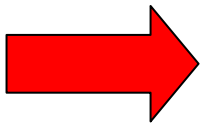


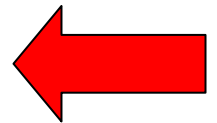
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SOME IMPORTANT SCHOOL DIARY DATES

Fri 7th March	Last Day for Trash n Treasure and Second Hand Clothes and Toys
Thurs 13th March	Working Bee at School from 2.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Tues 11th March	Last Interschool Sports Training Day
Wed 12th March	Last day for yoyo orders
Sat 15th March	School Fete – 1.00 to 6.00 p.m.
Tues 18th March	Science of Spin Show
Thurs 20th March	End Term 1 – <u>2:30 Dismissal</u>
Fri 21st March	Good Friday
Mon 24th March	Easter Monday
Mon 7th Apr	Start Term 2
Thurs 10th Apr	Last day for payment of school fees
Fri 11th Apr	Curriculum Day – No School for Students
Fri 25th Apr	ANZAC Day Holiday – No School
Mon 5th May	Curriculum Day – No School for Students



CHECK THIS SPACE



Don't forget to check school bags on Friday.

The FETE NEWSLETTER will be sent home tomorrow with all the really important fete information in it. Make sure you don't miss out!

GREETINGS FROM KERRIE

Student Achievement

Zone Swimming Results

Congratulations to our group of swimmers who represented Northcote in the Zone finals on Thursday. All swimmers gained good results with places either 2nd, 3rd or 4th. They were Anna McDonald; Alex Harrison; Julia Harrison and Mathilde Ritman in the Under 11 girl's relay; James Dulfer in the under 9/10 Breastroke; Alex Harrison in the under 11 Freestyle; Anna McDonald in the under 11 Backstroke; and Harry Potocnik in the under 12/13 Breastroke and Butterfly.

Congratulations Harry!

Harry qualified for the Regional finals coming up on the 12th March.

Our fantastic fete is coming!

Yes! Its not far away now! The end of next week, on Saturday, our school turns into a village fair, or market. I know there are many parents who have already been working very hard in preparation for the fete already, thank you! Please read the separate fete newsletter out tomorrow for more details of how you can support and be involved in the fete.

**Warm Regards,
Kerrie**

SCIENCE OF SPIN

If you still wish to purchase a yoyo, please fill in the order form, put it in an envelope with the money and give it to your teacher by Wednesday 12th March (the last day for orders). Thank you Dora.

**want to have fun, be active and
spend more time with your family?**

premier's
**active
families**
challenge

Take the 30 minute Challenge!

We all know that every little bit helps when it comes to the health of your family.

The Premier's Active Families Challenge is a new program run by the Victorian Government as part of the 'Go for your life' initiative, to improve the physical activity levels, health and wellbeing of families.

Families can complete the Challenge by doing at least 30 minutes of physical activity a day for 30 days between 9 March and 20 April, 2008. You can do the activity on your own or as a family.

To participate, register online at www.goforyourlife.vic.gov.au or phone 1300 739 899 then collect your free Challenge booklet in the *Herald Sun* on Tuesday 4th March.



As a registered participant you'll get ideas on things to do, events to get involved in, a chance to win prizes and a completion certificate. You will also receive offers such as free visits to YMCA and discounts at Rebel Sport. The *Herald Sun* free Challenge booklet includes a diary to help keep track of your family's activity during the Challenge.

By participating, not only will your family benefit, our school can too. Nominate our school when you register and we'll go into the draw to win one of eight \$3,000 sports equipment packages.

So go on, get active and take the Challenge.

For more information visit www.goforyourlife.vic.gov.au or call 1300 739 899.

TERM 1 - LA 11, 12 & 14

Dear Families,

Welcome to a short but busy first term. Our work this term will focus on self identity and getting to know one another. The children are learning about valuing diversity, working as a learning team, and the importance of understanding and following the rules that help us function safely and happily both as a class and school.

Numeracy

The main component of our Numeracy this term is 'Maths About Me.' Included are activities and investigations that involve birthdays, height, families, eye colour etc. As well, we will be counting, revising numbers learnt last year and extending our place value understandings.

