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# Northcote Primary School Newsletter

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*Collaborative Learning in a Community that Cares*

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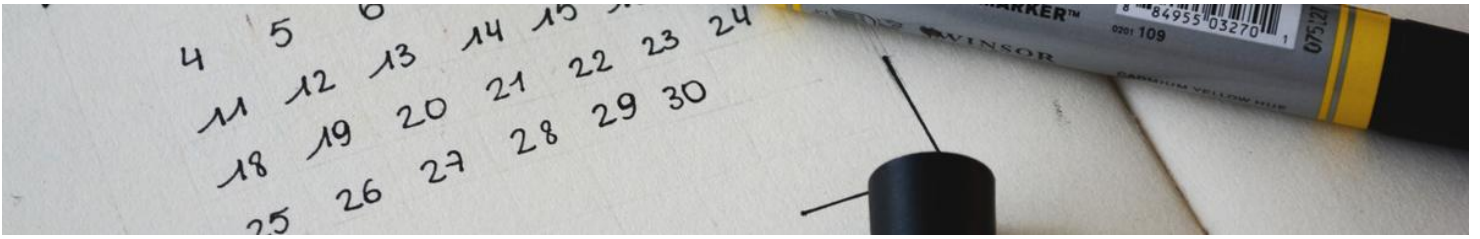
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# Dates to Remember

## Just a little reminder

Our school gates are unlocked at 8.45am each morning to allow students to enter.

The yard is not supervised before this time.

Students can enter classrooms from 8.50am each day. The gates are locked again at 9.00am when the bell goes. The gates are unlocked again at 3.20pm and are locked by 3.45pm.

## Term 4

- Mondays Assembly 9.10am
- Tuesday 28th November 9.15 - 10.15am - 2nd Prep 2024 Orientation session
- Tuesday 5th December 9.15 - 10.15am - 3rd Prep 2024 Orientation session  
Parent's *Invited for Information session.*
- December 2nd - Working Bee 12 - 3pm
- Monday 4th December - End of Year Picnic
- Friday 8th December - The student's Music Concert, 1.30- 2.30pm
- Sunday 10th December - World Human Rights Day
- Wednesday 13th December - Year 6 Graduation at Welcome to Thornbury
- Reports will go live to parents via Compass on Friday the 15th of December.
- Wednesday 20th December - Final day of Term 4 - **Assembly at 9am.**
- Wednesday 20th December - **Early dismissal 1.30pm**

# 2024

**Term 1 begins Tuesday 30th January 2024**

- Saturday 2nd March - Working Bee 12 - 3pm
- Saturday 16th March - NPS Fete
- Tuesday 19th March - Athletics Day (Back update Tuesday 26th March)
- Thursday 6 June - Parents Battle of the Bands at The Croxton Band room.

## School Council and Sub Committee dates

Wednesday 22nd November      online - Education Sub Committee meeting

Wednesday 29th November      6pm - Community Sub Committee meeting  
7pm - Environment Sub Committee meeting

Monday 11th December          6pm - Finance Sub Committee meeting

Monday 11th December          7pm - School Council meeting



# Greetings from Shaun

## Code Camp- Summer Holidays activities

An exciting new extra-curricular activity is available at Northcote Primary School, embark on a coding adventure over the summer break with Code Camp! The Northcote Primary School Council are currently finalising an agreement with Code Camp to run an after school (during the term) and a holiday program for interested individuals.

There will be Code Camp workshops running over these summer holidays, based here at Northcote Primary. This would be a great opportunity for our students to gauge their interest in coding and whether they may want to join regular out of school hours workshops which will be held in 2024 starting in Term 1.

Code Camp is designed to ignite the passion for programming, and invites students to delve into the world of coding, fostering a dynamic learning environment where creativity meets technology. Students will explore various programming languages, engage in hands-on projects and collaborate with like minded peers. Whether your budding tech entrepreneur is a novice or an experienced programmer, code camp promises an enriching experience that goes beyond the classroom, empowering students with the essential skills for the digital age.

Please find more information in the Code Camp Flyer in this issue of the newsletter.

## Northcote High School visits

The Northcote High School Band did the long march up St Georges Rd with their instruments to put on a wonderful performance for our students in the hall last Tuesday. It was a very special performance, a highlight was the Lion King Medley

that incited the hall erupting with singing and choreography from our 2024 School Production. There were quite a number of our past students in the band, who seemed quite proud of their connection to Northcote Primary and their familiarity and connection with our current students.

We also had a group of Northcote High year 7 students visit our year 6's to chat about their transition to high school this week and discuss what to expect, the things that can sometimes be challenging and tricky to navigate and the big one - the what to look forward to!

It is great to witness the continuing partnership between Northcote High School and Northcote Primary School with these shared events.

## End of Year Picnic

Our end of year picnic is fast approaching - Monday 4th December! We hope to see as many families coming together to 'exhale' and enjoy the company of other families, before we forge into the mayhem that is Christmas cheer!

