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Term Dates 2015

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

- Next Friday is the last day of Term 3 and dismissal will be at 2:30pm.
The canteen will be closed on this day.
- The wearing of hats is compulsory from September 1st until 30th April. Children must wear a hat outside at recess and lunchtimes.

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.
We would also welcome any donations for the second hand stall.
Remember, Parent Group meets on Tuesday mornings in the room next to the canteen. Come along, have a coffee and a chat!!

Dear Parents,

Early Dismissal Time
Next Friday is the last day of term 3. Students will be dismissed at the earlier time of 2:30pm. Please ensure students are collected at this time. The YMCA Out of School Hours Care will be operational from 2:30pm. For bookings call 0425 788 434 or email niddrieoshc@ymca.org.au

Art Show
Our Art Show is scheduled for Friday 16th October. The evening will commence at 5:30pm, with student art work on display. Parents can purchase art work for $5 and then participate in an auction, where a ‘masterpiece’ created by each grade will be sold to the highest bidder.
More information is included with this newsletter, along with an order form for families interested in pre-ordering dinner. Dinner cannot be purchased on the night so please fill in your order form and return it to school no later than Friday 9th October. Our last Art Show provided families with a very enjoyable evening and I’m sure this year’s will be even better!
Father’s Day Stall

Judging by the thought each child put into the purchase of their Father’s Day gifts last Friday, I am sure there were a lot of happy dads on Sunday. Thank you to Parent Group and the many helpers who prepared for, and manned the stall on the day. It was a wonderful effort.

Chocolate Drive Ends MONDAY!!

We are hoping families will return their chocolate money on Monday as our Chocolate Drive draws to a close. Thank you to the Niddrie community, for once again supporting us with our fundraising. We hope to publish the amount raised in next week’s newsletter. The Chocolate Drive draw will take place next Friday at this term’s final assembly.

Footy Day

Students are asked to wear their team colours tomorrow for Footy Day. Much thought and preparation has gone into organising a variety of activities for students. Thank you to Emma and Craig for your hard work. As part of this day there will be a special lunch, which children have already ordered. There will be no other lunches available from the canteen tomorrow, so if your child has not already placed an order, please ensure they bring lunch from home.

2016 Enrolments

Please ensure all enrolments are finalised by the end of this term. If anyone knows of children starting next year but not enrolled as yet please encourage the parents to do so within the next 2 weeks.

Kind Regards,
Greg

PUPIL OF THE WEEK
Week Ending 4th September

GRADE PREP D  Edie S.: for her fantastic attitude to her school work and for always being a helpful and kind friend. Well done!

GRADE PREP N  Callum M.: for being so enthusiastic and working extremely hard during our maths lessons on time.

GRADE 1/2B  Hassan S.: for working really hard on his writing this week. Keep up the good work buddy.

GRADE 1/2T  Ella D.: for being a kind, hardworking member of our class. Well done!

GRADE 1/2S  Nicholas E.: for doing such an amazing job reading his ‘Big Write’ at assembly.

GRADE 3/4K  Harry F.: for trying so hard to improve his writing in our ‘Big Write’ Sessions. Well done Harry.

GRADE 3/4W  Esref D.: for being a cheerful class member and a sensational inventor.

GRADE 3/4C  Zac M.: for always putting in effort to complete work to the best of his ability. Well done Zac!

GRADE 5/6S  Aryan S.: for writing an entertaining story in our ‘Big Write’ session.

GRADE 5/6E  Brianna L.: for her excellent organisational skills preparing for footy day and being an all round superstar!

GRADE 5/6C  Finn H.: for always having a great attitude to his school work and having a go at everything.

THE ARTS  Dashveen J.: for his beautiful geometric pattern.

Thomas W.: for his beautiful organic pattern.

SCIENCE  Lachlan T.: for designing a clever outfit to go walking in a wet tangled jungle.

Sam L.: for designing a clever outfit to work in a rubbish dump.

PHYS ED  Alicia I.: for her lightning fast leg of the 4 x 100 metre relay at the District Athletics Carnival. Amazing effort!

PRINCIPAL  James L.: for always being such a great competitor at sporting events!

TEACHER  Emma Browne.: for a great job organising Hoop Time and our Athletics team.

Grade 3/4

Camp Marysville

All payments need to be finalised by next Monday 14th September. Please make sure all of the medical and permission forms have been returned.

Footy Day Update

Thank you to the wonderful Niddrie school community for the donations received for our footy day raffle. We now have plenty of great prizes including signed merchandise from various AFL clubs. Each student automatically gets 2 raffle tickets in the draw when they purchase a lunch order (due back this Friday the 11th Sep). Extra tickets can be purchased for $1 from 5/6E right up until footy day.

Athletics News

Wilson, Keona, Tahlia, Caitlyn and Jack represented Niddrie at the Divisional Athletics Trials on Tuesday. In an amazing result, all 5 of them won 100% of the events they were in and will all progress to the Regional finals! Only one more level to the state finals! Congratulations to all of our athletes and we wish them all the very best at the Regional event.
Near the end of the day we had a book parade. I felt very nervous when we were going to go up and walk around in a circle. When my class walked up everyone started to applaud. After we went around in a circle I felt happy about it.