Literacy

We have been doing some whole class activities involving various picture storybooks and are beginning to get into the swing of reading groups. Readers have been sent home and we appreciate your diligence in setting aside time to read with your child each evening. Our writing focus is diary writing and letter writing. Later in the year, we will be exchanging letters with children in Canada.

Bounce Back

Our topic is relationships, emotions and bullying and we are focusing on learning how to be a good friend, and using respect when dealing with people.

Library/Music/PE Platoon

Anne teaches Music, Lynne teaches PE and Heather teaches Library in a grade 1/2 platoon system each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

ICT

We are very excited about our new computer lab! Each class has a one-hour session in the lab each week and we have been doing some work with 'World Maths Day'. It's been great fun and we are learning.

Habits of Mind

Taking responsible risks. Children will be encouraged to venture out, be adventuresome, live near the edge of their competence and to try new things.

Life Education

The Life Education van visited us this week from March 3-6 and we had classes in the van.

We have had a great start to the term and are looking forward to a year filled with learning adventures!

Anne, Lynne & Heather

FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES!

Our Prep-2 classes have received funding to take part in a healthy eating initiative called 'Free Fruit Friday.' Each week, fresh fruit and/or vegetables will be delivered to our school from the Goulburn Valley. Each student will receive 3 pieces of fruit or vegetables each week. This program will provide us with a wonderful opportunity to promote healthy eating. In addition, we are planning to incorporate the fresh produce into some hands on Maths activities. Our first delivery was last week and included yummy pears, apples and plums. The children were very excited about their healthy treat!

FETE TIDY UP WORKING BEE



The Working Bee will be held on: **Thursday March 13th - from 2.30pm – 4.00 p.m.**
UNLESS it is too hot (over 30 degrees) or too wet in which case on Friday 14th from 2.30-4.00 p.m. Activities: General tidying, sweeping, placement of rubbish bins. If you can bring a broom and a barrow that would be a help. Any questions to Jane Miller 9489 3591.

SNAGS, VEGIES & FRUIT NEEDED FOR THE SCHOOL FETE

We are hoping to cut down our costs on food for the **school fete** by getting donations of sausages, fruit and vegies. If you can help get any of these for free or at a discount please let us know. Thanks Sally Gilder (Gildersmith@bigpond.com or 9481 0090)

PLASTIC BAGS

Don't forget to send your plastic bags along to school. There is a box located outside the office.

THE TOM BOLLA (Lolly in the Jar) Stall needs your help!

Donations of lollies desperately needed. Ellen Heeps (grade 6) & Olivia Radford (grade 5) are co-ordinating the stall. Lollies need to be wrapped or in their original sealed bag for food & safety regulations. Ellen & Olivia will be collecting lolly donations directly from each classroom. Please please please donate. It is one of our most popular stalls.



HELP NEEDED

To any parents who have an hour or so to spare. I have two flat pack shelf units in the Multi-Purpose Room which have been purchased for the Hall program. If you have time to spare to put the units together (they aren't big), please let Linda in LA8 know. Thankyou

PLAYGROUP

Hi everyone in our school community! Did you know that a playgroup is starting up on Thursday mornings? It will be held in Before & After School Care, which has a great big space that is begging to be used. We still have places so contact me and let's have some fun with out kids.

Where: 42-44 Henry Street, Northcote
When: 10.30 a.m. Thursday mornings

If you are interested, could you please contact Sharon Stewart on 9489 2545.



SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS/INFORMATION EVENINGS

* Princes Hill Secondary College – Information Evening on Tuesday 29th April. At 4.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. Tours will be conducted on Mondays at 9.30 a.m. to 10.20 a.m. and Fridays at 9.00 a.m. to 9.40 a.m.

Northcote High School – Open Day on 16th April from 2.00 to 6.45 p.m. and Information Sessions at 5.00 p.m. or 7.00 p.m.

BROCHURES AVAILABLE OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL OFFICE

City of Darebin – School Holiday Program

Moomba Waterfest

Cartooning Camps

Fun Football Schools Holiday Program

Darebin CSS School Holiday Program

Heiwa No Te Karate Do – Australia – call Mark on 0419 332 970

Millbrooke Calisthenics Club – call Judy 9465 1164 or Penny on 9469 4143