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IMPORTANT SCHOOL DIARY DATES

- Fri. 19th Sept.** - **Last Day for Term 3 - 2.30 p.m. dismissal**
- Sunday 5th Oct. - Daylight Savings begins – clocks go forward one hour
- Monday 6th Oct. - Term 4 commences at 9.00 a.m.
- Thurs 9th Oct. - Junior Dept. Swimming Begins (last one 27/11)
- Fri 17th Oct. - Junior Dept. Excursion to the Zoo
- Tues 21st Oct. - Cultural Performance – “Out of the Bag” – 2.30 p.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 4th Nov. - Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday – No School

DON'T FORGET YOUR HATS! – TERM 4 – SUNSMART BEGINS

GREETINGS FROM KERRIE

Student Achievement

Congratulations Brigid Kruspe (LA3), Lucy Dodd (LA 4) and Anna McDonald (LA4)!

All of these students, after successfully competing at the District Athletics, are now qualified to represent our school at the broader Zone Athletics finals. Brigid will compete in the 11 year old High Jump; Lucy in the 12/13 Shot Put; and Anna in the 800 and 1500 metres race. Well done, an excellent achievement and best of luck for your event at the Zones.

Congratulations James Thompson (LA4)

James received the ‘Runner Up Best and Fairest Award’ for Fitzroy Football Under 12 Blues Team. James has had a great year playing in a variety of positions mainly ruck and kicked around 14 goals for the season. James says he enjoys ruck rover best, because he gets to go everywhere on the ground.

Congratulations Harry Potocnik (LA 3)

Harry received the ‘Coaches Award’ (for the most coachable footballer; listening to the coach and following instructions; encouraging other players) for Fitzroy Football Under 12 Gold Team. Harry has played mainly full back for the year and says that it is a really good team that made it to the Preliminary finals where unfortunately they lost. Harry actually kicked a goal for the season when the positions were rotated.

Congratulations Aife Larkin (LA 4)

Aife received the ‘Coaches Award’ (for the most coachable footballer; listening to the coach and following instructions; encouraging other players) for the Fitzroy Football Under 11 Blues Team. Aife played mainly forward pocket and kicked 2 goals for the seasons.

Congratulations Max O’Reilly

Max received the ‘Equal Most Improved Basketball Player’ for the Collingwood Under 14 All Stars Representative Team. Max plays guard usually and scored 50 points for the season.

Atticus Memorial Assembly

Monday morning's assembly was a particularly special one for us all with a special tribute to the memory of Atticus Andrews. As I looked out across our assembly, there were swathes of bright yellow that our community had worn to commemorate his favourite colour.

I thought the memorial was very special, very touching, particularly the contributions from many of our students who shared their memories of Atticus with us all. There were poems, rap verses and dance (Addy would have loved that!), and unrehearsed tributes from his classmates from 2007's grade 1/2 classes. It was so lovely to see Matt and Sam (Atticus' parents) and we appreciate how difficult it would have been for them as well as how heart warming to have their son remembered in such tender and humorous ways. Thank you Lisa (teacher) for leading the whole assembly in singing one of Addy's favourite songs "Sunny Side of the Street" to close the memorial. There were many tears shed and laughter ringing out as we all honoured the memory of Atticus Andrews at our assembly.

A poem by Lizzie Civitico

We all miss Atticus everyday
It was so sad when he passed away
We made 1000 cranes for good luck
Unfortunately they weren't enough
For the pain still throbs in all our hearts
But then we all remember the laughs
How Atticus made us all smile
And how it lasted for a while
So let's all remember the laughs and remember that
He will always be in our hearts

An acrostic by LA1

A is for awesome, I went in the limousine with him (Ella)
T is for talked in a funny way (Ruby)
T is for talked like a little teacher (Josephine)
I is for imaginative (Fiona)
C is for creative, clever and cool (Hilary)
U is for unforgettable (Juliette)
S is for small and smart (Rebecca)

The Atticus Rap by LA1 (Dante, Alexander, Macsen & James)

Atticus was a boy from the sun
He loved to play on the ground and run
He loved to draw and paint with yellow
This helped him feel really mellow
He had the biggest, widest smile
In the whole world it looked like a mile
He often had a day off school
And then he'd come back feeling cool
Hey, hey Atticus, hey, hey, hey
Hey, hey Atticus, we're off to play

Term 3 Top 10

At our staff meeting this week, we acknowledged and reviewed the many achievements that made Term 3 an engaging term for our students, parents and staff. Here are just 10 of them.

