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IMPORTANT SCHOOL DIARY DATES

October

Monday 22nd

Grade 1/2 Zoo Excursion

Tuesday 23rd

Cultural Performance
- Travelling Troubadors

Wednesday 24th

Book Parade
9.00 to 11.00 a.m.

Wednesday 24th

Policy & Finance - 4.00pm

Friday 26th

World Teachers Day

Sunday 28th

Daylight Savings Begins

Wednesday 31st

Prep Zoo Excursion

Wednesday 31st

School Council - 7.30 p.m.

November

Monday 5th

Pupil Free Day
No School

Tuesday 6th

Melbourne Cup Day
No School

Wednesday 21st

Ready Steady Go! Session 1
(prep orientation)

Wednesday 21st

Whole School Photograph

Monday 26th

Grade 5/6 Excursion

Tuesday 27th

Italian Day

Wednesday 28th

Ready Set Go! Session 2
(prep orientation)

Thursday 29th

Last Day Junior Swimming

December

Tuesday 4th

Ready Set Go! Session 3
(prep orientation)

Tuesday 4th

Grade 6 High School
Transition Day

Wednesday 5th

School Council - 7.30 pm

Tuesday 11th

End of Year School
Concert

Wednesday 12th

End of Year School
Concert - Backup

Friday 21st

Last Day of Term
1.30 p.m. finish

GREETINGS FROM KERRIE

Student Achievement

Well done Girls 12/13 relay team!

Last week, I inadvertently left out our congratulations to our girls relay team for their participation in the Zone Athletics Finals. So sorry girls! Again, as with the other finalists two weeks ago, it was a great effort to get to that level of competition in qualifying for the Zones. Well done Lilly Bridie, Lydia Di Stefano, Julia Close and Aoise Belfrage.

Welcome to two new students and their families

On behalf of the school community, I would like to welcome the Mottershead/Palmer (Alex's family). Their daughter Alex is in grade 2 in LA14, Anne's grade. Also welcome to the Calkin/Hunter family. Their son, Lachlan, has joined our Year 5 students in LA7, Ross' class. Both Alex and Lachlan have had a great start with the school.

Year 3 & 5 Aim test results 2006

Students in Years 3 & 5 have brought home their AIM test results this week, to share with their parents/carers. There will be a letter and a brochure included to provide additional information and advice. Any parents concerned about the results are encouraged to contact their child's teacher to make an appointment to discuss

Congratulations Meagan from our Out of School Hours Care Program!

You may know that Meagan has been working hard to complete her teaching qualifications this year. She has been successful in being appointed to a teaching position in an Aboriginal Independent Community School in Western Australia called Parnngurr Community School. The school is located at the southern end of the Rudall River (Karlamilyi) National Park. The school is a Prep (K) to year 11 school and teaches in the students' first language, Martu Wangka, and Australian English.

Meagan is currently on her final 4 week teaching placement at a school in Kerang, and we wish her all the best for her teaching rounds and her new appointment!

Thank you Fiona Richardson MP

On behalf of our students, I would like to thank Fiona Richardson, our local MP for Northcote, who donated a copy of her favourite book, 'The story of the Little Mole' to our school Library. It is also a favourite book with lots of children so I am sure it will be well borrowed and read!

Book Parade next Wednesday!

It's time to look in the wardrobe, get out the dress ups, your creative skills and imagination, and work out a costume for this year's book parade. Children are invited to dress up as a character from one of their favourite books and participate in the Book Parade fun! Parents are invited to attend and of course to dress up as well! The parade is anticipated to commence at 9.15am on Wednesday 24th October.

Warm Regards

Kerrie

CAFÉ KOULA MENU CHANGE

From this week, Boscastle pies and pasties will no longer be available. All other menu items will remain the same. For vegetarian options the menu will now include:

Vegetarian Quiche	\$3.00/serve
Vegetarian Pasta	\$5.00/serve

AN EARLY REMINDER FOR YOUR CALENDARS AND DIARIES

Friday 23rd November is the night of our Northcote Primary School Benefit Gig.
The gig will be at “303” – 303 High Street, Northcote and will feature:

Terry O'Reilly's	“One and the Same”
Frank Jones' (new band)	“Big Folk”
Pip Pupillo's	“T-Bones”

Three fantastic bands in one night. Don't miss this one. It's not just for school folk – bring your friends and relatives as well!

