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IMPORTANT SCHOOL DIARY DATES

- Mon 15th Sept. - Special Memorial assembly for Atticus
- Mon 15th Sept. - Lunch orders in for tomorrow. (Tuesday)
- Tues 16th Sept. - Prep choir on Tour (performing at Annie Dennis Kinder)
- Thurs. 18th Sept. - Sausage Sizzle Day (see further on for details)
- Thurs. 18th Sept. - Lunch orders in for tomorrow (Friday)
- Fri. 19th Sept. - Last Day for Term 3 - 2.30 p.m. dismissal**
- Monday 6th Oct. - Term 4 commences at 9.00 a.m.
- Thurs 9th Oct. - Junior Dept. Swimming Begins (last one 27/11)
- Mon 20th Oct. - Cultural Performance - "Out of the Bag" - 10.00 a.m.
- Wed 22nd Oct. - School Council - Staffroom - 7.00 p.m.
- Mon 27th Oct. - Whole School Photo taken - 1.00 p.m.
- Mon 3rd Nov. - Compensatory Day in Lieu for teachers - No School**
- Tues 6th Nov. - Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday - No School

NEWS UPDATE FROM THE HAPPY CAMPERS

All campers arrived safely and raring to go! The children have been on the flying fox, yabbing and doing hut building (I wonder how many parents will find a cubby in their backyards this weekend!). The Flying Fox was a big hit with the kids even the "big" ones. On the night walk the children heard lots of frogs and dogs and they have played lots of games. One father reported back that they all "got up early". We can't wait for the kids to get back and tell us more about their camping adventures. I bet all you parents can't wait either!



GREETINGS FROM KERRIE

Student Achievement

Our athletes!

Well done all the students who participated and tried their hardest in the District Athletic Sports competition on Wednesday. Overall, with scores adjusted to take into consideration the differing sizes of schools, we came and excellent 3rd! Many of our children received ribbons for a place 2nd and 3rd and quite a few winners on the day too. Once again, I would like to congratulate our students for their excellent behaviour and good sports attitudes on the day. Thank you to all teachers for the time and effort they have put into getting the children ready for the athletics. Thank you Ross Bennie (Athletics Coordinator); Nicky McKinnon; Linda Batten; Margaret Barrett; Rosemary Owen; teachers in training Trist and Jake and to the parents who have assisted with the training (see article from Ross further on).

Our Happy Campers!

Well done to all our grade 1 and 2 children who attended their overnight camp at camp Coinda in Gembrook. We have been

checking in periodically throughout their camp and have enjoyed hearing the stories of their adventures in the beautiful surrounds of the camp. I have spoken to some of the campers from group 1 who returned yesterday and they said it was 'really good!' and that the food was 'yum!' Thank you to all teachers who put many hours before and during the camp to ensure it is a safe and successful experience for our young ones. Thank you Anne Lawson (Co-ordinator of the Camp); Lynne Barrett; and Heather Mountain. Also thank you to our great group of volunteer parents who assisted the teachers Deffah Dattner; Stuart Morrison; Genevieve McMahon; Anthony Balint and Charles Larkin.

The three grade 2 boys I spoke with this morning told me 'next year, Camp Waratah Kerrie!' They obviously can't wait!

Assembly Band item

If you were able to come to Monday morning assembly this week, you would have been treated to a great group of young musicians playing an original song for us. They were a group of our year 5 and 6 students and had us all grooving along to their tune. Congratulations and well done Aife Larkin (lead guitar); Max O'Reilly (base guitar); Sapphire Watkinson (saxophone); Alexander Dunphy-Logan (keyboards); Kristy Wositzky-Jones (drums ... is there any instrument he can't play?!).

Junior Choir Club

Another treat for us at assembly was the beautiful singing from our Junior Choir Club who entertained us with a great rendition of 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight'. Thank you Heather Mountain, teacher and Choir leader extraordinaire!

Dream Away Thank you

Our list goes on of people who supported the children and teachers with their expert assistance for the whole school musical 'Dream Away'. A very BIG thank you to the following parent musicians who contributed with their time and expertise and really gave us a huge support: Frank Jones (the wonderful! Kristy's dad LA6) Maddy Flynn and Tim Humphrey (the superbs! Winnie's parents LA 2).

