Dates to remember

September
- Wed 17 Sep: Grade 4/5 Fitness Challenge
  Permission Form link
- Thur 18 Sep: Year 2 Camp Experience
  Permission Form link
- Fri 19 Sep: 1.30pm Last day term 3

October
- Mon 6 Oct: Pupil Free Day
- Tue 7 Oct: 1st Day Term 4
- Sun 19 Oct: Spring Fling, Errol Street North Melbourne

Nov-Dec
- 26-28 Nov: Grade 3 Forest Edge Camp
  Permission Form link
- 19 Dec: Last day Term 4

2015
- Grade 6 Camp 2015 - Canberra

We Need You
Call for volunteers for Spring Fling NMPS Stalls. It’s a wonderful day (Sunday 19th October). Please email Meg Moorhouse (north.melbourne.ps.committee@gmail.com) or phone 0411 755 421 if you’d be able to help, even for an hour or two.

Message from Sally
The last week of term 3 – always referred to as the teaching term!
Some terrific things have happened; representation by our students at various national sporting events; Year 5 Blogs, the Year 6 Market Day and earn and learn programs. In the younger grades, Year 1’s had dinner at school and Year 2 sleep-over is this Thursday night. In Year 3 are learning a history unit and flexible teaching and learning opportunities. The Prep’s walking excursion to the Victoria Market was also this term and they all returned successfully without losing anyone and lastly, the brilliant day at Sovereign Hill with the year 4’s. Just to name a few of the many events over term 3.

NAPLAN results were delivered and transition letters have been sent. There has been no definite word on portables for 2015 but we continue to put on pressure and wait.

I trust everyone – including all those virus ridden bodies - will have a wonderful fortnight of health improving holidays, and I look forward to seeing the students on October 7th!

Not returning to North Melbourne PS?
Whilst we understand that the current year 6 students will not be returning in 2015; for others circumstances may have changed but we need to know; as grade allocations begin very soon.

My children

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Reason:

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Parents name:

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Signed:...........................................................
Message from our Students
North Melbourne Primary School Presents At the 2014 Melbourne Water Kids Teaching Kids Conference.

On Thursday 31st July and Friday 1st August, over 500 students from different schools around Australia attended the 2014 Melbourne Water Kids-Teaching-Kids Conference.

Day One was held at Etihad Stadium and to start the event, environmental experts from around Melbourne came to speak and answer questions about our local waterways and the native animals that can be found in them. Next on the program and undoubtedly the highlight of the day, were the amazing workshop presentations that the students created, and then taught to other students.

Our school, North Melbourne Primary School, was one of sixteen schools presenting a workshop. Our presentation titled ‘Let’s Keep Our Waterways Healthy’, started with an introductory video about our local waterways and the urban water cycle. The presentation was followed by some hands on activities where students got to identify macroinvertebrates, participate in becoming part of a food web and learn about the effects of pollution on our waterways. We worked really hard to put our workshop together and it was a huge success on the day.

After the presentations had been shown, all participating schools were treated to a Gala Dinner. Our very own (from North Melbourne Primary School) Mireille Duckworth, was Master of Ceremonies and she handed a certificate to each school participant. To finish the night Carranballac College’s talented band performed over eight different songs, and we danced the night away.

The next day we all travelled to Collingwood Children’s Farm for our environmental project’s day. We got to get our hands dirty as we joined in lots of activities run by local organisations. Some of the activities included creating a water smart city and learning about native fish in the Yarra with Melbourne Water.

All in all we had an amazing two days at the 2014 Melbourne Water Kids Teaching Kids Conference. The awesome presentations were educational, the talent of all the performances were amazing and everyone learned something new about our waterways and looking after our environment.

Written by:
Madison Farquhar, Mireille Duckworth, Melissa Nicholson, Alexandra Davison, Mey Hemmat, Madison Farquhar, Penny Godwin, Mireille Duckworth

Fundraising Events
Spring Fling Stalls
Isn’t it time for a spring clean at your home?
We need donations of second hand books (all sorts), puzzles (complete) and board games for our school’s stall at this year’s NORTH MEBOURNE SPRING FLING Community Festival, which is to be held in and around Errol St, on Sunday 19th October 2014.

Please bring donations to the foyer of the old school building (in the middle of the quadrangle), after the school holidays… and pop the Spring Fling date in your diary.

NMPS will host two stalls. We will be proudly selling tomato seedlings and seed packets grown and decorated by our children in the SAKG program, the books, and games, displaying artwork and a banner and generally taking part in this wonderful community day… We’ll need volunteers to help with the stall. Please email Meg Moorhouse (north.melbourne.ps.committee@gmail.com) or phone 0411 755 421 if you’d be able to help, even for an hour or two.

SO GET TIDYING... AND BRING US YOUR BOOKS!!!!

Our Spring Fling Book & Games stall will be raising money for the NMPS Library.

