

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DIARY DATES

Tues 2 Dec	Ready, Set, Go! Program No. 3 – Preps for 2015
Mon 8 Dec	Grade 1/2 Excursion – Pen Pals to Princes Park Art Walk/Concert & Picnic Tea – (see below)
Tues 9 Dec	Grade 6 to Year 7 Transition Day to Secondary School In-school Transition No. 1 – 2.30pm to 3.30pm Grade 3/4 Incursion – Zoom Cooking
Wed 10 Dec	Art Walk/Concert & Picnic Tea – Back Up Date
Thurs 11 Dec	Creative Melody End of Year Concert (see page 6)
Mon 15 Dec	Mango Orders delivered to school (see page 6)
Tues 16 Dec	In-school Transition No. 2 – 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm Grade 6 Graduation Night
Thurs 18 Dec	Grade 5/6 MSAC Excursion
Fri 19 Dec	Last day of Term 4 – 1.30 pm finish
2015	
Thurs 29 Jan	First day of school – All Grades



MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER

(Back up date in case of inclement weather: Wed 10 December)

Program

Children dismissed from school to go home

3.30pm

Concert

4.30pm – 5.30pm - pack up stage, helpers please!!

Art Walk

5.30pm – 6.30pm

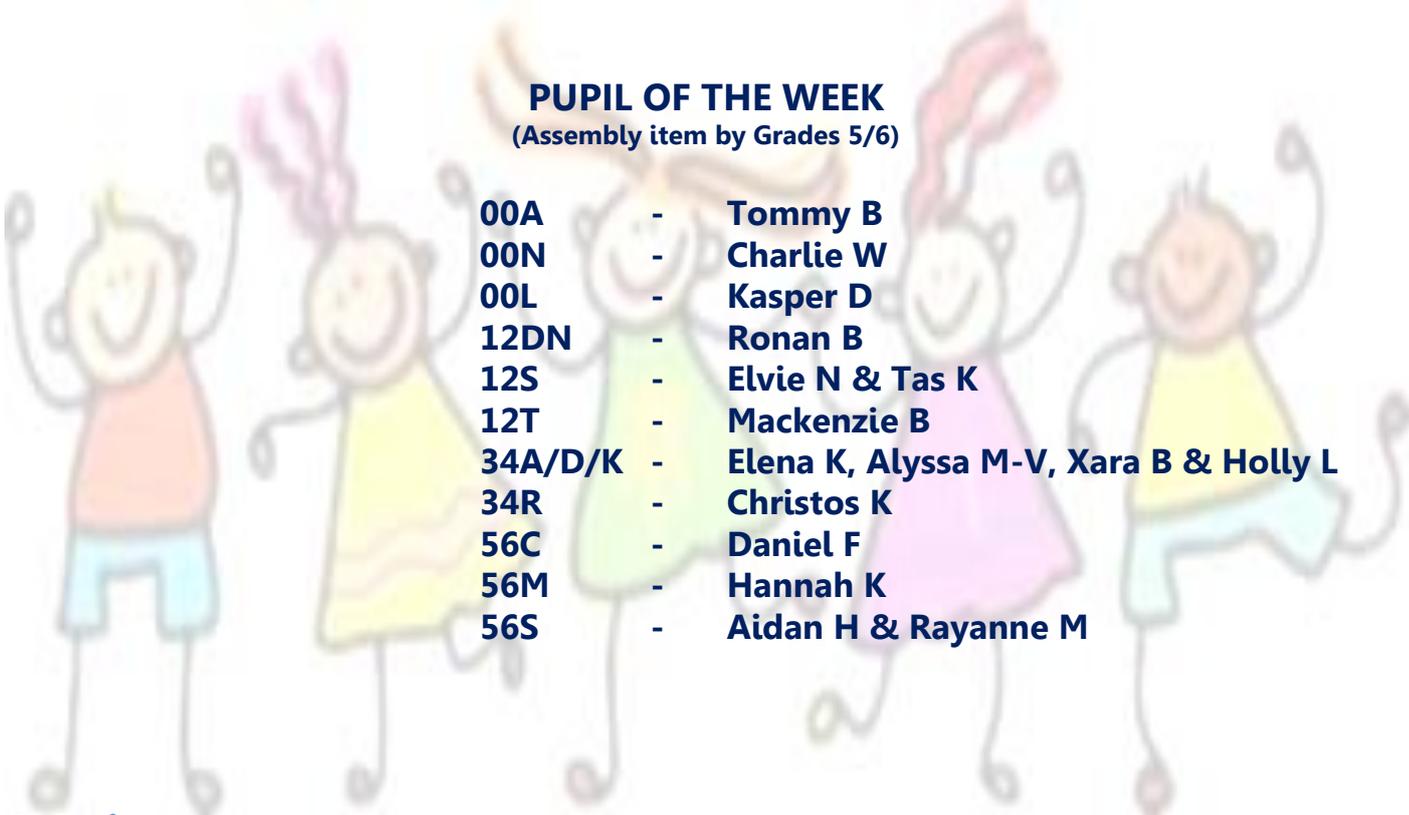
Picnic Tea

6.15pm – 7.00pm

What to bring?

BYO yummy picnic food; drinks for the children; rugs & chairs.

There will be a burger truck at the Picnic Tea if you wish to purchase a hamburger on the night.



PUPIL OF THE WEEK
(Assembly item by Grades 5/6)

00A	-	Tommy B
00N	-	Charlie W
00L	-	Kasper D
12DN	-	Ronan B
12S	-	Elvie N & Tas K
12T	-	Mackenzie B
34A/D/K	-	Elena K, Alyssa M-V, Xara B & Holly L
34R	-	Christos K
56C	-	Daniel F
56M	-	Hannah K
56S	-	Aidan H & Rayanne M

Greetings ...

Student Achievement

2014 Book Prize – donated by David Feeney

The Honorary David Feeney is the Senator for Victoria, Federal Labor member for the House of Representatives seat of Batman.

Congratulations Emily Smith, Year 6

This prize is in recognition of Emily's outstanding persistence and hard work in all areas of learning. She always maintains a positive approach to her learning, even when faced with difficult challenges. Emily has become a more confident student whose positivity endears her to others.

Emily will be awarded with a certificate and a book voucher at assembly on Monday 8th December.

Catherine Helen Spence Award – donated by Fiona Richardson

Fiona Richardson is the State Labor Member for Northcote.

Congratulations Hannah Zyka, Year 6

