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## IMPORTANT SCHOOL DIARY DATES

### **Term 3**

Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> July	“Olympic Gold” performance for Grades Prep to 2
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> July	“Spaced Out” excursion for Grades 5 and 6
Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Wendy’s Music Concert (see page 3 for times)
Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Last Day for <i>new</i> EMA Applications (see page 3 for details)
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> August	“MCG & National Sports Museum excursion for Grades 3 & 4
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	School Photo Day Envelopes & Money back to school
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	School Photo Day
<b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Curriculum Day – No School for Students</b>
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> August	Last Day for School Concert Ticket Orders

## **REMINDER**

Lunch orders from Café Koula have ceased as of last term. We are currently investigating new lunch order suppliers. Please make sure you do not send a lunch order to school with your child. Thanks

To all Grade 5/6 parents – please check your child’s bag for yellow note to be sent home tomorrow (Friday).

## **SCOOTERS**

Just letting you know that there are 8 scooters currently in the bike shed. Some are rusting, so students need to pick them up asap. Thanks, Linda.

## **GREETINGS FROM KERRIE**

### **Student Achievement**

#### **Congratulations Lizzie Civitico!**

About this time last year, I wrote an article in our newsletter about a poem that Lizzie Civitico, LA6, had written to her Grandmother. The poem was about Lizzie’s grandfather’s battle with cancer. Lizzie’s poem was entered into the Annual Cancer Council Victoria Arts Awards, children’s writing category. Lizzie received a highly commended award for her poem. Fantastic Lizzie, and congratulations for your tribute to your beloved nonno, I’m sure he would have been very proud of you, as your Grandmother is (and we definitely are!).

#### **Congratulations Mixed Netball Team**

Our Mixed Netball Team came out on top of the Northcote Area Ladder for this season, and will now go on to Zone finals. Well done, and congratulations Team.

Thank you to Heather Jarvis and Catherine Wositzky for their umpiring of many matches for the team. Thank you to the coach, Nicky McKinnon. Next Tuesday, the Team will play St. Claire's PS at our school in the Zone play off. Best of luck to our Team!

### **Grade 3 – 6 swimming Program**

.... is well in progress at Collingwood Pool. Participation has been around 70%. Teachers have commented that the program is going well and catering for the range of swimming levels.

### **Artist in Residence program**

The Artist in Residence program funded by Arts Victoria has concluded and the official launch of the grade 5/6 mural of the history of the local area, indigenous people, flora and fauna of Merri Creek, will take place on Thursday July 31<sup>st</sup>. The mural panel have been erected on the front wall (Helen Street) of the school and looks magnificent! Come and have a look if you are in the school, stand back near the fence and appreciate the view through the trees, it is very good! I would like to congratulate the grade 5/6 student artists for their research and creative work; Sarah Faulkner, Artist in Residence, and guide/teacher of the project; the grade 5/6 teachers Ross; Linda and Nicky; and our Art Teacher Sharon, for their support and enthusiasm of the project from the beginning.

### **Extra-Curricular Programs - Clubs**

The Extra-Curricular Clubs program has commenced this term, to provide further activities for children to participate in. This was an initiative implemented in response to feedback on our 2007 parent opinion survey around more options for extra-curricular activities at school. The children have been asked to nominate a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> choice, and we will monitor children's engagement and enthusiasm in the program.

### **Curriculum Day – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August (2 weeks away)**

A reminder to parents that **NEXT Friday** is Curriculum Day, and arrangements need to be made by parents/carers for the care and supervision of all children as the school will be closed for the day.

The staff will be involved in Professional Development on the day with a focus on our involvement in the Northern Region Achievement Improvement Zone Project. More specifically, it is an opportunity for the staff to reflect on what we have learnt so far from the project, to share our successes and challenges. We will examine the impact of our professional learning on the children's achievements and teacher pedagogy. Teachers will then be involved in refining curriculum planning, implementation and evaluation through explicit goal and target setting in relation to both children's learning and teacher practice for the Terms 3 & 4.

