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## Important School Diary Dates - 2017

May	Days	Events
1-4	Mon-Thurs	Q&A Parent Sessions
10-12	Tue-Thur	NAPLAN
12	Fri	Triskills
14	Sun	Mother's Day Family/Sibling Photo Online Orders Close
15	Mon	School Photo Day
16	Tues	Prep Excursion to Melbourne Museum - History
16&17	Tues&Wed	Gr 5/6 Darebin Indigenous Walk Excursion
18	Thurs	Gr 1/2 Excursion to Melbourne Museum – Bugs, Bugs, Bugs!
19	Fri	Triskills
22	Mon	School Community Open Day
23	Tues	District Cross Country
28	Sun	Prep Disco

## Pupil of the Week (Assembly Item by Grade 5/6s)

00J	Fletcher G	12B	Tahlia H-G	34H	Audrey H	56E	Jack M
00L	Zoe C	12G	Piper S	34J	Nate H	56N	Martin L
00W	Piper L	12NK	Fred M	34K	Claudia M	56P	Angus C
		12S	Luciana G	34L	Gabriella C	56S	Daniel N
		12T	Miley F			56T	Lucas G

## Greetings from Kerrie

### Student Achievement

#### Well Done 5/6 Campers

I'd like to acknowledge the year 5/6ers who participated in the Camp down at Lord Somers last week. Even with the blast of icy weather that came along for day one and two of camp, the students could not be deterred from embracing every challenge with great spirit and enthusiasm. Thank you 5/6ers, you made us all proud of your willingness to give it all a go.

## **Thank You Teachers and Parents on the Lord Somers Camp**

I would also like to acknowledge the tireless efforts, support and meticulous planning that went in to the 5/6 Camp that ensured its success. Thank you to the following teachers: Nicole Parker (responsible for the organisation of the camp); Tracy Budin; Steve Bruce; Penny Foster; Emma Fulgenzi; and Leah Gibson (year 3/4 teacher) and Ross Bennie (Assistant Principal). Also I would like to thank all the parents that attended the camp and provided vital support to the teachers and students, you were all wonderful.

## **Q&A's Across the Week**

As of Thursday, there have been three Q&A sessions run across the Prep to year 4 groups with an average of 22 parents attending at each session. The 5/6's will have their session Thursday night from 5.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. It has been great to see the information from teams demonstrate consistency of approaches across those areas with allowance of course, where children's developmental needs require an adaption in approaches. We had a 'live reading demonstration' (impromptu) in the Prep Q&A; parents had a 'spelling test' in the 1/2 Q&A and the 3/4 parents had a demonstration Maths lesson on subtraction and division (many photos were taken as parents all reported that maths methods had changed since they were at school). I wonder what the 5/6 team will have in store for the parents tonight?

## **Update on the Hall**

The Department of Education's (DET) Statewide Minor Works Division, has engaged a company to write a report with costings, on the urgent repairs required to the Hall roof and interior and the Administration building.

We are dealing with two sections of DET at the moment as last year we were awarded a sizable grant from the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA), to carry out priority repairs to the Hall and the Administration building and we were of the belief that it was not enough funds to allow us to do this adequately.

We were advised by the Region to also apply to the Emergency Maintenance Funding branch which we have done, hence today's visit by the assessor. School Council had already commissioned extensive reports on these areas, since 2012 and these have been updated and submitted to both bodies. The school has been trying to repair the Hall and the Admin building over the years but we simply do not have the large amount of funds required to address all of the complexities that the lovely old historic buildings need.

During the holidays, contractors engaged by the VSBA carried out investigative work on the sub floor section of the Hall (drains; sewer and storm water pipes) and are also currently writing a report on this. We are working with both bodies of DET to secure the best outcome for our school.

So, the temporary fence must remain in place for a while longer and though it is a bit unsightly, we wish to ensure the safety of our community. It has been a long process but we feel that we are at a critical point and we may finally get a resolution that we desperately need. Thank you to the parents who have inquired as to where we are at and also for offering support. School Council and I will keep you informed and updated as we go along.

## **From the Department of Education: The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)**

NAPLAN is an annual assessment for students in Years 3 and 5 at primary schools.

On Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th May, students will take the 2017 NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum.

NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html>  
NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au).