Our community sub committee has organised sushi for the evening, if you are feeling a little too busy to organise your own BYO picnic, this can be purchased via Compass Canteen. If you have any trouble ordering, please be sure to speak to our lovely office staff for assistance.

## Cyber safety for our students

As we continue to navigate the cyber frontier, please remember to be vigilant and closely monitor what your child is accessing on devices at home and who they are interacting with. Online Safety is a shared responsibility, and while we will continue to do our bit in educating our students and encouraging responsible digital behaviour, we need your help and your support with this at home. To help you out, we have a whole range of tips and tricks on our school website which you can access at anytime. I would particularly like to draw your attention to the guides around whether your child is old enough for various apps and websites. As a general rule, although harsh, the simple answer is no, primary age children should not be on most apps. For more information check out the website:

Menu > Wellbeing and Engagement > Cyber Safety

<https://northcoteps.vic.edu.au/wellbeing-and-engagement#cyber>

As part of our shared responsibility to keep our students safe at school and at home we are launching a new regular post in our newsletter around cyber and online safety. Please be sure to look at our first edition in this issue of the newsletter.

## Tea Towel fundraisers

Thank you to Amy for encouraging our budding artists to create their self portraits, for this amazing fundraiser and I know many, including myself were very impressed with the final products, they look fantastic! I'm sure they will make great practical Christmas gifts and keepsakes for many families.

A reminder that Icy pole Friday's are back and will continue every Friday afternoon, after school, till the end of the year, canteenside!

## Class Structure for 2024

As you will be aware, we are currently in the middle of planning for 2024 and so I thought now would be a good time to give you an update on the class structure we are predicting for next year. Based on the current projections of student numbers and movements, we are planning for 14 classes across the school and the class structure is likely to remain unchanged. This means that we will have two straight Prep classes, and then continue with our multi-age composite classes in Grade 1/2 and Grade 3/4 and 5/6 with four classes at each level.

We will also maintain our current Specialist program of Art, Music, PE and Italian. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding around this.

## Prep Transition

Our Prep transition sessions are currently in full swing. These sessions have been incredibly successful, with our newest little community members settling in quickly and definitely showing lots of excitement about becoming a part of our wonderful school. Tuesday will be our next session, running from 9:15 am to 10:15 am in the Prep classrooms. This Tuesday's session will also be an opportunity for prep parents to join us and other families for an informal chat and 'cuppa' in the hall.

Our final session is scheduled for Tuesday the 5th of December. This last session will allow our junior recruits to spend some time with their new classroom teacher and their 2024 classmates. With many new families joining our community, please make sure to say hello if you see a new family in the yard and welcome them to our amazing community.

## Prep and 5/6 Swimming

Our swimming program for Preps and Grade 5/6's has now finished up and I'd like to thank all the parents who generously donated their time to supporting our swimming program. I'd also like to acknowledge the efforts of all our teachers who made the transition from school to pool look seamless!

## Working Bee- Saturday 2nd December

Please put December the 2nd in your calendar for the final Working Bee for the year. We are concentrating on the area surrounding the Top Turf and the OSH yard this time around. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Take Care,

Shaun.



# 3/4 Camp to Phillip Island

## Phillip Island

Last week the 3/4s went to Phillip island Adventure Resort . We did lots of fun activities like canoeing, flying fox and camp cooking. We saw Koalas and went to the beach . The cabins were really nice and we kept them very clean. We saw penguins and had a movie night. We all loved dance class , we learnt a routine to dance the night away. THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARENT VOLUNTEERS AND TEACHERS WHO HELPED AT CAMP!!!!!!!!!!!!

Peyton & Georgia

Last week the 3/4s went to Phillip Island adventure resort. It was really fun, and it included a variety of games and activities including canoeing, giant swing and flying fox. Our favourite thing was canoeing where we canoed around the lake. Special thanks to all the teachers, parent helpers and all the staff on camp.

Jack and Felix W

Last week we went to Phillip Island camp. We stayed for three days and two nights. We had so many fun activities and lots of yummy foods. One of the activities was



canoeing, which was sooo fun! Then there was the giant swing, AND EVEN THE TEACHERS WENT ON!!! AND SHAUN! Then we also went to a koala centre. We also did camp cooking, and flying fox.

Sylvie, Eira and Immi

Hello if you didn't know last week the 3/4s went to the phillip island adventure camp. Everyone had an amazing time, here are some of the highlights were: The giant swing was so cool. It goes super high! At the top it's pretty scary. The penguins were ridiculously cute. We got up close with them on the boardwalk! The food was super yummy compliments to the chef! Thank you so much parent helpers and teachers for making it a camp to remember!

Tig and Eve

A huge shout out of thanks to all the parent volunteers who gave up their time to come and support our 3/4 cohort in having lots of fun.

