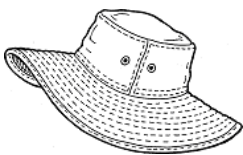


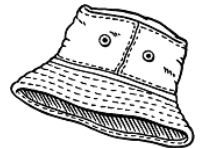
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IMPORTANT SCHOOL DIARY DATES

Thurs 16th Oct.	- Mango Order Forms & Whole School Photos sent home
Fri 17th Oct.	- Prep Excursion to the Zoo
Fri 17th Oct.	- Interschool Sports at Penders Gve for Grades 5/6
Tues 21st Oct.	- Cultural Performance - "Out of the Bag" - 2.30 p.m.
Wed 22nd Oct.	- Walk to School Day
Wed 22nd Oct.	- Waffle Day (orders and money to be returned tomorrow)
Wed 22nd Oct.	- School Council - Staffroom - 7.00 p.m.
Fri 24th Oct.	- Whole School Photo Orders & Money to be returned
	- Junior School Council & Neapolitan Photo Orders & Money to be returned
Sat 25th Oct.	- Working Bee
Mon 27th Oct.	- Whole School Photo - 1.00 p.m.
Tues 28th Oct.	- Ice Cream Day (orders and money to be returned tomorrow)
Wed 29th Oct.	- Last Day for Mango Orders & Money
Mon 3rd Nov.	- Compensatory Day in Lieu for teachers - No School
Tues 4th Nov.	- Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday - No School
Thurs 27th Nov.	- Art Show/Picnic Tea (more details later)
Fri 28th Nov.	- Ready, Set, Go! Program No. 1



**DON'T FORGET YOUR HATS! - TERM 4
- SUNSMART BEGINS**



EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance) Cheques need to be collected from the office.



Yes!!!! It's on again this year - see separate note on gold paper

GREETINGS FROM KERRIE

Student Achievement

Well done Lucy Dodd! (LA3)

If you have been following the last few newsletters, you will have been reading the news about Lucy and her fantastic athletic achievements. She has been moving through the District, Zone, and last week competed at the Regional finals. Well She did so well at the Regional finals in her events of High Jump and Shot put she will now compete at the State Primary School finals! An outstanding effort Lucy and your school wishes you the very best of luck for the events in November.

Grade 5/6 Student Action Teams

The students in grade 5/6 have formed Action Teams and have participated in a process whereby they identify areas for improvement in our school community and then work through a process of achieving some action around this. Along the way they learn about identifying causes, planning, proposals, modifying, negotiating, team work, influencing, setting achievable goals and time lines. You may get a notice home soon from some of those action teams who are trying to start up a lunchtime activity or raising funds to improve an area they perceive needs some TLC. Your support and feedback to them is part of their learning process.

NOOSHC – OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM

Our wonderful long time (11 years!) NOOSHC Administrator, Colleen, has notified me that she intends to resign this term. Colleen began in the job when both of her children were at our school and using the program. Both Elly and Will are well into secondary school now so Colleen feels it is time for her to move on to other things.

Casual Administration position for the Out of Hours Care Program

This position would ideally suit a parent from our school. School Council would like to seek an expression of interest from parents from our community who may be interested in taking up the job.

Generally it involves part-time work, 1 day per week, working from the house on a range of Administrative and co-ordination roles regarding the NOOSHC program. School Council is looking for someone who has bookkeeping skills; computer literate; high level interpersonal skills; able to work closely with the Principal, Business Manager, School Council Committee of Management and NOOSHC Program Coordinator, to ensure we can continue to offer a high quality Out of Hours Care to our Program.