### **Fete 2009 – will there be one?**

We can't have a fete without a core team of parents to co-ordinate it, and what a loss that would be to our community if we were unable to run one. The fete is our major fundraiser and apart from the very important fact that the fete raises significant funds to improve the learning and play environments for the children (purchasing technology equipment – computers; junior playground; turf; upgrading play spaces and many more), the fete also serves as an important 'coming together' day for our entire community. It's like our annual village fair, where Northcote Primary School community work together to open up our gates to our broader community, to enjoy ourselves, welcome our visitors and get to know each other.

I have **one (generous, kind) parent** who has let me know that she is willing to nominate to be part of a fete co-ordinating team, thank you! We need some more parents to put themselves forward to help out. Even if you are just thinking about it, let me know, and I can put you in touch with our last year's coordinators, and they can give you an idea of what's involved so you can make up your mind. Please consider it, I'm sure you will enjoy being part of the 2009 Fete Co-ordinating Team.

**Warm regards**  
**Kerrie**

## EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

Parents with continuing eligibility (e.g. those with healthcare or pension cards who applied at the start of the year) are not required to complete a new application for the second half year instalment. Parents who have transferred their child/ren to this school after 29<sup>th</sup> February and prior to 1<sup>st</sup> August must apply at this school for the second instalment. For new applicants to qualify for the second instalment the eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 3 (14<sup>th</sup> July, 2008). Application forms are available from the school office and must be returned by Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July. New applicants will need to bring their healthcare or pension card with them.

## LOST PROPERTY

Please label all of your children's clothing, etc. so I can return items as soon as possible. Linda

## WENDY'S MUSIC CONCERT

Families and friends are invited to our concerts in the Hall on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July. The Prep, 1 and 2 students will be playing from 11.30 onwards, and the 3,4,5,6 grades from 12.30 onwards. The instrumental students are really looking forward to playing. Hope to see you there. Jenny, Russell, Chelsea, Geraint and Rachel.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be happening on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August. Envelopes were sent home today with a covering letter. All orders and money need to be returned to your child's teacher by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August.



## GRADE 5/6 MUSICAL COSTUMES

As you know all students in Grades 5/6 (except the main actors) need to put together a "nerdy" zombie costume. Students need to bring their costumes in labeled bags to school by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August so we can begin dress rehearsals. Thank you, Linda, Ross & Nicky

## GRADUATION T-SHIRT REMINDER

Payment for the Grade 6 graduation t-shirts is due asap so I can order them within the next week. Thanks, Linda

## PLAYGROUP UPDATE

The first term of playgroup flew by, with all of the kids and I'm sure, quite a few of the adults having a great time. Each week we take it in turns to organize an activity: macaroni necklaces, shakers and masks have all been made. It appears as long as there is glitter glue involved, everyone is happy. Sometimes the glitter glue ends up worn! I am still trying to get it out of my son's hair - at least I can call him my golden child. We have had dress up days and made good use of the backyard by having a bike day. Friendships are being formed by adults and children alike with some birthday invitations and clothing being swapped, as well as gardening, sewing and cycling talk! We really have a nice little group meeting regularly but we will have a few places free. So if you want to come along we open up as soon as school starts and finish at 11.00 a.m. I love the way my two year old now argues with his sister that it is not after school care, it is PLAYGROUP!

## GARDENING GROUP



We have been meeting weekly with children from the Grade 3 and 4 classes - and been watering the vegetable garden, weeding and sweeping.

Many thanks to the children for their good work, and to helping parents as well! Generally we meet for the last hour on Thursdays (2.30-3.30), pending weather and parental commitments.

If you are interested in joining us, please get in touch with Jane Miller on 9489 3591.