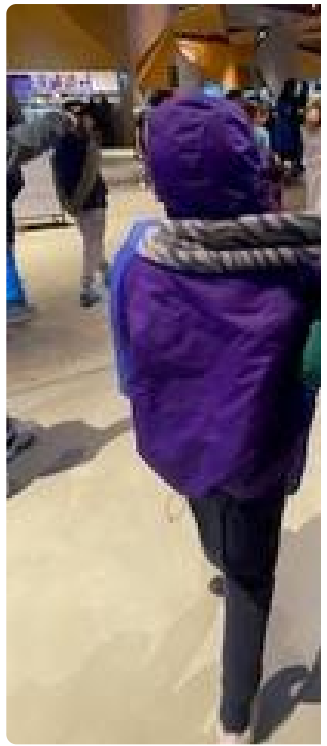
We also want to thank our wonderful and dedicated 3/4 teachers who dug deep to make sure that this camp was both memorable and exciting for all students.....here are a few of the highlights and there were many!























# What's been happening in Art for our Preps

Over the past few weeks, our preps have been exploring the world of abstract art. They have been using their imagination and creativity to produce some truly impressive and unique creations. Abstract art allows children to let their imagination run wild, working with shapes, colours, and textures to express their emotions and ideas. Then drawing inspiration from Peter Diem they combined abstract with real to create colourful and textured cow paintings which look incredible. They should all be very proud of their masterpieces.









# Italian Update Week 8 - more to celebrate!!

 **Italian Update!**  
 (Over a 1000+ participants)

 **SANTE AGNES-SCOTTI MIDDLEBURY Primary Competition 2023**  
**In Hands of Mars - At the Bottom of the Sea**

Northside Primary school had 81 students who remarkably entered this year's state-wide competition.

Well done to our 3 state-wide winners, the SUPER STUDENT!

 **Congratulations again to:**  
 Cassie - Foundation Third Prize, Maddie and Ella in Year 3 with 1st and 2nd Place.

 **Congratulations to Maddie in Year 3 who also received The Teacher's Choice Award!**

Our three students were formally presented with their trophy at the University of Middlesex on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> of November. I was so very proud of our students who represented our school so proudly!

 Our three students showed their trophy and medal at our school assembly on Monday. The smiles on their faces said it all! Our super staff!

A big THANK to the parents and siblings of the students who attended the awards afternoon. It was a pleasure meeting you all.

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS also to all our 80 students for their outstanding result! Superstar to extremely proud of your creative work and achievement! Our compass!

During next Monday morning assembly the 27<sup>th</sup> of November, we will be presenting all certificates and prizes to our students.

**But wait there's more!**

The Italian News is back, Sunday, November 26, 2023, at The Royal Exhibition Building and Museum Place between 10:00 am - 4:00pm - Free Entry.

For more details: [www.italianfestival.com.au](http://www.italianfestival.com.au)



If you have any queries regarding the Italian Program, particularly for Foundation, Year 3/4/5 and Year 5/6, please don't hesitate to contact me at the school or drop in directly after school for a chat or to make an appointment.

Still not sure, please make (more) thanks for your continuing support!

With love from: Foundation, Year 3/4/5 and Year 5/6, (Marta)!



## End of Year Picnic Monday 4th December from 5pm to 7pm

The end of year picnic is fast approaching!

This is a great opportunity to meet or reconnect with other families, and for the kids to play around the school grounds. Bring a picnic rug, drinks, and a picnic, or order sushi for collection from the canteen on the night.

There will also be Lucky Lips ice creams for sale – fresh fruit ice-creams made to order; \$6 each (cash or card).

We will have juice boxes for sale for \$1 each at the canteen.

If you would like to order sushi, please order using Compass by 27 November order close at 4pm.

Sushi rolls are \$6.50 for a pair. (We are not selling single rolls – pairs only).

There are 5 options available to choose from

Teriyaki Chicken (GF, DF, EF)

Crispy chicken (DF)

Cooked tuna (GF, DF)

Avocado (V, GF, DF, EF)

Tofu & veg (V, GF, DF, EF)

Ordering Sushi on Compass (select “Canteen” > select one of your children > select 28 November (ie date orders close) > select the flavours you’d like.

We need volunteers to help with distributing the sushi on the night – the more the merrier (many hands really will make light work!) If you can volunteer for one hour between 3.30-7pm, please let Mish know: [misha.leembruggen@gmail.com](mailto:misha.leembruggen@gmail.com)

Looking forward to seeing you all there!



# Italian Day Thursday 30th November

ITALIAN DAY – WEEK 9 THURSDAY 30th NOVEMBER



Dear families,

The children are getting very excited about Italian Day coming up soon when we will have a celebration of all things Italian.

It is **Thursday 30th November – week 9**. Please put the date in your calendar and look out for notices on Compass for further information.

The children will receive a piece of Margherita pizza and a gelato each. Gelato flavour choice will be lemon or chocolate. (limone or cioccolato).

