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Important School Diary Dates

2018

Sep	21	Fri	5/6 Science fair 9.30 – 11.00 am and 1.30 – 2.00 pm Family and friends welcome! END TERM 3 2.30 PM FINISH
Oct	7	Sun	Daylight savings starts
	8	Mon	Term 4 commences
	9	Tue	Division Athletics 9.30 – 2.00
	10-12	Wed-Fri	Grade 1/2 Camp
	15	Mon	Bravehearts Social Skills program – Grade 1/2's.
	16	Tue	Public Meeting at School (See page 5)
	17-19	Wed-Fri	Grade 3/4 Camp
	24	Wed	Curriculum day no. 4 – No School
	27	Sat	NPS disco at OSH Club – see page 4
Nov	1	Fri	1 st Ready, Set, Go session (2019 Preps!)
	6	Tue	Melbourne Cup Day Holiday – No School
	7	Wed	Whole school and grade 6 graduation photographs
	9	Fri	2 nd Ready, Set, Go session (2019 Preps!)
	13	Tue	3 rd Ready, Set, Go session (2019 Preps!)
Dec	21	Fri	End of year 1.30 Dismissal

**END OF TERM – NO PUPIL OF THE WEEK
2.30pm FINISH TOMORROW**

Greetings,

Student Achievement

End of term student expos

I love this time each term as students put on an 'expo' to demonstrate some of the aspects of things they have been learning about. Yesterday, the year 1/ 2's held a Library expo where they displayed all of the stories that they had been working on and publishing so far this year. There were curious titles that got me interested from the front cover such as 'The Spooky Mansion'; Megafat, Baby and Fat; Jack the Mean; The day my computer went alive!; and Midnight Attacks. The children said they love reading the books because they had interesting words like 'terrified' instead of just scared, the illustrations were detailed and some of them were really funny!

The children have been learning about 'Ban the Boring' in the 7 Steps to Writing Success program and learning to improve their vocabulary by finding more interesting words instead of the usual ones and interesting and exciting endings. Many parents were able to attend the afternoon and also enjoyed reading the recommended books.

This afternoon I will attend the 3/ 4 expo and tomorrow, I am looking forward to seeing the 5/6 expo on Science learning. Hope you are able to come along and hear all about what the students have been learning this term.

For parents

The Department's new *Literacy and numeracy tips to help your child every day* are worth a look to assist with supporting your child's literacy and numeracy learning.

https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/school/teachers/teachingresources/discipline/english/literacy/LiteracyandNumeracyTipstoHelpYourChild_Final.pdf

Our students singing up a storm at the State School Spectacular

On Saturday, a large group of our students from years 5 and 6, participated in Melbourne's biggest professionally staged song and dance extravaganza, the Victorian State Schools Spectacular at Hisense arena, and it was another dazzling production. An incredible amount of organisation with a cast of over 3000 very talented primary and secondary students, captivated the audience with amazing vocals and high-energy dance routines.

The show featured a 64-piece orchestra, 1300-voice choir, 1200 mass dancers, 30 lead vocalists, principal and ensemble dancers.

This is our third participation in the State School Spectacular and it is no surprise that this annual production is a highly sought after event for State school's participation. Our students were part of the wonderful mass choir and sang over 4 days, with 2 days of rehearsal and 2 shows on the final day on Saturday.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to be part of something so spectacular with professional conductors, arrangers, choreographers, lighting and sound.

Congratulations all singers and dancers, you really put in the effort starting from Term 1 this year when you commenced choir practice to the intense rehearsals and finally the actual performances. I was very proud of your commitment and performance.

Thank you Lisa (Arts teacher)

Lisa, once again, spent many volunteer hours (lunchtimes; afterschool) teaching and rehearsing the choir until they were a very polished singing group. A very big thank you to Lisa, for initiating, coordinating and coaching the students in a memorable experience for each and every one of them.

Term 4 reminder: Sun and UV Protection - No hat, No Play!

With summer approaching, schools encourage healthy environments by monitoring ultraviolet (UV) alerts. School sun-safe practices are made in consultation with students, staff and parents.

UV radiation varies in intensity across the year and normally is highest during schools hours.

From September until April, or when the Ultra Violet (UV) level reaches 3, it is important to use a combination of sun protection measures to minimise the risk of skin and eye damage, and skin cancer.

The *SunSmart UV Alert* app is a useful tool that can be used to know when to protect against UV radiation and when sun protection is needed. The free app is available at: www.sunsmart.com.au/tool/interactive-tools/free-sunsmart-app



Broad-Brimmed Hats

Broad brimmed school hats (Sunsmart endorsed) can be purchased from the office before and after school in Term 4, at \$8.50 each. Please help us by bringing the correct money as we don't often carry cash change.

Reminder: all children must wear a Sunsmart hat for term 4.

Wishing you all a lovely Spring Term 3 holiday. See you back in Term 4!

**Warm Regards,
Kerrie**

Our state school is a great state school.

Restoring Northcote Primary.

19 September 2018

Dear NPS Family,

It has been over 6 months since I last wrote and back then we were valiantly campaigning for urgent repairs and a long term plan. As you all know lots of repair work has been done since then and the overview of our master plan is now established. We are now getting down to the details and exploring the costs and timing of building works to set us up for the next 10 years.

Thanks to those families who made it to our Master plan 'show and tell' on Thursday the 6th of September. It was indeed a celebration of the achievements to date and the huge improvement to the school through our current building program.