Written by:
Madison Farquhar, Mireille Duckworth, Melissa Nicholson, Alexandra Davison, Penny Godwin, Lily Gill, Mey Hemmat, Ava Colton, Grade 6 Students at North Melbourne Primary School
Blokes Breakfast & Raffle:
Once again, we had a splendid turn out for a chilly but sunny Bring A Bloke BBQ breakfast on Friday 5th September. We firstly thank all the children and their blokes for coming along, purchasing a snag and coffee, and raffle tickets. Importantly, it’s a great chance for many fellas to meet up and chat and enjoy their children’s wonderful school, however we also raise important money on the day. We have great pleasure to announce that we made a fundraising profit of $2500 – which will go directly to the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Scheme, the Camp Fund (to assist more children to go to the NMPS camps) and some playground improvements (look forward to some changes!!). We also must thank Sally, our principal, and Rob, our maintenance man, for 2 hours of solid BBQ cooking, Sandra and the many teachers who turned up early to help, and to Daniel, James, Dion, Bron, Kate and Elspeth for helping sell preserves, raffle tickets and generally set up and tidy up. We must make special mention of our friends at Service Sphere, University Food Group and Big Kitchen Events for the supply of meat, vege burgers, coffee, coffee machine, and baristas (very important in the coffee capital of Melbourne)... Finally, have a scan of the wonderful sponsors and doners who helped with our raffle prizes (and thanks Kristina for arranging this big job)...

THE BIG THANK YOU LIST – for donations to our Raffle (please support these businesses):
(and congrats to the 12 prize winners!)

- Sheaffer Legacy Pen, Valued at $455, Pen City, 215 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne
- Meal Voucher, coffee beans & mug, Valued at $30, The Auction Rooms, 103-107 Errol St, North Melbourne
- 3 Month gym membership, Valued at $355, Nu Yu Gym, 1st Floor, 19-23 Errol Street, North Melbourne
- Book of magic, juggling balls and $50 voucher, Valued at $115, Bernard's Magic Shop, Level 1/187 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne
- Bunnings Voucher, Valued at $100, Bunnings Hardware, 501 Williamstown Rd, Port Melbourne
- Voucher for fine art printing, Valued at $99, DiGi Direct, 217 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne
- Wine decanter, Valued at $75, Cuisne World, 245 Elizabeth St, Melbourne
- Voucher towards shoes or shoe repair, Valued at $50, Manfred's Shoe Lounge, 64 Errol Street North Melbourne
- Three ‘Shout dad breakfast’ vouchers, Valued at $60, The Parkville Store, 52 Morrah St, Parkville
- Whisky BBQ sauce, Valued at $10, NANT Whisky Cellar & Bar Shop 3 Driver Lane, Melbourne

NMPS Ski Team manager at Perisher - THE NATIONALS!
We have had a wonderful time at Perisher. On Saturday the team competed in the GS and came 7th! James won the individual bronze medal (but without his team he would not have been there!) Yesterday James came 7th in Skier Cross. So well done to all. I think it's a great result. I should say that James did wear Lycra, the others were all too cool for that and they were just about the only ones. Go NMPS!

Report from Gina
Biz E Kids
Payments via BPay
If you are paying your Before school care, After school care or Vacation care fees using BPay please ensure you email the school.
(north.melbourne.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) with your Biz – E – Kidz family ID, the amount you have paid and quote the unique family BPay number in the subject line.

This is important! Otherwise the school does not know what is being paid for, and will allocate the money to your school account.

If you email as above, we can ensure we allocate the correct amount of money to the correct account. Please contact the school to obtain your unique family BPay number. Please contact Biz – E – Kidz for all other queries.

Its time to update Biz – E – Kidz on your child care benefit information
To ensure that all families are given the correct Child care Benefit or Rebate entitlements, Biz – E – Kidz now requires that families provide us with a copy of your most recent entitlement letter sent to you from Centrelink or the Family Assistance office. This can be given to us as a hard copy or via email (ohsc@netspace.net.au)
If you were recently sent a letter from Biz – E – Kidz requesting information such as Customer Reference Numbers or Dates of Birth, please get this back to Biz – E – Kidz as soon as possible so that we can ensure you are receiving the correct entitlement.

Would you like to receive the holiday and pupil free day program plans via email?
If you would like to receive the holiday and pupil free day program plans by email, please send a request to ohsc@netspace.net.au and we will add you to the holiday program email list.

Inviting all boys and girls aged 5-12 to come and join us in a footy fun day this September!
The AFL Victoria School Holiday Programs introduce boys and girls to the basic skills of Australian Football. The program is a fun and inclusive program and includes football skills and drills, mini games and a ‘Finals Footy Fever’ experience.

For more information or to register please visit http://www.aflvicholidayprograms.com.au

For Information on the above or anything else Biz – E – Kidz or childcare related, please contact us on the below
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e oshc@netspace.net.au
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ArtPlay

ArtPlays’ Performance Club series is designed for children aged 9 to 12 years with an interest in all aspects of performance. Children will have fun with theatre games and character play, as they learn techniques drawn from improvisation, ensemble work, puppetry, clown, slapstick, mime and movement.

What to know…

- Saturdays 25 October and 1, 8, 15 & 22 November
- 2:30pm to 4pm
- $70 for the five sessions
- For young people aged 9 to 12 years
- For more details or to register your interest, call ArtPlay on 96647900