



NEWSLETTER

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Important School Diary Dates

2016

Dec	Fri	16	Last Day for Lunch Orders
	Tues	20	Last Day of Term 4 <u>School ends at 1.30 p.m.</u>

2017

Jan	Tue	31	First Day of Term 1 for Students at 9.00 a.m.
Feb	Mon	6	School Banking resumes for 2017
			Welcome Picnic Tea – 6.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.
	Wed	22	Parent/Teacher Meetings – 12.00 p.m. dismissal for students
Mar	Sat	4	School Fete
	Mon	13	Labour Day 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.
	Mon	24	Pupil Free Day – No school for children
	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.

Please note: There will be an assembly on Monday morning for the Grade 6 awards only.

On Tuesday the children will only require play lunch as dismissal is at 1.30 p.m. sharp 😊 The final assembly is at 1.10 p.m.



Greetings

Well done ALL students!

Once again it is that time of the year when I read many of the student reports before they go to print, ready for distribution to parents. Ross Bennie (Assistant Principal) reads the other half so we can both get a sense of where children are at and the progress they have made.

It is wonderful to see the learning progress the children have made over the year. I particularly enjoy reading the student comments as they reflect on the things they enjoyed learning about and their perception of how well they have gone over the year.

Children and families are about to receive the student end of year reports and it is a time to sit with your children and discuss their achievements and improvement areas or focus for next year.

I would like to congratulate all students for their great efforts over the school year.

Year 6 Graduation

On Monday evening, 12th December, families, staff and friends gathered together at the Furlan Club, to officially celebrate and acknowledge the 2016 Year 6 Graduates. Every year 6 student was acknowledged and spoken about by their home group teacher/s as they received their Graduation Certificate and Year book.

I would like to thank the 2016 Year 6 Committee (parents: Louise Brown; Sue Lawson; Jane Keating; Jill Byrnes; Meagan Porter; Tanya Bekhit; Rhona O'Loughlin; Narelle Frazer; Adam Cox; Steve Andrews; and Marnie Daphne) and also Emma Fulgenzi, year 5/6 teacher, for the time and effort that was put into sourcing such a great venue and organising the evening. It went so smoothly and was such an enjoyable evening for us all as we looked back on the achievements of the 2016 Graduate group throughout their primary schooling, (where did that go?) and shared stories of their time at Northcote Primary School. What a wonderful send off and one for the memories!

Our school Community comes out to support the End of Year Art Show and Picnic tea

On a very warm and balmy evening on Tuesday 13th December, students, parents and family poured into the school at 5.30pm to see the feast of Art Work on display in the learning areas. There was such a 'buzz' as children proudly rushed to show their parents their works on display.

Thank you Lisa, our Arts teacher, for the wonderful work she has done with all children in this year's Art program.

The 5/6s had also set up their market stalls to display and tell us all about their creative inventions. I collected a number of business cards from the teams and was impressed with the enthusiasm and passion the students demonstrated for their products.

We closed the classrooms after 6.30pm and moved to the 'top turf' to join the community picnic with families spread out on their picnic rugs, right across the 2 turf areas and chatted and caught up with each other.

The Secret was Kept! The Flashmob came!

There was something buzzing in the air ... quiet and held onto excitement and anticipation ... especially after the announcement for sponge bob to come to the office! Suddenly and quietly, the children gathered and surrounded the parents on the turf. The symbol gonged and the calls and echo calls began from the 5/6s, to the 3/4s, the 1/2s and our Preppies. Parents were swivelling around to see what was happening next.

The rhythm sticks and clapping took over from team to team, like a clapping rhythm relay ... and then ... the Troll dance burst into life from all students. Whooo hoooo! It went off! The children grooved and moved to the dance steps they had been secretly rehearsing for the last few weeks and they were just fantastic. A break in the song saw them run in and grab a parent to invite them up to boogie along with us all and suddenly the top turf was moving and shaking with children and adults laughing and dancing all together. What a sight, what a treat!

Well done all children for holding on to that very special information for so long and joining in with everyone to surprise your parents and they were.

Thank you all teachers and staff for embracing the dancing and for rehearsing with the children in the lead up. Thank you in particular to Niki Skoullis (year 1/2) and Tracy Budin (5/6) for the ideas, enthusiasm and choreography.

Thank you all for coming along, you made it such a memorable night for the children.

