they have something to donate to the silent auction too?



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COMMUNITY FUN DAY

NOV 25TH, 2018 11AM - 3PM
ALL NATIONS PARK - SEPARATION ST, NORTHCOTE VIC
SKATE DEMOS - FACE PAINTING - JUMPING CASTLE - MARKET STALLS - FOOD TRUCKS
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