Dates to Remember

Today - May
- Sun Smart Months – all students wear a broad brimmed hat to play outside
Thu 29 Jan
- 1st Day Term 1 Grades 1-6

February
- Mon 2 Feb
  - 1st Day Foundation Students
- Tue 3 Feb
  - Notice of School Council Election
- 2 – 6 Feb
  - Grade 6 Camps – Canberra
  - Expression of Interest Form due
- Wed 4 Feb
  - Foundation Student’s rest day
  - Every Wednesday in February
- 9 -13 Feb
  - Grade 5 Camps – Wilsons Prom
  - Deposit & EOI Form
- Fri 13 Feb
  - Close of School Council Nominations
- Fri 20 Feb
  - School Council Candidates displayed if more nominations than positions available
- Tues 24 Feb
  - Open Classrooms & International Dinner

March
- Mon 9 Mar
  - Labour Day Holiday – no school
- Mon 16 Mar
  - 1st School Tour 9-10am – book through the office
- Fri 20 Mar
  - Trivia Night
- 24 – 25 Mar
  - Parent/Teacher Meetings – Years 1-6
- Fri 27 Mar
  - Last Day Term 1 - 1.30pm dismissal
- 28 Mar – 13 Apr
  - Term 1 holidays incl. Easter

April
- Mon 13 Apr
  - Pupil Free Day
- Tue 14 Apr
  - First day Term 2

2015 NMPS calendar of events can be downloaded: A3 Planner Upload

Message from Sally

Welcome to the start of another school year at North Melbourne Primary School. This will be the first and only ‘paper/hard’ copy of the newsletter for the year. In the future we plan to use SMS to remind you to check out the latest news on our website: www.northmelbourneps.vic.edu.au

To all of our new students and families we trust you will join our community with the same positivity as you presented at enrolment time.

Some regular events you might want to diarise:

Friday Assembly 3.10 pm
Please join our student leaders for a wonderful conclusion to the school week. All students are dismissed from the gym on Friday afternoons at 3.30pm; most classes bring their bags to the central agora (courts) and are collected by parents from this space, however if the weather is inclement they will leave their bags in a safe, dry space (near or in their classrooms) and be dismissed from there. All families are welcome to attend; we do ask you to respect our students by listening to their presentations and not distracting them with siblings. We also ask that you respectfully share the singing of the National Anthem, or at least refrain from speaking during their singing. We anticipate more student involvement at assembly and will keep you informed of performances via the Website.

Parents & Friends Association – please consult the school calendar for meeting dates and this newsletter for events and activities.

International Dinner and Open Classrooms
Tuesday 24th February 6 -7.30 pm
This is the opportunity for your child/ren to introduce you to their teacher/s and show you around all of their learning spaces (don’t forget all our wonderful specialist programs). Then head up to the oval for a picnic and a chat with families and staff – before heading home for bath and bed! For many years we have all shared food at this event however it is probably easier for families to arrange their own food and share the space not food.

School Council
School Council is a representative committee of parents and community members who come together to inform and share ideas about our school.

Can you?

Play an acoustic instrument? Enjoy playing in public? Bring along your musical talents to the International Dinner and provide some tunes to accompany our picnic dinner.
As a School Councillor you will be representing the views of many families and the North Melbourne Community. Nominations forms can be collected from the notice board in the office and further information is available on the website. I would like to thank the following School Councillors, whose term ends this year, for their dedication, hard work and commitment to our school.

Bronwen Moncrieff
James Milne
Tony Lang
Daniel Betty
Craig Turner
Colleen Pearson
Cathy Robinson
Anna-Marie Low

Space
DET has informes us that they will install four new classrooms however we may be waiting until the middle of the year. Our current numbers all have safe and secure spaces and I congratulate the staff for their flexibility in creating meaningful learning opportunities within somewhat compromised spaces. Our current numbers are 658 students.

LITTER FREE
Again this year I’d like to encourage every child and every staff member and every parent and even every sibling to take the litter free challenge.
Every day if everyone picks up JUST one piece of litter and bins it - we will be LITTER FREE ALL YEAR!
That’s around about 1300 pieces of litter gone from our beautiful grounds per day! If we achieve this then we can even start in our community? Remember to always wash your hands after picking up litter – and if something looks dangerous or unsafe always ask an adult.

