



NEWSLETTER

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Important School Diary Dates

2018

Nov	16	Fri	1/2 Drawing incursion
	17	Sat	Working Bee! 1pm – 4pm
	21	Wed	Triathlon 9.15am – 12.00pm
	26	Mon	Education Sub-committee 7.00pm – 8.30pm
	27	Tue	Environment Sub-committee meeting – 7.00pm – 8.30pm
Dec	3	Mon	Rescheduled Whole School Photo 9.30 a.m.
	5	Wed	School Council Meeting 7.00pm – 8.30pm
	11	Tue	Year 7 – 2019 Orientation Day #1 8.30 am – 3.00 pm
	13	Thu	Grade 6 Graduation 6.30pm – 9.30pm
	17	Mon	Art Walk and Picnic Tea
	18	Tue	School Transition Day #2
	20	Thu	5/6 excursion to MSAC
	21	Fri	End of year 1.10 final assembly 1.30 Dismissal

WORKING BEE SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER FROM 1PM TO 4PM

Greetings,

Ready, Set, Go! And finished!

We have concluded our Prep orientation program for the 2019 Preps and parents. Feedback received from parents in the program (even our experienced parents), reported that it was very worthwhile.

Our goal for the Ready-Set-Go! Program is to provide orientation experiences that support a seamless transition from Kinder to Prep for all children and for our new parents to welcome them into our community.

From our observations of the 2019 Prep group, they will be an enthusiastic and energetic group, and already appear Ready to Go! Thank you to: Brooke Lopuszanski (Prep Team Leader and program coordinator); Laura Wandke and Philippa Cole, the 2018 Prep Teachers, for their work in the program; to all staff, and students who contributed to the program and were such a great help across all 3 sessions. Also, thank you to our parent presenters who were able to paint such a vivid picture of the first few days of school, they had plenty of practical tips to make the beginning of school exciting for both parents and preps. It was wonderful to see our soon to be new preps, so excited and confident by the end of the program.

This year we had child psychologist Emma Butler speak during our second parent information session. Emma is a registered clinical psychologist and has 20 years of experience working as a psychologist with young people and their families.

During our Prep Orientation, Emma spoke about a variety of topics which would assist in the transition from kinder to school, such as anxiety in children aged 4-7, emotional regulation strategies and the importance of sleep and physical education.

It was great to listen to her and the discussions that occurred during question time at the end of her presentation. We know that both new and existing parents walked away with some helpful tips and information, to prepare for the 2019 school year.

Student Achievement

Congratulations to a group of three accomplished musicians. Bridget S, Ginger O and Tatjana G, they all successfully passed their preliminary piano exam each with the same result –A ! Well done girls, it is formal recognition of your hard work and plenty of practise. Thank you also to the music instructors and in particular Terry who has tutored them this year.

If you are interested in the Instrumental music program at our school, information about the program is available at the office or you can contact Melody Bell at, *Creative Melody* melody@creativemelody.com.au.

Bizarre Bizarre! Is happening in the 5/6 learning area. Students are working in small groups of their choice, on designing and creating an original product. They have access to a range of materials that they can use to make a number of prototypes. Each group has been given a budget, which they have to keep to (relating to the materials).

Watch this space for further updates as these projects progress from ideas to the reality of a product.

Class Structures and Student Numbers for 2019

The time has come around again (so quickly!). We have been working on our planning for our 2019 student numbers and the possible class structures that might support the best learning and teaching arrangements for all children. At this point in time, we have 377 confirmed enrolments, with 53 new preppies for 2019. With enrolment enquiries on an almost daily basis, the total enrolment number may vary by +5 or -5 at least, before the commencement of the 2019 school year.

Over the last few years, with careful management of the budget and staffing, we were able to include an additional class and had operated with 16 or 17 classes when we really should have had one less. In 2019, with our numbers slightly dropping, we cannot sustain the additional class and will operate with 16 classes.

The confirmed student numbers at the end of February 2019 will determine the amount of human (teachers/staff) and financial resources that we are entitled to in the Student Resource Package from the Department of Education.