Advance Notice

Compensatory Time in Lieu for staff - Pupil Free Day Term 4 - November 3rd

Although there has been a new agreement signed off this year for conditions of work regarding teachers, the teachers at our school are still owed time in lieu for extra hours worked outside of their 38 hour week this year. This is part of implementing the Victorian Government School's Agreement 2004 and as part of the 2004 agreement, when the regular working school day is varied when staff are asked to work longer on parent teacher interviews and whole school professional development, they are entitled to compensatory time in lieu.

All staff have already participated in two sets of parent teacher interviews in Terms 1 and 2) and will also be available to conduct parent teacher interviews if necessary in Term 4. This term, the staff have also participated in a weekly professional development program focusing on improving teaching and learning in mathematics (Each Monday or Wednesday from 4 - 5.30pm).

After a consultative process with the school's Australian Education Union Sub-Branch, the compensatory full day will take place in Term 4, Monday November 3rd (day before Melbourne Cup Day). This will be a pupil free day.

Advance notice allows parents to plan for the care of their children on this day. The Out of School Care Program will operate a day care program if there are sufficient numbers, please book in early so we can make a decision regarding the viability of running a full daycare program.

Relocation of grade 5/6 classes

Work has been going on this week and will continue into next week, to relocate all upstairs classes downstairs in readiness for the upgrade and renovations that will commence mid October in Term 4. The children are actually looking forward to a change in environment for next term and teachers have been working hard to make sure there is as little interruption as possible to normal programs.

A reminder for Monday Assembly - memorial for Atticus

Part of our assembly will be dedicated to the memory of Atticus, year 1 student, 2008. Our community have been asked to wear something yellow on the day (Addy's favourite colour) and children may wish to bring a yellow flower to put into a collection in their class. Some children will share their

memories of Atticus, and we will all join in singing 'Sunny Side of the Street', one of his favourite songs.

**Warm regards,
Kerrie**

ITALIAN UPDATE

Ciao A Tutti! (Hello Everyone!)

Dante Alighieri Society Poster Competition news! I am **EXTREMELY PLEASED** to announce that Northcote Primary School received eleven Honourable Mentions in the annual state wide competition.

CONGRATULAZIONE TO THE
FOLLOWING 11 STUDENTS WHO
RECEIVED AN HONOURABLE MENTION:



Joshua	Dulfer	Year 1
Esther	Bentley	Year 2
Xavier	Kelly	Year 1
Hugo	Davis	Year 2
Kate	Owen	Year 2
Jordan	O'Connor	Year 2
Electra	McPherson	Year 2
Max	Tomich	Year 3
Ella	Stanistreet	Year 3
Daniel	O'Connor	Year 5
Mansueta	Liousas	Year 6

CONGRATULAZIONE TO THE FOLLOWING 21
STUDENTS FOR RECEIVING A MERIT
CERTIFICATE:

Isabella	Bini	Prep
Harry	Huang	Year 2
Menzies	Cameron	Prep
Bill	Ruchel	Year 2
Alec	Johnson	Prep
Lila	Pupillo	Year 2
Marco	Bellemo	Year 1
Alexander	McDonald	Year 3
Evie	Lawlor	Year 1
Macsen	Lawlor	Year 3
Brendan	Litan	Year 1
Juliette	Wood	Year 3
Ella	Richards	Year 1
Pandora	Di Costantino	Year 4
Hamish	Larkin	Year 1
Mitchell	Owen	Year 5
April	Brierley	Year 2
Zhen	Lin	Year 5
Lydia	Baird	Year 2
Greta	Preston-Sibley	Year 5
Harry	Potocnik	Year 6

I would also like to mention again what a **terrific job all students** did towards this competition. The topics this year were extremely difficult compared to other years. Well done to **ALL STUDENTS** who entered this competition. All certificates will be collected this Friday and will be distributed at next week's whole school assembly.

Thank you to everyone who has made this term another successful term in Italian. The Preps have worked extremely well on colours and numbers up to ten; the Year 1/2's have studied numbers up to 100 and the Year 3/4 's and 5/6's have learnt their numbers up until the thousands and millions and have also worked on different Olympic sports!☺

Keep up the 'buon lavoro' (the good work) everyone and thank you for the friendly chats with parents that I have met!☺

Until next term (in a new Italian area). Keep smiling and stay safe e BUONE VACANZE (HAPPY HOLIDAYS)! ☺ Grazie mille (many thanks) for your continuing support,

Signorina Rosa.
Italian Teacher and Co-ordinator.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE CHEQUES

Cheques have arrived at the office and are now available for collection. Thank you.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE DAY – Thursday 18th September

If anyone needs a meet free option - please let me know child's name and room number. Cost - gold coin. Jane Miller - p 9489 3591

LOST PROPERTY – SMALL ITEMS

A reminder to all parents and children that small items of lost property (e.g. glasses, jewellery, small toys, cards, etc.) are sent to the office. If you have lost any small items, please call at the office - not the Lost Property cupboard).