We will all have a dress up day - staff and students; so get those thinking caps on. Some ideas are: Italian personality, soccer player, landmarks, Pinocchio, Geppetto or even a pizza!

An easy option is to just wear something red, white and green.

Any questions please just ask me.

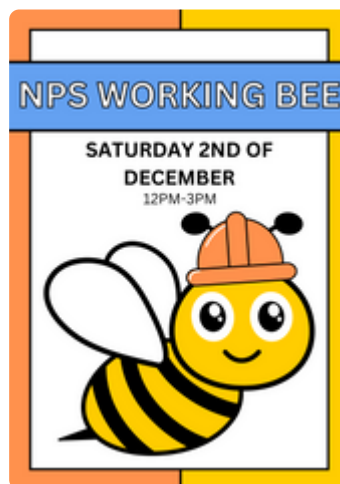
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Gaynor

Signorina Elisa



NPS Working Bee....lettuce bee!







# NPS Music Program and Concert



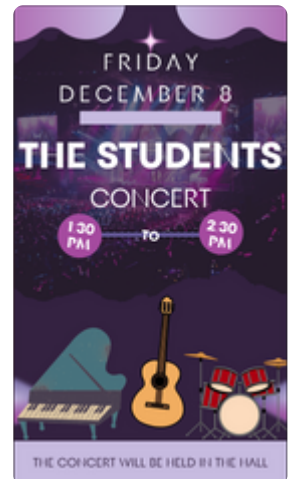
The Instrumental Music Program is back in 2024 with

enrolments now open!

Please contact Jordie Gilmore who is the program co-ordinator.

Please follow the link below which will direct you to the online form:

[NPS Instrumental Music Program 2024 Enrolment Form](#)





# Do you know what your children are doing online?

## Do you know what your children are doing online?

Over these past years, the number of online apps and games featuring children has grown exponentially. With this, schools are facing a dramatic increase in the number of concerns associated with inappropriate behavior and language online. Quite often, these negative online chat interactions result in cyberbullying.

Inappropriate social media use is an area that is out of the school's control however as it is assessed outside of school. We will continue to educate and inform students and will provide a range of support for families to support everyone's safety online. The government website [www.gov.uk/cyberbullying](http://www.gov.uk/cyberbullying) provides useful information and support to families. For example here is the information they provide regarding Cyberbullying.

Cyberbullying is when someone uses the internet to be mean to a child or young person so they feel bad or upset. [www.gov.uk/cyberbullying](http://www.gov.uk/cyberbullying) helps prevent and deal with cyberbullying and its impacts. We do this by providing information, education and resources, and by investigating and helping to fix the most serious cases of cyberbullying.

There are some examples of ways the internet can be used to make someone feel bad or upset:

- Sending hurtful messages about them.
- Sharing embarrassing photos or videos of them.
- Spreading nasty online gossip about them.
- Liking them out online.
- Creating fake accounts in their name.
- Tricking them into believing you are someone else.

## What you can do

If someone is being really mean online, first of all it's a good idea to:

- **Tell a trusted adult** and ask them to help you - you could show them this page about [cyberbullying](http://www.gov.uk/cyberbullying).
- **Change the settings** on your device or online account so you don't see or hear messages, posts or comments from the person who was mean - find out how in [The Safety Guide](http://www.gov.uk/cyberbullying).

If you meet cyberbullying material removed:

- **Report it** to the social media site, gaming site or other app that was used to send, post or share the harmful content this can be the fastest way to get it removed - find reporting links for most sites, games and apps in [The Safety Guide](http://www.gov.uk/cyberbullying).
- **Check out tips** about how to take care of yourself [www.gov.uk/cyberbullying](http://www.gov.uk/cyberbullying).

**If the site, game or app does not help you within 48 hours**, and the cyberbullying is serious enough, [www.gov.uk/cyberbullying](http://www.gov.uk/cyberbullying) can ask them to remove the harmful content.



# Berry St - Online Parenting Seminar - Anxiety

**Caregiver Triple P Fear Less Parenting Seminar**  
A free online seminar open to caregivers who reside in the Home and Northern local government areas.

Four face Triple P experts give you a toolbox of strategies for managing children's anxiety, designed to suit the completion of children aged from 4 to 10 years.

This program is for parents who would like to learn strategies they can put in place to support the wellbeing of children and the family.

**The seminar topics covered include:**

- Understanding how anxiety works,
- Role modelling effective ways of managing anxiety,
- Becoming effective emotion coaches,
- Understanding and teaching the value of flexible thinking,
- Using constructive coping.

**Examples of what anxiety can look like:**

- Excessive clinging
- Trouble sleeping
- Difficulty handling emotions,
- Waking scared or hearing the sound
- Feeding fussy or overrestrained,
- Aches and pains

**How to book:**  
Email your name and phone number to: [triplep@hca.govt.nz](mailto:triplep@hca.govt.nz)  
Alternatively, call 011 8451 4100 and request to speak with Triple P Booking.  
Enquiries will be accepted until Thursday 7th December 2023.

