Dear Parents, Carers, Staff & Students

No. 18 November 20th 2013

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

2014 Classes
Below is our predicted class structure for 2014. This structure is dependent on an enrolment of over 50 Prep students which at present would appear to be the case. In order to retain our 13 class teachers, we need to maintain a minimum enrolment of 325 students.

Teachers have already begun allocating students to 2014 classes, however we invite parents to inform the Principal in writing of any information you feel may be relevant when finalising students and classes. Requests for a particular teacher will be considered but not guaranteed as there are many factors to consider when placing students in a particular class. Please email the.principal@northviess.eq.edu.au by Monday 2nd December. This information will be treated as confidential. Families leaving Northview should also inform our office as soon as possible so that class predictions can be updated.

Predicted class structure for 2014

Prep C  Paulette Craig
Prep D  Leanne DeCampo
Prep/1 B  June Bradley
1/2W  Melody Williamson
2K  Jo Ketelaar
2/3W  Katrina Whittaker
3D  Angela de Gunst/Sharon Pollard
4S  Deb Schonfeld
4/5B  Elizabeth Beckingham
5B  Melissa Balcomb
5/6C  Bruce Clarendon
6/7A  Tracy Hold
6/7B  Debra Hamilton

Class A+ Rewards Days
These class celebration events are planned for the last week of school to recognise those students who have demonstrated exemplary behaviour for the entire term. With the busy “end-of-year “activities approaching, now is an opportune time to remind students about maintaining a high standard of behaviour. It would be very unfortunate for a child to be uninvited to A+ day due to poor choices so close to the finish line. Parents, if you could reinforce this message with your child(ren) that would be greatly appreciated.

NOV 21  Year 4-7 Swimming
NOV 28  Parent Volunteer
       Morning Tea
       10:30am
DEC 03  Year 7 MNSHS
       Orientation Day
DEC 05  Swimming Carnival
       Years 2 -7
DEC 06  Signing Choir & Year 4-7 Choir on
       Tour
       Christmas Carols
       Night 6:00pm
DEC 10  Year 7 Graduation
       Dinner

YEAR 1 BOOKLIST
ERROR
Students require
3 x A4 Display Folders
Parent Literacy and Numeracy Workshops
Over the past few weeks, Mrs Fettel has been running literacy and numeracy workshops for parents of our 2014 preps. The workshops have focussed on giving parents an understanding of the way students learn numeracy and literacy concepts. Mrs Fettel also gave parents some basic activity ideas for encouraging early numeracy and literacy skills in kids. Early next year, Mrs Ross and Mrs Fettel will be running similar workshops for parents of older students across the school. The school-home relationship is absolutely imperative for students to be successful and I would encourage all parents to get involved in these workshops next year. Using similar language between home and school (especially when considering homework tasks), will certainly enhance the school-home relationship.

Parent Volunteers Morning Tea
We are very fortunate to have so many parents, grandparents and members of the community who volunteer their time to assist in classrooms and around the school. To say thank you to these wonderful people, next Thursday 28th November we will be holding a Parent Volunteers Morning tea in the hall. Letters of invitation will go our later this week, however please know that this is an open invitation to anyone who has volunteered their time at Northview during 2013.

2014 Student Leaders
On assembly this coming Monday, year 5 & 6 students who have had their application for school captain and vice-captain for 2014 reviewed and accepted, will present their speeches to our school community. Congratulations to Monami Ghosal, Blake Stott, Aaron Powell, Cooper Grant, Aaron Gray, Liam Cochrane, Tyler Allen, William Bradford, Jayden Jones, Ellie de Gunst, Analise Cunington and Emily Clow for having your application reviewed and accepted by school staff.

Christmas Cards & Candy Canes
As we approach December, parents are reminded that if their child is intending on being involved in the thoughtful tradition of sharing Christmas Cards and Candy Canes that it should occur during the last week of school in December – Not November. Candy Canes are not a good idea for before school and will make a nice treat for the way home in the afternoon. Please remind children of this request.

