Dates to remember

October
Fri 17 Oct  Gr 3 and 4 Footsteps
    Gr 4 Cricket Carnival
    Assembly 3.15pm
Sun 19 Oct  Spring Fling, Errol Street North Melbourne 11am-5pm
Tue 21 Oct  Prep and Gr 1 Swimming
    Gr 2 Hansel & Gretel Performance RCH
Wed 22 Oct  Art Play Workshop
Thur 23 Oct  Art Play Workshop
Tues 28 Oct  Prep and Gr 1 Swimming
    Gr 6 Sex Education Evening
Wed 29 Oct  Gr 6 Sex Education Evening

November
Mon 3 Nov  School as usual
Tues 4 Nov  Melbourne Cup Holiday
Nov 26-28  Grade 3 Forest Edge Camp

December
19 Dec  Last day Term 4
2015  Grade 6 Camp 2015 – Canberra

Message from Sally
NMPS’s first Grade 2 Sleepover on Thursday 18 September was a tremendous success. Camp Coordinator Luke helped initiate this program to help students experience sleeping away from home. This overnight taster helps students develop confidence and independence for the camp program in store for them in the next four years.
The ‘camp’ started at 3.30pm and the afternoon was filled with tabloid sports in the backyard (south-side yard) and art activities about healthy eating. Dinner was served in The Flex before watching The Lego Movie. Teeth were brushed and the students prepared for sleep in two huge bedrooms. Amanda and Lucy’s rooms fitted about 35 excited children in each. Our campers slept solidly from 11pm until 6.30am, then over to The Flex for a yummy breakfast of cereal, fruit cups, yoghurt and juice.
Thank you to staff for giving our students such a marvelous experience.

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.
Please email Naylor.sally.sl@edumail.vic.gov.au with the following information:
My child/ren ……………………………………
will not be returning to NMPS in 2015.
Reason: ………………………………………………….
Parents name: ……………………………………………
Signed…………………………………………………

We Need You
Pre-loved books & boards games to be donated to the Spring Fling stall. Delivery to the school by Friday 17 October in the afternoon.
Contact Robyn Phelan
m: 0430 214 664.
Call for volunteers for Spring Fling NMPS Stalls. It’s a wonderful day (Sunday 19th October).Contact Meg Moorhouse
north.melbourne.ps.committee@gmail.com or m: 0411 755 421

Staff warm & toastey preparing for bedtime at the Grade 2 Sleepover.
News From Our Students
Grade 6 students Luke & Kylie reflect on their last term at NMPS.

So this is it, our final term at North Melbourne Primary School. As the days fly past, we get closer to going to high school. We’re sure the whole of year 6 has thought about this at least once. The teachers have planned a lot for this last term. There are so many activities for us, we can’t wait to beat all our friends in this race! But, The Race Around Melbourne isn’t the only amazing thing we are doing this term. With all the sport coming up we won’t even realise how fast the term will go!

This term the Year 6’s will be doing interschool sport, with a choice to play in the bat tennis, soccer and Olympic handball team. You can also count in the swimming lessons for the last two weeks of term. Whether you can swim like an athlete, or prefer not to go near the water, a day at the pool with all your friends will be tons of fun. Moving on up to high school will be a great topic for this term due to the fact some, if not most kids won’t know what high school is like.

Personally, I’m interested in the Guidebook For Life (personalized books made by each grade 6 student). This book will explain how to get through life even in the toughest of times, and being resilient on our point of view and is a nice reminder from our last days at NMPS. But even with all the excitement thrown at us, we all still know that the school we love so much, it won’t be the place we visit every day. So let’s hold onto these valuable moments of our last days of primary school! It’s our last term and one that we’ll always remember, with the tragic yet exciting transition coming up, there is loads to think of.

News from our School Council President
James Milne, President, NMPS School Council

Enrolment remains the biggest issue for the school community. The school has reached its capacity but keeps growing each year. It looks like the trend will continue next year so there has been much discussion at School Council about how to accommodate this growth.

We have been progressively ‘tightening’ our enrolment policies in the past few years, but the school is open to any student in the local community who want to come. We could not change basic policy even if we wanted to.

We have been negotiating with the Education Department all year to try to obtain portables for next year. This has been a big blow, after all the work done in recent years to free our school grounds of portables. But portables are better than the alternative of losing more of our mixed spaces, such as the library, or having to fit more students in the spaces we have.

If we can get portables then we hope to install them in the terraced space between the oval and the basketball court. This will involve some excavation and the loss of at least one large tree. There is no perfect spot for portables in the school grounds but this position would allow the new classrooms to be integrated with the rest of the school without taking valuable playground area.