**Date:** Monday 18th December 2023  
**Location:** Online via zoom  
**Time:** 7.30am - 9.30am

All Caregivers who attend will receive a healthy home pack!





# Fundraising at NPS



## SUSHI ORDERS FOR END OF YEAR PICNIC

NPS 'End of Year Picnic' is a great opportunity to meet or reconnect with the school community, and for the kids to have a play. Bring a rug, drinks, a picnic dinner, or order sushi and collect from the canteen on the night.

Don't forget to order sushi before 28 November.  
Sushi rolls are \$6.50 (x2 two rolls). No single rolls.

There are 5 options available:

- Teriyaki Chicken
- Crispy chicken
- Cooked tuna
- Avocado
- Tofu & veg

You can order sushi on Compass (select 'canteen' > select one of your children > select 28 November (i.e., date orders close) > select the filling you'd like - remember they come as two rolls per order




## PARENT HELPERS END OF YEAR PICNIC

We need volunteers to help with distributing sushi on the night - the more the merrier - and shifts are short:

- \* 3:30 - 5pm - set up
- \* 5:00 - 6pm - handing out
- \* 6:00 - 6.30pm - handing out/pack up

If you can help, please email Mish:  
[misha.leembruggen@gmail.com](mailto:misha.leembruggen@gmail.com)



## EVENTS & FUNDRAISING INFO NIGHT

Calling all parents from NPS!  
We're heading over to Welcome  
to Thornbury to have a drink  
and chat about 2024!

If you're keen on mingling with  
new parents and getting more  
involved with the school, then  
pop on over and say hello!

WEDNESDAY 29 NOV 7:30 PM @  
WELCOME TO THORNBURY

LUCY 0403 668 669  
[LUCYCSINCLAIR@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:LUCYCSINCLAIR@HOTMAIL.COM)

## THANK YOU FOR FILLING OUT THE FUNDRAISER AND EVENTS SURVEY!

### What you love:



Supporting  
NPS  
financially!



Being part of  
the school  
community!



Meeting other  
parents



Small &  
larger  
fundraisers

### You had some great

#### ideas:



Music/dancing at  
trivia - DONE! We  
had The Nits



Host elections -  
DONE. We had  
a democracy  
sausage sizzle.



Fundraising &  
events  
calendar -  
we're working  
on it!

Smaller fundraisers for each year  
level to manage - great idea!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2024?

### SMALLER FUNDRAISERS

- Icy Poles Prep - T1&T4
- Tea Towels Gr1/2 - T4
- Mangoes Gr3/4 - T4
- Most of the legwork has been done
- Work with the school to set up a fundraiser
- Coordinate with supplier to place orders

### LARGER EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

- Fete - Sat 16 Mar - T1
- NPS 150-year Anniversary - T1 celebrations (Opened 4 May 1874)
- Trivia Night - T3 or T4

IF WE DON'T GET MORE PARENT HELPERS,  
WE WILL HAVE TO CUT BACK ON THE FUN IN 2024



# School Holidays Code Camp

**CODECAMP** **Trolls**  
**Holiday Camps on sale now!**

**NEW** Learn to code with DreamWorks Trolls

Plus! YouTube Creators • Coding • DJ • Roblox • Animation • Design  
Minions • Jurassic World • Robotics • AI Camp • Minecraft • Drones

23 - 25 January 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Northcote Primary School

[www.codecamp.com.au/northcote](http://www.codecamp.com.au/northcote)

**SAVE \$25** Use coupon code **SCHOOL25** at checkout



# NPS is starting to prepare for our 2024 Fete

Hello NPS families!

With only 6 weeks until end of Term 4, I wanted check in to let you know **2024 Fete planning is well underway!** Yep . . . I'm Fete Bossing again! 🙄 😊

Some really great feedback was received from our last successful fete, but please do keep sending through any new ideas / suggestions.