School Council Elections
Know someone who would make a great contribution to our school? Are you that person? Please nominate for School Council today.
Closing date for nominations Friday 13th February 2015 and the close of ballot is Friday 13th March 2015.

More details are attached to the end of this newsletter.

Here are 2015 our School Captains

From Our School Council
James Milne, President
Welcome to the new school year at North Melbourne Primary School (or ‘Errol Street’ as most people call it). An especially big Errol Street welcome to families starting with us for the first time - we hope we can make you feel part of our community.

Everyone should have received the new 2015 School Planner. It went out students in the second last week of term last year and new families should have also received it. If you don’t have it, then see the office about getting a copy. It is a great tool for keeping track of camps, student free days and all the other important dates. I know we live in an online age of personal management tools - but this planner has a prominent place on our fridge.

A soft copy of the planner is available on our website under News & Events\2015 School Planner (http://www.northmelbourneps.vic.edu.au/assets/Uploads/2015-Year-Planner-140998.pdf)

Speaking of special days - please remember the evening of Tuesday 24th February for the combined Open Classroom/International Dinner/Picnic. This is always a great night to eat food, meet teachers and get to know the other families - hope to see you there!

International Dinner & Open Classroom
The NMPS International Dinner has been a traditional gathering, early in the school year to provide the opportunity to meet new families and catch up with old friends. This happens in the cool of the evening on the school oval.

This year there will be two new features. Firstly, the evening is combined with the “Open Classroom” event where you can ‘drop by’ your child’s classroom and meet their teacher and other students. The second change is the introduction of the ‘picnic’ rather than the ‘shared table’.

Pack a picnic for your family; this may be your favourite meal, food that is culturally important to you or your best summer feast. Gather together with class-mates, mother’s groups, street friends or come solo and meet some new families.
Open Class Rooms 6-6.30pm
International Dinner on the oval 6.30-7.30
Where have our books gone?  
Are they in your home?

A stock take of our take home reader collection has revealed that 1,500 books are missing! Do you have some of our books in your home?

Could you please...
- Check under your beds
- Check in cupboards
- Check your bookshelves
- Check in toy boxes

An important and vital part of our reading program is the take home book collection that students at NMPS are able to take home. Reading is recommended EVERY night and is a great opportunity for children to practice and embed their learning and reading skills. Many parents/caregivers also value this time to share reading and discuss books with their children. Teachers also require these books for use in their Literacy teaching time. If you find any of our take home readers in your home please return them immediately!

Farewell to the 2014 Grade 6’s
Cathy Robinson, 2014 Grade 6 Parent writes:

It was a beautiful summer evening as we strolled down Errol Street, collecting other proud parents along the way, to join in the Grade 6 farewell festivities at North Melbourne Primary School.

Our daughter, Gemma, was already at the school enjoying a delicious meal prepared by Sam and her helpers. The grade six teachers went all out to make the night special, beautiful bunting was strung around the hall and lanterns and flowers were placed on each table.

Parents arrived as the children were finishing their meal and were guided upstairs to the Grade six classrooms where each child’s ‘Guide Book for Life’ was proudly displayed for parents to peruse. In the background the television screens showcased some of the amazing events the Grade 6’s had participated in and enjoyed – Market Day, Canberra Camp and of course the highly anticipated ‘Race around Melbourne’ – which is a Grade 6 NMPS tradition.

We then made our way downstairs to be entertained once again by children who performed ‘WAKA WAKA’ an African dance. The children were perfectly synchronised – not a foot or hand out of place as they strutted their stuff while we proudly watched on.

The formalities of the evening then began with Sally giving a brief speech and presenting each child with their certificate. It was great to see so many teachers who came to farewell the kids, especially those that are no longer teaching at the school but made the special trip just to farewell the children (Melissa, Helen, Mary & last but certainly not least, Jason. The kids were very excited to see Jason again!!). Eight of the children then spoke and reflected on their time at NMPS, which has been a wonderful, safe and enjoyable learning environment.

School Tours
New to 2015 are School Tours conducted by rotating Year 6 students. Sessions are 9-10am and occur twice per term. Current and interested families may attend by making a reservation with Sandra in our office on 9329 6902.
Dates are 16 March, 20 April, 19 May (Open Morning for Education week 9-11am), 15 June, 27 July, 17 August, 1 October 2015.