Hannah has been awarded the Catherine Helen Spence award for 2014. This award is presented to a female Grade 6 student each year by Fiona Richardson MP. It is in recognition of Hannah's strong leadership skills and her ability to interact with a wide range of students. She has demonstrated these abilities when working collaboratively with others, when being a buddy to Preps and during interschool sport.

Hannah will be awarded with a certificate and a book voucher at Assembly on Monday 8th December.

Ready Set Go! Step into Prep!

We have concluded our 2014 Prep orientation program and from feedback received from parents in the program (even our experienced parents), it was very worthwhile.

Our goal for the Ready-Set-Go! Program is to provide orientation experiences that support a seamless transition from Kinder to Prep. We'll find out next year how well that went but from our observations of the 2015 Prep group, they will be a great group, quite settled! Thank you to: Linda Batten (program co-ordinator); Natasha Thomson and Andy Edmonds, the 2014 Prep Teachers, for their work in the program; to all staff, parents and students who contributed to the program and were such a great help

across all 3 sessions. It was wonderful to see our soon to be new preppies, so excited and confident by end of the program.

We had a fantastic speaker at the second session, Chris Daicos, a Training and Development Consultant with a background in education across broad range of sectors and social work. Chris did a presentation on 'Building resilience in children'.

Parent feedback to me said they really enjoyed the common sense, practical approach with strategies and tips that they could go home and put in place straight away.

A parent requested some further resources on the topic and Chris has provided a link for interested parents.

Finding time to teach children independence

To view the entire article, click on: <http://www.essentialkids.com.au/younger-kids/kids-development/finding-time-to-teach-children-independence-20141127-11v2bh.html>

End of 2014 school year

Last Day of Term – Friday 19th December.

We will run a modified timetable on the last Friday of term as we dismiss the children at 1.30pm after final assembly.

9.00 – 11:00 Children are in class

11.00 – 11.30: Recess Break

11.30 – 1.10: Children in class

1.10 – 1.30: Whole School final assembly – farewell to our 2014 year 6 graduates

1.45 I will be rounding you all up, last 'hometime' call for 2014

2.00: Gates locked – time to head home, school's over for the summer holidays.