Fete 2024 / 20th Year Anniversary Update																																																											
<b>Date:</b>	Saturday 20 March 2024																																																										
<b>Summary:</b>	Events & our 21st year fund raise (helping to build the new library and end of term): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Friday evening (5.00-8.00)</li><li>• Friday afternoon (3.30-5.45pm)</li></ul> Start working through your spring / pre-Christmas clear out as we're looking for your donations of shoes, quality women's, men's & children's clothing / shoes / books / toys / games / puzzles / baby clothes / baby, toddlers etc. Unfortunately we're unable to accept electrical goods, paints, car seats or patio sets.																																																										
<b>Staff leads / support team:</b>	PLEASE (thanks to our volunteer leads listed below already signed up again for 2024) These roles not yet confirmed 'either way' - please about me a text / message! 📞  We still need the following roles, so please reach out for more info: <table border="1"><tr><td>Event Designer / Shared</td><td>100-110</td><td>Event Designer / Shared</td><td>100-110</td><td>Event Designer / Shared</td><td>100-110</td><td>Event Designer / Shared</td><td>100-110</td><td>Event Designer / Shared</td><td>100-110</td></tr><tr><td>Event Designer / Support</td><td>100-110</td><td>Event Designer / Support</td><td>100-110</td><td>Event Designer / Support</td><td>100-110</td><td>Event Designer / Support</td><td>100-110</td><td>Event Designer / Support</td><td>100-110</td></tr><tr><td>Event Designer / Support</td><td>100-110</td><td>Event Designer / Support</td><td>100-110</td><td>Event Designer / Support</td><td>100-110</td><td>Event Designer / Support</td><td>100-110</td><td>Event Designer / Support</td><td>100-110</td></tr><tr><td>Event Designer / Support</td><td>100-110</td><td>Event Designer / Support</td><td>100-110</td><td>Event Designer / Support</td><td>100-110</td><td>Event Designer / Support</td><td>100-110</td><td>Event Designer / Support</td><td>100-110</td></tr><tr><td>Event Designer / Support</td><td>100-110</td><td>Event Designer / Support</td><td>100-110</td><td>Event Designer / Support</td><td>100-110</td><td>Event Designer / Support</td><td>100-110</td><td>Event Designer / Support</td><td>100-110</td></tr></table>									Event Designer / Shared	100-110	Event Designer / Shared	100-110	Event Designer / Shared	100-110	Event Designer / Shared	100-110	Event Designer / Shared	100-110	Event Designer / Support	100-110	Event Designer / Support	100-110	Event Designer / Support	100-110	Event Designer / Support	100-110	Event Designer / Support	100-110	Event Designer / Support	100-110	Event Designer / Support	100-110	Event Designer / Support	100-110	Event Designer / Support	100-110	Event Designer / Support	100-110	Event Designer / Support	100-110	Event Designer / Support	100-110	Event Designer / Support	100-110	Event Designer / Support	100-110	Event Designer / Support	100-110	Event Designer / Support	100-110	Event Designer / Support	100-110	Event Designer / Support	100-110	Event Designer / Support	100-110	Event Designer / Support	100-110
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<b>Auction items:</b>	If you'd also be happy to help with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Business cards</li><li>• Bilingual / Multilingual parents</li><li>• All kinds of things that may be seen to donate services, products etc</li></ul>																																																										
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# Fete 2024 Helen's Harvest

THE NPS FETE JAM STALL IS HAPPENING AGAIN.

## HELEN'S HARVEST

IN JAM WE TRUST.

**How you can help**

- 1** Jam, pickles, preserves, sauce, relish, or cordial.
- 2** Clean jars or bottles without labels
- 3** Fruit or vegetables: frozen, fresh, wholesale or from your garden
- 4** Sugar or vinegar, any kind

Leave donations at the front desk or front step of 24 Helen Street, Northcote. For more info call Crews 0415 831 605.





# Sun smart- Please pack your hats!

## **SunSmart**

***Don't forget to pack your hat!***

***This is a reminder to all families that all students are expected to wear a sun hat during any outdoor activities at school. A wide brimmed hat or a legionnaires hat are the only type to be worn. Beanies and caps are not sun smart and should not be worn.***

Please remember to apply your sunscreen at the start of each day and wear your hat!

**No hat means restricted play in the shade.**

We have NPS hats available to purchase **online** or **in store** from **Noone Ivanhoe, 283 Lower Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe East VIC 3079.**

**AVAILABLE INSTORE** - Reversible Bucket Hats, UPF Protection 50+ ( Sunsmart approved & made from sustainable materials )

House Colours - \$17.50 each Navy/GreenNavy/RedNavy/RoyalNavy/Gold

Phone: (03) 9499 1439

<https://www.noone.com.au/school/northcote-primary-school/stores>

For more information, please refer to our Sun Protection policy located on our [website](#)

# UV Index

Tap or click the button below to check the daily UV index, or download the SunSmart app [here](#)



# Pupil of the week Term 4

2023

A gentle reminder that there is no Assembly on Monday 13th November.

## Week 7

Prep Natalie	Ralph A
Prep Olivia	Minh N
Prep Meg	Theo K
Grade 1/2 Sharif	-----
Grade 1/2 Brigitte	Emily V
Grade 1/2 Sam	-----
Grade 1/2 Stephanie	Maya D
Grade 3/4 Matt	All 3/4 Campers
Grade 3/4 Nick	All 3/4 Campers
Grade 3/4 Kate	All 3/4 Campers

Grade 3/4 Eleanor	All 3/4 Campers
Grade 5/6 Steve	Uma N
Grade 5/6 Izzy	Minh A
Grade 5/6 Declan	Eva S
Grade 5/6 Luke	Luc I