Thank you
A big thank you to our P&C for the purchase of 4 new shade tents for our school. We now have a tent for each of our sports houses (Banksia, Blue Gum, Wattle) in house colours, as well as a red Northview tent. Thank you also to Al and Maree Thomsett who donated 4 round hay bales for our school gardens. As an Earth Smart Science school we value the importance of keeping our gardens mulched to reduce our water usage.

Paul Manttan
(Principal)

2014 BOOK LIST
Every student should bring home a 2014 book list today for their grade next year. The P&C has again chosen Cross Office Choice as our preferred stationery supplier. We feel that Cross Office Choice go above and beyond in customer service. They give us 20% commission on sales back to the school. This is a popular and convenient fundraiser worth approx. $1500 to the school. You can receive free delivery to your home or work address, order full or partial list, have the option to order on line and every method of payment is available. Please see their cover note attached to the list for full details. We do have one condition – Please, do not have your order delivered to the school (except for staff of Northview SS – please make prior arrangements with the office). The reception area is too small to hold deliveries of this volume.

Of course, purchasing your 2014 stationery supplies from Cross Office Choice is entirely optional. If you prefer to purchase from other suppliers, please ensure you acquire the brand and type of items as specified on the school list, eg Kent set, Yamaha recorder or Reflex paper. Our Teachers and staff have taken great care in selecting and recommending the brands and quality of products that they know will suit the task required. Thank you for your support.
TRAFFIC SAFETY:
A friendly reminder for all of us to take great care on our roads at all times. Especially now that the rain has arrived to complicate conditions. And we all know if it is going to rain it will happen at 9am or 3pm! Traffic at school is congested at these times of the day. Standing in the stop, drop and go zone, blocking the SEU gate and queuing through the roundabout still occurs. This increases frustration and distraction. Please keep these areas clear and flowing for everyone’s safety. If your child/ren is not at the gate ready to be released by the supervising staff then move on and let the traffic flow. If we all keep moving there won’t be a queue to wait in. This will allow the parents/guardians of the children who are ready to go, to pick up quickly and leave the system.

To assist supervising staff, please use your family name card on your passenger sun visor. If you don’t have one, please request a set of two from the office. Alternatively, for older responsible students, using the Crispin Drive gate may be an option as this gate is not supervised by school staff.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

SPECIAL: Sweet Chilli Chicken Tender Wrap (lettuce, tomato, cheese and mayo).

If you think you may be interested in volunteering in our school tuckshop for a few hours once every 4 weeks next year, we would love to hear from you now. If we can recruit at least 2 more helpers for next year we can give our ladies a break from working every 3 weeks to every 4 weeks. It is very easy social work; you get a free lunch and a $5.00 Tuckshop voucher for your child to use at Tuckshop. The roster will be available in the last week of this term so please show your interest now by phoning Mel Gibbs (Tuckshop Convenor) 0437 083 324 or Wendy Batley (P&C President) 0478 887 655.

Do you understand your electricity bill from Ergon? Firstly, it helps to understand the way power is measured.
- Electricity is usually measured in watts—one watt is equivalent to one joule of energy per second. A kilowatt (kW) equals 1,000 watts. A megawatt (MW) equals 1,000 kilowatts.
- The amount of electricity used over a certain time period is typically given in kilowatt hours (kWh).

In one hour, a 500 watt appliance will consume 500 watts or 0.5 kWh of power.

