A warm welcome back to everyone to the final Term of 2013. A big welcome also to the new students and their families who are joining us this Term - I'm sure you'll find your association with Northview very rewarding. Term 4 is traditionally very busy with a number of events and activities planned including:

- Eisteddfod
- Swimming for years 4-7 students
- Prep Orientation Day
- Leadership Day for year 5 & 6 students
- Year 7 Graduation Ceremony

**NAPLAN results**
In the last week of Term 3 we received the results of the NAPLAN tests which were completed by year 3, 5 & 7 students in May this year. The 2013 NAPLAN summary report is now available from the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority website at [http://www.nap.edu.au/results-and-reports/national-reports.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/results-and-reports/national-reports.html).

Since testing began in 2008, Queensland is the most improved state with significant gains made in 9 out of 20 areas over this time.

Northview students performed very well recording the best results since the inception of the test. There were five strands to the tests which include; reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. Out of the five strands for years 3, 5 & 7 (15 in total) our school performed at or above the national average for all but one strand which is a great effort. (See below) The gap between our lowest performing students and highest performing students reduced significantly which is tribute to the great work our teachers and support staff do each and every day. Congratulations to our whole school community on these great results.

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Over the next few weeks our staff will go through the NAPLAN results in much greater detail to look closely at the areas where we can build on our performance.

Although NAPLAN results form a useful piece of information, they are not the be all and end all upon which to judge a school’s success.

It is important to remember the results represent a point-in-time testing over a few hours each May. The NAPLAN results are important but are just one of the many pieces of information our school uses to improve learning outcomes for our kids.

School-by-school NAPLAN results are available at https://naplan.qsa.qld.edu.au/naplan/.

Individual student reports will be sent home with students this Friday. The report contains the necessary information to assist parents in understanding and interpreting the results. If parents have any questions or concerns, please make a time to speak with your child’s teachers.

**Pre-Eisteddfod Concert**

Tomorrow afternoon we are holding our Pre-Eisteddfod concert to give our choirs and bands some performance practice, and also to showcase the talents of our students to the rest of the school. Parents are more than welcome to attend. See attached flyer for more information.

**2014 Prep Information Evening and Orientation Day**

Parents of children beginning PREP next year are invited to attend a PREP Information Session to be held from 6:00pm – 7:00pm on Thursday, October 24.

At that time Mrs Craig, Mrs De Campo (prep teachers) and Mr Manttan will provide parents with an outline of the PREP Curriculum and offer suggestions about how parents might best prepare their child to begin PREP next January.

This session is intended for an adult audience and if at all possible we would appreciate parents making alternate child care arrangements at this time.

The following day – Friday, October 25, we will be opening up the PREP classrooms for parents and children to visit and enjoy some outdoor play. This will be held from 10:00am – 11:00am on Friday, October 25.

If you know of anyone with the intention of enrolling their child in Prep for 2014 at Northview, could you please pass on this information, or ask them to contact the school for an information pack. At present we are hoping to have two full Prep classes to begin 2014.

**iCommunity in Photo Competition**

This exciting competition is open to all students in the Mackay area from Prep –year 12. Organised by the Local Chaplaincy Committee to raise funds to keep Chaplains working in our schools, the competition requires students (Prep-12) to take a photo of someone important/significant in their local community and enter it in the competition.

Students are encouraged to use iPads, iPods or mobile phones (possibly borrow Mum or Dad’s phone) to take the photo. Entries can be made via text (MMS), email or hand delivered to the school chaplain or at Northview State School (further info on flyer). Prizes include 2 tablet computers, iTunes vouchers and Laser-tag or Paintball vouchers.

The entry fee for the competition, $10 per photo, will go directly toward supporting the great work of Chaplains in our schools. This money can be paid directly to school chaplains or collected through our school office. Students who enter a photo, but do not pay for the competition can still have their photo displayed, but will be ineligible for the competition prizes. All photos will be displayed in Canelands Central from 30th Oct to 1st November.

