



# NEWSLETTER

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## Important School Diary Dates

**2018**

|     |    |     |   |
|-----|----|-----|---|
| Oct | 18 | Thu | Year 7 – 2019 Information evening at Princes Hill Secondary College (Families Surnames L-Z) 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm |
|     | 24 | Wed | Curriculum day no. 4 – <b>No School</b>   |
|     | 27 | Sat | NPS disco at OSH Club   |
| Nov | 2  | Fri | 1 <sup>st</sup> Ready, Set, Go session (2019 Preps!)  |
|     | 6  | Tue | Melbourne Cup Day Holiday – <b>No School</b>  |
|     | 7  | Wed | Whole school and grade 6 graduation photographs   |
|     | 9  | Fri | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ready, Set, Go session (2019 Preps!)  |
|     | 10 | Sat | Allwell Assessments Princes Hill Secondary College – 8.30 am<br>12.45 pm                                      |
|     | 13 | Tue | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ready, Set, Go session (2019 Preps!)  |
| Dec | 11 | Tue | Year 7 – 2019 Orientation Day, Princes Hill Secondary College<br>8.30 am – 3.00 pm                            |
|     | 21 | Fri | End of year <b>1.30 Dismissal</b>   |

**NO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2018**

### BREAKING N.P.S NEWS:

**Israa Abdulrahman 5/6P, won the Northcote High School public speaking competition! Congratulations Israa!**

### Greetings, Student Achievement

#### Well done all Year 1 and 2 campers

Beautiful weather helped deliver another fun filled year 1 and 2, two day overnight camp at Mt Evelyn last week. Surrounded by stunning bush and Manning Gum forest, the children enjoyed lots of space and challenge by choice activities with some yummy food to help energy levels along. The children showed such enthusiasm and courage to spend a night away from home with their school friends, teachers and volunteer parents and participate in all the camp activities. We would like to congratulate all year 1/ 2 students and let them know how proud we are of them.

#### Thank you

A very big thank you to Nicole Parker who put many hours into the organisation of both camps. Also to teachers Anita Hillman; Linda Batten; Stephanie Griffiths; and to Heather Fletcher who volunteered to stay for the entire 3 days! Also thanks to Ross Bennie, AP and to the parent volunteers, who came along to support the children and staff to make it such a successful camp.

On camp 1,

- Tiffany, Lulu's mum 1/2A
- Monika, Kate's mum 1/2N
- David, William's dad 1/2N

On camp 2,

- David, Olive's dad 1/2S
- Janine, April's mum 1/2L
- Andrew, Sam's dad 1/2L
- Anthony, Casey's dad 1/2L

### Well done Regional athletics

We acknowledge the great effort from all students to compete at such a high level of the competition. Well done all finalists!

### Planning for 2019

I am currently finalising enrolment numbers for 2019 which has a direct impact on how many classes, teachers and programs, we will need and be able to provide for 2019.

If you are moving location and considering leaving our school, could you please contact the office to let us know as soon as possible? It is vital that we have accurate student numbers to cater for adequate staffing and programs for the 2019 year and more importantly, secure your child's school placement for the following year.

If you are aware of any families who are yet to enrol their child at school, could you please encourage them to make contact with us as soon as possible otherwise they may miss out on a place at our school in 2019.

### School Organisation 2019

In a coming newsletter, I will show you all the student numbers we have for 2019 and invite you to give us your feedback on class/learning area organisation for 2019.



### 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 do not often carry cash change.

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

Warm Regards,  
Kerrie

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Prep Brooke – Annabel P

Prep Laura – Freddie B

Prep Pip – Bri C

1/2 Heather – Ari F

1/2 Linda – Sam F

1/2 Stephanie – Phoebe S

1/2 Anita – Charlotte B

1/2 Nicole – Harry H

3/4 Kate – All Campers!

3/4 Hilary – All Campers!

3/4 Mel – All Campers!

3/4 Steven – All Campers!

3/4 Sharif – All Campers!

5/6 Janelle – Emma M

5/6 Natasha – Tommy T

5/6 Penny – Tommy V

5/6 Tracy – May L

## School Council News

### **Rallying to the call.**

On Tuesday, a small but determined group of parents met to discuss the need for further funding for the school. This is needed to achieve the full vision of our current master plan. Not only do we need to complete vital restoration works but we also have the opportunity to bring the school up to entitlement and make our teaching and learning spaces fabulous. It is now clear that the recent funding injection from the state government is not going to cover all the work needed.