I would like to invite parents to submit your thoughts in writing to the school (email school address) by next Thursday close of business day, 15/11/18, on suggested class structures for 2019. Please keep in mind, any models should have lower numbers of children in the Prep, 1 areas and if at all possible, year 2 classes.

If making composite (2 levels in one class arrangement) or multi-age (minimum of 3 levels in one class arrangement) grades, try and make sure there is a reasonable representation of a single level class in that structure. Also, try and balance the gender representation across the class where possible and any structure needs to allow room for growth in case any further enrolments between now and throughout the 2018 school year. Given the strength of collaborative teaching teams and the benefits for the children, try and form 'teams' for each option.

The student numbers may change between now and the start of the 2019 school year and we would have to adjust models accordingly, especially if the Prep numbers were to increase significantly.

Please see the table below for year level and gender breakdown for 2019. I have included the model that the staff has been working on for your interest as well. I look forward to your feedback.

Year level	Male	Female	Total
Prep	26	27	53
Year 1	30	26	56
Year 2	23	24	47
Year 3	32	36	68
Year 4	25	34	59
Year 5	30	22	52
Year 6	20	22	42
TOTAL	186	191	377

2019 class organisation – staff model 1 with 16 home groups

Class 1	Prep x 1	18	
Class 2	Prep x 2	17	
Class 3	Prep x 3	18	53
Class 4	Year 1/2 x 1	25	
Class 5	Year 1/2 x 2	26	
Class 6	Year 1/2 x 3	26	
Class 7	Year 1/2 x 4	26	103
*with additional 0.6 Literacy Support			
Class 8	3/ 4 x 1	25	
Class 9	3/ 4 x 2	25	
Class 10	3/ 4 x 3	26	
Class 11	3/ 4 X 4	25	
Class 12	3/ 4 X 5	26	127
Class 13	5/6 x 1	23	
Class 14	5/6 x 2	23	
Class 15	5/6 x 3	24	
Class 16	5/6 x 4	24	94
TOTAL:			377

Children home group placement 2019

Given the collaborative approach to teaching and learning at our school, students will frequently work alongside a range of other students across home groups. Children often make friends across single or other year levels (e.g. friends in year 3 and 4)

Soon, we will be asking the children to nominate friends they would like to be with in 2019. We will commence the *enormous task* of allocating students to home groups, and team learning areas soon.

If you feel you need to let us know something regarding your child's 2019 placement, please put it in writing, and send to Ross or myself via the school email, by November 15th. Don't forget to talk with your child first, as often parents have requested that their child be put in a class with another child, and we find that the child has nominated completely different friends!

Please note, *I do not consider requests for specific teaching staff*, so please don't ask.

A reminder – hats

It has been great to see so many children remembering to bring their hats for term 4. Sun hats are essential for outside play and PE lessons and should be brought to school every day. They can be kept in bag lockers at school. If children do not have sunhats protection with them at school, they will be directed to play in the shade at recess breaks and will have to sit out of PE lessons. Please support your child's participation at school by ensuring their hat is in the bag or on their heads! Available for \$8.50 at the school office (correct change is appreciated), either before or after school.

Annual end of year "An Evening of the Arts"

This important event and date is for your diaries. Our 'Evening of the Arts' where we combine our 'Art Walk' exhibition of student's work, with a family picnic tea into the one evening. This is always a fun evening and a lovely way to end the year as a school community and acknowledge the children's art work.

How will it work?

1. Commence the Art Walk (certain classrooms will be designated 'galleries') with students, parents and families, invited to tour each learning area to view children's chosen art works. As you wander through, you will have the opportunity to view art works right across the school from all students from Prep to Year 6.
2. Picnic tea time - we will move to our traditional picnic area (the turf area on the Henry Street side of the school) for a picnic tea and the learning areas will remain open for a little while longer to cater for working parents who may not have had the opportunity to get to the earlier viewing times.