After school was over I thought about the fun I had and hoped that we would have a book week dress up day next year.

By Mary

On the 21st of August my school had a book week dress up day. We had to come as our favourite character and I am going to tell you all about it.

I arrived at school as a minion. At first I was nervous because I thought I would be the only one but there were three more minions. Then I didn’t feel nervous. I felt happy.

Later in the day I saw lots of Harry Potter costumes and Pikachu. After lunch it was time to go to the parade and everyone applauded when we were walking in a circle.

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By Erica

On the 21st of August Niddrie PS had a dress up day because it was book week. People were dressed up in different costumes and I thought that they all were good. There were minions, pirates, cat in the hat and other characters.

At recess and lunch I took my costume off because I didn’t want the hat and the eye patch to blow off my head. We did work for the whole day until the parade started.

When we arrived at the hall I felt excited to see everyone’s costume while people were going around the circle.

After school I felt tired but I was still happy.

By Christian

GARAGE SALE

12th September 2015 - 8:30am-1pm

Office stationary & furniture, wooden tools, white goods, household goods, handbags, games, factory items, cabinets, ex display, computers & accessories.

Assorted and very reasonable prices.

Where: Unit 5/11 Tullamarine Park Road (enter via Beverage drive) Tullamarine

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The Great Athletics Challenge 2015

Hi. My name is Enis and I will be writing about what some of the grade 4's, 5's and 6's did in Athletics. The day was held on Thursday the 3rd of September and the weather was FREEZING! We all came dressed like Eskimos. Blankets, jumpers, beanies, we needed the things for Winter when it was Spring! But this did not stop us from competing. We put all our effort into this day and tried our hardest. We cheered on our teammates that were in the 100m, 200m, 800m, 1500m and the relay. Overall it was a fantastic day. On behalf of the Niddrie athletes, I would like to thank Emma Browne for organising the day.

-Enis Y

It was the coldest day ever, but we didn’t let the weather stop us competing in the interschool athletics competition at Keilor Athletics track on Thursday the 3rd of September.

This term grade 3-6 have been doing athletics in sport with Emma, and some of the children in grades 4-6 qualified to move through to the competition.

When we arrived we all walked to our area and set up our rugs. We were all very well behaved and showed amazing sportsmanship throughout the day.

Some of the highlights were Keona in the 200m sprint and Wilson in the Hurdles. I enjoyed my day competing in the 800m, triple jump and the 4x100m relay. Overall I had lots of fun and hope everyone else did too.

I would like to thank Emma for coaching us, the teachers who came to help and everyone else for their support.

Willow P 3-4 Kathy

Book Week Dress Up Day

We hope that you enjoy these personal recounts written by children in the grade 3 / 4 writing groups.

Have you ever had a dress up day at your school for book week? Well on the 21st of August Niddrie PS did.

I woke up at 6.30am and started to watch TV in bed. At 6.45am I slowly crawled out of bed as I was still dead tired.

While I walked into the kitchen I asked my Mum what day it was and she replied that it was the 21st of August. I was ecstatic and nervous at the same time!

Until recess I was feeling sorry for myself and Jack because our costumes were made out of silk. I was shivering like a polar bear with no fur!

At assembly we had a parade to show our costumes. It went in this order: preps, 1/2s, 3/4s, 5/6s. If there had been a competition for the funniest teacher the winner would have been Craig.

I soon realised that my nervousness had paid off because I’d had fun. In conclusion I was so happy that I had been part of the dress up day.

By Jye

Have you ever had a dress up day at school? Niddrie Primary has and I’m going to tell you all about it.

On Friday 21st August NPS had a book week character dress up day. When I woke up that morning I slowly realised that it was fancy dress day. I grabbed my dress up clothes and quickly put them on.

I arrived at school and I saw everyone in their outfits. My friend Erica was dressed up as a minion. The bell went for play and I saw lots of minions, Pikachu and Harry Potter costumes. I was having lots of fun playing and seeing everyone in their dress ups.

Our school work subjects were still the same.

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Indigenous Gardens Update
Bush Tucker Garden planting Saturday 12 September 2pm – 4pm
On Saturday 12 September you are invited to join a small friendly team of parents outside the school hall between 2pm – 4pm to plant small size plants in the Bush Tucker garden. A little light weeding for those who are willing. No heavy work involved. Please bring gloves, hat, hand fork or hand spade, refreshments and food. We would love for you to come.

Wanted: Empty ice cream containers for watering
Children please bring any spare, empty ice cream containers you may have at home. You can place these containers under the drinking fountains to collect residual water while you quench your thirst. When containers are full, you can pour the water onto the plants – howzat, clean water that would otherwise have gone down the drain watering our gardens (and playtime fun too).

Watering Roster – December and January school holidays
We need to ensure the indigenous plants remain healthy and strong over their first hot summer at school. Can you spare a couple of hours to join a summer watering roster? Pick you date(s). Even if you can only water once, that will be helpful. Everything will be explained beforehand. Please contact the office to register your interest. (We will use rainwater tanks)

Thank you Mitre 10 Niddrie
For donating potting mix recently used to top up the Butterfly Garden.