However, we may not be able to obtain portable before the start of the next school year, so we may be forced to reconfigure spaces again if a large number of new students turn up on day one.

Grade 3 students, Tina & Alexandra invited to meet Jennifer Kanis at Parliament House to discuss overcrowding at NMPS.

On Tuesday, 16th September, we went to Parliament House to see Jennifer Kanis, the Member for North Melbourne. Jennifer had said she really liked our letters, and invited us over to Parliament House to meet her. We were very excited when we found out!

Jane, her assistant, took us upstairs to the cafe where Jennifer would be waiting for us, Matt and Alex’s Mum, Shelley. Jennifer was very kind and paid for 4 drinks - 2 lattes and 2 freshly squeezed apple juices, although we didn’t really like it that much.

We talked about the school population and how it was getting bigger and bigger. We also met Dan Andrews, the Leader of the Opposition, who listened to our concerns as well.

We also got to go in the Chamber where we saw other politicians shouting at each other (although they tried to behave). Then we went back to school, after we took some brochures from Parliament House and finished our tour. It was a great experience.

Sports Report from John (P.E / Sport)
Division Athletics Success 2014

At the end of last term, Errol Street took a 26 strong team to represent us at the Division Athletics at Keilor Athletics Track.

Conditions were extremely windy but our athletes coped with the challenge very well, with an amazing 19 athletes qualifying for the Regional Championships (one step below State Championships) which is being held as this newsletter goes to print. Well done to all of the athletes that got this far and I’d like to particularly congratulate all those listed below that continue to represent the school, the district and the division at ‘Regionals’.


Elwin Parbery – 800m, Triple Jump and Relay, Cate Osborn-Li – Relay, Nye Roberts – 1500m, Elitienne Mendoza – Hurdles, Lucy Wilding – Relay, Ramen Nayer – 800m, 1500m and Relay, Penny Godwin – Hurdles and Triple Jump, Isaac Trease Hemming – 100m.
200m and Relay, Michelle Afoa – Shot Put, Ming Zhou – Relay and Tony He – Relay

Some of our athletes by the trackside

Nationals Success
Ramen Nayer, who finished an extremely close 2nd at the State Cross Country Championships qualified for the National Cross Country Championships and once again ‘did us proud’ there. Despite being very ill leading up to the race and on the race day itself, he managed to ‘dig deep’ and finished 18th for his age in group the entire nation! Well done Ramen and we look forward to watching where you go from here.

Fundraising @ Spring Fling Sunday 19th October
NMPS Parents & Friends Committee will be holding two stalls to raise funds for our library. In Raglan Street there will be a book and box game sale. On Errol Street we will sell our famous preserve, hand made by the Moncrieff/O’Neill Family. The SAKG has had a bountiful crop of seedlings. Five different tomato varieties, oregano and mint will also be for sale.
Join us for an hour on one of the two stalls to help with sales or pack up. Contact Meg Moorhouse m: 0411755421 or Robyn Phelan m: 0430214664

NMPS Maintenance & Grounds man Rob, holds a tray of tomato seedlings grown by our students & gardening specialist Joanna for sale at Spring Fling.

Biz – E – Kidz News
2015 Before and Aftercare Enrolments
It’s the time of year when Biz – E – Kidz is starting to get ready for 2015! We anticipate that demand for Before and Aftercare places will be high, so please take note of the important dates below. Families with current enrolments are reminded that Before and aftercare bookings do not carry over from year to year, and need to be resubmitted for each school year

IMPORTANT DATES
Week beginning 3rd November: families with current enrolments will receive enrolment forms by mail
To make the process easier, Biz – E – Kidz will be mailing current families with a partially filled in form that simply needs to have the information checked, the forms signed and the booking form filled in before returning to Biz – E – Kidz. New families can collect blank form from the Biz – E – Kidz building. Prep families will receive an enrolment form in their prep information pack at Prep orientation / information sessions

Friday 14th November: 2015 Before and after care bookings open
Bookings can only be made by returning a completed enrolment form to Sharon (the coordinator) or Leah (the assistant coordinator).
PLEASE NOTE: bookings WILL NOT be accepted if forms are returned early, left at the school office, with teachers or other staff

Friday 21st November: 2015 Bookings close.
Applications for bookings can still be made after this date, but will be ineligible to be considered in the initial ‘priority of Access to childcare’ bookings allocation. For more information see:

First week December: Confirmations of 2015 Before and aftercare places
Confirmations of bookings and waitlist allocations will be made to families via mail.

Friday 12th December: All before and aftercare fees are due
To secure 2015 bookings all before, after care and holiday program fees and deposits are due by Friday 12th December
Preps Investigate Transport

Prep students ask insightful, probing and sometimes difficult to answer questions. We shape our Inquiry Units around these questions: we investigate what the students want to learn about.