Program

Children dismissed from school to go home or to aftercare	3.30pm
Art Walk	5.30pm – 6.30pm
Picnic Tea	6.15pm – 7.30pm

When?

Monday, 17th December (back up date in case of inclement weather: Tuesday, 18th December)

What to bring?

BYO yummy picnic food; drinks for the children; rugs & chairs.

Supervision

To assist with the organisation of the evening, we ask that parents supervise their own children, as teachers will be occupied with the organisation of the Art Walk.

Therefore, for the safety of all, children will not be allowed to attend the evening without parents accompanying children for the entire evening. Children will be dismissed from school at the end of the day to go home and return with parents. Children will not be supervised in the yard after 3.45pm by teachers and therefore should not be there without their parents. Please do not drop children off at school without your attendance at the entire event.

Children at Out of School Hours Program

The program will run as usual and parents are able to pick up children from the program to come over for the picnic tea and Art Walk.

I hope to see you at the traditional end of year event and join together to celebrate our year.

Warm Regards,
Ross
(Acting Principal)

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Prep Brooke – Sam F

Prep Laura – Nada B

Prep Pip – Elvie R W

1/2 Heather – Zoe D

1/2 Linda – Sam F

1/2 Stephanie – Leo P

1/2 Anita – Najm B

1/2 Nicole – Ellie M

3/4 Kate – Zaki M

3/4 Hilary – Escher B

3/4 Mel – Andrew S

3/4 Steven – William S

3/4 Sharif – Myrina R

5/6 Janelle – Edie C

5/6 Natasha – Elvie N

5/6 Penny – Rosie O'L

5/6 Tracy – Diesel St I

Italian Update!

Prep Orientation: I had the pleasure of meeting our new Preps for 2019 on Tuesday morning. We had lots of fun learning about Pinocchio and his friends and then performing Geppetto's Song to the parents! Epico!

The Dante Alighieri Audio state-wide competition: This year we have not received any winners in this competition but The Dante Alighieri Society have very generously donated \$ 100 to the Italian Department in recognition of the outstanding achievement of our students work. I will be discussing with our 9 students Edie C, Lily P, Olivia R, Elinor H, Audrey H, Charlie M, Mikayla J, Nonie M and Alannah S on how we can best spend this money to benefit our students. Well done with your entry! Signorina is very proud of your achievements!

Don't forget...The SBS National Languages Competition closes this Sunday night: To enter, students are required to upload a photo or drawing on the theme 'What amazing possibilities learning a language opens for you'. We have discussed this in Italian classes and some students have already uploaded their entry. More details about the competition are on: www.sbs.com.au/nlc18.

Congratulations again to all those students particularly in Years 3 to 6, who have entered two or more state wide competitions and one nationwide competition for Italian. Many lunchtimes were spent in the Downtown area conferencing and working hard on perfecting posters and audios! A truly amazing effort with so many other things that are happening this second semester! Ottimo lavoro a tutti!

Until next time, thank you for your continuing support,

Saluti (cheers), Signorina Rosa- Italian Coordinator and Teacher (Year 3 to 6) Mon/Tue

NPS Parent Artist Group

Are you a NPS parent/carer involved in the arts? The Parent Artist Group (PAG) is looking for new members to come and join us.

We are a group of parents working in all areas of the arts who aim to provide support and share our expertise with the staff and children at Northcote Primary School. For example, our members have run classroom workshops (music, dance, drama, singing, writing, instrument making), helped with the school production, supported teachers in arts related projects and much more.

We are a friendly group of people and welcome new members. We don't have regular meetings, and it is up to each member as to how involved they are. Perfect for busy people!

If you would like to join us or find out more, please contact the convenor of the group, Andrea Simpson (parent to Finn SH 1/2 and Leo SH in Prep) on andrea@andreasimpson.com or 0416 077 965.

Graduation tickets on sale now!

Dear Families,

TryBooking is now open for the purchase of graduation tickets. The close of date is 29 November 2018 at 11.30pm. Please note this date has changed since the last information emailed to parents, to enable more time for tickets to be purchased.