Warm regards,  
Kerrie

### Environment Sub-Committee

Mural (on brick wall - Henry street gate entrance)

The Environment Committee is calling for designs and interested parents/ members of our school community to become involved in the painting of a mural. We have received one design suggestion so far. If this is a project that you would like to be involved in please contact me

Ross Bennie  
Assistant Principal  
Northcote Primary School

### Community Sub-Committee

We are looking for donations for our upcoming social events such as Movie Night & Trivia Night. We would like hamper items such as wine, flavoured oil, antipasto items (such as marinated olives, etc.) There will be a box in the office area for any donated item which we would like to collect by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Thank you for your help with this.

Regards,  
Kim (on behalf of the Community Sub-Committee)

ALL HANDS TOGETHER



## Parent Artists Group

Last year, the Education Sub-Committee established a Parent Artist Group – a group of NPS parents or guardians who work professionally in the arts or have arts-based skills and an interest in offering those skills to the NPS community by volunteering to run occasional workshops or arts based activities for classes at all year levels in the school. To date, members of the Parent Artist Group have run a number of classroom based activities, usually for just one or two sessions, in the areas of writing, movement, literature, performance and music. This year, those kinds of activities will continue, but there's also the opportunity to contribute to the development of the Whole School Performance to be presented early in Term Four.

### Are you interested in being part of this group?

It's an informal group convened by Chris Thompson (Gully's dad – Grade 6) through the Education Sub-Committee. Most of the communication happens by email (so there are no regular meetings to attend!) and members of the group get involved according to their availability – for some it's only once or twice, for some it's more often than that. In some cases, members work together to co-present a session. The workshops we've run so far have been fantastic and the students and teachers are really keen for more.

If this sounds like something you'd like to be a part of, then we'd love to have you join the group. To register your interest, email Chris Thompson at [randomacts@optusnet.com.au](mailto:randomacts@optusnet.com.au) and we'll take it from there.

## St Georges Road Proposed Closures

Thanks to the parents who have sent us the survey links regarding the Permanent Proposed Closures to St. Georges Road. To have your say see the link below to VicRoads survey on crossing closures along the St Georges Rd shared path Arthurton Rd to Miller St section, currently under construction for Melbourne Water's pipe replacement project.

<https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/planning-and-projects/melbourne-road-projects/st-georges-road-northcote-median-opening-review>

VicRoads is planning to investigate the impact of the temporary road closures on St Georges Rd as they are considering closing them permanently. The temporary closure has had a significant impact on traffic flows in the local area. For more information, email [mnw.communications@roads.vic.gov.au](mailto:mnw.communications@roads.vic.gov.au).

To complete their survey, go to [www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3519382/StGeorgesRd](http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3519382/StGeorgesRd).



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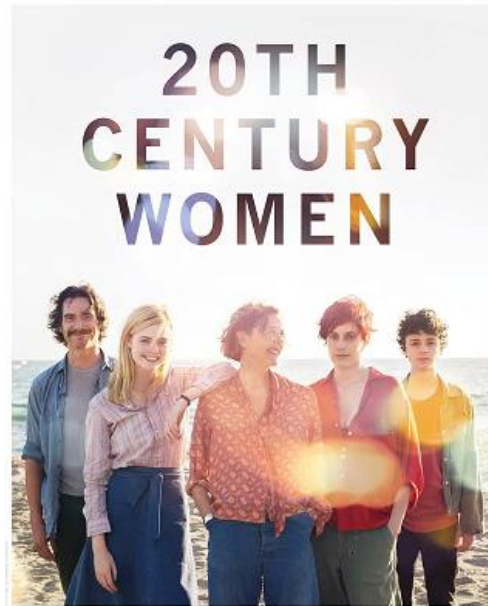
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Community Subcommittee Presents

# MOVIE FUNDRAISER

FUN SOCIAL NIGHT WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL.

Bring a crowd to make this a great night!



**STARRING:** Annette Bening, Elle Fanning and Greta Gerwin

**WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017 6.00 pm for an approx 6:30pm start**

**WESTGARTH PALACE CINEMA**

In 1979 Santa Barbara, Calif., Dorothea Fields is a determined single mother in her mid-50s who is raising her adolescent son, Jamie, at a moment brimming with cultural change and rebellion. Dorothea enlists the help of two younger women -- Abbie, a free-spirited punk artist living as a boarder in the Fields' home and Julie, a savvy and provocative teenage neighbor -- to help with Jamie's upbringing.

