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## IMPORTANT SCHOOL DIARY DATES

Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Grade 3/4 Camp to Waratah Bay
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Cultural Performance – Surfing Safari
<b>Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Stop Work – Notice to come home tomorrow</b>
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Prep Excursion to Collingwood Children's Farm
<b>Fri 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>ANZAC Day Holiday – No School</b>
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Grade 3/4 Cooking Morning
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Curriculum Day – No School for Students</b>
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> May	School Council Meeting – 7.00 p.m.
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Cultural Performance
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Tri Skills begins
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN Testing for Grades 3 and 5 children
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Open Day
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> May	District Cross Country
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Grade 5/6 Museum Excursion

**EMA (Education Maintenance Cheques) are available for collection from the school office.**

### **CAMPING NEWS!**

Campers have all arrived safely. They have been on a night hike and are doing lots of beach activities!

### **GREETINGS FROM KERRIE**

Fantastic News! Read On ...

I am very pleased to announce to our community some very exciting news. Last year, our school, among many in our region, were invited by the Northern Metropolitan Regional Director, to submit for the 'Building Schools Today – Upgrade Program'.

There was a very short timeline involved in getting the application together, however in consultation with School Council and staff we identified an upgrade to the upstairs grade 5/6 senior area. The project grants are for up to \$500,000! The Region then sent all applications into central office of the Department of Education and Central office received proposals from across the state.

We waited, but heard nothing for nearly a year as it was this time last year we sent the application in. In the meantime, I briefed Fiona Richardson, our local MP, on our project, and gave her an impromptu tour of the upper area when she came to our school to talk to our children with the Premier's Reading Challenge. Fiona was enthused with the project, and included it as part of her priority projects to the Cabinet. Still we waited.

Just this week, our school has been notified that we are included in the second stage of this process and in fact, have been successful in getting the grant!!!! I will attend a briefing at Treasury Place on Monday that will outline the expectations, processes and timelines of the project and introduce Principals to the new project management structure that will assist schools in the delivery of Better Schools Today program.

I will be able to tell you more about it in the coming weeks, but I can tell you that I yippy yahoo-ed with excitement when I heard the news! So did the staff, and School Council. This is FANTASTIC news for our school, and I can't wait to find out more details of the project.

### **So many good things at our school!**

The new turf; the bike shed; the Musical Production in full swing; the Artist in Residence Program with the grades 5/6 and Sarah Faulkner; our new computer lab up and running and soon our Interactive Whiteboard to be installed in the computer lab; the 3/4 Camp; AND our success with the 'Building Schools Today' program! And there are many, many more things, these are just the latest!

### **Thank you to the working bee crew on Saturday – Bike Shed preparation**

I would like to thank the parents and children who came along to the school on Saturday, last week, to prepare the groundwork for the building of the bike shed. The group were led by Shane Dennehy and Hugh Wayland (Buildings and Grounds sub-committee) and involved clearing the ground (plants, some trees, poles, rocks etc) and also clearing out the Shelter Shed after the fete trash and treasure stall remnants. The group were: Henk Ritman, Ian Taylor, Jane Miller, Jennifer Audsley, Matthew Smith, Doug McPherson, Danny Civitico, Kristen Wischer and Matthew Broadbent. Apologies to any families who helped out on the day and have accidentally been left off this list.

This week, further work will be carried out, as we watch and anticipate our new Bike Shed coming to life!

### **Grade 3/4 Camp News**

Rosemary has called me to tell me that all campers arrived safely and that the weather is beautiful down at Waratah Bay. I joined them yesterday and hope to enjoy the activities at Camp Rumbug in such a beautiful location, and a high quality camp.

## **Warm Regards, Kerrie**

## **ITALIAN UPDATE**

Ciao A Tutti (Hi everyone)!

Term two has had a very positive start for Italian.

In Grade Prep we began our topic on Pinocchio and we are beginning to learn about Pinocchio's friends and a song called Geppetto's song!

In Grade 1 and 2 we are working extremely well to complete our topic from last term on 'Il Pappagallo'- The Parrot. All students are currently working on assessment tasks which involve writing and reading familiar language in Italian. I am impressed with the quality of work these grades are producing! Keep up the great work studenti!

Grades 3 and 4 began a topic on 'Aiuto, Un Topo'- Help there is a Mouse, where we are looking at family names and writing short sentences in Italian about our family. The oral skills in these grades are eccellente. A great start here too!

In Grades 5 and 6 we are also focusing on La Famiglia- The Family and on adjectives which describe ourselves and our family members. Students are learning to write simple sentences in Italian and then presenting their written work to the class. This week most students were able to complete a comprehension activity all in Italian and fill in the answers in Italian! It is great to see students applying the plural rule and changing singular words to plural and visa versa. MAGNIFICO!☺

Thank you to all students in Grades 5 and 6 who have remembered to bring a photo of either the above requirements to school by next week as all students will be required to complete a written task for assessment within the next two weeks. Photos will be placed on coloured paper with blue tack.