We invited Minister Merlino to attend our meeting but he had an unfortunate schedule clash. In his response to our letter, the Minister recognises that the grant last year will be insufficient to implement our full master plan. He suggests that further funding may be available to the school but makes no immediate commitment to our building program.

### **School Council calls on the Minister to help to “Finish the Job”!**

The meeting reiterated our call that our building works should be done once and properly.

### **How can you help?**

We need to get the message to the government. The message is that it is vital and just to fund our building works fully and make the school the best it can be. The whole school community needs to use any means available to make the message loud and make it constant.

School community volunteers will be reminding everyone to communicate with anyone who'll listen.

Please go to our web site [ilovenps.com.au](http://ilovenps.com.au) for sample letters, background information and other ideas.

### **Without further funding we will;**

- Not be able to build the music teaching and performance space to which we are entitled,
- Be unable to 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,
- Have no money to implement our landscape, playground and planting plan,
- Miss this vital opportunity to make the school buildings as good as our teaching programs and learning outcomes.

Ian Taylor  
School Council President

## Regional Athletics

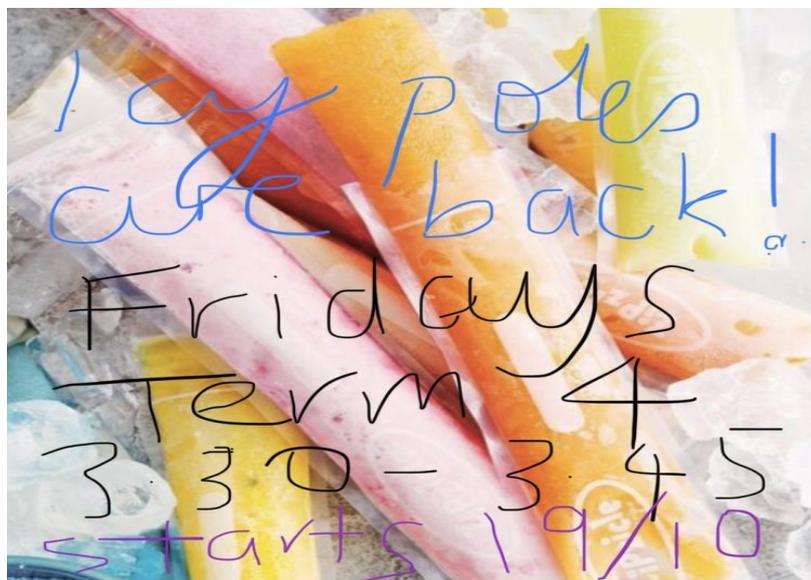
We have had a busy first two weeks back for Athletics. Last week there was the Division Athletics Competition and we had 10 students who had qualified for this stage and were representing Northcote Primary against the other schools in the Darebin Division. They were Audrey Howarth (9/10 G Hurdles and 9/10 G 100m), Ava Smith (11 G Discus), Claire Larkin (11 G Long Jump and 11 G 800m), Finbar Kennedy (11 B 200m and 11 B 800m), George Teague (12/13 B Triple Jump), Jack Moston (11 B Shot Put and 11 B Discus), Jesse Shortte (12/13 B 200m), Minke Cook (12/13 G 1500m), Ned Van Der Hoeven (12/13 B 800m), Ollie Phegan (9/10 B Triple Jump and 9/10 B High Jump) and Zac Henderson (9/10 B Long Jump). The competition was held on the first Tuesday back which was quite a wet and wild day. Everybody did an amazing job in their events, especially considering the conditions. To qualify for the next stage, you needed to place either 1st or 2nd in your event and we had 6 students who managed to do this. Everyone else placed really well though unfortunately they just missed out on qualifying. It is still an amazing effort to even make it to this stage.