## **BIKE EDUCATION - GRADES 4-6**

I will be running the Bike Club as part of the extra-curricular program starting next Thursday. In order for the rides to Merri Creek to occur I need at least one parent volunteer to ride with us. If you can assist on any of the Bike Club sessions – 2.30-3.30pm Thursdays 31 July – 21 August, please contact me at school or email [rush.karen.m@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:rush.karen.m@edumail.vic.gov.au)

## **CLUBS! CLUBS! CLUBS!**

Everybody has interests and activities that are beyond the scope of the day-to-day routine in our school. We have decided to start up a clubs programme to accommodate some of those extra-curricular activities. See the list below for the range of activities we have been able offer! There will be something there to suit all interests.

The programme is running on Thursdays at 2:30. It will run over 4 Thursdays, starting next week, 31 July. It will be reviewed by staff after this time, and we will make further decisions about the programme.

We have decided to run separate clubs for the Preps 1s and 2s, and the 3s, 4s, 5s and 6s. However, the Penguin Club is available for Preps to 3s. We discussed the idea of multi-aging the clubs, and while there are valid reasons for having the whole spread of ages, we decided that separating them would allow us to target the activities to the appropriate level.

If any parent or other relative is interested in helping out, please either see me, your classroom teacher or the teacher who is running the club. It would be great to have your input and help. These are the clubs available. Have a chat to your children to find out more about them!

### **GRADES 3 TO 6**

Bike Club (4-6) – Karen LA2  
I.T. Club – Trist LA2  
Yoga Club – Nicky LA5  
Doll Making Club – Lisa LA9  
Fun with Wool – Margaret LA2  
Unusual Games – Ross LA7  
Drawing Club – Anne LA14

### **GRADES Prep to 2**

Board Games – Lynne LA12  
Choir – Heather LA11  
Dance – Niki LA10  
Outdoor Games – Claire LA14  
Scrap booking – Linda LA8  
Club Penguin – Rosemary LA1

Anne Lawson, Clubs Co-ordinator, LA14

## **WORKING BEES IN AUGUST**

Two working bees have been scheduled: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August (this one pending school council approval) and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August.

If you are able to help out on the 9<sup>th</sup>, please contact Jo Brockwell on 0427 088 019 or email to: [brockwellj@oeg.vic.edu.au](mailto:brockwellj@oeg.vic.edu.au).

The second on the 16<sup>th</sup> (9am – 4pm approx) will be co-ordinated by Rosemary Owen.

Lunch will be provided for both days.

Working bees have been very well supported by the Helen Street Community and it is a chance to make a big difference to the school grounds, not quite in the twinkling of an eye – but pretty quickly! We know Saturday mornings are busy times – so even if you can't make it then – there will still be things to do in the afternoon.

All hands very welcome!

## **LOST**

Have you seen my mustard coloured shawl? Dropped Monday morning between High Street pedestrian lights (in front of IGA) Hawthorn Road and school. If found please ring Lois on 9481 4259.

**School concert tickets are selling fast. To ensure that each family of our school gets tickets to see the show, we are asking for tickets to be ordered for immediate family members only.**

**We will let the community know of any extra tickets that may be available once our school families have each ordered their tickets.**

**Thank you for your understanding in this matter**

## **DREAM AWAY production update**

As you all know, the production is now only 5 weeks away! This is both extremely scary and extremely exciting! We have done so much work on it but there is still so much to do.

After the completion of all backdrops we have begun class rehearsals this week, with the always outstanding main actors rehearsing each scene with the respective class. Judging by the rehearsals, this production is going to be great. All students are doing an amazing job!

So now all we have to do is make costumes, continue band rehearsals, make some props, continue actor and class rehearsals, print the tickets and programs, continue rehearsals...

Look forward to seeing you at Preston City Hall on Thursday August 28<sup>th</sup>.

