

Important School Diary Dates

2016

Nov	Thurs-Fri	3-4	Prep-Two Swimming
	Sun	6	Vision Portraits Fundraiser
	Thurs-Fri	10-11	Prep-Two Swimming
	Tues	15	Sleeping Beauty – Prep Incursion
	Fri	25	Ready, Set, Go! Program No. 1 – 9.00 to 11.00 a.m.
	Fri	25	Grade 1/2 Lego Excursion
	Fri	25	Grade 3/4 El Kid Excursion
Dec	Fri	2	Ready, Set, Go! Program No. 2 – 9.00 to 11.00 a.m.
	Tues	6	Ready, Set, Go! Program No. 3 – 9.00 to 11.00 a.m.
	Mon	12	Grade 6 Graduation Night
	Tues	13	Art Walk and Picnic Tea
	Tues	20	Last Day of Term 4 School ends at 1.30 p.m.

2017

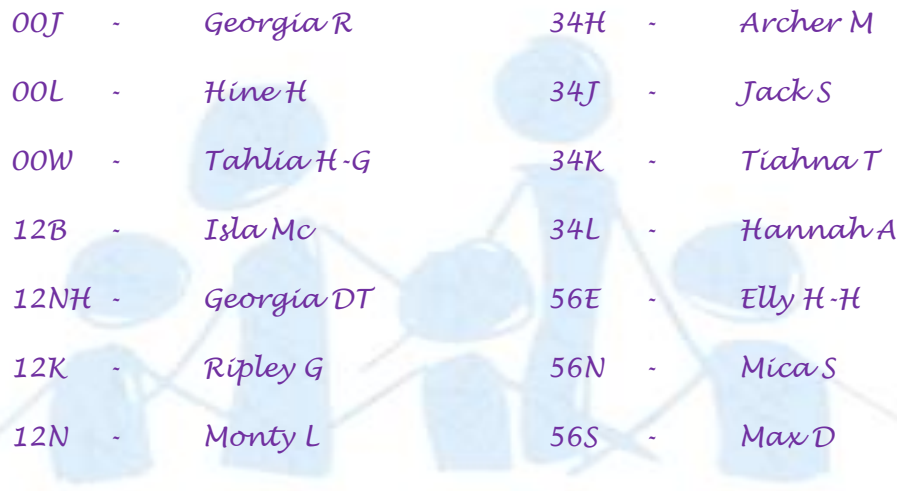
Jan	Tue	31	First Day of Term 1 for Students at 9.00 a.m.
Mar	Sat	5	School Fete
	Mon	13	Public Holiday - NO SCHOOL
	Mon-Wed	20-22	Grade 3/4 Camp
	Fri	31	Last day of Term 1 School ends at 2.30 p.m.
Apr	Mon	17	Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL
	Tue	18	First day of Term 2 at 9.00 a.m.
	Tue	25	Anzac Day – NO SCHOOL
	Wed-Fri	26-28	Grade 5/6 Camp

2017 Term Dates

Term 1 - Tuesday 31 st January	to	Friday 31 st March at 2.30 p.m.
Term 2 - Tuesday 18 th April	to	Friday 30 th June at 2.30 p.m.
Term 3 - Monday 17 th July	to	Friday 22 nd September at 2.30 p.m.
Term 4 – Monday 9 th October	to	Friday 22 nd December at 1.30 p.m.

*If you have information or ads for the newsletter,
need to contact the school or want an email forwarded on to a teacher, please email it to
northcote.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au*

Pupil of the week
(Assembly Item by Grade 3/4s)



00J	-	Georgia R	34H	-	Archer M
00L	-	Hine H	34J	-	Jack S
00W	-	Tahlia H-G	34K	-	Tiahna T
12B	-	Isla Mc	34L	-	Hannah A
12NH	-	Georgia DT	56E	-	Elly H-H
12K	-	Ripley G	56N	-	Mica S
12N	-	Monty L	56S	-	Max D
12S	-	Ginger O	56T	-	Leo B

Greetings ...

At Last, Maintenance Funding For Our School!

Last week, the State Government announced funding for schools through the Planned Maintenance Program. Northcote Primary School was funded \$235,000 for building maintenance! This is such welcome news for our school, especially given the poor state of some of our very loved, but very old buildings. School Council acknowledged the positive news and is looking forward to working closely with the Victorian School Building Authority at the Department of Education, to guide us through the Planned Maintenance.