GRADE 3 & 4 COOKING PROGRAM

On Thursday 4th and Friday 5th September the grade 3 and 4s had a cooking day. They made tacos and banana splits.

What the kids said:

Tessa: "I cooked tacos at home because it was so good!"

Spencer: "I loved the salsa! I'm going to add it to all my tacos from now on"

Claudia: "I helped with chopping up the tomatoes and cooking the chicken meat. It was fun."

William: "I enjoyed chopping the tomatoes and eating with my class"

The students worked in a group and showed great cooperation and teamwork skills. They sliced, measured, cooked and presented the food beautifully!

Thanks to all the parents who helped:

LA1: Phillip (Luke's dad), Michelle (Claudia's mum), Michelle (Josephine's mum), Kylie (Ruby's mum), Sue (James' mum), Renee (Tessa's mum), Lisa (Alexander's mum).

LA2: Pandora's grandma, Spencer's Grandma, Jessie's mum Colleen, Winnie's dad Tim, Tris (who came in on his day off and did lots of dishes!)

Thanks Renee (Tessa's mum), Sue (James' mum) and Sarah (Rosa's mum) for helping to organise the day.

Sally (Spencer's mum)

LOST: WHITE ELECTRIC FRYPAN after 3/4 cooking day last Friday. Has anyone seen a white electric fry pan left in the kitchen after the cooking day on Friday? I borrowed it from a friend and it was not in the kitchen Tuesday morning. Maybe someone took home the wrong one? If you have seen it can you please email Sue Drummond on sdrummond@kangan.edu.au Thank you.

NITS

Half of the people who have head lice never scratch their head so itching is not a reliable sign. Lice can be hard to spot because they move quickly. The easiest and most effective way to find headlice is to follow these steps weekly:

Step 1 Comb hair conditioner on to **dry, brushed (detangled) hair**. This makes it difficult for lice to grip the hair or run around.

Step 2 Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.

Step 3 Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.

Step 4 Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least four or five times.

Step 5 If the person has been treated recently and only hatched eggs are found, you may not have to treat them again since the eggs could be from the old infection.

Step 6 If lice or eggs are found, the person should be treated.

Treating head lice

The two preferred treatment options available for treating head lice are the 'conditioner and comb' method and the use of an insecticide.

Head lice live in the hair and go to the scalp to feed. Therefore, head lice products must be applied to all parts of the hair.

During the school holidays would be a great time for all families to check and treat (if necessary) their children's hair.

NORTHCOTE DISTRICT ATHLETIC SPORTS

Thank you to all the parents who supported our students at the track. Your support was greatly appreciated by the



students and the teachers. The atmosphere was great, a beautiful day, eager, energetic students who attentively followed the progress of our athletes, cheering not just for our students but those from other schools.

The athletics team was placed 5th overall and 3rd on adjusted points. The adjusted points system is used to compare the performance of each school taking into consideration their grade 4, 5 and 6 total enrolments. There were a number of students who were placed first in their events and they will go on to represent our district at the Zone competition. I would like to acknowledge Heather Jarvis and Stephen Shipperlee for the fantastic job that they did in running the shotput event and Jo Brockwell whose sharp hearing and assistance with marshalling meant that our athletes were ready for their events. I would also like to thank Nicky, Linda, Pat, Margaret and Heather who assisted with coaching all our students over the last five weeks.

The selection process for the athletics team is based upon a number of criteria as it is a competitive event. This process happens during the last two weeks of our training. There are not enough places for all students in their age groups to compete. Some priority is given to students who are in grade 6 or who have not participated in a district athletics competition before.



Ross Bennie
Senior Sports Co-ordinator

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INFORMATION**

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NORTHCOTE CAMPFIRE SING-A-LONG - Join FRANK JONES, BRENT PARLANE & SALLY DASTEY with Stephen Blackburn and Howard Malkin at Civic Square, Northcote Town Hall on Friday 12th Sept from 7pm to 9pm - FREE

6FT UNDER - Spencer & Flynn's dad's band play a big gig this Friday at the Bender Bar as part of the Darebin Music Feast. Next Fri Sept 12 at Bender Bar, 635 High St Thornbury 9.30pm - FREE - Country classics & foot tappin' originals!