Listed below are some of the tasks involved in the position. The school would provide on the job training and

OOSHP ADMINISTRATION TASKS

Skills required in:

Excel spreadsheets
Bookkeeping and budget awareness

Training provided for:

Qikkids OOSH software
CCB administration

A summary of tasks includes the management of:

- Childcare Benefit
- Attendances, holding fees, late fees
- Payment of accounts, banking, aged debtors
- Accounts to families each fortnight.
- End of year administration including fee setting, parent handbook, information sheets and booking forms.
- Ordering printing of OOSH envelopes as needed, stationery.
- Liaising with Principal on weekly basis re program when necessary and attendance at NOOSHC sub-Committee meetings twice per term
- Liaising and organising IT maintenance.
- Grant applications
- Financial reports to the committee and school council
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If you are interested, please call Kerrie (Principal) at the office, to discuss any further details regarding conditions of employment and remuneration and submit in writing, your Curriculum Vitae and expression of Interest outlining why you would be interested in the position and suitable for the job by 9.00am, 30th October, 2008.

Welcome Trainee Teachers

We warmly welcome Hannah in Preps LA9 & Debbie in Grade 3 LA1 who will be teaching in those classes over the coming weeks.

What's happening in our school?

Quiet Area Upgrade

Have you noticed? Hugh and John have been working away this week on redeveloping the old sandpit area near the senior playground end of the school into a quiet seating area for groups of children or classes to utilise. It looks fantastic! It looks so inviting to sit and play in. Thank you Hugh and John for your great work and thank you to the Buildings & Grounds sub-committee for their continued work on improving our playground spaces for our students.

**Warm regards,
Kerrie**

WORKING BEE

A working bee is scheduled for Saturday morning 25 October to complete work on quiet area – mainly spreading granitic sand, and other sundry jobs around the school. Please bring along barrows and shovels if possible. If you are able to come please RSVP to Jane Miller on 9489 3591 for catering purposes.

CAMP AUSTRALIA – OSHC NEWS

Hi Everyone,

Here comes the sun!

The warmer weather is on its way and so the program will be focusing on more outdoor activities for the kids for the term and that means wearing their hats same as school. During this term some of our outdoor activities will include gardening (growing our own herbs, vegetables & flowers, sports (soccer, cricket and dart competitions) landscape painting/sketching, designing their own caps and a lot more.

Just a reminder to all parents regarding the Day in Lieu on Monday, 4 November 2008, before Cup Day, the program will be running (depending on the numbers required) so if you would like to book your child in please add their name to the list at the house.

Thanks
Rosa (OOSHP)

CIAO A TUTTI E BENTORNATI! (Hello everyone!)

What a great start to the term and it is only week 2!

The Grade Preps started 'Zucchero Filato'(Fairy Floss), part 2 of the Pinocchio series and the response from the Preps is very positive.

The Grades 1 and 2 began 'Alla Festa' (At the Festival) and have practiced some interesting phrases! This week we looked at La Tarantella - a traditional Italian Dance and the students really enjoyed dancing to this! Si (yes), I did too! 😊

In Grades 3 and 4 we have been revising colours and beginning to use a variety of bilingual dictionaries to begin our food topic! The students have found this interesting and are becoming confident.

The grades 5 and 6 have started to use the ICT lab in Italian and work on 'Languages Online' units. The students are becoming more confident with both their reading and writing skills in Italian and the program is assisting them in this process. The students are experiencing success and it is terrific to see this happening in Italian in the ICT lab! 😊 In the coming week we will explore Game Maker in Italian where the students will be able to create their own bilingual games! SI! SI!

Congratulations again to the following students who were presented with their Honourable Mention/Merit Certificate in the state wide Dante Alighieri Society Poster Competition during Monday morning's school assembly from Kerrie.

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 am extremely proud of you!

Grazie Mille (many thanks) for your continuing support,

Signorina Rosa, Italian Teacher/Co-ordinator.

PREP NEWS

Here are some reminders for term 4.

Our **unit of work** this term is about Indigenous Australia/Dreamtime Stories/Native Australian Animals. By the end of the unit we would like the students to have the following understandings:

- *Name some Native Australian Animals.*
- *Indigenous Australians being the first inhabitants of Australia.*
- *Dreamtime stories and their purpose*
- *Dream time stories were passed on verbally*
- *Understand the role that zoos play in teaching us how to care for Native Animals and their habitats.*

We are in the process of organising some guest speakers and a trip to the zoo is planned for week 2 (Friday October 17th) where we will follow a trail to study Native Australian Animals. The **term 4 project task** will be due back to school in Week 7. This will involve the students writing a legend and 'telling' it to the class. (More info about this later).

