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: 10/12/2015

DATES TO REMEMBER

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Term Dates

2015
Term 4: 5 October to 18 December

2016
Term 1: 27 January (school teachers start) to 24 March*
Term 2: 11 April to 24 June
Term 3: 11 July to 16 September
Term 4: 3 October to 20 December

* The first day of Term 1 is a student-free day in all government schools to allow for appropriate planning to take place for the arrival of students. Each year government schools are provided with four student-free days for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development, and student assessment and reporting purposes. The remaining three student-free days are determined by each individual school, so contact your school for details.

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*You can access the school newsletter from our website:
www.niddrieps.vic.edu.au

REMINDERS:
- The canteen is closed every Thursday!
- Student Banking has finished for the year!

The wearing of hats is compulsory from September 1st until 30th April. Children must wear a hat outside at recess and lunchtimes.

CANTEEN - END OF TERM

Could all parents please note that TOMORROW will be the last day for canteen this year. Please ensure that your child has a lunch from home for the last 5 days of school.

KEYBOARD PERFORMANCES

End of year keyboard performances will be held on Tuesday morning, 15 December from 9.00 until 11.00 in the hall.

Times (as close to possible will be):
prepar 9.00-9.30 1/2s 9.30-10.00
3/4s 10.00-10.30 5/6s 10.30-11.00

END OF TERM DISMISSAL

Dismissal at 1:30pm.

This term ends next Friday at 1:30 pm. Please ensure arrangements are made for your child/ren to be picked up at this earlier time or have them booked into the After School Program.
Dear Parents,

P-2 Christmas Concert
At 7:00pm tonight, our talented prep, grade 1 and grade 2 children will be performing at their end of year Christmas Concert in the Secondary School hall. I am sure everyone will enjoy the evening and congratulate the children on their hard work in preparation for the night. A special thank you to Leanne for putting so much time and effort into the performance to ensure it is a special memory for all involved.

Good Luck!
Good luck to all our Grade 6 students who are graduating on Wednesday night. We hope you have a wonderful night and a time that you will remember for many years to come.
To the children who are leaving Niddrie Primary School next Friday, our best wishes go with you and we hope you do well at your chosen schools.
If you do your best, no one can expect any more! Best of luck at your new school.

Canteen
The canteen will be closed next week. Please ensure children are provided with play lunch and lunch for the last week of term. If you feel you can help in the canteen next year please fill in the coupon included with this newsletter. We would appreciate your assistance. A huge thank you to Jenny and the parent helpers for ensuring the canteen is available for our students.

Allergies
With Christmas lolly bags and party bags being brought to school of late, I would remind parents that some of our students have nut allergies and are at risk of severe reactions. Please consider this when sorting lollies to include.

School Christmas Picnic
Next Thursday we will be having our annual school picnic. This year for $8 children can enjoy a special Christmas lunch consisting of a sausage in bread or vegie burger, a drink, bag of lollies, icy pole and fruit. This day has been well supported in the past and is one the children enjoy immensely.
Please ensure you return the note sent home with last week’s newsletter by MONDAY.
Remember, no other lunches will be available on the day so children will need to bring a lunch from home if they are not placing an order.

Christmas Raffle
Our end of year Christmas raffle will be drawn next Thursday, on the day of the Whole School Picnic. Make sure your tickets have been returned by Wednesday to be in the draw!

End of Term Dismissal – 1:30pm!
NEXT FRIDAY children will be dismissed at the earlier finishing time of 1:30pm. Our After School Program will operate from 1:30 – 6pm on this day. Please contact the YMCA on 0425788434 if you would like to book your child in.

Basic Essential Education Resource Levy 2016
School Council has approved the following resource levy structure for the 2016 school year.

2016 Levy Structure:
1 child- $175.00
2 children- $350.00
3 children- $450.00
(each child after the second child is $100)
We are also providing parents with the opportunity to pay a $50.00 VOLUNTARY Contribution per family.
Please complete the form below when returning your Levy.
This Levy is to be paid at the office on Monday 8th February between 9-11am.
Earlier payments will be gratefully accepted.
Payments can be made using cash, cheque or eftpos.

