



NEWSLETTER

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Important School Diary Dates

2018

Aug	6	Mon	Curriculum day – no school for students
	8	Wed	District basketball
	13	Mon	Grade 3/4's excursion to National Art Gallery (Cultural performance excursion – part of school fees)
	14	Tue	Grade 5/6's excursion to National Art Gallery (Cultural performance excursion – part of school fees)
	20	Mon	Book Week parade 9 am
	22	Wed	Victorian State Schools Spectacular choir mass rehearsal

No Pupil of the Week due to Monday curriculum day

School banking will be done on Tuesday 7th August

Greetings, School Review

Our school is scheduled to have a review in Term One, 2019. The review process looks at what the school set out to achieve in improving student achievement in the last four years and whether this was able to be achieved or not. The school completes a self-evaluation and this will need to be finalized in Term 4 this year. Four weeks prior to our review, we are required to provide electronic copies of all school policies and documentation for the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority Minimum Standards Check and the Self-Evaluation Report to the school review panel.

Every school review is overseen by a school review panel that includes a Reviewer, two Challenge partners, School Council President, Principal, Assistant Principal and Leadership Team and is conducted over three separate days. We will be informed shortly of who our allocated reviewer is who we will approach to be our challenge partners. Challenge partners are usually Principals from other schools and are essential contributors to a school review as they provide an external perspective and add value through their professional expertise. I am currently a Challenge Partner for one of our neighbouring schools.

The school uses the directions from the review report to develop the school's next four-year school strategic plan in learning and teaching.

Pupil Free Day 3 – on Monday 6th August

Teachers will be participating in key activities that will contribute to our School Review and the writing of our school self-evaluation.

DET's Parent Opinion Survey

Thank you to the parents who have filled out the online parent opinion surveys. The surveys are collated by the Department of Education and the results sent to the school in term 4. The Education Subcommittee of School Council will be looking at the feedback and identifying areas for celebration and acknowledgement and areas that we can work on. Over the last two years, we have taken on board feedback around the improving the clarity of Student Reports and we have actively sought to do this. We look forward to your feedback.

2017 Annual Report to the School Community

School Council invites parents to attend the Annual General Meeting where the 2017 Annual Report to the School Community will be presented. The Annual Report to the School Community is an opportunity for the school council to share the year's achievements, milestones, and improvements. It is also an opportunity to reflect on the school's performance and understand where and how the improvement agenda has impacted student outcomes.

When: Wednesday, August 15th at 6.30pm – 7.00pm

Where: Staffroom

Who: Parents/Carers of current NPS students

RSVP – Please email northcote.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au with your name to confirm your attendance by Friday, 10th August.

**Warm Regards,
Kerrie**

Italian Update

Ciao a tutti! (Hello everyone!)

STATE-WIDE ITALIAN COMPETITIONS news:

Sì, Sì, Sì! The annual competitions are here! Our students have been waiting with anticipation on the announcement of this year's Dante Alighieri topics. Last year, our school received one state-wide winner in Prep - Eva 3rd Placing.

Some students in the middle and upper school have started drafting ideas for the competition. Students may complete the drawing part of the competition at home later in the term. All written components of the competition will be completed at school this term in all year levels.

The Dante Alighieri Society Melbourne topic is as follows:



Poster Competition 2018

All entries close on Tuesday, 4th September 2018

Task Sheet:

In 2018, judges will be paying particular attention to the originality of student work. To the furthest possible extent, students must construct noun groups or sentences *independently*. For this reason, the language demands of the task have been lowered to promote independent student work.

All student entries must adhere to the following guidelines, as well as those stipulated for each year level:

- No larger than A3
- Include a painting, drawing or collage
- Be **clearly** labelled with the student's name, year level and school

Foundation, Grade 1 and Grade 2:

Students write the heading "Fuori dalla finestra ___ vedo..." (Outside the ... window I see...) on a prominent part of their poster. Students will finish the title with the Italian word for the shape of a window that they have drawn on their poster: e.g. *rotonda; ovale; quadrata; rettangolare*, or, *a forma di arco*. Students must write **FIVE nouns or noun groups** on the poster stating what can be seen from the window.

Example* [Fuori dalla finestra ovale vedo...] un albero; un gatto nero; cinque uccelli; tre ragazzi; il sole

Grade 3 and Grade 4 students:

Students write the heading "Fuori dalla finestra ____..." (Outside the window ...) on a prominent part of their poster. Students will finish the title with the Italian word for the shape of a window that they have drawn on their poster: e.g. *rotonda; ovale; quadrata; rettangolare*, or, *a forma di arco*. Students must include FIVE simple sentences on their poster describing what can be seen through the window.

Example* C'è un albero verde. C'è un gatto nero. Fischiano cinque uccelli. Ci sono tre ragazzi contenti. Splende il sole.

