DIARY DATES

**Whole School Production**
What a magnificent night! Congratulations and thank you to everyone who had a role in making our whole school production such a success. It was definitely a team effort!!

Congratulations to all our participating students. We are very proud of all our students for their hard work over the last 2 terms. Well done also to our main actors for their magnificent job and to Lukas and Erin, our School Captains, for their speech.

The show, including the script for this year’s performance was created, produced and directed by Matthew Brown, our Performing Arts teacher. The organisation of the performance was undertaken by our Specialist teachers Matthew Brown, Rachel Yue and Cindy Requin in conjunction with the Production Committee Lorraine Woodward, Teresa Burridge, Amy Nash, Michelle Findlay, Claire Mutschler, Sarah Coon, Sue Boer and myself.

This year for the first time for our Production the teachers and grades organised their own grade concert item. Classroom teachers chose their country, organised their music, created the choreography in conjunction with students, and worked on their own costuming. What an amazing talent we have in our school. A huge thank you to the classroom teachers for their preparedness, commitment and enthusiasm, and participation in this whole school event.

Thank you to all the staff for their ongoing support to the Performing Arts program, for preparing the students and assisting with the administration and behind the scenes work leading up to the show and at the theatre.

Also thank you to the following parents, community members and teachers’ parents for assisting with costumes and props:
Tina Phillips, Sue Mutschler, Kris Finlay, Briony Hynes, Kathryn Lacey, Eve Farley, Nicole Pancer, Kayla Massing, Tania Wright, Jenny Darbyshire, Georgia Patching, Jodie Chapman, Amanda Soblechero, Stuart Ross, Simone Clarke, Julie Taranto, Rebecca O’Connor, Jesse O’Connell, Sarah Shipley, Michelle Callaghan, Hillka (Adela’s grandmother), Danielle Johnson, any other parents and families who assisted; and the school community for your support and for coming along to the show.

We hope you all had a wonderful time!

**A reminder that Monday 10th August is a Curriculum Day.**

Friday, 7th August
Grades 5 & 6 Interschool Sports at St Paul’s Apostle North

**Monday, 10th August**
No school due to Curriculum Day

**Wednesday, 12th August**
Free Dress Day – Gold coin donation for our school
School Council Meeting
7.00 p.m.

**Friday, 14th August**
Grades 5 & 6 Interschool Sports at Thomas Mitchell Primary
Assembly at 3.00 p.m.

**Tuesday, 18th August**
Whole School Photo and Graduation Photo

**Wednesday, 19th August**
District Athletics for selected Grades 3 to 6 students

**Thursday, 20th August**
Parent Engagement Evening Session by Wayne Craig, more details soon

**Thursday, 3rd September**
Fathers’ Day Stall

**Friday, 11th September**
School Disco – more details soon

**Monday, 14th September**
Grades 3 & 4 Hoop Time for selected students

**Friday, 18th September**
Footy Day
End of Term 3 – 2.30 p.m. finish

**Saturday, 10th October**
Shopping Tour Fundraiser
Social Skill of the Term: No Put Downs

This term, the children will be practising the social skill of thinking about what they say and no putting others down with words, actions or body language. They will also explore accepting people’s differences and acknowledging the rights of others. The children will practice giving and receiving compliments and problem solving difficult social situations.

Each assembly, the Junior School Council representatives will present information regarding the social skills for the other students to help reinforce the skills.

During recess and lunchtimes, the teachers will be awarding children who are practising their social skills in real-life play situations with a raffle ticket. The raffle ticket goes into a basket and each assembly four children’s names are chosen from the basket to pick a small prize from the prize tub.

Last assembly, these children’s names were selected:
- Jessica B – 4A – for including others
- Perri B – 4A – for including others
- Caitlin F – 5A – playing a fair game
- Isabelle A – 5A – playing a friendly game

Raina Rydberg
Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator

Aussie of the Month

The Aussie of the Month program has been operating since 1991 at Narre Warren North Primary School.

This program has recognised hundreds of students over the years for their great school and team spirit, well-tuned social skills, listening and leadership qualities, as well as endorsing individual skills and strengths in schoolwork, sporting and community areas. It is not purely an academic award.

The Aussie of the Month is awarded to someone chosen by the grade teacher, in consultation with previous teachers and Specialist teachers. One person from each grade is chosen for the award. A composite class is regarded as one grade, so the teacher only selects one person from their grade.

Grade 5A: The Aussie of the Month in Grade 5A was sick on the day of the presentation. This award will be presented next month when Grades 4A and 4B Aussies of the Month are awarded.