The idea is to engage students in a competition that not only embraces technology, but also encourages kids to think about the important people in their local community.

“It takes a village to raise a child.”

For more information see the attached flyer, or speak with Chappy Michelle or Mr Manttan.

**Maths demonstration lessons**

Today our school had a visit by Rob Proffitt-White who is an expert in the teaching of mathematics. Rob conducted demonstration lessons with students which looked at some of the misconceptions students develop about maths. Rob will also be running a 2 hour workshop with all our staff including teacher aides this afternoon which will examine how teachers can best address the gaps in our students’ maths learning identified from our testing data.

**Staffing**

We welcome Miss Rosie Watchirs to our school for the remainder of the year. Miss Watchirs is replacing Mrs Hamilton who is on long service leave for the remainder of the year. I’m sure everyone will join with me in welcoming Miss Watchirs to our school.

**Facilities upgrade**

During the holidays, the north-east facing walls of C block and D block have been covered in colour-bond sheeting. The purpose of the sheeting is to provide a weather-resistant skin around the building which will hopefully prevent the penetrations of water in the building during the wet season. Should this work be successful, Education Queensland will look at completing similar upgrades on our other buildings in the future.
P&C Thanks
Thanks very much to our P&C Association who have funded a new interactive whiteboard for the 3A and 3/4 classroom which was installed over the holidays. All teachers across our school will also be receiving wireless laser pointers and clickers to enhance the usability of our interactive whiteboards. Our P&C are also funding an upgrade of our maths resources over the Term beginning with a stocktake of our current resources. Thanks very much to the P&C for all of their financial assistance over the past few weeks.
Paul Manttan
(Principal)

We are now into term four and that means the hot weather is upon us. What needs to be done? The important thing to remember is the goal :- to cool the body.

Hints:- mostly from Ergon
1. Use the fan. Open the school/home to create cross breezes and use ceiling fans to drop the temperature by 2°C.
2. Decide on the temperature/humidity to be reached before turning on the air-con.
3. Select the right temperature. Stick to 25°C in summer and 18°C in winter. Every one degree cooler in summer adds around 10% to the amount of electricity the air-con uses!
4. Install the right sized air-con for the space needed to cool or heat. Consider factors such as the size of the room, the direction the windows in the room face and whether there is insulation in the ceiling.
5. Choose an air-con with a high energy star rating - for every extra star the air-con has, there is a saving of around 15% in running costs.
6. Insulate by installing roof and wall insulation with a minimum R-value. In Mackay, this could range from R3 to R5.1 for the ceiling and around R1.5 to R2.8 for the walls.
7. Maintain the air-con regularly, particularly before the summer cooling and winter heating periods and during the crush. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions to clean the air filters and coils.
8. Minimize the use of the oven/stove during hot weather. BBQing is a great alternative.
9. Turn appliances off at the wall.

Cooling
1. Use fans with air cons to circulate cool air - they’ll help your air-con to distribute cool air to where it’s needed. Remember – fans/air-con cool people, not rooms, so turn them off if nobody’s there.
2. Turn the air-con off when you’re out and wait until you’re back to turn it on again. It should only take around 20 minutes to cool the room.
3. Select the air recirculate setting when running your air-con. Otherwise much warmer air is being drawn in from the outside and using a lot of electricity to cool it down.
4. Close doors and windows in areas you want to cool to help keep the cool air in and the hot air out.

A later newsletter insert will discuss how to make ‘cool’ choices when purchasing summer clothing.

Marjorie Ross
Sustainable Schools Facilitator

COMMUNITY NOTICES

HABANA BMX FAMILY FUN DAY
Sunday 20th October
Habana BMX Track
Open for all ages
Registration from 10am
Racing from 11am – 2pm
$2 per Registration
Sausage Sizzle, Drinks, Raffles
BYO chairs or blankets
Maths Demonstration Lesson