Our Vision: Students will be confident thinkers and problem solvers. They will take responsibility for their own learning and will be ready to accept the challenge of secondary school education and beyond.

DATE: 6/08/2015

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Term Dates 2015

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

REMINDES:

TUESDAY IS BANK DAY!

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.

Dear Parents,

Where to Find Notices
Spare newsletters, order forms, canteen price lists and notices can be found on display near the couches in the foyer area of the office. This includes any forms, notices and information you may need. Please feel free to come along and grab a copy of anything you may require in the future.
To receive your copy of our weekly newsletter via email, please ensure we have your current email address at school.

Before and After School Care
The YMCA offer both Before and After School Care for students in the hall. This program operates each school day from 7.30am until 8.45am and then after school from 3.30pm until 6.00pm. The program is run by the YMCA and offers a large range of interesting activities for children.
Forms are available from the hall or office or you can call 0425788434 for further information.
For the many children arriving at school very early when the grounds are unsupervised this service provides a much safer alternative.

Parent Opinion Survey
Please ensure if you have completed a Parent Opinion Survey that it is returned to school tomorrow. Thank you to the parents who have already done so. We appreciate your feedback.

Conjunctivitis
There have been several cases of Conjunctivitis reported in the grade 1/2 area of late. Conjunctivitis...
is an eye infection caused by a bacteria or virus. Symptoms include eye redness, a discharge and swollen lids. Conjunctivitis is treated with antibacterial eye drops or ointment. Parents are reminded that students are excluded from school until discharge from the eyes has ceased.

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.
Kind Regards,
Greg

PUPIL OF THE WEEK
Week Ending 31st July
GRADE PREP D Christy S.: for being a hard working member of our class. Keep it up!
GRADE PREP N Helena D.: for working really hard during our Read Write Inc sessions.
GRADE 1/2B Tyson J.: for completing some excellent arrays in our multiplication sessions this week.
GRADE 1/2T Anshvir S.: for working very hard on The Big Write. Well done!
GRADE 1/2S James L.: for being such an amazing mathematician during our repeated addition lesson even when unwell.
GRADE 3/4K Tavish B.: for showing real improvement in his attitude to all his work, particularly his writing. Well done Tavish!
Abbey B.: for her outstanding attitude to her school work and being such a wonderful leader to other children.
GRADE 3/4Kate Lachlan T.: for sensational Big Writing.
GRADE 3/4C Terry M.: for being such a great member of our class and always completing work in a conscientious manner. Well done!
GRADE 5/6S Connor M.: for his continued enthusiasm towards our maths lessons, especially our warm-ups.

GRADE 5/6E Victoria D.: for her excellent procedural text and her wonderful contributions to classroom discussions. Well done!
GRADE 5/6C Sophia L.: for always bringing laughter and smiles to our class. Keep it up superstar.
THE ARTS Tenzin M.: for her colourful and detailed work on a bird’s eye view of landscapes. Excellent.
SCIENCE Ayah E.: for her accurate and thorough observations and recording in her Bags at Home homework. Well done.

PHYS ED Jacob T & Heath M.: for their incredible efforts doing high jump during our PE sessions.
Matilda A.: for always giving her best effort and showing good leadership skills. Well done.

PRINCIPAL Willow P.: for all round excellence in everything she does at school.
TEACHER Rob Beagley.: for doing such a wonderful job as our Art and Science teacher.
Book Fair

It's that time of year again Book Fair is coming! Our Book Fair will run the week before Book Week August 17th to Friday 21st. Your child will attend the Ashton Scholastic Book Fair during class time. For those of you who haven’t been to our Book Fairs, children make a “wish” list in class time. They bring these home and it is parent’s choice on buying books. Children are told that they do NOT have to buy books and although they may wish for lots it is your choice if you buy or not! Books range from $5 upwards. All proceeds go to more books for our library. The Book Fair will be open on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 3:40-4:15 so that parents can attend with their child or books can be ordered by sending order form and money in an envelope to school. The books can also be paid for on-line with credit card and slip returned with order. Our Book Fair takes place in the library. If you have any questions please feel free to come and see me. Look forward to seeing you.

Tracey 😊

Do you have trouble getting the kids to school on time? Or do you make it on time but feel that you have been through a warzone?