The important terms on your bill to understand are:
- **Average daily usage.** This is measured in kilowatt hours (kWh) for electricity. It's normally illustrated on your bill with a bar graph. To get an idea of how much electricity your household uses, you can compare against your state's average. For example, in Mackay, for a 3 person household, the average energy consumption is 19.9 kWh per day. To calculate your own usage, google energy made easy and put in your post code and the number of people who live in your household.
- **Charges for this bill.** The breakdown of the charges in your bill. This includes the type of tariff (peak or off-peak), different meter charges, variable and fixed charges, rebates and GST.
- **Fixed charges.** The costs of supplying energy including pole and wire maintenance for electricity and pipelines for gas. It also includes costs such as providing a 24-hour control centre and emergency teams to ensure safe and reliable power supply. These costs are calculated daily and shared equally by all customers regardless of how much energy they use.
- **Variable charges (consumption charges).** Relates to usage—the amount of energy consumed by a particular household.
- **Renewable energy tariffs (GreenPower).** Additional charges for households that have signed up for a portion of their electricity to come from renewables such as solar, wind or biomass. You pay extra for GreenPower.
- **Off-peak.** It is used for appliances that do not need to be on constantly e.g. electric hot water systems and air-conditioners. Conditions apply, including a special meter. Check to see if it suits your type of hot water system. Currently, it must hard wired.

Now, it is your turn to give your best energy saving tips that you use around your household. Sent to mross84@eq.edu.au with your name (and year level if applicable) by Thursday 28th November. The best 10 tips will be included in the last newsletter for the year and receive a coloured Paper Mate pen.
## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK AWARDS

### PA
- **Nyzzel Sauney**
- **Montanna Hodgkinson**
- **Conrad Borg**
- **Zemiel Cole**
- **Andrew Plieger**

For a huge effort in class. Fantastic writing in number problems. Great behaviour in class. Fantastic reading. Great behaviour in class.

### P1D
- **Levi Lewis**
- **Tyler Goodes-Stibbards**
- **Elisha Holdsworth**
- **Brandyn Mapley**

For trying very hard in all areas. For trying hard in all areas. Great fluency and expression in reading. For trying hard with sight words.

### 1A
- **Jordan Bradshaw**
- **Sid Ghosal**

For trying hard to finish all tasks. Great work with spelling and sight words.

### 1/2B
- **Eleanor Cunington**
- **Dallas McGrath**
- **Jamaine Edwards-Taia**

For trying hard to settle into her new school. For cheerfully saying good morning to the teacher every single day. For working independently and creatively with art tasks.

### 2A
- **Ethan Cranston**
- **Thomas Miles**
- **Jessica Batley**

For being a wonderful caring student. For being very considerate of classmates. For an informative show and share.

### 3A
- **Max Herring**
- **Seth Streeter**

For great improvements in all areas. For putting in more effort to concentrate on his work.

### 3/4B
- **Caleb Bradford**
- **Kyler Morgan**

For a great effort in his dance group. For his consistently high standards in class.

### 4A
- **Alicia Abela**
- **Lara Hutchinson**

An excellent class helper and always willing to support others. Striving hard in all aspects of class and being a helpful classmate.

### 4/5C
- **Jaycey Kairae**
- **Emma de Waard**

For an astounding improvement to in class behaviour and work ethic. For a positive attitude to class work and to others.

### 5/6B
- **India Macphee & Ellie de Gunst**
- **Lara Kunzi-Perez**

Independent workers who try hard in all areas. A huge effort to improve in maths.

### 6A
- **Mikaylah de Waard**
- **Aaron Powell**

For making a good effort with her school work. For effort with his history inquiry.

### 7A
- **Jemma Lawrence**
- **Bradley Abela Blessings Chilufya**

For a more consistent effort on assignments. Excellent work on English assignment. Concentrating more in class.

### 7B
- **BJ Beale**
- **Vashti Bailey**
- **Amber Bond**
- **Connor Lawton**

Positive attitude to her class work and assignments. More consistent effort in finishing work. Great organizer in group work. Great effort in science.

### LOTE
- **Liam Cochrane** – Great speech.
- **BJ Beale** – Great assignment.

### HPE
- **P-3** – Isabella Sammut, Ethan Bates, Jacqueline Heron, Matthew de Gunst, Kiralee Streeter.
- **4-7** – Alannah Rowles, Claudia Nipperess, Sharni Senini, Lillian Tinning, Emma Webb, Shaneal Murphy.

### MUSIC
- **P-3** – Lear Lockhart, Izabel Barbeler, Jace Collins-Kulkov