Well my little girl, my baby, has finished Primary School. How quickly it goes. It has been a brilliant journey since starting in Prep with my eldest son Josh in 2005 followed by Ben who completed grade 6 in 2013. I am proud to have been a part of the school and also proud to help establish the SAKGP – it has been an unforgettable experience full of fantastic memories and the making of lifelong friends.

So long, farewell but not good bye – we look forward to coming back and supporting the fete in 2015 and many other future events!

Vale Maree Parkinson
NMPS staff worked with Maree write:

It with great sadness, that we heard yesterday of the passing of Maree Parkinson who was our school Principal from 1985 until 1999. Maree passed away on Monday 2 February 2015, after battling illness for a long time.

She was much loved by the students, parents, staff and the wider school community. Her commitment and passion for our school and children was extraordinary. Maree was elegant and beautiful. She was known for her kindness, generosity and wisdom. She was courageous in so many situations. She was totally committed to education throughout her career and to children's learning and wellbeing.

Maree led the school through enormous changes in Victorian education with vigor, dignity and integrity.
NMPS School Yard Safety Procedures

Zoned Areas & Rules That Apply To Each Zone:
Areas in the school are zoned to ensure safety whilst playing and appropriate supervision.
There are three specific areas within the school. They are:
The South Side Area: which includes the area around the flex, the playgrounds on the south side and the area on the east side of the school with the cubby. This area is for small ball games such as hand tennis or quiet play.
The Basketball Area: which includes the basketball court and the area in front of the gym and the old building. This area is for ball games, but not games involving kicking.
The Oval Area: which includes the oval, the raised playground and the Biz-e-Kidz area. This is the only place in the school for football, soccer and kicking games.

*These rules apply in break times and after school as well.
*The only exceptions would be for supervised sport and PE sessions.

Out of Bounds Areas:
It is expected that students are in sight of the teachers on yard duty at all times. Therefore, the area behind Biz-e-Kidz and the Gym is out of bounds for students at all times.

Afterschool & Biz-e-Kidz:
The north side of the school which includes the Oval Area and Basketball Area is only for use by Biz-e-Kidz from 3:45pm due to OSHC rules that requires close supervision of children attending the program.

Afterschool Supervision:
Members of leadership will supervise the yard between 3:30 and 3:45. Unsupervised students will be required to leave the school grounds as soon as possible after the final bell. Families who wish to stay around after 3:45pm may do so, but will need to supervise their children on the South Side only. Parents should ensure that their children continue to follow school rules during this time.

Unsafe Play:
Rough play such as tackling, play-fights or any activity that could lead to someone being hurt is not allowed at any time in the school grounds. Students need to walk around corners and down the paths and ramps. Games that involve running around corners are discouraged for safety reasons.

Walking Wheels Whilst in the School.
Bikes, skateboards or scooters are not to be ridden in the school grounds during school or after school. This rule applies to students, parents and siblings of students. The only exception would be during supervised PE sessions or Biz-e Kidz activities.

Sun Smart School:
NMPS is a sun smart school which means that from September until the end of April, students are expected to wear a hat whilst outside in the school yard. Hats must be a broad-rimmed hat or a legionnaire’s hat. Baseball caps are not acceptable as they don’t cover the ears or neck adequately. Students who don’t have appropriate hats are asked to play in the shade or a suitable area protected from the sun.
build up connections and open our school to their wider community—
we can’t do this without you, our parents and friends. As the school
expands rapidly, it’s essential that more of us get involved and
contribute. These events are great learning opportunities, friendly
and fun, and will become treasured memories for your family.

If you cannot volunteer due to other commitments and pressures, or
feel burdened when asked from time to time to donate time or goods,
please consider donating financially. Even $100 per family would go
a long way to maintaining our extra-curricular activities, beautiful
grounds, and special programs like SAKGP. Simply fill out the
envelope at the office. All specific donations to our building fund are
tax deductible.

A specific request for donations for families in need
— “the Caring Kitty”
One of the schemes we have at the school is the “CARING KITTY”—a
support fund for families in our school community - which is
available to assist families in special need. We’d like to ensure all
our students have the same opportunities to school experiences, eg.
camps and excursions, and this fund is used when we need to give
that extra support to a family doing it tough in our school community.
If you want to find out a bit more about this, or have someone in mind
to refer, speak to Sally or another senior staff member. If you would
like to make a donation to the ‘Caring Kitty’, we have a number of
families who have had some crisis during the summer and need our
help. Donate by filling out a payment envelope at the office, writing
“Caring Kitty” donation, and your name and amount on the outside.