Megan, Simon, Lisa and Adam

Niki Skoullou, Lisa Engelder

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## **SCHOOL CONCERT TICKET ORDER**

NORTHCOTE PRIMARY STUDENTS DO NOT REQUIRE A TICKET

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

LA: \_\_\_\_\_

I require:  Adult Tickets @ \$15.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Student /Concession Tickets @ \$10.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(not N.P.S. students)

Seats for Children under 5 (No Cost – limit of two per family)

Total Seats Required

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cheque/Cash (Please Circle)

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**PARENTS VICTORIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE** – 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2008 – Working Together: Families and School – Partnerships Rule. For information on the conference speakers, schedule, registration and payment please go to the following website: <http://www.parentsvictoria.asn.au/>

**FREE** – Sturdy removalist boxes with lids. Suitable for books. Contact Michelle Manly: 9495 0737

**FOR SALE** - mens bike, Apollo racer with flat handle bars, 15 speed, yellow. Will need new tyres soon but otherwise in good condition and ready to ride. \$60 o.n.o. Phone Carrie 9481 2472

**FOR SALE** IKEA single loft bed. Dark blue, 3yrs old, good condition. W125xL196, H207cm. \$160 (Mattress not included) Call Sue; 94810979 or 0418740548

**BIG FOLK** are back at the Lomond for another of their fabulous Sunday afternoons on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July from 5.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Lomond Hotel, Cnr Blythe & Nicholson Streets, East Brunswick. Free entry, great food and kids welcome!

**KELLY SPORTS** – Wild Winter Sports – Enrolment forms available outside the school office.

**MELBOURNE DAY** – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August – Events & Attractions – visit [www.thatsmelbourne.com.au](http://www.thatsmelbourne.com.au)

**TERM 3 2008 PARENTZONE 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. Click on the download button. (You may also like to view the other regions' sites/newsletters for parenting programs in other areas.) A direct link to the Northern only newsletter is: <http://www.anglicarevic.org.au/Parentzone/northern/default.asp> Flyers and registration form for Parentzone T3 parenting groups are attached within the last pages of the newsletter and include: Parenting Children (3-10yo)



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**STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR TICKETS ON SALE NOW** - Tickets are now available exclusively for all staff, students and families of Victorian government schools for this year's *Victorian State Schools Spectacular performance Made in Australia. Made in Australia - the Vic. State Schools Spectacular 2008 & Government Schools Expo* will be held at Hisense Arena (formerly Vodafone Arena) at 2pm & 7.30pm on Saturday 6 Sept; & 2pm on Sunday 7 Sept. The performers are all students from Vic. government schools from all across the state. "Made in Australia" is a celebration of Australian culture – past and present. The music and songs are our most iconic well loved numbers taken from Australia's rich archive of popular music. Tickets are available through Ticketek on 132 849 or [www.ticketek.com.au](http://www.ticketek.com.au) For enquiries about the show: contact Joining the Chorus on (03) 9415 1700 or go to [www.education.vic.gov.au/spectacular](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/spectacular)



**Jika Kids Circus** *Learn Circus Skills* – Juggling, hoola hoops, plate spinning, acrobatics and music on 31 July – 18 Sept 2008. *Including a performance for family and friends date to be confirmed.*

Day & Time: Thursdays 4 – 6pm.

Where: Jika Jika Community Centre, Corner Plant and Union Sts, Northcote

Cost: \$55.00

Numbers are limited so book early! For further information or to enrol: 9482 5100 Wednesday – Friday, Jika Jika Community Centre, Cnr Union & Plant Sts Northcote or [office@jikajika.org.au](mailto:office@jikajika.org.au)

**Art Classes after school** !!! 'Bec's Tree House Art School' Thornbury. Times: 4 -5.30pm. Ph. Bec 0419 880 704 Thursdays (places available) Wednesdays (fully booked.) Drawing, Painting, Sculpture & more!

**DAREBIN BLUE LIGHT DISCO** – 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2008 from 6.30 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. The Disco is held at the Preston Town Hall, Gower Street Preston. It is aimed at 10 - 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.