DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 22nd + 23rd February  5/6 Cyber Bully Incursion
Fri 26th February  Special School Breakfast
Mon 29th February  District Swimming Carnival
Fri 4th March  Sports Gala Day 1
Fri 11th March  Sports Gala Day 2
Mon 14th March  LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
Fri 18th March  Happy Hour 1/2T
Mon 21st March  7:30pm School Council AGM
Wed 22nd March  OPEN DAY Tours at 9:30am and 12:00pm
Thurs 25th March  Term 1 ends: 2:30pm dismissal

As part of our Sun Smart Policy the wearing of hats is compulsory from September 1st until April 30th each year.

The Weekly Newsletter from Niddrie Primary School,
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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: 25/02/2016

SO WHY DOWNLOAD SKOOLBAG?

ALERTS
All information from us can be sent to parents with the click of a button. We can alert you of up and coming events closer to the dates rather than having to refer to the newsletter each week.

EVENTS
All Niddrie Primary events will be uploaded to our events section that you can view at any time. It will include extra information like starting times and venue location.

NEWSLETTERS
Sick of paper? You can view our newsletter digitally at any time you wish.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD
Important parent information is located here from Sun Smart policies to Medicine and Asthma Plans.

eFORMS
Let us know that your child will be absent through this section. Simply fill out the eForm and the school will be notified of your child’s absences. Also, keep us updated with any change of details, like a phone number or address. You can quickly send us updated information through the ‘Change of Details’ eForm.

SCHOOL FORMS
Need a price for uniforms or a canteen menu? Here is where you will find these forms. You can print them off again yourself or just look at them through the app.

YEAR LEVELS
Rather than informing everyone through a newsletter, teachers can now send out important information targeted to that year level through this section.

SETUP
Only want to be notified if it relates to you and your children? In the ‘Setup’ section you can turn on and off the alerts you wish to receive.

ENVIRONMENT
By reducing the printing of the newsletter we save paper and care more for our environment.

PRINTING
You can print from Skoolbag from your smart phone app if you have a printer that accepts ‘Airprint’. If you don’t have this follow this link to access the web based version of Niddrie Skoolbag.
Dear Parents,

**Easter Raffle**

This term we will be conducting an Easter Raffle. The raffle will be drawn at the final assembly on Thursday 25th March. There will be prizes consisting of baskets of eggs and other Easter goodies.

Donations are now being sought for our Easter raffle. In addition to Easter treats we are also in need of baskets to package up some of the prizes. There will be a box at the office where your donation will be gratefully accepted. We will be collecting eggs to be part of the prize hampers. If you would like to donate a chocolate egg (of any size) to be a part of one of the prizes, donations will be gratefully accepted at the office.

Raffle tickets will be sent home with a newsletter in the near future.

**Scooters and Bikes**

Our school is active in encouraging students to walk or ride to school and will continue to promote this healthy activity. However, we do ask that once students arrive at school they refrain from riding scooters or bikes within the school grounds. We have had many near misses, with staff, parents and toddlers almost hit by children on scooters in their enthusiasm to ride around the school.

**Yard Supervision**

A reminder to parents that our yard is not supervised after 3:45pm each day. We ask that parents ensure children are therefore not in the yard after this time.

**Public Holiday**

Parents are reminded that Monday March 14th is the Labour Day Holiday. There is no school for students on this day.

**Parent Helpers**

Under the Working with Children Act 2005 (the Act), people who engage in paid or voluntary child-related work require a Working with Children Check. This means that any parent who is assisting in the classroom or on an excursion must have a current WWC Check. Further information can be found at [http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/workingwithchildren/utility/home/](http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/workingwithchildren/utility/home/)

**Arrive on Time**

A reminder to our families that school classes begin at 9:00am. It is wise to have students arrive at school at around 8:45am which gives them time to play, catch up with friends and get organised for the day ahead. We ask families to make the effort of ensuring that their child/ren arrive at school on time. Late comers miss out on the start of the lesson and interrupt the class.

**Student Uniforms**

Parents within our community have raised concerns with the quality of the new Niddrie uniforms. We acknowledge some of the faults and we are trying our best to get these issues resolved by working closely with our supplier. Our supplier has assured us that they will speak to the manufacturer and fix the raised concerns. Thank you to all of the parents that have been understanding in regards to these issues and we endeavour to get this resolved as soon as possible. Another big thankyou to Nicole and Grace for all of your work throughout this process.

**Family Breakfast**

Our family breakfast is this Friday and starts at 8am. Thank you to everyone that handed in their orders on time. We cannot wait to see you all in the morning. Please feel free to bring grandparents and siblings. Remember a coffee van will be onsite to purchase coffee and tea.