Here are some questions students have asked about transport.

**PREP MARK**
Why do cars have petrol? Sofia
Why do tractors have big wheels at the back and little wheels at the front? Why not just the same? Amie
How do hot air balloons escape gravity? Sean
Why are monster trucks so strong? Ruben
Why are tractors transport vehicles? Aiden
Why do army tanks go so slow? Lachlan
Why do we have artillery tanks that can shoot up and down from far away? Angus
How do satellites and rockets escape earth’s gravity? Ralph
Why do cars run on petrol? Jun
How can an aeroplane fly? Jordyn
Why do brakes stop bikes? Alex
Can you make a squid submarine? (one that replicates the natural shape and movement of a squid,) Rohan
Why do trucks sometimes have big trailers and sometimes not? Mileena
How can cars drive? Sophia R
How do ships float and move? Rosie
Why can’t trains go on the tar, instead of train tracks? James
Why doesn’t a car fly? Oliver

**PREP ALICIA**
How do you steer a hot air balloon? Alicia
How does a scooter carry things? Anora
How old do you need to be to drive a car? Ariya
How many wheels on a bus? Luke
How do you stop a ship? Nicholas
How can a rocket land? Chloe
How does a plane fly? Ellie
How does a rocket turn? Cooper
How fast can a boat go? Henry
How do you get out of a plane to parachute? Griff
How can a camel go so far without drinking? Ivy
How can camels live so long in the desert? Jack
What can you use to carry things on a bike? Josie
How do you steer a submarine? Khaleed
How do you go on a skateboard without falling? Maya
How fast does a police car go? Micky
Are police cars faster than other cars? Petar
How many wheels on a semi-trailer? Roman
How do you sit on a horse without falling off? Tania
How can a ship carry so much without sinking? Will

**PREP JULIE**
How can you make an engine? Rafic
How can you stop a car? Anisa
How does a boat float? Deniz
What does an engine look like? Oscar
Why doesn’t a boat have wheels? Faron & Misgana
When a plane flies to a cold place, why does it have skis? Angela
How do feet walk? Gus

**PREP VIV**
How to trams get to different places? Where do trams come from when they start? Jordan & Giti
How does sea transport work? Joe, Opal
How much energy do you use when you walk? Elia and Klaus
How does transport get to where people want to go? Giti & Lucy
How do container ships carry such heavy containers around the world? Jemima and Eve
How does different transport work and move? Emmet, Emma, Ibraheem, Ivo and Lucy
Are you comfortable in a truck? Isha
How do you make things that move? Jemima
How do you build a tram? Aria
Why are the wheels different on transport like trams trains and cars? Max
How do people walk on the streets? Alice

**PREP TALI**
Some transports clean things. Lewis
How do they exactly work? Daisy
Some are bigger than others. Lewis
Some move faster than others, like planes are faster than cars. Raph
How big are most vehicles? Nina
Planes are up, cars are down. Grace
How do motorcycles actually go? Dougie
Some can go on water, some can’t. Coulton
What are cars made of? Georgia
Transports can be used for rescue and research. Christian
Transport moves you to other places. Aksha
Motorbikes have two wheels. Jay
Cars are transport. Jamie
Racing cars are fast. Isa
Cars can’t drive without motors. Toby
Racing cars need a boost like nitro to speed up. Andrew
How do engines work? Caminha
How do planes fly? Chiara
Rockets can go into space but planes can’t. Rachel

How can a plane get fast? Jacqueline
How does an engine work? Jayden
How does a helicopter fly? Khan
How does an engine make an aeroplane fly? Lang
Does a car go in the water? Nikhil
Why do you put oil in an engine? Hayden
How do airplane’s wings flaps? Maddie
9.30am AIS Soccer
Kick start your kids love of Sport with the World Game - Soccer. AIS Soccer is a great game for kids to enter into the world of sport. Over 8 weeks players hone their skills with structured skill and matched based activities in a fun and non-competitive environment. The program aims to develop players in all areas of the game including teamwork and a sense of fair play.

10.30am AIS Cricket
Learn the basics of Australia’s Great Summer Game. Each week focuses on one key skill of the game that bowling, batting, or catching in groups with kids of the same age and ability.
Coaches run through key skills and finish with a mini match. This is the best way for your kids to practice the new skills they’ve learnt through the session.
or join in both!

VENUE: PRINCES HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL - Pylon St, Carlton North

Complete and return the form below to:
PO Box 227 Carlton North 3054
or email: join@allinsports.com.au

**All Enquiries 1300 767 855**

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