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IMPORTANT SCHOOL DIARY DATES

Fri 28 th November	-	Ready, Set, Go! Program No. 1 from 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.
Wed 3 rd December	-	School Council Meeting from 7.00 p.m. (Staffroom)
Thurs 4 th December	-	Grade 3/4 Cooking LA2
	-	Grade 5-6 MSAC Excursion
Fri 5 th December	-	Grade 3/4 Cooking LA1
	-	Ready, Set, Go! Program No. 2 from 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.
Tues 9 th December	-	Grade 6 Transition Day to High Schools
	-	Ready, Set, Go! Program No. 3 from 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.
Fri 12 th December	-	Junior School Excursion to Hay's Paddock
Mon 15 th December	-	Grade 6 Graduation Evening
Wed 17 th December	-	Grade 3-4 excursion to All Nations Park
Fri 19 th December	-	End of term assembly and break up

GREETINGS FROM KERRIE

Our Creative Artists

Congratulations all students from Prep to Year 6! What a treat you gave us last night, to wander into each and every classroom and view some of the wonderful artwork that our children have produced this year in Sharon Bennett's Art classes.

The Art Walk was a different model than we have had in the past so I was interested to see how it would go. I spoke with many parents on the night as we moved from room to room and the responses were overwhelmingly positive with the different set up. Some of the comments were:

'I feel as if I have more room and space to come with my children and see their artwork without being squashed or pressured to move on.'

'I have really enjoyed going into other classes to see the work in those classrooms too.'

'This way I have more time to see the art pieces and the focus is really on the children and their work.'

'I like the art show in the multipurpose room, it's like an opening to a gallery, but with this, there is less noise and crowds, I can hear myself think and talk to my children and the teachers about their work.'

'I like having the picnic afterwards so that we are still in daylight and I don't have to worry about the safety of my child outside in the yard in the dark, this is much nicer and we get to catch up with others on the 'turf'.'

'I love having the picnic on the turf, get some more!'

It was fantastic to see everybody spread out with rugs and picnics, shoes kicked off immediately, on our turf to kick back and enjoy the balmy evening after the '2008 Art Walk'.

Thank you ...

Thank you to all teachers who put a lot of time and effort into the display the creative works (we have some very creative teachers too with their displays, did you notice?) and to all parents, friends and children who came along and made it such an enjoyable evening.

Art Walk Fundraising Bar

Thank you to the parents who organised (thank you Linda Budd) and helped set up, serve and pack up last night. Thanks to Matt Walsh; Evelyn Boyce; Frank Jones; Nicky Dulfer; Jen Audsley; Andrew Dodd; and Stuart Morrison. The bar raised \$450 for our school.

Ready Set Go!

Our first Ready Set Go! (2009 Prep Orientation) begins tomorrow morning. We are expecting over 50 little pre-preppies and their parents in the Junior School from 9 – 11 so if you see anyone looking lost or unsure, please welcome them and show them why being part of Northcote PS is the best decision they could have made!

Warm regards

Kerrie

MANGO ORDERS

All mango orders will be available for pick up from the Multi Purpose Room on FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER from 3.00-4.00pm only

KITCHEN

Many thanks to all those who donated equipment and funds for the kitchen - shelves are well stocked and we still have some money to spend. Several of the student action teams recently used the kitchen for their projects - and hopefully more kitchen based activities will happen in the future as the kitchen is better set up. Many thanks again for your support!

Jane Miller

Buildings and Grounds

HAVE YOU WANTED TO OWN YOUR OWN GOLF COURSE?

Maybe we can't quite offer that, but if you would be interested in coordinating the Mini Golf for next year's fete, I would love to hear from you. The coordinator role would involve organising volunteers for the set-up and pack-up of the mini-golf equipment, as well as volunteers to supervise the mini-golf during the day.

Co-ordinators are also needed for the badge making stall, and also for a "ghost house" type activity to take the place of Treasure Island.

If any of these roles interest you (or if you would like to take them on jointly with someone else), contact me on genmcm@bigpond.net.au or 9482 6764.

Also, if you have any large boxes, left-over Halloween items or other "scary" stuff that could be incorporated into the ghost house that you are willing to lend or donate, please let me know.

Any other inspirations for "big kids" activities are also welcomed!

Genevieve McMahon (Xavier Kelly's mum (LA14))

FOR SALE

We have a freezer to sell - upright model with shelves, 390 l. Westinghouse. \$150 ONO. If interested, please get in touch with Jane Miller 9489 3591 by the end of next week (5 December).

SCHOOL GROUND SEATING

Anyone out there with some great ideas for designing and building some seating around the school grounds? We would like to get something a little less "council playground" that fits in with the straw bale look. So if you have ideas, or access to any materials - logs, old sleepers etc, please get in touch with Rosemary Owen (LA 1) or leave a note at the office.

SHED TIDY UP

In preparation for the 2009 Serious Fun Fete, we are cleaning up the storage shed. If you have items stored in the shed (next to Hugh's shed) that you want kept could you please tag them with your name, and if a fete stall which one. The clean-up is on Friday 5/12/08. Any unidentified items (except gardening equipment) will be disposed of.

Thanks Helen Rainsford and Lois Wadelton

OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK

'we make kids smile'

Hi everyone. The program has just recently finished planting our vegetable and flower garden. The children who started the gardening club have been looking after their own little patch. The children have been planting seedlings, attending to and adding their own personal touches to their garden creations.

Just another reminder, the cut off point for the program to run on the three pupil free days at the start of term 1 (28th to 30th January, 2009) will be 5th December, 2008. If you are interested in having your child attend, please respond by that date.

Thanks,
Rosa, OOSH Co-ordinator

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