If the answer is yes to these questions, try some of the tips below from one of our mums, to turn your morning into a pleasant routine instead of a traumatic battleground.

Being on time is a skill that anyone can learn.

1. Preparation is key. Get these things organised the night before and get your children involved in the process. It will save you precious time in the morning:
   - Lay out the clothes you are wearing – kids and grownups
   - Bags packed with waterbottles, homework, library books, notes etc
   - Lunches made (as much as is practical) Sandwitches are much tastier made the same day!

2. Wake up on time! If you have trouble getting out of bed for an alarm, put it away from you so you have to step out of bed to turn it off. If the kids have trouble getting up, they may need to go to bed earlier or require a little motivation. This can be a bargaining chip – “if you get up on time, then I will allow you to stay up and do ……”

3. Get yourself ready first. If you are rushing in the mornings, set the alarm for 15 minutes earlier and be dressed and ready to go when the kids get up. When they know they have your full attention it is amazing to find there is less arguing and mucking around and everything is done faster.

4. Have a checklist on the fridge for children to tick off as they go. This now shifts the responsibility of the morning routine to the kids – and they love it! A checklist will keep them focused on the task at hand and give them freedom to run their morning in their own way. As long as it is all done on time, they can manage each task any order that they want. No more saying “put your shoes on” 55 times per child! If they are floating around the kitchen looking lost, just direct them back to their checklist. Items to include:
   - Get dressed
   - Make your bed –everyone over 3 can do this
   - Put your shoes on
   - Have Breakfast
   - Clean your teeth
   - Brush your hair
   - Check your bag
   - We also have a child responsible for something each day eg the dishwasher or clean bathroom sink etc

5. Factor in 15 mins as buffer time. Whatever time it takes your family to rise and be ready to go, add another 15 mins on to this to absorb the tantrum about the 3 year olds favourite skirt, the sibling fight getting in the car or the odd hair emergency. The worst thing that can happen is that you will be early!

Things happen to make us late once in a while that are out of our control. Even 15 mins buffer can’t help most of us when the car won’t start. Thank goodness for mobile phones to ease the pain. I hope that these tips help, because it is important that we all strive to be on time, and it is also important to teach these skills to your children as early as you can. Being on time says to the people waiting for you that they are important. It means a lot (and makes everyone’s life easier) when we show up when we said that we would, not just for our employer but for our family, friends and children.

YEAR 6 to 7 TRANSITION

Year 6 transition information is currently being processed by secondary schools. Grade 6 parents should note that placement offers will be sent home with students on Wednesday 19th of August, 2015.

We are seeking prize donations for our Footy Day raffle, which is happening on the last day of term 3. Anything football related (AFL, Soccer, Rugby etc) would be fantastic. 100% of funds raised go to Nick’s Wish, a charity that supports children and families living with cancer at the Royal Children’s Hospital. All donations to be sent to 5/6C.

Thanks in advance, Emma & Craig

Chrissy’s Babysitting!!
Contact Chrissy 0411171159
Dear Families,
Niddrie OSHC would like to offer families the opportunity to enrol children into a full day of care on Friday 14th August, 2015.
Breakfast will be on offer from 8am to 9am, then there will be a range of activities during the day, including but not limited to:

- Outside Play (weather permitting)
- Cooking Honey Joys
- Art and Craft
- Sporting Games
- Blocks, Board and Card Games
- Music, Free Play
- Wii Games
  Children are welcome to bring their own devices.
- Also a movie and popcorn in the afternoon.

The cost for the full day of care will be $58.00 per child minus CCB/CCR benefits.
Providing there are at least 12 children enrolled by 5pm on Tuesday 11th August, we will be able to go ahead with Pupil Free Day Care.
To enrol your child/ren please see me in the OSHC Room and complete your details on the sign up sheet.
Kind regards,
Gerry
OSHC Coordinator

FAMILY PORTRAITS $20
Airport West Kindergarten is holding an ‘Advanced Studios’ fundraiser.
For $20, each participating family will receive a studio quality 10” x 13” (25 x 33cm) colour portrait and a keyring with the family portrait to place inside.
Family Portrait Day is Sunday 16th August and will be held at Airport West Kindergarten, 97 McNamara Avenue, Airport West.
For bookings and more information please ring or SMS Kirsten Breen on 0402 117 334 or email on kjs007@netspace.net.au

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