**Staff Car Park**

Road safety is so important for children. The road safety rules apply in our carpark. Many children and parents have been seen walking through the car park and not on the designated paths around the school. Teachers will be watching the car park area carefully, however it will be most effective if parents model safe behaviour and support us by telling children not to enter the staff parking area.

**School Council**

The next meeting of School Council will be held on Monday 21st March at 7:30pm, commencing with the Annual General Meeting. The newly formed School Council will then meet.

**Parent Group**

The meeting time for parent group has changed. We now meet on Thursday afternoons from 2pm. Everyone is welcome to come along for a coffee, chat and opportunity to get involved in fundraising activities.

**Cookie Fund Raiser**

Everyone will have now received a Billy G’s Cookie Dough order form. These forms need to be handed in to the office by Friday. This is our first fundraiser for the year and the dough will be delivered in time for school holidays. The school receives just under a third of the cost of a tub and last year we raised approximately $1200. Orders can be placed and paid for online, but please remember that your form still needs to be returned to the office by 26th February. The cookie dough will be available for pick up on Thursday 17th March. Happy ordering!

**Accident Insurance/Ambulance Cover**

Parents are reminded that the Education Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance / transport and any other transport costs. Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.
Thank you to all of the families that have already paid their school fees. School fees support the resources and education of the children at Niddrie Primary School. Fees were due by Monday 8th of February. We appreciate payment of these fees and the ongoing support of our school.

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.

Payments can be made using cash, cheque or eftpos.

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**PUPIL OF THE WEEK - Week Ending 19th February**

**GRADE PREP G**
- **Archer A:** for showing resilience each morning when saying goodbye to his mum. Keep it up!
- **Millie A:** for fantastic listening and whole body listening. You are a superstar, Millie!

**GRADE PREP N**
- **Valentine G:** for working extremely hard during Read Write Inc. Keep it up.
- **May P:** for being a helpful member of our class and working really hard all week.

**GRADE 1/2T**
- **Koby B:** for just being an amazing student every day. Well done.

**GRADE 1/2E**
- **Christy S.H:** for being such a happy and hardworking member of our class. You are a star!

**GRADE 3/4B**
- **Chloe G:** for her happy attitude and always brightening up 3/4B. Don’t lose that infectious smile.

**GRADE 3/4M**
- **Hassan S:** for being a fantastic member of our maths group and completing great place value work.

**GRADE 3/4C**
- **Ashton M:** for being a great worker and fabulous helper in our class. Well done ☺.

**GRADE 3/4S**
- **Millie N:** for giving everything a go during our maths groups/

**GRADE 5/6S**
- **Tori F:** for incorporating some great ‘show but don’t tell’ descriptions into her writing.

**GRADE 5/6C**
- **Naga S:** for being an ICT guru and teaching the class tips and tricks.

**GRADE 5/6D**
- **Mikail A:** for always being such a friendly and helpful member of our class. Well done.

**GRADE 5/6G**
- **Jacob M:** for demonstrating excellent responsibility and maturity in his role as School Captain. Keep it up!

**THE ARTS - LEANNE**
- **Heath M:** for a great strat to art and trying so hard to produce very good results.

**SCIENCE - LEANNE**
- **Lachlan Z:** for his improved attitude and work ethic in science. Well done and keep it up!

**PHYS ED – JANINE**
- **Lilly G.B:** for showing great resilience and determination while participating in P.E with her boot on.

**PHYS ED - EMMA**
- **Isabella S:** for demonstrating to her class the perfect plank. Well done!

**PRINCIPAL**
- **Ryan L:** for working so hard on his personal resilience.

**TEACHER OF THE WEEK**
- **Stef G:** for working so hard to join the rest of us in chasing the ‘Australian Dream’.

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**Junior Campuses (Years 7 to 9):**
- **Open Days:** Walk through at 9:30am and 1.45pm
- **Evening:** Walk through at 6.00pm Presentation at 7.00pm

**East Keilor Campus**
- 82 Quinn Grove, East Keilor
- 8331 0199

**Niddrie Campus**
- 19 Panor St, Airport West
- 9373 8490

**EsSENDON Campus**
- 286 Buckley St, EsSENDON
- 9219 1300
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OPEN EVENING
THURSDAY 20TH APRIL 2016
4:30-7:30PM
PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS 6PM

TOURS
TUESDAYS 630AM
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL, PH: 9337 1488

OPEN DAY
TUESDAY 16TH APRIL 2016
9:15AM-1:30PM
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD’S ATTENDANCE.

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STEP 2017
INFORMATION EVENING
THURSDAY 17TH MARCH 2016, 7-8PM
PLEASE CONTACT THE COLLEGE OR RSVP ONLINE BY MONDAY 14TH MARCH

APPLICATION FORMS DUE THURSDAY 26TH APRIL
TESTING THURSDAY 5TH MAY