For those families who requested extra tickets, your request has been approved. Purchase all tickets in one transaction to avoid additional fees.

Please ensure you purchase all tickets in the graduating student's family name. This is important.

All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. If this is problematic, you must e-mail Natasha if you have made an alternate arrangement with another supervising adult.

thomson.natasha.l@edumail.vic.gov.au ('l' for lemon)

You can copy and paste either of the URLs below to take you straight to the Try Booking website.

<https://www.trybooking.com/ZEVA>

<https://www.trybooking.com/442650>

Thanks,

Your 2018 Graduation Committee

Chess Club!

The kids involved with the new Chess Club have had a blast over the past few weeks! They have been learning new strategies and playing lots of chess matches with each other. These photos wonderfully capture the fun this group has been having on Wednesday afternoons!





NORTHCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE

SATURDAY MARCH 2
10am - 4pm

Fete Newsletter 3

Here's the latest on the 2019 fete. If you would like to help out too, please contact those listed below, or send an email to npsfete@gmail.com.

Helen's Harvest

The 2019 Fete might feel like it's a long way away, but you can help now by making jams and chutneys in advance. There are thousands of recipes online, but here's a one to get you started. Don't forget to label your creations, including ingredients. Keep an eye out for more recipes in coming newsletters.

Easy Apricot Jam!

1 kilogram apricots
1/2 cup water
1/4 cup lemon juice
1 kilogram sugar
1tsp vanilla paste (optional)



- Halve apricots and remove stones.
- Combine apricots, water and lemon juice in large saucepan or boiler. Bring to the boil, reduce heat, simmer, covered, 15 minutes, or until apricots are tender.
- Add sugar, stir constantly over heat, without boiling, until sugar is dissolved. Bring to the boil and boil, uncovered, without stirring, 30 minutes, or until jam will gel when tested on a cold saucer.
- Stir occasionally towards end of cooking to make sure jam is not sticking. Stand 5 minutes before pouring into hot, sterilised jars. Seal when cold.

Want to know more? Contact Kylie Chong (Edie, Grade 5) - kylieichong@gmail.com

Plant Stall

In 2019 the Plant Stall will have a new coordinator – Mark Gillingham (Lucas, Grade 4, and Alice, Grade 2). Thanks to Mark for taking on this role.

Next year the plant stall will have plenty of native plants, veggies, herbs, houseplants and succulents to choose from.

If you want to help we would love to hear from you, we have many roles. You could be a plant seller, a plant grower, a plant collector (from our suppliers), or a plant arranger.

Now is the perfect time to think about collecting old teacups and taking cuttings from your favourite houseplants or succulents. If you start now they will be perfect in time for the fete.



Second-hand Donations

Donna Cassidy is collecting for the second-hand stalls at the fete.

We would love donations of good quality books, toys, bric-a-brac, clothes and small furniture (no electrical items).

Call or email Donna to arrange to drop off your goods.

Dcassidy3070@gmail.com Mob: 0458 320 214

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Throughout school holidays, Talaria Podiatrists of Thornbury will be conducting FREE foot screenings for children before they go back to school and kindergarten.

What is included in your child's foot screening?

1. Shoe fit checks - Please bring along their everyday school shoes and sport shoes.
2. Bio-mechanical screening -To look for any abnormalities in the way the feet and legs move during gait.
3. General children's foot health – Family history, muscle strength, joint flexibility, and posture assessment.

Book your free children's foot health check if you think your child may be struggling with:

- Flat feet
- Rolling in
- Balance, tripping or poor coordination
- Foot pain
- Toe walking
- Pigeon toe
- Knock knees or bow legs
- Growing pains in legs



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Join the adventure



2nd Clifton Hill Joey Mob

Is your child looking for fun and adventure? We are looking for boys and girls, ages 5-7, to join our new Joey Mob!

Meeting time: 5:15-6:15pm Tuesdays

Interested?

Please contact: Carrie Thomas,
Group Leader, gl.2ndcliftonhill@scoutsvictoria.com.au or 0427 095 593

