Dear Parents, Carers, Staff & Students

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Vocabulary
Over the past two days we have had Kay Rankin, an expert teacher of vocabulary visit our school and work with teachers and students she also attended our staff meeting yesterday to talk about the teaching of vocabulary with staff.

“……Vocabulary is the glue that holds stories, ideas and content together…. making comprehension accessible for children.”

Ruply, Logan and Nichols 1999

Why is vocabulary important?
Vocabulary is the knowledge of words and word meanings. Words have power and people with extensive vocabulary and an understanding of how to use it find it easier to function in our world. One of the greatest tools we can give our children to succeed in reading, in writing and in life is a large, rich vocabulary. Vocabulary is acquired incidentally through indirect exposure to words and intentionally through explicit word-learning strategies.

How can parents help?
1. One way you can help your child is to read wide or extensively each evening.
2. The second is for parents to be word conscious and enjoy word-play activities that motivate and enhance your child’s vocabulary.

A very simple activity is to include everyday play with new rich words as you speak to your child. In the hug and go lane at school don’t just drag out the same old “have a good day.” Surprise your little one with: Have a tickle pink day. Have a rootin’ tootin’ day. Have a black tie day. Have a funky fresh day. Have a cheery jubilee day. Have a fancy schmanzy day. Have a bandana-rama day. Have a Le Chic day. Now, your child is having fun with descriptive words…without the dictionary!

Remember oral vocabulary refers to the combination of listening and speaking vocabularies so if your child comes home and upset don’t just ask “what made you so sad?” Ask: “What made you so blue, depressed, dejected, unhappy, sorrowful, mournful bummed out…make the words you use pinpoint the exact feeling your child has.

Does your child have a test? Do you really want to send them off with good luck? What about surpass, transcend, eclipse, excel, out shine, trump, sparkle and shine!

The idea is every day enjoy new rich words with your child, you will be surprised when they bring home a piece of writing saturated with, flowing, elaborate, vocabulary!
Book Week
Next week is Book Week here at Northview and in many schools and public libraries all over Australia. This is a time when we celebrate books and Australian authors and illustrators. Classroom teachers, teacher librarians and public librarians develop activities, offer competitions and tell stories relating to a theme to highlight the importance of reading. The theme for 2013 book week is “Read across the Universe”.

During Book Week we will have lunch time activities in the Library relating to the CBCA short-listed books. Some of the activities planned are:
- An elephant mask
- A rocket ship bookmark
- Python collage
- Sparkly stars

There will also be a competition in conjunction with the event with prizes.

Book Week is the longest running children's festival in Australia, celebrating its 65th birthday in 2010.

Educational App for Smart Phone and Smart Devices
Looking for a great app for younger children? This fun and free app will give your child a flying start in literacy by helping them practise their sight words when they are ‘out and about’.

It’s aimed at Prep to Grade 2 students to help them master the first 100 sight words to which they are typically introduced.

Out and About has been designed for parents to give to young children when they are in transit or waiting and want to fill the time in a fun and educational way.

The words in this kit are grouped into ten word sets. Students select the word set and say the word that appears. If they cannot remember the word, they can touch it and hear the word and then swipe to the next. Once they have mastered the words, they can move on to the next set.

Kids love using their parents' phones and they love mastering each set. In no time, your youngster will be ready to zoom through entry-level books.

This app also contains additional games and ideas for parents to help their children recognise sight words.

Arriving late or leaving early
Just a reminder to parents to ensure that if your child arrives at school after 9.00am, they need to report to the office and collect a late slip. If you child is leaving early to attend an important appointment, they must also inform Mrs Cheetham or Mrs Archer in the office so that this information can be recorded on our OneSchool database. All phone calls regarding student absences should also be directed through the office. The procedure for student absences is as follows:

Contact school to report a student absence stating legitimate reason via:
- Absence line – 49656860
- School Phone – 49656888 (If you would like to speak with your child’s teacher, please ensure you first speak with office staff and let them know of your child’s absence so it can be recorded on OneSchool database)
- Email – admin@northviess.eq.edu.au
- Note or letter to be handed in to office

P&C Meeting
Many thanks to the parents who attended our P&C Meeting last Monday evening. It was great to see some new faces and get fresh ideas and input. We are very fortunate to have a friendly, organised and enthusiastic P&C who are extremely supportive of our school. Like most committees, many hands make light work so please give some thought to getting involved in our P&C Association.

Sports Representatives
Congratulations to Claudia Nipperess who was selected in the Mackay and District 12 yrs Girls Cricket team.

Congratulations also to Jasmine Peters and Reville McPhee who were both selected in the Mackay and District Athletics Team which will compete at the Capricornia Trials next week.

All the best to our sports legends.

Before and After School Care
Tender applications have now closed for our Before and After School Care service which we hope will begin next Term. The service will be available during vacation periods, before school (6.30 – 8.30am) and after school (3.00 – 6.00pm). When a service provider has been engaged, we will give further information regarding costs etc.

