Dear Parents, Carers, Staff & Students

A warm welcome back to all students, staff and families after the Easter vacation break. We also extend a warm welcome to our new students who have enrolled at Northview this term. This term will see our year 3, 5 & 7 students sitting NAPLAN tests in May. Teachers are already in the process of preparing students for the nation-wide tests. A number of students will also be sitting UNSW International Competition and Assessment for Schools tests which are a great way to have students' academic talent recognised.

On the sporting field, we will have a number of students attending Mackay District trials in Hockey, Soccer, Tennis, Softball and Cross Country. We also have a mixed Touch team competing in the Mackay Junior Touch association competition and our Rugby League team begins their season competing in the Don Grobe Plate each Wednesday afternoon today. Friday afternoon school sport will recommence next Term. Our school Athletics carnival will be held at the end of this Term as well.

Culturally, our instrumental music program and choir will continue this Term, and our marching band will be performing during the ANZAC march next Thursday morning.

Despite it shaping as a busy term with a variety of curricular and extra-curricular events and activities taking place, the focus still remains on the classroom and ensuring that every student, every day is achieving to their full potential. Attendance at school every day is absolutely critical if we are to maximise the learning potential of our students. I thank all parents for their vigilance in ensuring their children are at school, on time, every day. At the end of Term 1, our attendance rate across the whole school was 95.9% which is absolutely fantastic.

Attendance Target for 2013

Current rate = 95.9%
Our 92.5% target for 2013
2012 attendance rate of 91.9 %
Five week focus
During the first half of this term, teachers will be having a focus on “Sentence Structure” in short sharp lesson activities called Rapid Recall Routines. Sentence structure looks very different across year levels within our school. In basic term, sentence structure is having a knowledge of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, nominal groups etc and being able to effectively combine these elements into a sentence. Below is a simple graphic depicting the expectations from Year one to Year seven with regard to Sentence Structure.

**Prep**
- **Simple**
  - My friend invited me to a party. I do not want to go.

**Yr 7**
- **Compound**
  - My friend invited me to a party, but I do not want to go.
- **Complex**
  - Although my friend invited me to a party, I do not want to go.

Staffing Changes
We have a number of staffing changes to start the Term. Mrs Rebecca Roberts has accepted the position as the new teacher of year 5/6. She is an experienced teacher who is local to Mackay and is very excited to be working at Northview SS. Mrs Ketelaar is on leave for the first five weeks of the Term. Miss Stephanie Randall will be taking year 2A in her absence. Mrs Harmer who works in the library is also on leave and is being replaced by Mrs Sue Williamson. Mrs Winner is returning as the Teacher Aide for Prep A on Monday and Fridays. We welcome all staff back to Term two.

ANZAC Day
Next Thursday 25th April is ANZAC Day. Northview will be recognising ANZAC day through our participation in the ANZAC Day parade and our ANZAC service here at school on Wednesday 24th April. It would be great to see all our students marching in the parade on ANZAC Day. Please see details below.

ANZAC Day service (Wed 24th April) – Commences at 11.45am in the school hall. We would love to see as many parents and members of the community as possible in attendance. Our student leaders are preparing a informative presentation to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the construction of the Hellfire Pass on the Burma-Thailand Railway.

ANZAC Day Parade (Thurs 25th April) – Northview students are requested to assemble in the old Coles carpark at 8.00am. Students will need to be dressed in their full school uniform including hat - black shoes preferred. Our marching band will also be playing in the parade. The Morning Parade will commence at 8.40am.

This is the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Australian Navy’s first fleet entering Sydney Heads, in October 1913. The morning parade will be led by navy cadet Midshipman ANC Chris Bolger. He will represent the Chief of Navy.

Schools will leave the car park near the Australian Red Cross building onto Sydney Street, along Gordon Street with an ‘eyes left’ to Mayor Comerford at the reviewing dais near the Sir Albert Abbott Administration Building. The parade will proceed into Wellington Street then Alfred Street. Our school leaders will lay a wreath as part of the Morning Service.

Students may wear medals of their parents, grandparents, and other ancestors on their right breast. (Those wearing medals from police service should check with the police.)

School Maintenance Work
Many people would have noticed the external painting that is occurring in the undercover walkways. Unfortunately due to the wet weather over the holidays, this was not finished in time for the recommencement of school. We anticipate this stage of our ongoing maintenance work to be complete by the end of the week.