*"An insightful and, on occasion, laugh-out-loud piece of filmmaking. Artfully shot and structured, while its warmth and wit shine as brightly as the Californian sun"*

*"Love and loss go hand in hand in 20th Century Women, a funny, emotionally piercing story about a teenager and the women who raise him"*



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Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June!!***

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or 4 tickets for \$100



## The language of Independence

By Michael Grose

*Independence-building is vitally important for parents. It's the pathway to children's competency, confidence and creativity, and the short cut to resilience and real learning.*

Families always develop shared language around the values that have strong meaning for them. If resilience is a shared value then there invariably will be a strong set of words and phrases about resilience factors such as coping, flexibility and perseverance.

Similarly, the values of independence and self-sufficiency are reflected in a family's proprietary language. In fact, it's through shared language that culture exists. If you are looking to building a culture of independence in your family then creating your proprietary language around independence is a great way to start.

These following twelve examples of independence-building language, and the principles behind them, will help you create your own family's language.

### 1. Never regularly do for a child the things a child can do for him or herself

*Goal: Independence*

This is perhaps the original parenting-for-independence manifesto, and it's a philosophy that guides many teachers and parents today. In effect, this sentence means that wherever possible - we give children the skills and competencies to look after themselves physically and emotionally. It requires a great deal of patience, time and courage from parents and teachers as the sentence is easier to say than to put into practice. But it's a worthy guiding principle that leads to self-sufficiency in children, and ultimately redundancy as parents.

### 2. "Is this something you can do?"

*Goal: Self-help*

Independence takes many forms but perhaps the most common is the development of self-help skills. The confidence, pride and, for most, sheer pleasure that kids doing the simple things for themselves such as a toddler tying his shoelaces or a child making her own lunch is immeasurable. Yet it is so easily denied by well-meaning parents and adults who see it as their job to do everything for children. Independence begins at home with the development of self-help skills.



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### GIRL GUIDES in 2017

*Friendship, fun, challenge and achievement!*

Yarra City District Girl Guides meet weekly during school terms - Junior Guides ages 7-10 (North Fitzroy, Wednesday evenings), Girl Guides ages 10-14 (North Fitzroy, Tuesday evenings), and Senior Guides ages 14-17 (North Fitzroy, alternate Monday evenings).

Adult volunteer enquiries are also welcome.

Our units are open to visitors – come and see how you like it. Email [yarra@guidesvic.org.au](mailto:yarra@guidesvic.org.au), online at [www.guidesvic.org.au](http://www.guidesvic.org.au) (including multilingual information at Inclusive Communities under the Parent & Girls tab).

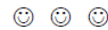


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Market

Invites you to our:

**Mothers' Day Market**  
**Saturday 13 May**  
**9am-2pm**

- \*A large range of unique, useful and beautiful gifts to choose from
- \*Mothers' Day raffle drawn at midday
- \*Coffee, food, live music & more
- \*Face Painting
- \*A fun day for the whole family
- \*Dogs on leads are welcome too!



@ CERES Environment Park  
cnr Roberts & Stewart Streets  
Brunswick East  
[www.ceres.org.au](http://www.ceres.org.au)

## The Food Justice Truck is coming to Northcote

Every Friday, 11.30am - 1:30pm, 251 High St, Northcote

Make your weekly fresh food shop count

The Food Justice Truck (FJT) is a mobile fresh food market providing a welcoming option for all shoppers and a 60% discount for people seeking asylum.



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for a  
great cause.

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The FJT is a social enterprise of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre with the vision of guaranteed access to high quality, nutritious food for people seeking asylum.



## Mother's Day Family Night

FREE



**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 6-8pm**

Bring the family along  
for a great night of fun!