Baby News
Congratulations to Sharon and Troy Pollard on the birth of their first child, Nate James Valentine Pollard on Aug 5.
While Mrs Pollard is missing school, she is very much enjoying being a mum! We wish Sharon, Troy and Nate all the best as a family.

Paul Manttan
(Principal)

SEP NEWS

Signing Lessons for all parents in SEP at 2.15pm each Tuesday for next 4 weeks. All welcome.

Autism Information Session at Autism Qld Offices, Monday 19 August 5.30-7.30pm at Tenancy G, 142 Nebo Road. An informal session for parents, teachers, teacher aides and childcare workers about how to get help. All welcome.

Trish

NORTHVIEW STATE SCHOOL – ENGAGE, EDUCATE AND EMPOWER ENERGY EXPERTS

After two weeks of hard work by the Energy Eagles, the school’s energy audit is finished. Our next task is to analyse the data and identify energy waste and potential savings for Northview SS.

Energy saving tips for the cooler weather:— During a cold snap, cook meals using the slow and low method, e.g. soups, lamb shanks and guinness pies. It will warm the house and provide comfort food. Double the recipe and freeze for later.

Also, a hotwater bottle ($6.99) placed between the bedsheets provides warmth the whole night. The bottle does need a cover to lessen the chance of an accidental burn.

Marjorie Ross
Sustainable Schools Facilitator

SAUSAGE SIZZLE: WE NEED MORE HELPERS!!

At Masters this Saturday 17th August. We still need helpers especially in the afternoon. If you can drop by and help out for half an hour, please let Marguerite know by calling/texting 0403 860 090, or put your name on the roster on noticeboard. We have 900 sausages to cook!! We’ve been told it gets very busy and hard to keep up with demand. So 5 helpers per half hour are needed. Thank you to the 15 parents who have already put their names down on the roster. We have received great support from many families and businesses already so we must give special thanks to:

- The Taylor family, Hutchinson Builders have donated the sausages, bread and soft drinks. Saving us $480!!
- The Simpson family, Coles have donated a gift card to use for more soft drink.
- The Percey family, Northern Suburbs Leagues Club have donated the ice.
- Also, Woolworths have donated sauces, onions and water.
- M Group Tyre and Mechanical — thanks again for the easy – we’ll be christening it this week end!

There will be a preparation session on Friday afternoon from 2pm (‘til it’s done), in the hall, if you can help then come along. Cutting onions, boxing bread with serviettes, chilling soft drinks, removing non-Woolworths packaging, packing bbq gear, pick up the ice and freeze, and many other little jobs we will think of……

Any local businesses wanting to supply a quote to build the cover for the footsteps to the library should contact Wendy Batley on 0478 887 655 or Paul Manttan 4965 6888.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK AWARDS

| PA | Zemiel Cole | For displaying good learning behaviours in class. For working hard on his sight words. For outstanding effort in completing homework. |
| PB | Brandyn Mapley | For trying very hard with your handwriting and a big improvement. For trying very hard and doing your best in all areas. For creative and engaged learning during English photo story activity. For trying very hard in all areas. |
| 1A | Hannah Reid | Great work writing character descriptions. For enthusiastic participation in all class discussions. |
| 1/2B | Olivia Lum-Weich | For trying hard in all areas. Great effort with reading comprehension. A good start at her new school. Great organizational skills with ‘Northview’s Got Talent’. |
| 1B | Andrew Chilufya | For creative and engaged learning during English photo story activity. For trying very hard in all areas. |
| 2A | Ethan Cranston & Emily Thompson | Keen participants in class discussions. For working steadily in class. |
| 3A | Jordan Edwards | Excellent results in Maths assessment. Excellent work in Maths. |
| 3/4B | Jordan Edwards | Great work on Maths assessment 100%. Great awareness of his audience for his English photo story activity. For being a positive member of the classroom and also making a huge improvement in spelling. For an improvement in on task behavior. |
| 4A | Marley Atiken & Oliver Mayor | Positive attitude towards work. Settling well into class and working on all tasks. |
| 4/5C | Logan Kajtar | For working very productively and positively. Great work with writing. |
| 5/6B | Liam Cochrane | For being an all round hard worker. |
| 6A | Aaron Powell & Rory Buckton | For effort with their English assessment. For a good effort with their newspaper analysis. |
| 7A | Emma Webb | For being a positive member of the classroom and also making a huge improvement in spelling. |
| 7B | Channell Dillon | For being a positive member of the classroom and also making a huge improvement in spelling. For an improvement in on task behavior. |
| 7C | Noah Law | For being a positive member of the classroom and also making a huge improvement in spelling. |
| 8A | Jackson Franklin | For being a positive member of the classroom and also making a huge improvement in spelling. |
| HPE | P-3 – Hannah Reid, Olivia Lum-Weich 4-7 – Jonah Boal, Hayden Culla, Corey Oliver, Jordan Deller, Jakeb Cameron, Tyler Bates. | |
| MUSIC | P-3 – Sid Ghosal. 4-7 – Ella Herring. | |