Can you help us out?
Woolies Earn and Learn has kicked off again this year. If you are shopping at Woolworths, could you please collect the tokens at the cash register and place in the box in the office at school.

Mt Pleasant Shopping Centre are also holding their “Run around Australia” competition. Run Around Australia is part of our “Let’s Live Better” initiative, an inspiring program which aims to help communities adopt healthier and happier lifestyles. Run Around Australia encourages local schools – supported by friends, family and the local community – to compete in an online ‘race’ around the country for the chance to win prizes. The school that travels the furthest wins!
Shop at Mount Pleasant Shopping Centre between Monday 15 April and Sunday 26 May and present your receipts to the Customer Service Desk or Centre Management. Every dollar you spend goes towards kilometers for your school. Just for playing you could be a winner too, with a $1000 Gift Card up for grabs*.

Amart Allsports is also running a “Kickbacks” promotion which is a community program that passes rewards back to our school. “Kickbacks” rewards clubs, schools and their members with a 5% contribution from all purchases. More information at the store register.

Positive Parenting Program
Could you use some practical tips on how to handle common child behaviour? Would you like to see your children behave more appropriately? Would you like to feel more confident as a parent/carer? Do you have children 2-8 years of age? Northview is hosting a Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) conducted by Child Youth and Family Health Unit across four weeks in May. The program is free and all materials are supplied. Please phone 4968 3683 to make a booking. Dates are May, 10, 17, 24 & 31.

Kind regards,
Paul Manttan
(Principal)

P&C NEWS:

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
If there’s anyone out there who would like to help with craft gift items for sale on the Mother’s Day stall, please contact Michelle on 0467 374 011.

GRANT WRITER
The P&C needs a volunteer to take on the role of grant writing. At the next general meeting we will be discussing the need for a new shed to house grounds keeping equipment, and improve current storage space for sporting, drama and P&C equipment. It is hoped that we will be able to apply for funding from the community benefits fund unit, the next round of which closes on 31st May. To endeavour in submitting the best quality grant applications, the P&C will consider the sponsorship of a suitably keen volunteer to attend appropriate training. If you are interested in being involved in this please call 0478 887 655 to express your interest.

NEXT MEETING
General Meeting – Monday 22nd April, after parade in the hall conference room. Morning tea included, Everyone welcome including children.

Agenda:
- Meet Michelle Cupitt – Mothers and Father’s day stalls Co-Ordinator
- Deb Lucas – update on Fun Run
- Fridge maintenance update
- Request for new shed and funding options

TUCKSHOP SPECIAL
Friday & Wednesday- Steak Sandwich $3.50

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK AWARDS
Congratulations to these students for their recent awards

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<th>PA</th>
<th>Conrad Borg</th>
<th>Anthony Heron</th>
<th>Great effort with counting. For trying his best in class.</th>
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<td>PB1</td>
<td>Noelle Rees-Wilson</td>
<td>Aqua Filmalter</td>
<td>A big effort in learning letters and sounds. Well done. A great effort in maths groups this week.</td>
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<td>Serena Tabone</td>
<td>Lincoln Rampton</td>
<td>Excellent effort in all her work. Great work in reading groups.</td>
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<td>Olivia Lum-Weich</td>
<td>Zali Morgan</td>
<td>For participating fully in all classroom activities. For trying hard during reading groups.</td>
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<td>Great effort with her history project.</td>
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<td>Working hard in maths.</td>
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<td>Joshua Miles</td>
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<td>Sharing his ideas in class discussions.</td>
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<td>Kai Sanim</td>
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<td>Excellent result sin TWITS Assessment.</td>
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<td>Julia Jesser</td>
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<td>Continually working hard on all class tasks.</td>
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<td>Liam Cochrane</td>
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<td>Showing maturity and leadership in the classroom.</td>
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<td>Liam Hall</td>
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<td>For having a great attitude towards his work.</td>
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<td>Elke Rolfe</td>
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<td>Enthusiastic and responsible class member and leader.</td>
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<td>Jonah Boal</td>
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<td>Great participation and contributions to class discussions.</td>
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<td>MUSIC</td>
<td>P-3 – Jordan Pick, Jack Sama. 4-7 – Madison Gordon, Willow Hogan.</td>
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