Remember, school finishes at 1.30 p.m. on the last day

Please confirm arrangements with your child about going home at the end of the day at **1.30pm** as it is very distressing for any child to be left at school on the very last day, when every other child and their parents, sisters, brothers, friends are happily heading off on holidays, and school suddenly seems like a big empty place!

Bikes, scooters and skaters before the end of the year – Check the bike shed

A reminder to all parents and children, please do not leave bikes, scooters or skateboards in the shed overnight and especially collect them before weekends. Please check **before the last day** and make sure that your child has their bike/scooter or skateboard for their holidays as we cannot guarantee the security of these valuable and treasured items over this period.

See you all on Monday at our end of year concert & Art Walk

Regards,
Kerrie

2015 Parent Payments

Each year your children enjoy an extensive program of educational activities and services at Northcote Primary School. The school's capacity to continue to provide excellent programs relies on us all contributing financially.

At the School Council meeting in early November, the Parent Payment schedule for 2015 was approved. School Council develops the budget and plans to meet the budget goals. The school is financially supported by the state government through the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, by providing direct grants and payment of staff. In anticipation we thank you for your support.

The table below provides an overview of the contributions requested.

Contribution	Details	Amount
Essential Education Items		
Classroom Materials & Consumables	This covers all classroom stationary; shared requisites used in the classroom such as paper, photocopying, resource sets	\$150.00
Information and Communication Technology	Consumable materials such as cartridge costs, paper and equipment	\$50.00
Excursion Levy	Covers classroom excursions across the year but does not include camps & swimming costs and some special events	\$70.00
Incursion Levy	Covers in-school cultural performances across the year	\$30.00
Tri-Skills Gymnastics Levy	Prep to Year 4 children only	\$28.00
Interschool Sport	Year 6 students only	\$80.00
Interschool Sport	Year 5 students only	\$34.00
Voluntary Levies		
Curriculum Levy - voluntary	Resources to support other curriculum areas such as Physical Education; Arts; Languages; Student Engagement and Wellbeing;	\$70.00
ICT Levy – voluntary	Purchase, updating and maintenance of ICT equipment.	\$80.00
Library Fund - voluntary	Purchase of library resources and equipment. Donations to this fund are tax deductible.	\$50.00+

Your invoices for payment will be mailed to you in Term 1, 2015.

News from School Council

As the year draws to a close it seems this one is getting busier for the school and school council. Here are a few highlights from last night's meeting.

The Education Sub-committee congratulated the school on the great NAPLAN results for our students. One area of concern remains spelling and will be a focus across the school. A number of approaches have been tested and trialled this year. A preferred approach has been identified and will be rolled out across the school next year. Overall the NAPLAN results across the school are a great achievement and underscore the progress in learning and teaching approaches made under our previous strategic plan.

Our new strategic plan 2015 to 2018 is progressing well. School council adopted refinements to the ‘purpose’ and ‘school values’ statements resulting from our recent community consultation and the Education Sub-committee. Purpose - “We help children become literate, numerate, curious and prepared for the future”. We value, Respect; Creativity and Community”. Thanks to all those who contributed.

NPS Senior Campus – coming soon to a block near you. Plans, ideas and initiatives to establish our new senior campus took up a great deal of the meeting. It is a very exciting opportunity for the school to expand our learning spaces and connections to the community. Thanks to the Community Sub-committee (and particularly Chris Thompson and Deb Cooke) for ensuring timely and accurate communication throughout the school and the Environment Sub-committee for the plan, concepts and enthusiasm to make it all work. We have committed our first working bee for 2015 to the campus. It will be a twilight event starting at 3.00pm and incorporate a sausage sizzle. Please put Saturday 21st February in your diary.

Finance Sub-committee is about to release ‘Request for Service’ documents seeking music tuition providers beyond this year. Please read Ian Nunn’s request in this newsletter for details. I look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic tea and arts walk next Monday.

Regards,
Ian Taylor
School Council President

Music Education at Northcote Primary School

Northcote Primary School recognises and values the wide ranging benefits of music education, and is committed to offering students opportunities for engagement with music in two ways:

1. As part of the ongoing teaching and learning as determined by the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS)
2. Through the delivery of contracted one-on-one and small group tuition in instrumental music and singing.