Swimming - will take place on Thursdays beginning the first Thursday in term 4 (October 9th) and continuing on each Thursday until the last session on November 27th. Please remember to include an extra snack on Thursdays as the children do get very hungry on swimming days. Loose fitting clothing and shoes they can manipulate themselves is best. Bathers put on under clothes in the morning, has also made things easier for students (and teachers/parent helpers!)



If you are available to help with the swimming program, please come and see us as we would greatly appreciate the assistance particularly with getting changed at the pool.

Literacy - This term we will focus on Aboriginal Dream time stories (sharing, reading, listening, telling, writing own stories etc), continue with reading groups, shared reading groups with LA9/LA10, Sentence structure (capital letters, full stops, finger spaces, punctuation, letter formation), Factual report writing, labelling, Swimming Diaries, Christmas cards/wish lists/letters etc.

Numeracy - This term we will be looking at the following topics:

Subtraction (revision), time, money, perimeter, area, chance (die rolling/coin toss), multiplication (groups of), division (sharing)

Art show/End of year picnic - will be held on Thursday November 27th. This is held after school (More info about this later)



Ready Set Go! Program for 2009 preps. 3 sessions will be held from 9 - 11am on Friday November 28th, Friday December 5th and Tuesday December 9th. We will be asking for some assistance from current parents who are happy to speak to our prospective parents about issues such as: starting school, school bags, school routines, helping in the classrooms etc.

An excursion on Friday December 12th is planned for Hayes Paddock. We will celebrate the end of the year with the whole junior department getting together (all prep, 1 and 2 students). A wonderful BBQ lunch will also take place. (More info about this later in the term).

Thank you to all parents who have been so helpful in the classroom, special days, excursions and in swimming sessions. We appreciate the help we receive and your children love having you involved.

Niki and Lisa

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Wednesday 22nd October 2008



As mentioned in last week's newsletter, Vic Health is promoting Wednesday 22nd October as "Walk to School" Day throughout Victoria. Walk to School Day is a good opportunity to promote the benefits and enjoyment of walking for our school community as well as a reduction in vehicle traffic around the school.

Northcote Primary School will be participating in "Walk to School" day. All you have to do is walk, ride, or scoot to school on Wednesday 22nd October. For students who live a long way from school they can walk, ride or scoot part of the way. Each student who walks, rides or scoots to school on the day will receive a certificate and some healthy fruit to munch on while they make their way to class. The fruit will be donated by Coles, Northcote Plaza and Keep It Fresh, Northcote Central Plaza and we are very grateful for their support.

So don't forget, Wednesday 22nd October is WALK TO SCHOOL day!!!

If anyone is able to give up some time before 9am on the 22nd October to assist with Walk to School Day please contact Michelle Laufer by email on amlaufer@telarushome.com.au.

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CERES Maya Festival – Saturday 18th October. Gates open at 11.00 a.m. More information at www.greentix.com or www.mayafestival.com

CITY OF DAREBIN – Children's Healthy Eating Forum – Darebin Shire Hall, 286 Gower Street, Preston, on Tuesday 21st October from 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. (Lunch provided). For further information contact Melissah Edwards on 8470 8588 or medwards@darebin.vic.gov.au

STUDENT EXCHANGE AUSTRALIA – Bring home a brother or sister. Opportunities exist to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia on 1300 135 331 or www.studentexchange.org.au

You are invited to attend **Wales Street Primary School** on Saturday 25th October 11am – 6pm. Our inaugural MusArt Festival is going to be a huge day. Entry is \$5.00 per adult, kids are free.

REMINDERS: 1. Whole School Photograph Order envelopes sent home today. Orders and money to be returned by Monday 24th October.

Any orders for the Junior School Council & Neapolitan photographs to be returned by Monday 24th October also.

2. Mango order forms sent home today. Orders and money to be returned by Wednesday 29th October.