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.

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REMINDERS:

**TUESDAY IS BANK DAY!**

**REMEMBER:**
**TOMORROW is a PUPIL FREE DAY!!!** Children do not attend school tomorrow. Teachers will be involved in professional learning, focussing on developing a viable and guaranteed curriculum.

Dear Parents,

Chocolate Drive

Our Chocolate Drive is just over a week away! Chocolates will be distributed to the eldest child in each family. This is our major fundraising effort for
the year so we are hoping for the full support of our school community.

Each family will receive a carry pack containing items of Cadbury confectionary. You are asked to sell these items to friends, neighbours, relatives and work friends within a two week period.

If you have any questions or if you do not wish to participate in the chocolate drive or would like to make a donation instead please contact Sharon or Greg at the office.

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 7th August
GRADE PREP D Gorja B.: for her AMAZING writing about our farm excursion! Well done!
GRADE PREP N Noah S.: for making really good choices in class.
GRADE 1/2B Maggie G.: for being a kind friend to everyone at Niddrie Primary School.
GRADE 1/2T Lily N.: for amazing writing during The Big Write. Well done!
GRADE 1/2S Andrew P.: for completing his Big Write at home. Well done.
GRADE 3/4K Dilara C.: for working so hard to improve her spelling and writing.
GRADE 3/4Kate Ava T.: for being such a conscientious worker and a willing helper.
GRADE 3/4C Siena M.: for great efforts in all areas of her school work. Well done Siena.
GRADE 5/6S Anand A.: for writing an entertaining Big Write story, even though it was about cricket. Well done.
GRADE 5/6E Mohammad N.: for working very hard in maths and being a money genius! Well done!
GRADE 5/6C Ceren A.: for her great descriptive writing about the magic ring. Great work.

THE ARTS
Aleisha H.: for understanding and completing lovely backgrounds and foregrounds.

SCIENCE
Lillie H.: for a very good recall of how electrical energy transfers and transforms around an electric circuit.

PHYS ED
Nash M.: for being such an enthusiastic participant in the lunchtime basketball tournament, with and MVP performance in the final!

PRINCIPAL
Jack F.: for being such a responsible and sensitive student in the playground. Well done Jack!

TEACHER
D’Arne Smith.: for doing such a fantastic job leading our wonderful ‘Big Write’ program.

Build up Frequent Father points
By Michael Grose

Michael Grose looks at the importance of topping up Frequent Father points, and the benefits for both dads and for kids.

A good friend enthusiastically told me how he was looking forward to spending a few days away on his own with his two kids, aged 10 and 13. He was feeling quite chuffed.

He was having some ‘dad time’ with his kids. Good on him!

He was doing some memory building & relationship building, as well as having some fun. He told me that he was aware that his kids were getting older and he knew such opportunities were diminishing.

Gone are the days when the only relationship many men had with their kids was through their wife. She would explain him to the kids (‘Your dad’s very busy but he would love to see you play sport but he can’t make it.’) As well, she’d keep him up-to-date with the children’s lives.
Blokes, it seems, are valuing the time they spend with their kids on their own. Or at least the dads I mix with are. Spending time alone with kids is a great way to build confidence in dads. And the kids usually just love it. Mothers can play a role here by not getting in the way if their husband or partner wants a little time alone with kids. (Most mums I meet welcome this!) Children usually associate their fathers with activity. When I ask children to tell me about their dads they usually talk about the things that they like to do together with their dads. Playing, walking, fishing, wrestling...the list goes on.

It’s through shared activity and involvement in kids’ lives that dads build up frequent father points. It’s hard to build good connection with kids when you are not there!

Don’t wait until adolescence
These relationships are best built in childhood, when kids just love their dads to bits and want to be around him. It gets trickier in adolescence, but having shared interests developed in childhood gives you a connection point during these sometimes-turbulent times.

Dads also benefit from spending time with their kids. Most health scales state a healthy relationship with their children is a predictor of good health and longevity for men. I’m not sure where the health benefits come from, but I suspect there is something relaxing and de-stressing about getting into a child’s space. There is a big kid inside most men just busting to get out.

These days we take parenting pretty seriously and it’s easy to forget that one of the fundamentals of raising kids well is to spend some time in your child’s space, doing stuff, or not doing stuff, whatever the case maybe.

So how are your (or your partner’s) Frequent Father Points going? If they need some topping up then you can start by doing something together that they enjoy.

Having a bit of fun together is the best place to start.

Author’s note: Sole mums can take these ideas on-board to have a NO RULES weekend with your kids, where you have a change of routine and activity that can give kids the chance to see you in a different way.

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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.

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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 they 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

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Chrissy’s Babysitting!!
Contact Chrissy 0411711959

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Maths, Science and VCE Biology Tuition
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.
Friday the 21st of August from 3 – 4 pm
In the Alcove

Parent Group is asking for donations of food to sell from the parents of students in Grade 1/2 Tracey which can include but are in no way limited to:

- Cakes
- Lolly Bags
- Biscuits
- Slices
- Muffins
- Cookies
- Donuts
- Popcorn

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

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

YMCA Niddrie OSHC
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
- 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