Annual End Of Year “An Evening Of The Arts”

This important event and date is for your diaries. Our ‘Evening of the Arts’ where we combine our ‘Art Walk’ exhibition of student’s work, with a family picnic tea into the one evening. This is always a fun evening and a lovely way to end the year as a school community and acknowledge the children’s art work.

How will it work?

1. Commence the Art Walk (certain classrooms will be designated ‘galleries’ and the 5/6 art work will be on display on the main campus) with students, parents and families, invited to tour each learning area to view children’s chosen art works. As you wander through, you will have the opportunity to view art works right across the school from all students from Prep to Year 6.
2. Picnic tea time - we will move to our traditional picnic area (the turf area on the Henry Street side of the school) for a picnic tea and the learning areas will remain open for a little while longer to cater for working parents who may not have had the opportunity to get to the earlier viewing times.

Program

Children dismissed from school to go home or to aftercare	3.30 p.m.
Art Walk	5.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.
Picnic Tea	6.15 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.

When?

Tuesday, 13th December (back up date in case of inclement weather: Wednesday, 14th December)

What to bring?

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

Supervision

To assist with the organisation of the evening, we ask that parents supervise their own children, as teachers will be occupied with the organisation of the Art Walk.

Therefore, for the safety of all, children will not be allowed to attend the evening without parents accompanying children for the entire evening. Children will be dismissed from school at the end of the day to go home and return with parents. Children will not be supervised in the yard after 3.45 p.m. by teachers and therefore should not be there without their parents. Please do not drop children off at school without your attendance at the entire event.

Children at Out of School Hours Program

The program will run as usual and parents are able to pick up children from the program to come over for the picnic tea and Art Walk.

I hope to see you at the traditional end of year event and join together to celebrate our year.

Class Structures and Student Numbers For 2017

We have been working on our planning for our 2017 student numbers and the possible class structures that might support the best learning and teaching arrangements for all children. At this point in time, we have 379 confirmed enrolments, with 53 new preppies for 2017. With enrolment enquiries on an almost daily basis, the total enrolment number may vary by +5 or -5 at least, before the commencement of the 2017 school year.

At this point in time, the 379 total number is just one above our 2016 confirmed enrolment of 378 and this is due to 55 year 6's exiting this year. In 2016, we operated with 16 classes. Given the student numbers are similar; our first 2017 model looked again at 16 classes. The result of 16 classes drew very high student numbers in the years 5 and 6 area or alternatively, higher numbers in the Prep area with only 2 classes of 26/27. This was not our preference.

The confirmed student numbers at the end of February 2017 will determine the amount of human (teachers/staff) and financial resources that we are entitled to in the Student Resource Package from the Education Department.

I have since reviewed the budget and given careful budget management in 2016, I have been able to provide a 17 class structure for 2017 despite the same number of students.

I would like to invite parents to submit your thoughts in writing to the school (email school address, by next Tuesday close of business day, 8/11/16, on suggested class structures for 2017. Please keep in mind, any models should have lower numbers of children in the Prep, 1 areas and if at all possible, year 2 classes.

If making composite (2 levels in one class arrangement) or multi-age (minimum of 3 levels in one class arrangement) grades, try and make sure there is a reasonable representation of a single level class in that structure. Also, try and balance the gender representation across the class where possible. Also, there needs to be room for growth in case any further enrolments between now and throughout the 2017 school year.

The student numbers may change between now and the start of the 2017 school year and we would have to adjust models accordingly, especially if the Prep numbers were to increase significantly.

Please see the table below for year level and gender breakdown for 2017. I have included the model that the staff has been working on for your interest as well. I look forward to your feedback.