Grade 5/6B: Dante A
- Dante takes his learning seriously and is always trying hard to improve skills and acquire knowledge.
- He is honest and willing to acknowledge when he needs help or support.
- Dante asks intelligent questions.
- He can follow instructions and complete tasks successfully.
- Dante is becoming a responsible risk taker and this is enhancing his learning.
- He is a positive role model to his peers.
- Dante is polite and willingly accepts responsibility.
- He is respectful and polite.
- Dante is able to work cooperatively as part of a group and is adaptable to change.
- He has enjoyed working on our class production with some excellent moves.

Grade 6A: Lukas H
- Lukas is kind, caring and sensitive towards the feelings of others.
- He is encouraging and supportive.
- Lukas shows excellent sportsmanship.
- He is a conscientious worker who always has a go at any task or activity and gives 100% effort into all he does.
- Lukas is helpful.
- He is a fantastic friend to his Prep buddy.
- Lukas is an excellent role model and is developing his leadership skills.
- He has excellent manners and at the end of every school day never fails to thank his teacher for a good day.

Parents’ and Friends’ Club

Free Dress Day
We will be having a Free Dress Day for a gold coin donation on Wednesday, 12th August. This is a fundraiser for our school.

Next Meeting
Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 2nd September at 9.30 a.m. in the staff room. Everyone is welcome.

Shopping Tour – Saturday, 10th October
Don’t forget to get your payment in for the shopping tour to secure your seat! This is a great day out and a perfect opportunity to shop for Christmas presents.

Chocolate Drive
Our Chocolate Drive fundraiser is now overdue and we would appreciate if everyone could return their payments and/or chocolates promptly. Thank you to all our families that have already returned their payments.

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Writing a poem using a rhyming pattern by some Grade 3A students

I don’t like to be blind,
Luckily everyone is so kind.
Only a few are caring,
Everyone else is glaring.
Oh little girl don’t be sad,
You make me very, very glad.
I use my ears,
I don’t have very many fears.
You are so, so caring,
And very sharing.
By Layla H

I cannot see,
How will he pick me,
I am very kind,
But also very blind.
Life is very tough,
Just like a rock that’s rough.
I am only a little child,
But I am very wild.
Life is very hard,
I don’t even know if this is a yard.
How can I see,
Is this a tree?
I wish life could be happy,
Some people are very snappy.
And that makes me sad,
So that makes other people feel bad.
By Jemma S

This is my life seeing pitch black,
And if you keep listening you will know what I lack.
But I have still got friendship and family too,
They care about me, how about you.
It may seem a pity that I can’t see,
But everyone’s different and blind is me.
I have a guide dog that I like to pat,
And when it gets sunny I don’t need a hat.
It isn’t too bad to be blind,
Cause you still have a body and you still have a mind.
By Annabelle P

I feel a bit sad because I’m blind,
I know that my carers are kind.
I know they don’t want to be rough,
They know being blind is very tough.
By Stephanie M

House Athletics:
On Thursday 30th July students in Grades 3 to 6 braved the cold and windy weather to head over to Casey Fields Athletic Track. Unfortunately we had a lot of students fall ill that week and as a result our student numbers were lower than normal. I commend the students on their efforts to compete in such challenging weather – but they still managed a smile on their faces! The results from this day form our team to compete at the District Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 19th August at Knox Athletics Track. The overall House results were as follows: 1st Robinson, 2nd Rae, 3rd Kerr and 4th Troup. Finally a MASSIVE thank you to the staff, SEDA students and parent helpers on the day! Last year we faced hail – this year we were nearly blown off our feet! I cannot express how thankful I am to have your help – as I always say – these events could not run without it!
Thanks, Miss Yue

Earn and Learn Program
15th July to 8th September

We are Junior School Council Representatives and we are going to tell you about Earn and Learn. Earn and Learn means shopping at Woolworths and collecting the stickers for our school. You will receive one sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Either drop off your stickers each time you shop or complete a sheet of 60 stickers and place the sheet in the box at our school office. Our school gets points for each sticker which then allows us to spend these points on equipment for our school. So please encourage your parents to shop at Woolworths.

Thank you,
Annabel and Shalisa on behalf of Junior School Council

Request

Grades 5 and 6 Clubs would like donations of old torches, telephones, radios and small electrical appliances that you no longer need with the cords cut off. We will be using them as part of the Tinkering Club.

Thank you,
Michelle Findlay