- Grade 5/6 Mural launch
- Family Maths Night
- Dream Away, the whole school Musical
- District Athletics; Grades 3- 6 Swimming program; Basketball District Round Robin
- Clubs Extra-Curricular Program

- Grade 1/2 Camp to Gembrook
- Ongoing Professional Development for Teachers in improving teaching and learning practices in Numeracy and Literacy P – 6 (with the Northern Metropolitan Achievement Improvement Zone Project)
- G.A.T.E.W.A.Y.S program
- 3/4 Cooking Program
- Improvement to Playground Quiet Area (new ‘snake’ seating; planting & gardening; all done across 3 x volunteer weekend working bees!)

There were many other events and activities throughout Term 3, these above are just a snapshot of the high quality work that goes on everyday at our school.

Our Upgrade of the 5/6 area

A number of hard working days have gone into the relocation of the entire upstairs section of the senior building. Last week and this week, the 5/6 teachers and students have been helping to decant the upstairs areas and relocate into three spare classrooms and areas. This also meant relocating the Italian, Music and Resources room. Hugh and John did the heavy objects and are still working on unscrewing whiteboards, bag hooks and a range of other things that we need for the classes downstairs.

I would like to thank all staff for their flexibility and support around all this moving and relocating, in particular, thank you to Ross, Nicky McKinnon and Linda, and Rosa (Italian) who have had to bear the brunt of most of the moving.

The Italian room is 90% operational today, Rosa has had Italian classes in the Multi-purpose room as of Monday. The other rooms are coming together each day and the students are feeling positive about their change of scenery, thank goodness! The Hall looks different (thanks Linda and the Junior staff) as LA13 has been completely emptied out for Linda’s class. The positive is that the Hall program, space and Monday morning assembly, will still be able to operate.

New locations

Italian = Multi-purpose room in the Administration block

LA6 Ross’ 5/6 class = LA4 (downstairs in Senior Block, was Music Room which now shares with Italian in the Multi-purpose Room)

LA5 Nicky’s 5/6 class = LA3 (downstairs in Senior Block, was Italian Room)

LA8 Linda’s 5/6 class = LA13 (in Junior Block, was the Resource Room)

Thank you Trist, Simon, Meagan and Lisa

All of the above teachers in training will finish at our school at the end of this week. We would like to thank them all for their enthusiasm, energy, dedication and willingness to learn and be part of our team at Northcote Primary. We wish them the very best of luck for the future.

Thank you Marina Henley (mother of Barn and Mathilde)

Marina initially put herself forward for School Council elections early this year, but had to withdraw. Due to the retirement of one of our School councillors, a casual vacancy was created and Marina has agreed to fill the casual vacancy. Marina has been on the Buildings and Grounds sub-committee for some time and we look forward to her contribution to School Council.

Finally, I would like to wish our community a safe and restful break over the term holiday period, and particularly to the staff who have worked very hard in what is supposed to be the ‘quiet’ term! (Who ever said that??!!) Well done everyone and thank you.

See you all in Term 4 ☺

**Warm regards,
Kerrie**

CAMP NEWS



Camp Coinda has been and gone – and we had so much fun! The children were fantastic, a real pleasure to take away.

The favourite activity was the flying fox, but we had a good time doing other things too. Building bush huts allowed our budding engineers to use many different talents and future interior decorators renovated existing ones! And we did it all with an impeccable safety record. We didn't catch any yabbies this year – apparently the winter was too cold. The ropes course challenged many children. It was great to see them using their persistence to get them across the course. The oval was a popular place too, as we had space to run, play with hoops and kick soccer balls and footies. The food Don and Marilyn cooked was



so good that many children went back for seconds.

The camp would not have been so successful without the help of the parents that came with us. Heather, Lynne and Anne really appreciated their many skills, from kicking the football around to pouring milk onto rice bubbles to holding children's hands on the night walk. Our thanks go to Defah, Charles and Lucina on the first camp, and Stuart, Red, Tony and Genevieve on the second camp. Thanks too to Simon from LA10, who took a couple of days out of his teaching time to come with us.



PHOTOGRAPHS

School photographs were sent home today. If there are any problems or discrepancies with your photos please contact the Advanced School Photos on 9852 1133.

Junior School Council and Neopolitan photographs are available for viewing in the office foyer. Order envelopes are also available from the office. The cost of each photo is \$12.00.

**HAVE SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS
SEE YOU IN TERM 4**

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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

High Vibes 2008 presents Kid's Zone - come on down to the Northcote Town Hall, 189 High St, Northcote, 3070 on Sunday September 21, 11am - 5pm, and join the fun! www.highvibes.com.au

FLUTTERBYS

For beautiful card making and scrapbooking products, classes and demonstrations. For children of all ages. Ph: 03 9478 7880 or email: flutterbuys@optusnet.com.au at 653 High Street, Preston 3072

Drummond Street Relationship Centre invites you to attend a 3 week Parenting Primary Schoolers Group starting Wednesday 15th October from 6pm - 7.30pm. Topics include: communication, ages and stages, preparing for adolescents, and behaviour management strategies. The group will be held at 195 Drummond St, CARLTON and costs \$35pp.