The **VCAL students at Merriland College** are conducting an event this Friday night to raise money for the Starlight Foundation. It is part of the Darebin Music Festival. <http://preston-leader.whereilive.com.au/news/story/band-fest-for-starlight/>

MOON LANTERN FESTIVAL 2008 - Saturday 13th September at the corner of Lennox & Elizabeth Streets, Richmond. Festival starts at 3.00 p.m. and the Lantern Parade at 6.30 p.m.

Kids Fancy Dress/Disco for all 5-15 year olds on 19/9/08. Where: AAL, 2 Watts Street, Thornbury. Just \$2 entry fee. Parents/Guardians must be in attendance (U5's welcome). All proceeds go to the Fitzroy Stars Little Athletics Club

MIXED MEDIA AND RECYCLED ART WORKSHOPS FOR ALL AGES - PARENTS WELCOME. Every 2nd Thursday - beginning 11th September at CERES. For full details contact Clare M: 04222 02869 E: clare@visualfeastcreations.com.au

COLLINGWOOD COLLEGE SPRING FAIR - Sunday 14th September from 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

KELLY SPORTS - SIZZLING SUMMER SPORTS - Enrolment forms available from outside the school office.

PURE TENNIS - Holiday tennis clinics and mini Olympics - Bookings to Danny on 0409 514 940 or puretennis@hotmail.com

FETE 14th MARCH, 2009 - The date is set!

Thank you for everyone who has volunteered to co-ordinate and to those who attended to meeting. The wonderful volunteers to date include:

STALL	CO-ORDINATOR
Fete co-ordination	Sally Gilder and Helen Rainsford
Sponsorship/Promotions	Emily Nance & Matt
Equipment/Transport Co-ordinator	????
Food Co-ordinator and Waste Wise	Peter Appelman
Music	Red Smith & Katherine Wozitsky & Frank Jones
Silent Auction	Sue Lawson
Wash Up	Renee Brierley, and Zsar Noter
Salad bar	Jane Miller and Kath Boyer
BBQ	Matt Walsh
Spit Roasts	Peter Moustakis
Cake Stall	Sarah Faulkner and Lucinda
Sugar shack/kids food/treats	????
Juice bar/sushi	Marina Henley
Bar	Linda Budd
Tickets	Ian Taylor
Kids activities	Genevieve McMahon & Sharon Stewart
Plate smashing	Andrew Dodd
Slot cars	Mathew Smith
Lucky Dip	Jennifer Arnold
Craft stall	Janet Buick and Peter Muir
Tombola	Carline Radford
Helens Harvest	Cathy Drinkwater
Plant Stall & Pot Decorating	Nicky Dulfer and Bill Stubbs
Book Staff	Robyn Habner and Ian Oliver
Preloved toys	Michelle Manly
Trash and Treasure	Lois Wadelton
Face Painting	Kylie Bentley
Coffee	Rod Lawlor

Apologies if we have left anyone off please let know and we will add you on

We still need an:

- **equipment co-ordinator:** the job includes collating store holders needs for equipment, booking the equipment from the schools coop, and organising a team to collect the equipment the day before the fete, setting up on the fete day and dismantling the day after the fete
- **kids food/treats co-ordinator:** we need something to replace sugar shack...kids food and /or treats If you have any ideas and would like to run something we would love to hear from you

Do you have any special skills /interests/ideas to run a stall for the fete??

- Some ideas could be: Kite making, massage, painting, handball, cup cake making, nail painting, coin toss to win chocolate

***If you have a great idea for a stall that you would like to run please let us know?
We would love to have you on board!***

If you are interested in finding out more please come and have a chat or email us.

We look forward to hearing from you, Sally and Helen
sally.gilder@rmit.edu.au or helen@batchelors.net

TRISKILLS 2009

Triskills is our gymnastics program that we provide for our students during term 2. This program is a part of the Victorian Essential learning Standards Physical Education Domain. All students from Prep-Grade 6 participate in the program, developing flexibility, balance and team building, confidence and body orientation.

As part of our annual review of learning programs, your feedback about the program is required before we finalise the program for next year.

Please take the time to comment on this program and return the slip to school by Wednesday 17th September.

Thank you,

Karen Rush



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Triskills Feedback

Child/ren name _____

Grade Level/s_____

P - 6	YES ☺	NO ☹
My child was engaged in and enjoyed the sessions		
My child learned new movement and body skills		
My child is becoming more confident to use their body in different ways		
The gymnastic activities were appropriate for my child's ability		
Please comment on any other aspects of the program		