Basic Essential Education Resource Levy 2016
Family Members
Name:__________________ Current grade: ___
Name:__________________ Current grade: ___
Name:__________________ Current grade: ___
I have enclosed $__________ for the Resource Levy.
I do/do not elect to pay a $50.00 voluntary contribution for my family.
Total amount enclosed $__________

Parent /Guardian
Signature___________________________
Date ____________ 2016

Staffing for the 2016 school year is as follows:
Principal: Greg Peters
Assistant Principal: James Parker
Prep    Genevaive Vidmajer
Prep    Nicole Kotoski
1/2    Tracey Sawczenko
1/2    Kate Wilkinson
1/2    Emma Brown (0.6)/ Emily Wong(0.4)
3/4    Ben Pickett
3/4    Madalyn Bernardelle
3/4    Chris Weissbacher
3/4    Shelley Tresidder
Farewell

Tomorrow at our 3:00pm Assembly, we farewell Sharon Peluso, our Assistant Principal after 23 years at our school. Please try to attend this assembly to give Sharon a fitting send off.

Kind Regards,

Greg

BOOK CLUB THANKS

Many thanks to our fabulous book club organiser Taryn Higgs. Taryn has worked tirelessly this year to ensure all book club orders are filled and through her efforts book club has once again, through points earned, provided our school with hundreds of dollars worth of books for our classroom libraries. The students and staff are very grateful for your work Taryn. Thank you once again.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Week Ending 4th December

GRADE PREP D
Ella S.: for being such a sensational worker in our class all year. Well done!

GRADE PREP N
Noah S.: for concentrating extremely hard during BIG WRITE and writing an amazing story.

GRADE 1/2B
Jessica B.: for brightening up the classroom every day with her beaming smile.

GRADE 1/2T
Reilly T.: for working very hard on his handwriting. Well done!

GRADE 1/2S
Samuel W.: for showing resilience during our transition program.

GRADE 3/4K
Emily T.: for outstanding preparation for our Big Write and quiet dedication to all our school tasks.

GRADE 3/4W
Georgia W.: for her positive attitude to learning.

GRADE 3/4C
Xavier B.: for being such a wonderful class member every day, all year! Well done!

GRADE 5/6S
Harvey D.: for writing such an entertaining Big Write story. Well done!

GRADE 5/6E
Blake T.: for being the most mature and responsible helper who always shows initiative. We will miss you!

GRADE 5/6C
Maddy K.: for being such a great help during this very busy week. Great job.

PHYS ED
Ben N.: for being a brilliant training partner and for always doing his best at PE. Well done!

PRINCIPAL
Tommy M.: for being such a good friend to new students.

TEACHER
Ben Pickett & Craig Lofts.: for working so hard to clean up our school.

YEAR BOOKS HAVE ARRIVED!!!

Our 2015 Year Books are ready for purchase from the office for $15. Pre-orders will be sent home with students.

Grade 5/6 iPad apps
Notes will be distributed this week outlining required apps for school use in 2016 and will also be available on the school website.

Niddrie Teachers in Cambodia

Over the coming holidays whilst many of us will be recovering from feasts and looking for ways to get out of the heat, 2 of our teachers will be spending their time in a very different way. For two weeks in January, Kate and Stef are travelling over to Cambodia and participating in a program called Teach the Teachers, run by SeeBeyondBorders. They will be going into schools in Cambodia and providing some professional development to teachers to help them with their teaching techniques and ideas. They have covered their own costs to fly to Cambodia and participate in the program and are now raising money to help buy school resources, maths kits, and materials to help make basic repairs to the Cambodian schools. We wish them all the best in their journey and look forward to hearing all about it next year.

If you would like to make a donation to assist them in providing materials and resources for the Cambodian schools please visit the following website: https://give.everydayhero.com/au/stefanie-5
CANTEEN DUTY 2016

Parents wishing to volunteer for canteen duty in 2016, are asked to fill out the form below and return it to the office or canteen.

Name:

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Child’s Name/Grade:

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Preferred day/s to work:
Mon  Tues  Wed  Thurs  Fri
Weekly  Fortnightly  Monthly

Pre-Christmas Care

At: Moonee Ponds Holiday Program
Monday 21 December 2015: Icy Pole Stick Bonanza!!
Tuesday 22 December 2015: The Pondz Restaurant Revolution!
Wednesday 23 December 2015: Cultural Diversity Day!
87 Wilson St, Moonee Ponds

Cost: $65 per day
For bookings:
www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au