End of Year Student Reports

Student reports will be sent home in a sealed envelope with the children on Thursday. Teachers will be available to meet during normal school day hours should you wish to discuss your child's progress. Please contact your child's teacher to make a time to meet if you would like to.

Staff leaving

As stated in last week's newsletter, we have one teacher leaving us in 2016 to take a year's leave and take up a teaching post in Darwin. We wish Katinka all the best for her year up north and look forward to hearing all about it on her return.

2016 Final Assemblies

There will be one more Monday morning assembly on 19th December to formally acknowledge the year 6 awards for the year. Special guest, David Feeney MP will attend to present an award that he has donated. There will be no Pupil of the Week awards at this assembly.

Last Day Assembly

Our final assembly on Tuesday afternoon, 20th December, **commencing at 1.10 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.** where we farewell our families who will be leaving us; staff; and of course, our Year 6 graduates. Hope to see you there.

We will monitor the weather leading up to Tuesday, but so far it is looking ok.

As this will be the last newsletter for the 2016 school year, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank you all.

Thank you to all the staff at NPS

I would like to thank all staff, teachers, office staff, student support staff, out of hours staff, for the tireless work, their energy, enthusiasm, and the 'extra mile' they are always willing to go, to make Northcote Primary School such a great place to be. In particular, I would like to thank Ross Bennie, Assistant Principal for his commitment to the leadership of NPS. They all work so hard every day, and truly deserve their break.

Thank you all, well done NPS staff, you are all very much appreciated.

Thank you parents and families of NPS community

You provide the school with much support and are valued as partners in your children's education at NPS.

Our friendly neighbours and school security over the Holiday period

I would like to ask our neighbours both near and far, to help us keep our school secure and ready for the children to start the 2017 school year. If you could report any unwanted or illegal behaviours to the police on either the local Northcote Police number or '000' if it is an emergency, we would greatly appreciate it.

Farewell to our 2016 Year 6's

I would like to congratulate all the year 6's on their graduation from Northcote Primary School. Many have attended Northcote Primary School for all their primary school years and some students joined us along the way.

We have lovely memories of you all as little preppies, and we had tears in our eyes as we saw the 'then and now' photos on Graduation night last week. It was a very enjoyable evening where the focus was on our Year 6 Graduates as we gathered together to celebrate and acknowledge the journey our young people have made over the years they have been at Northcote Primary School.

They have proven to be an outstanding group of students, particularly in their final year, as they have grown into their maturity and taken on levels of responsibility and made so many valued contributions to our school community. We are so very proud of them all and we listened fondly as Steven, Nicole, Tracy and Emma, year 6 teachers, read out an individual tribute to each Year 6 student highlighting their achievements.

They have all grown through many challenging and rewarding times together and have developed strong friendships. While I am sure they will all pursue a variety of interests as they progress through secondary school, I hope that they continue to enjoy each other's friendship and share those bonds into the future.

So to our Year 6 Graduates, I hope that you look back on your time with us at Northcote Primary School with much fondness and good memories as we will remember you well.

Wherever your future leads you, I will be watching and cheering for you. I am looking forward to updates from your lives and seeing where your education leads.

We wish you all the very best for all your future endeavours.

So long, farewell, to each of you.

And finally ...

Another great year at Northcote Primary School draws closer to the end.

Thank you all for your support throughout the year.

I wish you and your families, a Merry Christmas, may the end of the year draw to a happy close and the new one start with much joy, laughter and fun. I hope you all spend time with those you love over the holiday period.

See all of you in 2017!

Warm Regards
Your Principal
Kerrie

We would like to thank those parents who put in a lot of work on various committees, in the classrooms, on excursions and the fete stalwarts

Farewell also to the following families who are leaving for other states and countries:

Juliette Chambers, Audrey Mann, Felix Hodge, Lotte & Escher Barnett, Georgia & Melina Kiokpasoglou, Shwen Shwen Liu & Xaver Thiel.

We wish them all the best of luck in the adventures and travels!

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of study across Melbourne.



House of Muchness presents

The Sanctuary

January play development workshop
for 7-14 year olds

Director of House of Muchness, youth arts practitioner Alex Walker, teams up with Helpmann award-winning playwright Dan Giovannoni (*Bambert's Book of Lost Stories*, *Jurassica*, *Cut Snake*, *Turbine*) to create a new work titled *The Sanctuary*. The duo are inviting young people aged 7-14 to join them in their artistic collaboration in January – a theatrical depiction of a possible global future.