Parents & Friends Association – how about getting involved behind
the scenes?
Are you keen to be part of the organising of events, or have some
new ideas and energy? We’d love some new faces to our small
band of parent volunteers who meet every 6 weeks or so to keep
these events happening every year. If you’d like to know more, email
us at north.melbourne.ps.committee@gmail.com or phone Meg
Moorhouse on 0411 755 421.
Parents & Friends Association – join in our meetings, 7 pm, Staff
Room
Monday 9th February
Monday 16th March
Monday 18th May
Monday 15th June
Monday 17th August
Monday 19th October
Monday 16th November

If you have any queries, comments, suggestions or are interested in
knowing more about getting involved the school community, please
don’t hesitate to email: north.melbourne.ps.committee@gmail.com,
or phone Meg Moorhouse on 0411 755 421.

Biz-E-Kidz News
Sharon Goodwin, Biz-e-Kidz Coordinator

Welcome back!
We are excited to begin a new year at Biz – E – Kidz after a very
successful and enjoyable holiday program. We hope that families
had a very safe and happy holiday. We are looking forward to a big
year; we have employed Eva Gaita as second assistant coordinator
and our bookings are larger than ever.

Aftercare booked out.
At this point, the aftercare program has booked out Monday –
Thursday, please speak to Sharon ASAP if you require or need to
change any bookings. She can be found over at Biz – E – Kidz
Monday - Wednesday.

Cancelling and non – attendance
Please ensure you contact Biz – E – Kidz if your child will not be
attending care or you need to change your booking. Biz – E – Kidz
follows up each ‘No – Show’ to aftercare, which can be a stressful
and time consuming process. The easiest way to contact us is by
phoning 9329 5529 to leave a message.

Remind your child what days they go to aftercare
A reminder to all, but particularly grade one parents to remind their
children of they days they attend Biz – E – Kidz aftercare. We don’t
collect the grade one children from their class rooms, and although
we told them last year, a few have forgotten already

Please contact Sharon, Leah or Eva on the details below if you have
any queries

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Opportunities

Global Homework Program is here to help you with your homework!

Meet our tutors, make new friends and be prepared to get all the help you can get with all that schoolwork!

To sign up, you must attend the Information/Enrolment session on:

Wednesday 11th February at 4pm
North Melbourne Library
Hotham Room (Level 1)

Cost: $33 per school term ($23 concession)
Sessions run on Tuesdays 3:30pm – 5:30pm

To find out more, register your interest to ghp@centre.org.au or contact The Centre on (03) 9328 1126

What to Bring to the Information Session:

Please bring the following cards to the Information Session so you can successfully complete the necessary forms.

Medicare Card

Health Care Card from Centrelink

You will also need:
Emergency Contact Details (including the relation to the child),
Family Doctor, Hospital Insurance Fund (if applicable), and
Health Condition and Medication Plan (if applicable).

Also please have your payment ready during the session. Payment options are Cash, Visa or MasterCard only.

Thank you for your understanding.

Global Homework Program Team

Tennis Coaching Programs
Available 1st Term

Pee Wee Tennis 5 - 7 year olds
Free trial lesson for Pee Wees,
Saturday February 7, 9am & 9.30am,
Monday February 9, 4pm
Thursday February 12, 3.50pm & 4.50pm

Junior Tennis Coaching 8 - 16 year olds
Places available each afternoon school,
Mon - Fri, group lessons & squads.
Parents, tennis is a great social and competitive sport.
Racquets supplied if required.

Adult Coaching - Parents it’s never too late!!!
Mon, Tues & Wed evenings and day time classes.
Beginners & Intermediate classes.

All enquiries & bookings
call Dan 0408 991 700.

Regards
Dan Donnelly,
Club Coach Royal Park T.C.
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School Council Elections 2015

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected Parent category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not employed at the school.

- **A mandated elected DET employee category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

- **An optional Community member category.** Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in the school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.
### School Council election process and timetable

**NORTH MELBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in the school front office on the notice board.

Sally Karlovic, Principal.
School Council Elections

Schedule 5A: Self-nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the

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school council.

Name:

Residential address:

Home telephone: Business telephone:

Email:

I am the parent/guardian of ................................., who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not an
undischarged bankrupt and that I am not currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence.

Signature of Candidate Date / /

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on 9329 6902.

You may choose not to give some or all of the information requested; however, your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.