### **Week 8**

Prep Natalie	Gem B
Prep Olivia	Albie C
Prep Meg	Margot H
Grade 1/2 Sharif	Cillian W
Grade 1/2 Brigitte	Matlida N
Grade 1/2 Sam	Declan G
Grade 1/2 Stephanie	Ruby R
Grade 3/4 Matt	Eli C
Grade 3/4 Nick	Ollie B
Grade 3/4 Kate	Angus C
Grade 3/4 Eleanor	Alejandro I
Grade 5/6 Steve	Tahlia B
Grade 5/6 Izzy	Lyra G
Grade 5/6 Declan	Taleen N
Grade 5/6 Luke	Nahzi T

**To be celebrated at assembly on Monday 27th November.**



# OSH Club

## OSH Club Information

<https://www.oshclub.com.au/vic/northcote-primary-school/>

 northcote-primary-OSHC.pdf





# Our Proud Sponsor



## Northcote Primary School is proudly sponsored by Jellis Craig Inner North.

Jellis Craig will donate \$500 sales commission or \$350 rental fee to Northcote Primary School when a family or staff member appoints a Jellis Craig Inner North Agent to sell or lease their home throughout 2023. Please Mention you are part of our NPS village to ensure our school receives these generous donations.

# Jellis Craig



**Northcote**  
Primary School

The ....

**Friendly Moving Men**

... have done it again!

Let's show the FMIM team our community appreciation for their ongoing annual commitment to NPS & surrounding schools throughout the 2023 Spring / 2024 Summer Fetes season. 🍷

Book them in for all your big moving truck needs via <https://friendlymovingmen.com.au/melbourne>

**Jellis  
Craig**

Northcote Primary School is proudly sponsored throughout 2023 by Jellis Craig Inner North

Jellis Craig will donate \$250 value contribution in 2023 to Northcote Primary School  
which includes an staff member support in Jellis Craig Inner North Area to staff for their time throughout 2023.  
These contributions are part of our CSR efforts to support our school and wider community.



# THE BUSINESS END OF SCHOOL LIFE

THE FOLLOWING ARE REPEATED INFORMATION ITEMS, WHICH CAN BE REFERRED BACK TO BY OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY WHEN NECESSARY

## Parent Payments

Attached is a copy of the Parent Payment Arrangement has been approved by the school council on Wednesday 22 of February 2023, for Curriculum Contributions for student use for the 2023 School Year.

The cost for 2023 Parent Payment Arrangement is \$250.00

In the newsletter section compass information, you will find attached a copy of the Compass Pay Parent Guide on how to make payments via Compass.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school's office should you have any concerns.

Kind Regards

Caterina Carnovale  
Business Manager

 Parent Payment Arrangement 2023 PPA.pdf

## **Compass Pay for all school payments - Compass Pay at Northcote Primary School.**

Compass Pay provides a more consistent approach to parent consent and payments of activities for students and confirm the student's medical requirements through the compass app.

Northcote Primary School has a streamline approach to the collection of payments for Camps, Excursions, Incursions, and the annual Parent Payment Arrangement, and fundraising activities.

This option allows parents/caregivers the opportunity to have all the information on one platform the Compass Parent App.

Cash, EFT and B-pay are available as options, the preferred method of payment is Compass.

Compass creates efficiency for teachers and the office staff where immediately we will be able to see if parents/caregivers have consented and paid for the activity. Parents will receive a push notification from Compass when an activity has been created.

We have attached a copy of the Compass flyer on how to consent and pay for events.

# Compass Attendance

This is a gentle reminder to parents/carers, about the importance of logging student absences on Compass prior to the school day commencing. This is a Department of Education requirement.

If your child is absent from school or is going to be absent in the future (for example a planned family holiday), it is important that this absence is logged via Compass.

Attached is a parent guide to using compass.

 Parent-guide-Compass.pdf

# CSEF: Camps, Sports and Excursions Funds



# Important Information



Our school gates are unlocked at 8.45am each morning to allow students to enter, the yard is not supervised before this time. Students can enter classrooms from 8.45am each day. The gates are again locked at 9.00am when the bell goes. The gates are unlocked again at 3.20pm and are locked by 3.45pm.

### **Helmets**

When riding a bike or scooter to or from school, all students **MUST** wear a helmet at all times.

### **Bikes and Scooters**

Helmets must be worn on the way to and from school. Bikes and scooters must also be **WALKED** (not ridden) once inside the school.

*Please note: bike and scooter storage is not completely secure. Unauthorised access via the external fences has occurred in the past. We highly recommend the use of a personal bike/scooter lock to avoid theft. The school takes no responsibility for the loss or damage of equipment stored on site.*

### **Kiss and Go**

Just a reminder to families that the Kiss & Go zone is a short-term stopping area where drivers are allowed to stop and park the vehicle for a **short time** – no longer than two minutes – while the student exits or enters the vehicle from the curbside doors. This enables students to walk between the car and the school, using the safety of the footpath.

### **Ball games before and after school**

To ensure everyone feels safe during the busy mornings and afternoons, ball games are not permitted during these times.