A boat is being built. A boat to take them to New World. But first a bunker: The Sanctuary. Within, they must decide who gets to go, who gets to survive. This was the future that was built for the ones now living in it. How do you make the world from scratch?

Dates: Monday 9-Friday 13 January

Times: 10am-4pm each day

Address: Cecil St Studio, 66 Cecil St, Fitzroy

Cost: \$300*

For more information, please contact Alex Walker, Director HOM

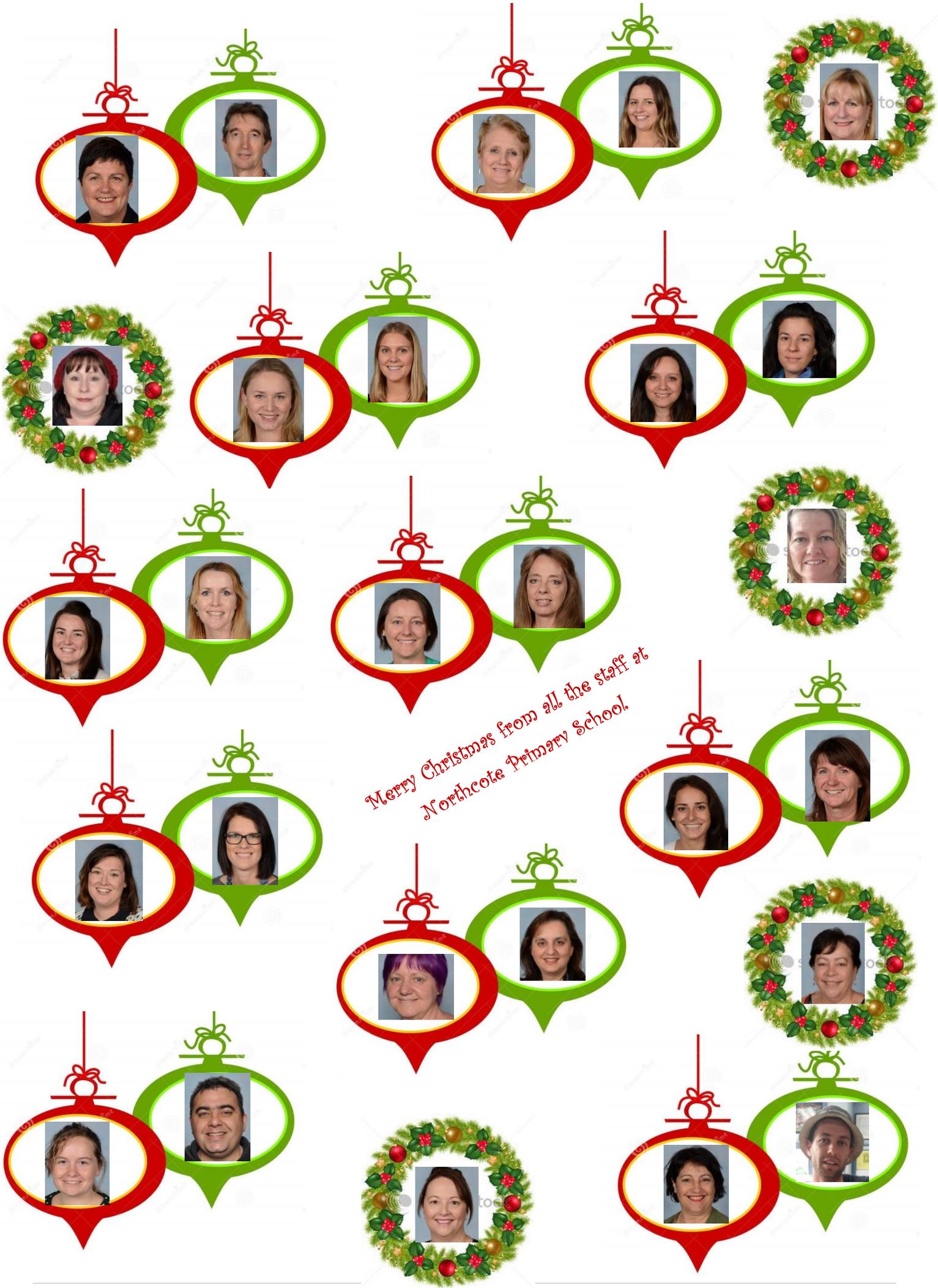
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*Merry Christmas from all the staff at
Northcote Primary School.*