- Make a gift for mum
- D.I.Y. workshops
- Light refreshments
- Free gift wrapping



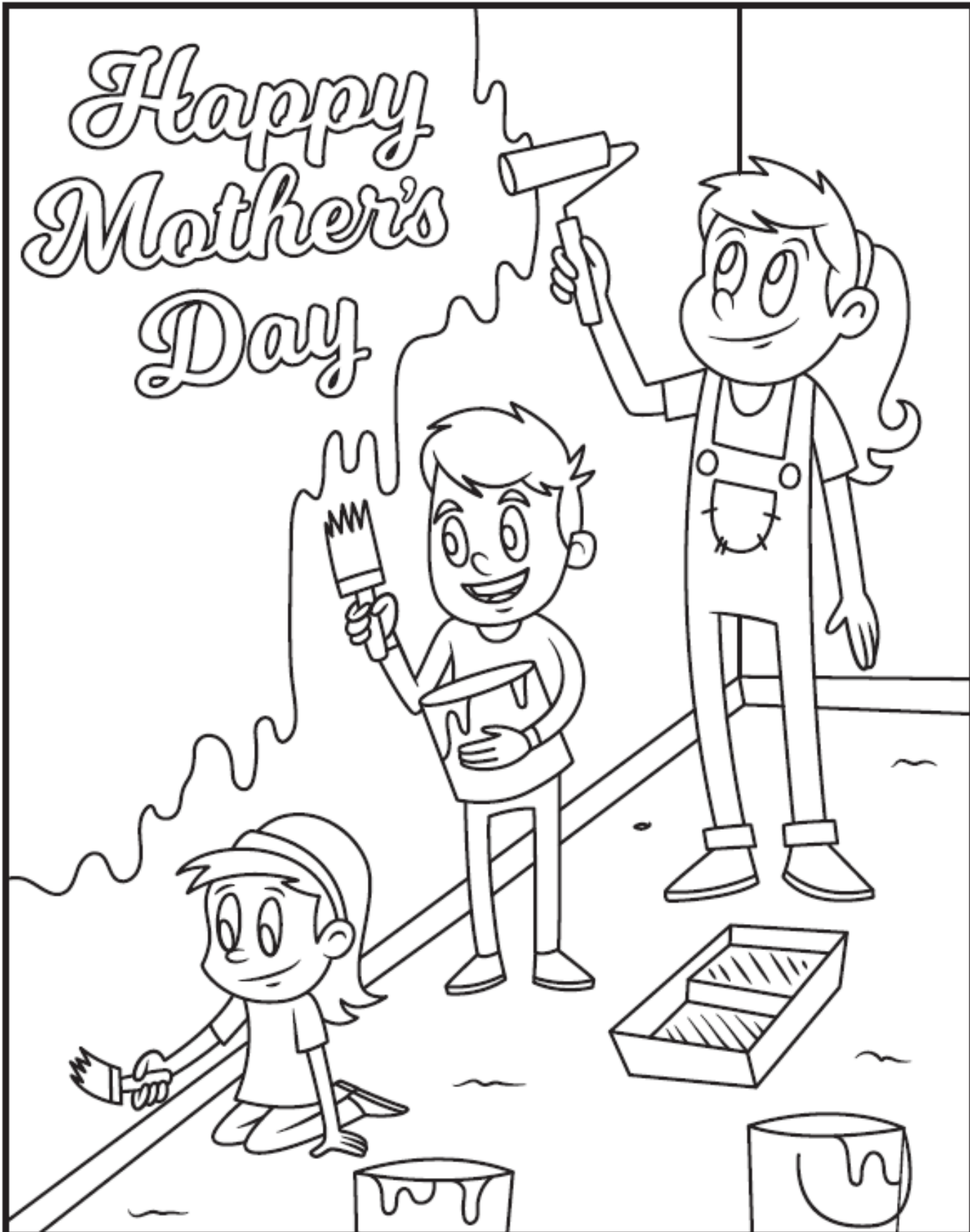
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Bunnings Group Ltd is giving you the chance to win a \$50 gift card or \$50 worth of products in our Mother's Day colouring competition. There will be 3 winners at each store.

All you have to do is colour in the scene above & deliver it to your local warehouse by 6pm Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017. The winners will be notified on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May by phone.

- Competition is open to ages up to and including 17 years old.
- 1 entry limit per person.
- The judge's decision is final & no correspondence will be entered into.
- Bunnings Group Ltd employees, suppliers & their families are ineligible to enter.
- Personal information will only be used to contact the winners.

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