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## Important School Diary Dates

May	26	Thursday	Sexual & Reproduction Health Session No. 2
	30	May	Education Sub-Committee Meeting – Staffroom – 7.00 p.m.
	31	May	Italian Poster Competition Closes – Late Entries Not Accepted
June	2	Thurs	Sexual & Reproduction Health Session No. 3 (last one)
	13	Mon	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday – No School
	18	Sat	Working Bee – 1.00 to 4.00 p.m. – See you there!!!!
	21	Tues	Parent/Teacher Interviews & Three Way Conferences
	24	Fri	Last Day of Term 2 – <b><u>2.30 p.m. finish</u></b>

**Reminder:** Outstanding Parent Payment Statements will be mailed home today. Thank you.

## Pupil of the Week

(Assembly item by Grades 5/6)

00J	-	Georgia R
00L	-	Audrey M
00W	-	Grace P
12B	-	Zani A-F
12D	-	Imran B
12K	-	Lucinda C
12N	-	Lulu P
12S	-	Paul S
34H	-	Ronan B
34J	-	Lily P
34K	-	Lailah I-H
34L	-	Elvie N
56E	-	Xalia S
56N	-	Kyra St
56S	-	Jai H
56T	-	Noah M

## Greetings ...

### Student Achievement

#### Well done all Cross Country participants!

Forty-four of our students from years 3-6 participated in the annual, interschool, cross country, running events at Oulton Reserve, Preston on Wednesday. Steve (5/6 teacher) and Janelle (3/4 teacher) reported that although it was cold, at least it hadn't begun raining as they competed in their age groups.

Steve and other teachers from the 5/6 and 3/4 area, have been training the students at lunchtimes, with the help of our pre-service teachers. The students have had extended runs around the school and reported that they have been improving their fitness every day. Strategies were to sit in the middle of the pack at the start when the others race off then find a good pace not too far from the front. Our students started well and settled into the pack and found their rhythm and tried to keep in mind the coaching point of managing their pace.

There were separate boys and girls races with the 9 to 10 year olds running 2km and the 11-12 year olds doing it tough with 3kms. Plenty of our parents were on hand to support and cheer everyone on. Many of our competitors came just outside the top 10 runners.

**Top 10 placegetters to go on to level competition. (See report further on).**

#### **National Sorry Day - 26 May 2016 and National Reconciliation Week - 27 May 2016 to 3 June 2016**

National Sorry Day acknowledges and raises awareness of the history and continued effect of the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from their families, communities and culture.

National Reconciliation Week celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

**May 27 - Marks the anniversary of Australia's most successful referendum** and a defining event in our nation's history. The 1967 referendum saw over 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the national census.

**3 June, 1992 - The High Court of Australia delivered its landmark Mabo decision** which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land—that existed prior to colonisation and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for land rights called Native Title.

The week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort.

Further information is at <http://www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw/what-is-nrw> .

#### **2015 Annual Report**

Each year, school councils are required under legislation to conduct a public meeting. The school's annual report is presented by the school council at this meeting.

The 2015 Annual Report will be made available to members of the school community on the school's website as soon as the Department of Education has signed off on it.

In the meantime, you are invited to attend a public meeting prior to our next School Council meeting on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June from 6.30 – 7.00pm where the School Council will present the report.

If you wish to attend, **please RSVP by email**, to the school email address by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June so we can ascertain numbers and venue at the school. Please note, this is an adult event and not appropriate for children.

**Warm regards,  
Kerrie**

## Parent Teacher Interviews and 3 Way conferences – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June

All interviews/conferences will be able to be booked on line for a duration of 15 minutes. Students will compile a portfolio of work that will be available prior to the interview to be discussed with their parents/carers before their interview. Parents/ caregivers will be able to choose between:

1. A 3 Way conference where the student is present for part of the interview process and the other part of the interview is between the teacher and the parent/carer without the student present.
2. A parent/carer teacher interview without the student present.

Student reports will go home with students on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June

On Tuesday 21st June, parents/carers and students will be meeting with their Home Group teacher to discuss each student's learning progress, future learning and any concerns. In order for the school to manage the provision of 3WC and/or parent/teacher interviews throughout the school day and evening, students are encouraged to attend school ONLY for their conference/interview. There are no regular classes on the day as all home group teachers and specialists are involved in conferences which run from 11 am – 7.30 pm.

An alternative program will operate from 9.00 – 3.30 for parents who are unable to make care arrangements. Unfortunately, only students who are registered for the alternative program can attend, as we need to make staffing arrangements in advance. For example, if your 3WC/interview is scheduled for 12pm, and you have had your child at home until then, you bring your child to school for your 12pm conference/ interview and then afterwards they leave with you – your child cannot stay on at school after that. If your child is attending the alternative program from 9.00 - 3.30 they may stay at school after their conference.