The good news is that the master plan includes some really innovative changes to the school buildings and grounds. These are to be built on the solid foundations of the original school, lovingly restored using the money granted to us by the Andrews government in the lead up the Northcote Bi-election last year. This is the two stage approach we asked for. We are well on the way to achieving our twin goals of restoring NPS and making the school into a show piece of 21st century educational excellence. It is now clear that our current building program could achieve even more. You will note that the most recent plans have been significantly reduced. The project managers tell us this is to ensure there are no budget overruns and we only do works with the "funding we have".

Important elements of our ideal master plan will not be built unless we are able to secure further funding from the State Government. The most recent estimate from the project managers and architects is that we are at least \$2.6m underfunded for our full master plan. These estimates keep rising as works proceed. Currently we will:

- miss out on the opportunity to build a music teaching and performance space (to which we are entitled),
- refurbish our library in a space that is about half the size it needs to be,
- improve the external environment of the school but leave out vital elements including covered walkways, outdoor teaching spaces and new play equipment.
- not renovate toilet facilities that have been known to be in poor condition for over 6 years,
- miss this vital opportunity to make the school buildings as good as our teaching programs and learning outcomes.

It is time once again to tell the Minister, our local members, Lydia Thorpe and Ged Kearney and anyone else who'll listen that we don't accept that our school should be anything less than ideal. We need extensive building works at Northcote Primary and it would be best to do the job once and properly. Our school is a great school. It has some of the best teachers, educational programs and community involvement anywhere in Victoria. It is supported by a committed and active school community and has the educational achievement to prove it.

School council needs your support to;

- Write to or email Minister Merlino
- Write to Lidia Thorpe and Ged Kearney,
 - draft correspondence can be found on our web site :
ilovenps.com.au
- Come to our public meeting, Tuesday the 16th of October, 2018 at 7.00pm in the Hall,
- Contact school council members and let us know what else you can do to help out.

Yours sincerely,
Ian Taylor
School Council President

Restoring Northcote Primary.

20 September 2018

Dear NPS Family,

Over the holidays, some important building works will take place at the school.

You may be aware that a small number of trees have been planted too close to the school buildings and are seriously undermining the building foundations and infrastructure. Other trees require regular maintenance to ensure we minimise safety risks to the school community and buildings. These works are part of the designated work plan established by the architects and the Department's regular safety and maintenance schedules.

Arborists will be at the school at various times over the holidays to attend to these issues. They are a high priority for the Master Plan and will enable the realisation of other key aspects of the overall building and landscape works for the next ten years.

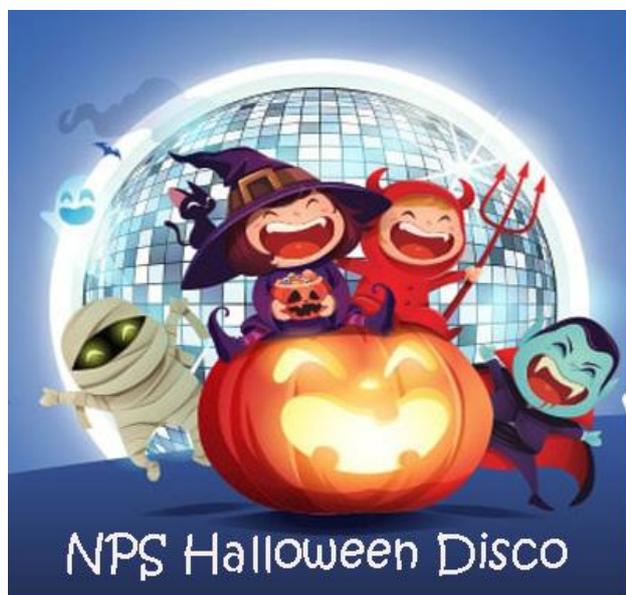
School council has established that it is cheaper for us to do this work prior to starting the major building projects as we can;

- minimise the number of tendering processes
- reduce the amount of repeat work and
- contain project overheads

Before the work begins we will letterbox near the school to inform our neighbours. If you are in the area and experience inconvenience we apologise and trust that you will recognise the long term benefit the school will achieve.

School council is currently engaging a landscape architect to ensure the entire school environment is improved, including significant replanting and garden area development. As always I encourage you to be part of making the school the best it can be. School council sub-committees welcome the involvement of all school community members and has striven to make a real difference for our school students and the long term well-being of the school. Come along and contribute your skills to this very worthwhile community.

Yours sincerely,
Ian Taylor
School Council President



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday October 27th
5.30-7pm Prep to gr 3
7.30-9pm Grades 4-6

**This year our
school disco will be
Halloween-themed.
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costumes ready!**

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PALACE WESTGARTH CINEMA

Friends of Baucau Fundraiser Film Night. Starts 6.30 pm

Adapted from the bestselling book, *Ladies in Black* is an alluring and tender-hearted comedy drama describing the challenges facing women in Sydney society in 1959.

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Darebin Falcons – Girls Cricket!

Darebin Falcons are looking for players aged 9-11 for our inaugural Under 11 All Girls Cricket Team. Learn some new skills and have fun! Training will be at A.H Capp Reserve, Halwyn Crescent, Preston on Sundays 10-11am. Training starts 23rd September. Games are Wednesday nights from mid October. Come along and give cricket a go in a relaxed and friendly environment. Please contact info@falcons.org.au for further information.