Year level	Male	Female	Total
Prep	26	27	53
Year 1	31	30	61
Year 2	26	36	62
Year 3	31	23	54
Year 4	19	21	40
Year 5	31	34	65
Year 6	29	15	44
TOTAL	193	186	379

2017 class organisation – staff model 1 with 17 home groups

Class 1	Prep x 1	17	
Class 2	Prep x 2	18	
Class 3	Prep x 3	18	53
Class 4	Year 1/2 x 1	24	
Class 5	Year 1/2 x 2	25	
Class 6	Year 1/2 x 3	25	
Class 7	Year 1/2 x 4	24	
Class 8	Year 1/2 x 5	25	123
Class 9	3/4 x 1	23	
Class 10	3/4 x 2	24	
Class 11	3/4 x 3	23	
Class 12	3/4 X 4	24	94
Class 13	5/6 x 1	21	
Class 14	5/6 x 2	22	
Class 15	5/6 x 3	22	
Class 16	5/6 x 4	22	
Class 17	5/6 x 5	22	109
TOTAL:			379

Children home group placement 2017

Given the collaborative approach to teaching and learning that the school has embraced and developed, students now frequently work alongside a range of other students across home groups. Children often make friends across single or other year levels (e.g. friends in year 3 and 4) Soon, we will be asking the children to nominate friends they would like to be with in 2017. We will commence the *enormous task* of allocating students to home groups, and team learning areas.

If you feel you need to let us know something regarding your child's 2017 placement, please **put it in writing**, and send to Ross or myself via the school email, by November 11th. Don't forget to **talk with your child first**, as often parents have requested that their child be put in a class with another child, and we find that the child has nominated completely different friends!

Please note, *I do not consider requests for specific teaching staff*, so please don't ask.

Big Thank You!

A big thank you goes out to Cath Brackett & Anissa Thompson for donating a wonderful wooden island kitchen bench to the staffroom. It's being put to very good use by the staff already! Another big thank you also goes out to Ian Taylor (School Council President) for picking it up and delivering it to us.

**Warm Regards,
Kerrie**

Important Prep Dates - Term 1 2017

Prep students begin school on Tuesday 31st January. They will attend school on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of their first week.

From the second week, prep students do not attend on the following Wednesdays: 8th, 15th, 22nd February and 1st March. From the week beginning 6th March, all prep students attend every day.

Your child will have an assessment scheduled on one of the Wednesdays when prep children do not come to school. This date and time will be emailed out to you by the end of the year. Prep students are assessed in literacy and numeracy. This usually takes about an hour. You will be given a time to return to pick up your child and the assessment will be discussed with you then.

Looking forward to a wonderful prep Year in 2017

Ready, Set, Go! Reminder Dates

Friday 25 th November	RSG Session 1	9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.
Friday 2 nd December	RSG Session 2	9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.
Tuesday 6 th December	RSG Session 3	9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

Icypole Fundraiser

With the weather warming up, why not cool down with an icypole! On Friday afternoons and a \$1.00 coin, you can purchase an icypole from the canteen area.

Dates will be posted in the newsletter soon. Any parents that would like to help, let me know.

Kim Henderson (Zac & Isabella 3/4)

2017 Parent Payments - Essential Items and Non-Essential Items and Voluntary

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 last night, the Parent Payment schedule for 2017 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 Training, by providing direct grants and payment of staff. The fee structure represents Department of Education and Training and our schools policy in parent payment charges. NPS Parent Payment Policy will be uploaded to the website shortly for you to access. 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 (ICT)	Consumable materials such as cartridge costs, paper and equipment	\$ 140.00
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	\$ 30.00
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
Library Fund - voluntary	Purchase of library resources and equipment. Donations to this fund are tax deductible.	\$ 50.00+

A Payment Summary Report will be sent home in late January/early February. On the statement will be a BPAY Code unique to your family. This code can be used for any payments throughout the year.

Junior School Council News

A Message From The Junior School Council

My name is Reuben and I am on the Junior School Council. We have done the Walk to School. There will be prizes but don't be too excited because they will be small. If you have walked to school the most, WELL DONE. You must live close. The prize will be a certificate, stickers and a small gift. If you didn't walk to school on Friday that's okay because it was pouring. I am moving to a new house and it's about a 20 minute walk. If it was like last Friday I would go in a car but most days I would walk.

On Friday 4th November, you will get the chance to do some walking at school, with your class. You will be able to eat free muffins and fruit. There will be vegan, nut free, gluten free banana bread for students with allergies.

Thank you for reading, Reuben Teague 12N

Need A Feed

Hi, this is Remi Oke and Kevin Dai here. We are in the Junior School Council. This message is about NEED A FEED. We need food to live. You can die without food.

Thank you to everyone who has donated food to people in need. If you haven't, please do so this week. It ends on Monday 7th November. A special thank you to Nicki Shelton who helped our school organise this. Thank you



From Remi Oke 5/6 and Kevin Dai 1/2S

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