- Alternative Program booking notes will be in next week's newsletter. These are to be returned to home-group teachers by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June
- Parent Teacher Interviews and 3 way conferences will be booked on line using PTO. Details of this process will be in next week's newsletter. Parents and caregivers who do not have access to this service will receive a booking note from their child's home-group teacher. The PTO booking service will be available from Tues 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June

Ross Bennie  
Assistant Principal

NPS COMMUNITY SUBCOMMITTEE



*Join us for the next NPS Community Subcommittee meeting  
at 7:15 pm on Monday, 30th May.*

*The meeting will be held in the Prep area.*

*At this meeting, we will brainstorm ideas for trivia night and  
discuss other fundraisers & social events.*

*Everyone is welcome!*

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## Cross Country

By Xara Burge and Lexi Mackey

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016, 44 brave students represented Northcote Primary at the district cross country carnival. We all had lots of fun and did very well, despite the cold weather.

Our thanks go out to all of the parent and teacher volunteers for helping all of the students run the track and the teachers for organising the event.

The 9/10s all had to run 2km and the 11s and 12/13s all had to run 3km. Only the top 10 students made it to the next round, Division. We were successful enough to have 9 of our students qualify for Division.

Well done to everybody else that participated. The 9 students that made it to the next round were:

9/10s:

Ned van der Hoeven – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ben Gill – 8<sup>th</sup>

Alex Mina – 10<sup>th</sup>

11s:

Guy Fricke – 1<sup>st</sup>

12/13s

Matteo Rossi Hunt – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Noah Appelman – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Finn Andrew-Frazer – 6<sup>th</sup>

Xara Burge – 4<sup>th</sup>

Lexi Mackey – 5<sup>th</sup>

All of the 44 students did very well and tried their best. It was amazing seeing all of the exhausted but relieved faces at the end of each race and we wish the best of luck to those 9 students that will be running on 8<sup>th</sup> June at Bundoora Park.





## Italian Update!

Don't forget that The Annual Dante Alighieri poster competition is on again this year. All year levels are working on the theme and have now completed draft posters. Most students are now working on their final copy. I am very proud of the creative work which has been produced so far!! We are so talented here at NPS!

Remember to take posters home to finish this week if *you have decided to enter the competition* as the closing date is not too far away. Remember to have your sentences checked.

Please note the following: By next Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> of May - Entry fee together with the signed entry form (by a parent/guardian) must be handed into the school office for processing.

ALL COMPLETED POSTERS MUST BE HANDED IN TO THE OFFICE BY NEXT FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE-NO LATER.

The Year 3/4 'Break Out Area' will open at lunchtime next Tuesday for those students wanting more time at school. Please read the following criteria and poster description.

For further details see last week's newsletter

**PLEASE NOTE:** The selected judges are not affiliated with any Primary School. The Judges' decision will be final and no communication with respect to results will be entered into.

From everyone at the 'DAS' Melbourne: **"BUON LAVORO!"**

Competition closes Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016 and any winners will be required to attend the Presentation afternoon in September at the University of Melbourne-date to be confirmed.

Saluti (cheers),  
Signorina Rosa- Italian Teacher and Co-ordinator (Mon/Tues)

### THE DANTE ALIGHIERI SOCIETY JUNIOR POSTER COMPETITION 2016.

*Final day to enter is Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016 with a COMPLETED POSTER by the end of the week- earlier would be preferred!*  
Entry Fee = \$5

Yes, I wish my child to enter The Dante Alighieri Poster Competition.

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Please find enclosed: \$5.00

Thank you.

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_(child's name) to have his/her photo, full name, grade and school name to be published in The Italian Newspaper 'Il Globo'.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Education Sub-Committee

The Education subcommittee will meet on Monday 30th May at 7.00 p.m. in the school staffroom. All parents are welcome. Please email Scott Meaklim ([Scott.Meaklim@gmail.com](mailto:Scott.Meaklim@gmail.com)) if you plan to join us.

## Hello families and friends,

The 1/2 students are collecting plastic lids for an art project they will be working on this term. By collecting the lids and reusing them we are also minimising waste! Please help us! We need as many plastic lids from milk bottles, juice bottles, etc., as we can collect.

It will be very helpful if the lids can have a small hole drilled in the centre as this will save us a lot of time drilling the lids ourselves!

We would also like any colourful beads or any decorating item that could be threaded as well. Please send all lids and beads to Niki Skoullou and 1/2DN. Thank you!



*P.S. If anyone would like to donate any stickers that look like gems or mirrors that would be great too.*



## ART

Hi everyone. The Art Room needs donations of metal tins (soup can size) for our next project. It would be much appreciated if they were clean and without labels. So far we only have 20 cans and we need at least another 200! The cans can be left in the tub outside the Art Room. Thanks, Lisa.

Big congratulations to Lyn & Kerrie on achieving an amazing 40 years of working for the Education Department!!!!!!