Grade 5 and Grade 6 students:

Students write the heading "Fuori dalla finestra ____..." (Outside the window ...) on a prominent part of their poster. Students will finish the title with the Italian word for the shape of a window that they have drawn on their poster: e.g. *rotonda; ovale; quadrata; rettangolare*, or, *a forma di arco*. Students must include FIVE complex or compound sentences describing what can be seen through the window.

Example*

C'è un albero verde pieno di mele. C'è un gatto nero che gioca con un topo spaventato. Ci sono cinque uccelli che fischiano. Ci sono tre ragazzi contenti nel giardino. Sopra la casa, splende il sole.

*These are examples only and are not indicative of the breadth of possible student responses.

Any winners will be required to attend a Presentation afternoon in October at the University of Melbourne where they will receive a trophy, a certificate, a book prize and have their photo taken for the Italian newspaper, *Il Globo*-date to be confirmed.

If you wish your child to enter this competition, please enclose \$5 together with the slip below in an envelope and send this to the office **before** Tuesday the 28th August 2018 - NO LATER.

THE DANTE ALIGHIERI SOCIETY JUNIOR POSTER COMPETITION 2018.

Final day to submit your poster will be **Tuesday, 4th September 2018** - earlier would be preferred!

All completed posters must be received by this date. 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: _____



BUT WAIT THERE'S MORE...

The Dante Alighieri Society offers an Audio Competition for Year 5/6 (only):

Last year Northcote Primary School was the only school in the state to have achieved a first place position. We were able to achieve TWO first placings for two of our students – an extremely rare and notable achievement. We had both Kate and Besinda tie for FIRST place in the state for the multimedia competition. This year The Dante Alighieri Society have changed that competition as follows:

Carissimi studenti,

ecco un invito a partecipare 'dietro le quinte'... a behind the scenes project!

- Are you a student who likes having a go at speaking Italian in class, at home, with family, or with friends?
- Do you like working in small groups to make projects happen?
- Do you love any chance to use your voice as an instrument to communicate a passion for Italian? Do you like reading aloud, quoting movies, reciting poetry, or singing?
- Are you able to pronounce Italian words that contain challenging letter combinations, such as the *gh* in *Alighieri*, the *gn* in *Roberto Benigni*, the *gli* in *Bella degli Abati*, or the *ce* in *Dolce stil novo*?

- Can you pronounce distinctly Italian double letter consonants such as the *mm* in *La Divina Commedia*, the *tt* in *Brunetto Latini*, or the *zz* and *mm* in *Nel mezzo del cammin di nostra vita*?
- Do you think you could write a 2-minute piece in Italian - and then record yourself reading it – for a listening audience?
- If you answered *si* to the above questions, we want to hear from you!

The Dante Alighieri Society invites you to write a simple script promoting a new film on the life or works of Dante Alighieri.

Your work could be based on: Dante the man, the poet, the admirer of Beatrice, the political exile. (See *Interesting little-known fact on Dante* for some inspiration on The Dante Alighieri Melbourne website).

This 2018 **AUDIO COMPETITION** invites you to write a short text in Italian, record your voice reading the text, and then, send your transcript and recording to us! No pressure, no having to perform in front of people, just the chance to present your Italian skills to a different audience!

You should approach this task individually or in a small group (no more than 4 participants, including yourself). Your teacher can help if you need, but this is a great opportunity to test your Italian independently. No distinction is made between individual entries or between students of Italian and non-Italian background. There is no cost to enter this competition.

You've got to be in it to win it! Cash prizes for the best entries.

Coraggio! E...in bocca al lupo!

Check the Dante Society website for more information

The best entry will receive \$500 each. \$100 of this amount will be awarded directly to the winning school's Italian Department, to fund Italian Resources or Excursions/Incursions, whilst the remaining \$400 will be divided up equally amongst the winning students – or be given entirely to one student, should that student have entered on their own.

All entrants will receive a certificate of participation. Certificates will be mailed to the schools. Every endeavour will be made to have the winning audio presentation shown at the Dante Alighieri Presentation afternoon, where prizes will be given to the winning students and their teachers. Alternatively, the Dante Alighieri Society will make arrangements to attend the winning school and present the prizes during school hours. It is recommended that schools keep a copy of the original recordings as these cannot be returned.

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

The Audio Competition entry closes on Tuesday the 4th of September- NO LATER. All entries must be placed on a USB and submitted to Signorina who will be return the USB to the student.

Guidelines and permission forms will be distributed in Italian classes next week for all interested students.

If you have any queries regarding the Italian Program, please feel free to contact me at the school or drop in directly after school for a chat or to make an appointment. I encourage you to read the school newsletter and discuss what you have read with your child/ren to stimulate conversation about what is being taught at school.

Until next time, grazie mille (many thanks) for your continuing support,
Signorina Rosa - Italian Teacher Years 3-6 and Language Coordinator (Mon/Tue)

NPS Sling bags

ONLY 25 LEFT!

Available from the office

Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Before and after school

\$15 exact cash only