The contracted one-on-one and small group tuition is a three-way partnership between the school, the parents & guardians of students and the contracted music teachers. The school provides the physical learning space, a small stock of instruments and the flexibility for lessons to be conducted during normal teaching hours. The parents & guardians provide the funds that pay for the service and the contracted music teachers provide the expertise. Whilst this is not part of the formal curriculum, it does form part of the ‘student experience’ of learning at Northcote Primary School and all three partners are committed to the students’ learning and progression in music.

As the agreements with the currently contracted private music teachers expire at the end of 2014 the School Council has decided to issue a Request for Service for the provision of Extra-curricular Instrumental Music and Singing Tuition for 2015.

The School Council will be inviting the currently contracted private music teachers to respond to the Request for Service as well as a selection of other music providers in the area.

If you know of a music teacher or provider that may be interested in providing the contracted Extra-curricular Instrumental Music and Singing Tuition at Northcote please let them know of this opportunity. They can obtain details of the Request for Service by emailing Karen Rush at rush.karen.m@edumail.vic.gov.au and will need to submit a response to the Request for Service by Friday 12th December at 3:00pm.

Regards,
Ian Nunn
Convenor – Finance Committee



Summer Watering Roster

We are looking for volunteers to water the gardens at school over summer. Sam Corrie (Angus & Lucinda's mum) will be coordinating the roster. If you can help out, please leave your name and number at the school office and we will pass it on to Sam for you.



The Mangos Are Coming!

Our delivery date will be Monday 15 December. Mangoes can be collected from the school canteen from 3.15 – 4.00pm on this day.



NPS End of Year Music Concert

Thursday 11th December 2014
2:30pm - 3:20pm in the hall

With performances showcasing the music students have been learning over the term.

Please join us for an afternoon of delightful music!

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Nanny/Babysitter

I am a twenty two year old artist with a keen interest in the education and wellbeing of children. I have had plenty of experience babysitting and caring for young ones, alongside undertaking a volunteer position as a Classroom Buddy for kids with learning disadvantages. I am an enthusiastic, warm, and flexible person with a diverse range of domestic and educational skills. My working hours are flexible, especially throughout the upcoming summer and am available to talk on 0404 203 845. Ring Northcote Primary School for references. Hope to hear from you, Gabriella Foreman



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Christmas CRAFT Market
Saturday December 13th
10am - 4pm

Over 25 Handmade Stalls
Community Sausage Sizzle
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Raffle

FREE Children's Craft Table

99 Leinster Grove, Thornbury

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Made 'n Thornbury Craft Market - December 13th

10am - 4pm 99 Leinster Grove,
Thornbury

Our Christmas market will be a fantastic day of handmade, fun and festivities.

Over 25 handmade stalls, cupcakes, sausage sizzle, wine by the glass, raffle and FREE children's craft activities.

Come down, support your local makers by doing all your Christmas shopping in a fun and relaxed environment.

City of Darebin – Primary School Holiday Program January 2015.
Brochures outside the school office or contact
primaryschoolholidayprogram@darebin.vic.gov.au or
www.darebin.vic.gov.au/holidayprogram

CHILDREN'S Summer Dancing Program:

Lots of fun, Air-Conditioned venue, socializing activities and a place to burn energy.



Wednesday: 14, 21 & 28 January 2015
Friday: 16, 23 & 30 January 2015

11:30 am - 12:15 pm - U/8 y.o. Non stop dance - Latin, Modern Ballroom & Games.

12:30 pm - 1:15 pm - U/10 y.o. Non stop dance - Latin, Modern Ballroom & Games.

1:30 pm - 2:15 pm - U/13 y.o. Non stop dance - Latin, Modern Ballroom & Social Games.

Steven welcomes parents to stay, participate (if they want), have a cool drink, enjoy the air conditioner or sit in the almost garden area.

Ballroom Dancing Experience

Dance: Modern Ballroom, Latin American & New Vogue



Where Learning to Dance is Fun

Children's Summer Dance programs

January (several dates, time & age groups)

Booking Essential - \$3 p/class.

@ The Dance Hall.

BJ DANCE (ABN: 73 559 910 709)
Cnr Shaftesbury Pde & (326) St Georges Rd
Thornbury 3071

PH: 03 9484 6529

Email: info@bjdance.com.au

Web: www.bjdance.com.au

Christmas Family Night

FREE



Thursday 4th December 6pm - 8pm

Bring the family along for a great night of fun

- Santa's little helper workshops
- Gift wrapping service
- Meet Santa in store
- Light refreshments will be provided



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17 DECEMBER
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