## **Classroom Cuisine 2023**

This is the current lunch menu from Classroom Cuisine. Lunch orders are delivered to NPS everyday, with the exception Tuesdays.

For our new families please note that this is an external lunch provider, all lunches are ordered online and orders should be placed by 8.30am.

Please Note: The "Canteen" function on Compass is not to order lunches, it is used primarily for our fundraisers.



## Late Arrivals & Early Departures

If your child is late or you are collecting them early it is **essential** you do so through the front office. **All Students must be signed in and out** via the Compass Kiosk at the front desk.

For late arrivals a paper slip will print out when they are signed in, this slip is to be given to the teacher, so they know the student has signed in at the office.

Please note if you have put a Compass note in for a late arrival or early departure (for example you log on Compass that your child is being picked up at 1.30pm for a medical appointment) you do not need to sign them out via the Compass Kiosk at the office. However, **you still must come into the office to collect the student.**

The Department of Education requires a parent, carer, or listed emergency contact physically collect the child from the office when it is during school hours. This means we are **unable to allow students to leave on their own**, even if it has been logged on Compass. We understand this may be inconvenient at times so please contact the office on 9481 0009 and they will do their best to assist you.

Also, if you know of an early departure in advance, please inform the office and your child's teacher, so they are able to have the student waiting and ready for you to collect.



# 2023 First Aid Team

## Introducing the NPS 2023 First Aid Team

For our returning families there will be some familiar faces, and for our new families our first aid team is

- Donna Cassidy
- Caterina Carnovale

If your child becomes unwell one of our fantastic First Aid Officers will be tending to them and will be in contact with you if necessary.

The first aid office is located in front office (the other end to the front doors)

If your child is needing to be picked up, where possible we will organise their school bag and belongings and you can collect them from the front office 😊

## Action Plans

Parents and carers are reminded that if their child has anaphylaxis, allergies, or asthma that their child **MUST HAVE A CURRENT PLAN.**


**Red ASCIA Anaphylaxis Plan for use with EpiPen® adrenaline (epinephrine) autoinjectors** is attached below and must be prepared in colour, completed by your GP and have a current photo of your child attached to it.



 Anaphylaxis Epipen Plan Template.pdf

**Red ASCIA Anaphylaxis Plan for use with Anapen® adrenaline (epinephrine) autoinjectors** is attached below and must be prepared in colour, completed by your GP and have a current photo of your child attached to it.



 Anaphylaxis Anapen Plan Template.pdf

**Blue Asthma Australia School Action Plan** is attached below and must be prepared in colour, completed by your GP and have a current photo of your child attached to it. If your child has Ventolin at school, they must have an Asthma Action Plan.

 Asthma Action Plan Template.pdf

**Green ASCIA Allergic Reaction Plan** is attached below and must be prepared in colour, completed by your GP and have a current photo of your child attached to it.

 Allergy Plan Template.pdf

All plans **must be updated annually**, one of our first aid team will contact you when your child's plan is approaching expiration.

# NPS Medication Authority Form

Parents **must provide all necessary medications** to be administered in the event of an emergency.

Medications will be administered by one of our trained First Aid Team members. All medication is to be stored in the First Aid Room, NOT in the student's bag or classroom.

Any medication being stored at/administered on school grounds requires a NPS 2023 Medication Authority Form. These forms are to be **updated at the start of each year** (even if there has been no change to medications). These can be filled out by parents/carers or by a GP.

This form **must** be filled out regardless of a student having a medical plan.

It must also be filled out for ongoing medication as well as temporary (for example, this form is required if a student is unwell and needs to be administered a course of antibiotics during school hours, as well as if a student requires a hay fever tablet only when symptoms arise).

**Northcote Primary School 2023**

**Medication Authority Form**  
for a student who requires medication whilst at school

Name of School: Northcote Primary School

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Medication administered by the school

Self-management of medication

Monitoring effects of medication

Reason for Medication(s)	Number of Medication(s)	Dosage (amount)	Timing for the student	How the student (e.g. verbal/physical response)	Dates
					Start Date: ./. End Date: ./. - Ongoing medication - Temporary medication
					Start Date: ./. End Date: ./. - Ongoing medication - Temporary medication
					Start Date: ./. End Date: ./. - Ongoing medication - Temporary medication
					Start Date: ./. End Date: ./. - Ongoing medication - Temporary medication

Authorisation:

Name of Medical/Health professional: \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Role: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact details: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Carer: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact details: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

 Medication Authority Form.pdf

Copies of all forms can be found in the links on this page, alternatively printed copies of all forms can be collected from Donna in the front office.

# Duty of Care

All NPS staff have a duty of care to our students – if we cannot establish contact with a parent/carer or emergency contact, an ambulance will be called if deemed necessary. Please ensure you make every attempt to be contactable during school hours, have voicemail set up on your phone and that your emergency contact details stored at the office are up to date.