This past Wednesday the next stage was held which was the Northern Metropolitan Regionals Athletic Competition. Our 6 students that were representing us were; Audrey Howarth (9/10 G Hurdles and 9/10 G 100m), Claire Larkin (11 G Long Jump), Finbar Kennedy (11 B 200m and 11 B 800m), Jack Moston (11 B Shot Put and 11 B Discus), Minke Cook (12/13 G 1500m) and Zac Henderson (9/10 B Long Jump). The weather was on our side this week and we had a few personal bests being beaten but the competition was fierce. We had some amazing results but didn't have anybody qualify for the next stage (which is State!). I am sure we will see these athletes back competing at this level again next year.

Congratulations to all the athletes who competed at each level and a big thank you to parents and carers who transported and supported the athletes.

Dale

PE Teacher



## **MATHS OLYMPIAD CHALLENGE**

Over the course of the last 5 months, 23 students in year 5 and 6 have been competing in the monthly Maths Olympiad challenge. Students were required to complete 5 questions in 30 minutes based on a range of mathematical theory. The questions are incredibly challenging and our brains hurt a lot!!!! Huge congratulations to all students involved but special mention to Eva V whose score placed her in the top 10% of the Australasian division. Amazing effort! Ivan T and Olivia R placed in the top 20%. Wow! These students will receive special awards at assembly in week 4.

Congratulations to these students:

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| Eva V       | Natasha H |
| Ivan T      | Ned V     |
| Olivia R    | Otto W    |
| Angus C     | Phoebe S  |
| George T    | Sammy S   |
| Mackenzie B | Charlie M |
| Nonie M     | Esca L    |
| Ava S       | Alannah S |
| Makari S    | Kai S     |
| Alex M      | Jack M    |

## **LIBRARY HELP NEEDED**

Can you sew??

Some of our library cushions need mending.

If you can help with mending them, please contact Susi the librarian (who is in on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays).

Thanks!!

## **COTTON FABRIC NEEDED**

Please donate any spare fabric (cotton only) you may have laying around so we can make beeswax wraps for the fete. Minimum size is 18 x 18 cm size but any shape and size bigger than that is great. Patterns are great! Will make for more beautiful wraps.



North Queensland Mangoes  
Direct from the farm to you!  
Support NPS with our Mango Fundraiser

We are selling trays of mangoes picked and packed during the premium harvest. The Mango Fundraiser only use Bowen Special Mangoes which are more formally known as Kensington Pride Mangoes. They are packed in a single layer tray, with approximately 7kg of Mangoes per tray. The number of Mangoes per tray depends on the size of the fruit, and may vary from 12 large Mangoes up to 23 small Mangoes.

As well as having a great taste, Mangoes are packed with nutritional goodness – Vitamin C (one Mango contains your recommended daily allowance), Vitamin E, Beta-Carotene, antioxidants, Potassium & B Vitamins. They are low in fat & Cholesterol free.

Cost per Tray is \$26

Place your order by 5pm Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October, Delivery Late November (weather dependent, to be confirmed)

Try booking information to come ASAP.

This is a fundraiser for NPS, please ask everyone you know if they would like a tray. Or think of early Christmas presents, family get-togethers, neighbours etc. Every extra tray we buy raises more money for our School!

For Further information contact Sophie Smibert (Rosie gr3, George prep) 0402206322.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: THE CLOSING DATE FOR ORDERS IS**

**NOW MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 5 P.M.**

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# SAVE PUBLIC HOUSING



## **PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES ARE BEING SOLD TO PRIVATE DEVELOPERS**

The Andrews Labor Government is in the process of demolishing existing public housing on eleven estates across Melbourne, and selling off publicly owned land to private developers. New apartments will be built but most of them will not be for public housing tenants. The program is called the Public Housing Renewal Program.

**This is happening in Northcote.** Located beside the Merri Creek and close to public transport, the Walker Street Estate is slated for demolition. More than 270 new apartments are planned for the site, but only 96 of the new units will be allocated for public housing. Almost all of these will have only one or two bedrooms, yet at present there are more than 50 three-bedroom units on the estate. This will result in **less public housing**, not more. The Housing Minister has promised the current residents that they will be able to return, but this is hollow; many of them will not be able to come home.

## **A 'FUNDAMENTALLY FLAWED' PROGRAM**

Many people and community organisations are opposed to what this program will lead to: displacement of local citizens, reduction of public housing, loss of vital public land, and putting profits in the pockets of developers. Many have questioned the thinking behind the government's plan, the way it is being implemented, and the quality of the outcome.

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