FREE Seminar on "Raising Resilient Kids" on Monday 10th of November from 6pm - 7.30pm. Seminar will be held at 195 Drummond St, CARLTON and bookings are ESSENTIAL. Please call GEORGIE on 9663 6733 for further information.

GUIDE DOG PUPPIES NEED HOMES - urgently seeking new Puppy Raisers to begin caring for a Guide Dog puppy. To register please call Guide Dogs Victoria on (03) 9854 4444. For more information, contact: Holly Marquette, Media Relations, Guide Dogs Victoria or www.guidedogsvictoria.com.au. P: 03 9854 4411 F: 03 9854 4466 M: 0409 952 893 or E: holly.m@guidedogsvictoria.com.au.

PRACE - SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM - For Children aged 6 - 12. A fully instructed gym session with exercises and games and arts & craft program.

Week 1 Mon 22nd Sept & Tues 23rd Sept

Week 2 Thurs 2nd Oct & Fri 3rd Oct

Times: All sessions 10 - 2pm - includes a lunch break. Cost: \$10 per session per child - includes all equipment and materials. NOTE— BOOKING AND PAYMENT ARE REQUIRED NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH. Venue: Merrilands Community Centre, Cnr Asquith Street and Sturdee Street in Reservoir. Children must bring their own lunch. For inquiries or to book phone PRACE on 9462 6077 (places are limited). Email: office@prace.vic.edu.au.

MELBOURNE SCHOOL OF CLASSICAL DANCE - School Holidays Dance Workshop for Boys & Girls 10-16 years.

- Classical Ballet
- Jazz
- Contemporary dance
- Mime
- National character

Mon 29 Sept - Fri 3 Oct at Cecil St Studio, 66 Cecil St, North Fitzroy. Fee: \$100 for 5 days. Contact: 9025 2228 or 0425 262 767 or www.msdc.com.au

SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE, an Australian not-for-profit organisation is seeking volunteer host families for high school students aged between 14 and 18 years old scheduled to arrive in Australia in early February 2009. Call Southern Cross Cultural Exchange on 1800 500 501, visit www.scce.com.au or email scceast@scce.com.au

IT'S BLUE LIGHT FOOTY FEVER - Friday 26th September, 2008 from 6.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. The Darebin Blue Light Disco is a police-run event aiming to provide alcohol and drug-free entertainment for the youth in the area. Held at the Preston Town Hall, Gower Street Preston. It is aimed at 8 - 14 year olds, and the children MUST be collected from inside the hall at the end of the night. Entry is \$5.00 each, and refreshments are available for sale inside the hall.

SEALPONY SOCCER is a development & participation program that introduces boys and girls aged between 5-10 to the game of football (soccer). It focuses on teaching the basic skills. For more information call Joe on mobile 0415-388-028 or email: jyamen@optusnet.com.au

Venue: T.B.A. (Field in Banyule)
Time: Every Sunday
10:00 am - 11:15 am
Starting Date: 5th of October 2008
Finishing Date: 14th of December 2008

SPRINGTIME AT THE CIRCUS IN THE SCHOOL HOLS

COME AND SEE OUR SHOWS!

Westside Circus is presenting 2 shows this Melbourne Fringe Festival

Come to both and get \$5 off!

Spilt Milk 23 to 28 September

Our professional show is a dynamic work of physical theatre & clowning, looking at well-being and themes of mental health.

"Vibrant and poignant" ArtsHub

Escape Hatch 2 to 5 October; 18 & 19 October

3 suburbs, 35 teenagers, 1 story about art, escape and humanity

A performance by the Westside community

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Café Just Desserts

Venue - Sophia Mundi School Hall, 95 Nicholson Street, Abbotsford (Mel 2C K11)

Dates and Times

Friday Oct 3rd -2pm & 6pm

Saturday Oct 4th - 2pm & 6pm

Sunday Oct 5th-2pm & 6pm

Tickets - \$12, \$10 Concession,

\$35 family (2A 2C)

Melbourne Fringe Ticket Office **ph 9660 9666**, melbournefringe.com.au

Fringe Info Centre @ Fed Square

Or on the door

A Kids' Comedy Cabaret

A splash of music, a dash of circus, and a huge pinch of silliness, it's a fantastic recipe for **family school-holiday fun!**

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