Dear Parents,

What’s Happening at Niddrie PS?

At the moment a great deal of work is being done to develop a matrix of expected behaviour for our school. This matrix will allow us to have a list of **behaviours to be explicitly taught** in all of the different physical locations around the school. The behaviours are directly related to the school’s values of **respect**, **resilience** and we as **learners**. This is part of our **School Wide Positive Behaviour Support program**. Work is ongoing, but we do hope to have our matrix on display very soon.

We have a range of **extra-curricular activities** including:

- Mathletics
- PMP
- Transition Program
- Prep Transition Program
- Leadership Program
- Kelly Sports
- RACV Energy Breakthrough
- Junior Kirri
- P-2 Christmas Concert
- Art Show
- Hot Shots Tennis
- Football/Soccer Clinics
- Hoop Time
- Keyboard Program
- Municipal Library visits
- Environmental Programs
- Unwasteables
- Scouts visits
- Responsible Pet Ownership
- Camps
- Excursions and Incursions
- Prep Buddies Program
- Inter-school Sport

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**Term Dates 2015**

Term 3: 13 July to 18 September  
PUPIL FREE DAY FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST  
Term 4: 5 October to 18 December  
PUPIL FREE DAY MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

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*You can access the school newsletter from our website: [www.niddrieps.vic.edu.au](http://www.niddrieps.vic.edu.au)*

**REMINDERS:**

- **TUESDAY IS BANK DAY!**
Athletics
Cross Country
Swimming Sports
P-2 Swimming Program

We make every effort to create stimulating learning for our students through:
- Information Technology
- Our 1:1 iPad program
- Excursions and incursions
- Performing and visual arts
- Graduation activities
- Assembly performances
- Connecting learning to experiences
- Challenging students
- Providing student feedback
- Different teaching strategies
- New initiatives such as Read, Write Inc, The Big Write
- Teacher professional Learning teams
- Rich resources
- Life Education
- Sports Days
- Encouraging active involvement

We believe that Homework helps students by:
- Complementing and reinforcing classroom learning
- Fostering good lifelong learning and study habits
- Providing an opportunity for students to become responsible for their own learning

So there is a great deal happening at Niddrie!

**Parent Opinion Survey**

Each year the school conducts an opinion survey of 15 per cent of the school community. Parents are randomly selected to participate and we use the information to support future school planning and improvement.

On Monday, surveys will be sent home with students to selected families. The survey takes just a short time to complete. Once completed, we ask that you seal your survey in the envelope provided, write your child’s name and year level on the back of the envelope and return it to school.

Responses are confidential and are sent to an independent organisation for collation and reporting.

The results will be shared with parents via the School Council later in the year.

We ask that completed surveys be returned to school by Friday, 7th August 2015.

**Father’s Day Stall**

This year’s Father’s Day stall will take place on Friday 4th September. Children will have the opportunity to purchase gifts for Father’s Day ranging in price from $1.00 - $10.00.

The stall will commence at 9:00am.

Please send children along with their own environmentally friendly green bag if possible.

*Helpers are needed to work on the stall from 9:00-11:00am.*

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**Allergies/Anaphylaxis**

Anaphylaxis is a severe and sometimes sudden allergic reaction. It can occur when a susceptible person is exposed to an allergen, such as a food or insect sting. An anaphylactic reaction always requires an emergency response. Our school currently has students identified with a serious allergy to nuts and nut products. In a bid to make every reasonable effort we can to minimise the exposure of students who are at risk of anaphylaxis, we ask that children do not bring lunches or snacks containing nuts. Please help us minimise the risk of an allergic reaction by abiding by this request.

**Woolworths Earn and Learn**

From now until Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There will be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box at the store or here at school. The box will be located near the office.

The school will then be able to redeem the stickers for resources for our students.

**Student Absences**

As part of our ongoing care for students, teachers will be contacting parents, should a child be absent without explanation for two or more days. This will also apply to late arrivals for the same period. Please understand that this is part of our duty of care.

**Enrolments for 2016**

Enrolments for next year are now being accepted for all grade levels.

If you have a child commencing school next year please drop by the office and collect an enrolment form.

Kind Regards,
Greg

**PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

**Week Ending 17th July**

**GRADE PREP D**

Max A.: for his incredible effort during writing this week. Well done Max

Anna B.: for having a positive attitude towards learning new maths topics. Great job.

**GRADE PREP N**

Mia D.: for trying to use
adventurous words in her writing. Well done Mia!

GRADE 1/2B Zac D.: for making a fantastic start to term 3. Keep up the amazing work.

GRADE 1/2T Lucy D.: for working EXTREMELY hard on her reading and writing.

GRADE 1/2S Jackson P.: for trying really hard to stay focused during class time. Keep it up!

GRADE 3/4K Jackson H.: for making a terrific start to term 3 and working so well in our inventions group.

GRADE 3/4Kate Ayden G.: for making a huge effort to improve his maths and helping us with The Big Write.

GRADE 3/4C Alessio P.: for working so hard all week. What a great start to term 3!

GRADE 5/6S Declan W.: for starting term 3 with great enthusiasm and always being polite.

GRADE 5/6E Jordan S.: for such an interesting and creative written piece in our Big Write session. Keep it up!

GRADE 5/6C Indiana C.: for her willingness to help others in class with a smile on her face.

PRINCIPAL William G.: for always being such a happy student with a great enthusiasm for school.

TEACHER Emily Wong.: for making such a great start to term 3. Welcome back!

Parent Group News

Second Hand Uniform Stall
Please have a look at our second hand uniforms on Tuesday mornings from 9:00am at the Parent Group room.
Price range from $3 - $5.

High Tea for a Cause
On Sunday, 26th July, between 2 and 4pm, Lisa da Silva (NPS mum) will be hosting a high tea to raise funds for birthing kits to send to Uganda. This is in conjunction with Vision Sisters, a World Vision initiative. A minimum donation of $40 is requested. This will purchase 8 birthing kits and the required education (and you get a delicious high tea!). High tea will be in the school hall. If you would like to attend, please let Lisa know on 0419 504 512.

Maths, Science and VCE Biology Tution

MATHS - All grades
Science - All grades
Biology - Year 11 & 12
For excellent results contact Ritu (Maths and Biology teacher at Secondary College) - 0415228589
One on one or group tuition offered.

Join the CrossFit Calder Community for exercise and coffee, Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9.15am to 10.00am.
Be a role model for your family with healthy lifestyle choices.
Mention your school and get your first session free!
Bookings essential -
Call Nicole on 0488 005 767 to book your first session on 28th April 2015
Or email CrossFit Calder on info@crossfitcalder.com.au
Our address is CrossFit Calder Unit 3/43 Slater Parade, Keilor East.
Cakes rule offers celebration cakes for any occasion in a selection of flavours. Every cake is made to order using fresh ingredients and the utmost attention to detail. All design requests are welcomed.

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