Details re time and entry cost to follow in later newsletters.

2008 GREAT COMMUNITY FETE

Saturday, March 15th 1-6pm

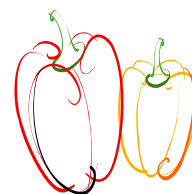
Yes, it's that time of year again. We are currently planning for the “2008 Great Fete”. This is the time when we start to ask people to think about what they can do to help with Fete planning.

The school fete is the major fund-raising event in the school calendar. Every year the fete money (along with other minor fund-raising events) goes towards improving our children's education. Every person in the school has the chance to suggest projects that this money could be spent on. In the past fund-raising money has been spent on the Hall Program, Playground upgrades, Fake turf, and Audio-visual equipment ... just to mention a few.

Last years fete made a profit of \$25,000. This was a phenomenal figure. We were able to lower the cost without lowering the quality of the fete, by drawing heavily on our local community.

The way we did this was to seek donations and sponsorships for lots of the costs involved with the activities. During the next few months we are going to be looking for freebies from everybody we can think of. We will be looking for any support we can get. Below is a list of ideas to get you thinking.

- * Do you know a local publican who might donate a keg of Beer?
- * A local coach who might run an activity?
- * Can you ask a local business to donate something for the Silent Auction?
- * Can you help us out with any of the little things—baubles for treasure island, 10 kilos of Jaffas, 80 loaves of bread, fruit or vegies to preserve?
- * The fete uses an enormous amount of sugar—anyone got a contact at CSR?
- * 80 kilos of sausages cost a fortune, maybe you know a local business who would sponsor the BBQ, or a butcher who would donate sausages.



All donations and sponsorships will be acknowledge in the school newsletter, and on the day businesses are more than welcome to display banners etc.

Your fete needs you

One of the great things about our fete is that everyone gets involved, has a great time, and meets new people from the school community. It is a particularly good opportunity for any new families to become involved in the school community

Over the next few months we are going to be asking our community to help in a number of ways. Some people have already come forward to say that they will coordinate certain stalls, which is just fantastic, but we need more help.

You can contribute by

- Doing a couple of hours on a stall on the day
- Baking a couple of cakes the day before
- Bringing along items for trash 'n treasure
- Providing produce for preserves
- Setting up and packing up on the day
- Helping to make things to sell (preserves, craft, cakes)

Remember the more you help the more we make!

Rosters will be circulated at the beginning of next year providing you with the opportunity to go on a stall.

This is the last year that Nicky and Jenni will be co-ordinating so if you are thinking you could step up next year this would be a great time to watch the process unfold!

Things to do now

- Put the date in the calendar!!!!
- Invite everyone you know ... including great Aunt Mabel's best friend Harry
- Start organising for trash 'n treasure, pre-loved toys, vintage clothes.
- Ring Nicky (9489 1439) or Jenni (9443 7754) if you can help in any way. We still need a lot of people to help out with stalls.
- Think about what you could provide for the silent auction (e.g. Dinner for 6, free haircut, massage, holiday house for the weekend)

LOST

In the yard on Tuesday a book called "Australian Animal Atlas". If found please return to Cael in LA10.

WALKING TO SCHOOL IN WALKTOBER

How are all those young walkers going? An information and sponsors sheet was sent out at the end of last term. The sheet explained the various activities organised by Northcote Primary School for Walktober:

1. Encouraging children to walk or ride to and from school between 8th & 31st October.
2. The Merri Park dog walk held on Sunday.
3. School lunch time walking trail, where children walk around the red dot trail in the school yard and record their total distance over a 20 minute period. School trail walks will be held on Tues, Wed & Thurs next week 2.00-2.20pm during lunch play time. We need 3 parent volunteers to help supervise.