As you can see a wonderful start to the term!☺ If you have any queries about the Italian Program here at Northcote Primary, please feel free to see me at the school on either a Monday or a Tuesday.

Grazie mille (many thanks) for your continuing support,  
Signorina Rosa.  
Italian Teacher and Co-ordinator.

## MURAL PROJECT

We are looking for donations of exterior house paint (undercoats or other colours). If you have any leftover paint, please donate it to the school. It would be very helpful. Thanks, Sarah.

## WHOLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Dear Parents / Guardians

This year at Northcote Primary School, we will once again be staging a whole school production. Every grade and every student will be involved in the play either by making props and costumes, writing the music and soundtrack, and obviously singing, dancing and acting.

The production will be staged in late August or early September, with the venue to be confirmed.

Auditions for main acting parts have also begun.

The school production will be overseen by our four pre-service teachers from Victoria University. Megan, Lisa, Adam and Simon will be in our classes for the whole year, helping with both the musical and teaching duties.

Would you like to help us with the production? We will greatly appreciate any help in all aspects of the production: Making props, costumes, backdrops, help with music, lighting, staging- anything and everything! If so, fill in the form below. Let us know how you can help and at what times.

We look forward to seeing you all soon - either in pre-production or on the night.

Megan, Lisa, Adam, Simon  
Lisa Engelder and Niki Skoullos

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's grade: \_\_\_\_\_

How are you willing to help? Skills, services, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

What is your availability? When can you help?

MONDAY am / pm

TUESDAY am / pm

WEDNESDAY am / pm

THURSDAY am / pm

FRIDAY am / pm

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<b>OPEN DAYS</b>	University High School	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	9347 2022 or <a href="http://www.unihigh.vic.edu.au">www.unihigh.vic.edu.au</a>
	Northcote High School	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	9489 2300 or <a href="http://www.nhs.vic.edu.au">www.nhs.vic.edu.au</a>
	Princes Hill Sec College	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	9389 0600
	Melbourne Girls College	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	9428 8955 or <a href="http://www.mgc.vic.edu.au">www.mgc.vic.edu.au</a>
	Collingwood College	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	9417 6681 or <a href="http://www.collingwood.vic.edu.au">www.collingwood.vic.edu.au</a>
	Thornbury High School	Ring school for tour	9480 4066

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**KELLY SPORTS** – Enrolment forms available outside the school office or contact 9384 2204.



**FCBirarrung:** A new soccer club in Melbourne! Registration Day in Princes Park 12.00 Midday Sundays 10th - 17th - 24th February. Southern Pavilion Princes Park  
Under 11 & Under 12 FFV Competition  
Under 9 & Under 10 FFV Rooball  
8 & Under FFV Small Sided Game  
For more Information Call Peter Kurg 0434-868468 or [www.fcb.org.au](http://www.fcb.org.au)

### Healthy Active Australia and Drummond Street Relationship Centre

“What are you doing with the kids this weekend?”

Drummond St Relationship Centre in Carlton are running a great new program for Dads and their kids aged 5 and over – it's an outdoor recreation/activity program that runs alternate Sundays from May 4th through to July 2008 (5 activity days in total, and there's a break in school hols). What kinds of activities?

- w rafting
  - w low ropes course
  - w indoor rockclimbing
  - w games and challenges survivor style!
- (All with qualified experienced instructors)

- Find out what healthy activities are available close to home
- Learn more about good nutrition, and a great variety of yummy food is provided.
- We will have 2 more programs running post August so you can book in for them if you find the Sundays do not suit you.
- FREE although you may give a small donation if you wish (the day includes bus transport for Carlton if needed, all equipment and food)

Enquiries and bookings : Call Georgie on 9663 6733

**The Visiting Friends program of St. John Ambulance** is seeking another 100 volunteers across Victoria to provide companionship to our senior members living in aged care homes, with 20 new volunteers just in the local area alone.

The benefits of having a friend call in and spend some time just chatting, or sharing an activity can not be minimised by the residents, as it can maintain interest and motivation in their lives, thus providing stimulation of mind and body and perhaps reducing the effects of ageing.

Each volunteer is asked to provide just two hours a fortnight visiting either an individual or entertaining a group of residents in an activity such as craft, bingo, carpet bowls, music or similar. A trip to feed the ducks in the park, window shopping or just a coffee down the road are all very worthwhile ventures.

If you are able to help, please contact Wendi on 9737 1053 or write to St John Ambulance Community Care Branch, 49 Wray Crescent, Mt. Evelyn, 3796.