The focus of Walktober is to become more active during the month of October. This includes walking to and from school, participating in community events and school activity programs. As an aside, it has the added benefit of raising money for our school. In our case the long awaited bike shed. We need a \$1000 to get it started. To raise money we have asked children to set a target distance (15, 30 or 50km) and get sponsored if they can. But we really just want children to participate and have fun. The sponsors sheet allows you to keep track of your sponsors - and either their per kilometre sponsorship, or lump sum donation - similar process to the MS readathon. If you missed out there are few spare copies at the office.

Last week we sent home a personal distance record, for you to keep track of the distance you have travelled, walking or riding to and from school - If you came to the dog walk - you can add that in too. At the end of October, you transfer the total from your personal distance record sheet, to your sponsors' sheet, so you can let your sponsors know the amount required and hand in what you have raised by 15th November.

We also need you to hand in your personal distance record so we can add up how far Helen St students have walked all together. Will it be as far as Sydney, Cairns or Beijing - How far do you think we will have walked by the end of October?

Happy walking!

Any questions, or if you can help with supervising next week we'd love to hear from you Jane Miller (9489 3591) or Evelyn Boyce (9484 0817)

Our Dog Walk on Sunday

Thanks to all those people with their pooches - and those without - who turned up for our Walktober Dog Walk last Sunday, at Merri Park. We registered 92 people and 19 dogs - so well done Helen Street! It was a lovely sunny morning, and as people mingled afterwards, the smell of sizzling sausages wafted through the breeze, and there were lots of happy dogs. We raised \$158.80 - to go towards our bike shed. Many thanks to all those who came along - an event worth repeating!

Evelyn Boyce and Jane Miller

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MILO HAVE-A-GO CRICKET with Dennis Cricket Club. Starts 4th November and 9.00 a.m. (for registration) then 9.45 to 11.00 a.m. Call Frank on 0434 330 939.

NORTHCOTE SCOUTS BOOK SALE – Saturday 27th October from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. at the Northcote Scout Hall, 5 Ethel Street, Thornbury. No books over \$1.00. Sausage sizzle, coffee and cake sale, recycling drop-off (scrap metal, aluminium, old batteries, old bricks) and fun activities for the kids.

AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR AND AUS GIRLS DANCE – Open Day on Sunday 28th October. For details contact 9859 6499 or go to www.ausgirlschoir.com.au or www.ausgirlsdance.com.au

FREE PARENTING PROGRAM. The Parenting Research Centre is offering a free 6 week program for parents of adolescents aged 10-14 years. Pls see <http://www.parentingrc.org.au> or call the Parenting Research Centre on 8660 3500.

MAYA FESTIVAL AT CERES! Held on Saturday 20th October. Event starts 11.00 a.m. Children under 16 free. Adult pre-sale passes \$20.00 available at www.greentix.com.au or \$25.00 on the day. Email mayafestival@gmail.com for more info!

FOR SALE – Antique Victorian Grate - \$400.00 ono – good condition. See Rosemary at school or ring 9481 0009 and leave a message.

SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE is looking for voluntary host families for overseas students arriving in Australia in February 2008. Currently we have the opportunity for host families to accept a student from Austria, Canada, Colombia, France, Germany, Holland, Italy Japan, and the USA. Call Southern Cross Cultural Exchange on 1800 500 501 for more information www.scce.com.au

The Term 4 **Parentzone Northern** newsletter is now available at: <http://www.anglicarevic.org.au/Parentzone> The link will take you to 'Welcome to the Anglicare Victoria Parentzone Web Portal' Once there click on Northern. A more direct link to the Northern only newsletter is: <http://www.anglicarevic.org.au/Parentzone/northern/default.asp> Flyers and registration form for Parentzone T4 parenting groups are attached within the last pages of the newsletter and include Parenting Children (3-10 yo)

SEE OVER THE PAGE FOR INFORMATION REGARDING "THE TANK"