Class Changes
With our school numbers settling over the last week, we need to make some minor changes to classes to ensure we maintain our target class sizes. There will be a new Prep/1 multi-age class taught by Mrs De Campo. This class will contain all of Mrs DeCampo’s current Prep students, with the addition of year 1 students. The parents of students moving classes have been contacted today. There will also be a small number of year 6 students who will move from the 5/6 class to year 6A class and a small number of students moving from 2A to 1/2B.

Nut Free School
It is important that our school and community look after all students in our care. With the commencement of 2013, it has come to our attention that a growing number of our students have severe allergic reactions to nuts. As a school community, we would like to provide responsible support for children who have such allergies and suffer severe anaphylactic reactions that may be life-threatening. To this end, we are endeavouring to ensure Northview State School is a nut-free school and seek the school community’s co-operation in supporting the safety of all students at our school.

In essence, we are asking that no food containing nuts be brought to school. Products that contain nuts include Peanut Butter, Nutella, fruit and nut bars, chocolate and any other products that have nuts listed in their ingredients. This does not include however, products that contain the warning “may contain traces of nuts”. At this time, we also ask parents to remind their children that the sharing of food at school is definitely not allowed. This will also reduce the risk of students having allergic reactions to food they are not familiar with.

Whilst it isn’t possible to guarantee that nut products will not be in our school we do ask parents to make every effort to support this new initiative so as to ensure the safety and well-being of all students.

School Levy
Thank you very much to the parents who have already paid their school levy ($25 per enrolled student) for this year. The resource levy assists our school in the purchase of additional resources including computer software for learning, sunscreen, Connect text book, USB). If parents could finalise payment of this levy as soon as possible, we can then begin to process of purchasing the necessary items for student use. Thanks in advance for your help in this matter.
Flood Relief Appeal
This Friday, we are holding a special appeal to raise money for the victims of the flooding that has devastated our state over the past two weeks. In Central Queensland region, 10 schools were closed due to severe flooding with many others affected in some way. The money we raise will go directly to the schools in need within our region.

To add a bit of fun to our appeal, we are planning the formation of a money train beginning at the front gate, and extending around the paths of the school. (A money train is a long line of coins in singular file) Essentially the idea is that students bring a ‘handful’ of loose change that might be sitting idle in the money jar and add it to the money train. It’s not only a fun way to raise money, but also a means to get rid of unwanted silver coins. If families would like to make a more substantial contribution, please put money in a labeled envelope and place in the payments box in the office.

Parent-Teacher Information Evening
Our parent information evening will be held Tuesday 19th February at the following times:

- Yr P-1 classes 5.00pm
- Yr 2-3 classes + 1/2B + 3/4B 5.30pm
- Yr 4-5 classes +5/6B 6.00pm
- Yr 6-7 classes 6.30pm

The staggered start times are an attempt to give parents with multiple students across year levels an opportunity to meet with teachers of all their children. I would encourage all parents to attend these sessions as they are a great way to become familiar with the routines and expectations of our students, the work covered during the Term and how students will be assessed – not to mention meeting some fantastic teachers!

Prep Photos
Next Thursday 14th February the Mackay Telegraph will be taking photos of our Prep classes at 9am. Could parents of Prep students please ensure they are at school promptly, dressed in full school uniform, and wearing a big smile.

A Big Thank you
On behalf of our school, thank you very much to the Sanim family for donating a new fridge which has been placed in the year 4 end of Block C. The fridge will ensure that student’s lunches remain cool and safe to eat. This generosity is very much appreciated by our entire school community.

Kind regards,
Paul Mamtan
(Principal)

Newspapers in Education
The Newspaper in Education program hopes promotes literacy and social awareness, enabling teachers and students to use the newspaper as a resource in their classroom. We see the newspaper as an innovative tool that is full of thought provoking topics and activities for students. It can be used in the classroom to deliver information, analysis and opinion about current affairs or to learn more about a particular topic covered on the NiE page. The NiE page can be used to encourage students to investigate and research a variety of thought provoking subjects. In partnership with Daily Mercury local businesses have sponsored these newspapers to support the literacy and social program within our school.

To become a Northview State School NiE Sponsor please contact Nicole Reekie on 07 4957 0497. Heavily reduced advertising packages are on offer! Support your school and community through learning in the Newspaper in Education Programme.

P&C NEWS:

MEMBERSHIP
Please find attached the P&C membership form for 2013. New members are always welcome and any contribution, no matter how large or small, is always appreciated by fellow members and staff of the school. Everyone’s effort is for the benefit of all our children. Being a member of the P&C does not obligate you to hold any position, but it does allow you vote at meetings. To become a member all you have to do is complete the membership form and return it to the school office. In 2012, only 7% of our families were official members. Those members, if they chose or were available to attend a meeting, decided where fundraising was spent in the school. The P&C income for 2012 was approximately $86,000.00. Surprising isn’t it! If you want to know where this went – come and hear the President’s report at the AGM. This income is raised through the Tuckshop, disco’s, mother’s day stall, sports day stall, mid year raffle and many other events we hold each year traditionally and new ideas we try out from time to time. So, please realise that every little bit of help adds up to a lot for our kids. We have wonderful families and parents at our school which make our P&C very successful. It can’t be done without them. If you have an idea to share, or want to know more about what the P&C can do to support our school, then come along to a meeting. If you are a parent or carer who can’t attend daytime meetings but would like to attend evening
meetings, please text us your interest in having evening sessions. The P&C mobile number is 0478 887 655.

**AGM (25th February)** All executive position holders (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) will step down at the AGM, allowing all nominations to be considered. Nominate yourself or someone you think would be good on the committee. If you want to know more about what's involved, have a look at the P&C's Queensland website at [www.qcpca.org.au](http://www.qcpca.org.au). We are also desperately in need for someone to be our Grants Officer. This is an informal non-executive position. If you would like further information about any of these roles please call Wendy Batley, President on 0438 779 682 at any time. If a number of people do a little bit it becomes much easier and more fun for everyone involved.

**TUCKSHOP SPECIAL**
Quiche $3.00 per slice commencing Wednesday 13th February.

**HELP NEEDED**
Our Prep classes, Year ½ and Year 2 classes will not be able to commence RE classes until we find a person/persons who would like to teach them. If you are interested, there is a Teacher’s Manual for guidance and I am able to provide “On the job training”. Previous Religion Teachers have found teaching the younger students very rewarding. If this sounds like the job for you, please call the school and leave your contact details.

Jo Ketelaar
Classroom Teacher

**COMMUNITY NEWS:**

**ST JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC PARISH OF NORTH MACKAY & NORTHERN BEACHES SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**
Preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist (First Holy Communion) will commence with Parent Information Night TUESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2013.
For further details, contact Parish Office 4957 4855 Monday to Friday 9:00am – 2:00pm

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK AWARDS**
Congratulations to the following students for their recent awards:

| PA | Cooper Pope | Mia Sanim | For following the rules and setting a good example for others. |
| PB | Georgia Jones | Ethan Taylor | For listening carefully and following directions. |
| 1A | Ryan North | For following all class rules and working well in class. |
| 1/2B | Jorgi Owers | Jamaine Edwards-Taia | Helping others to settle in. For starting work quickly and completing all tasks. |
| 2A | Brodie Furness | Great start to the year. Keep up the good work. |
| 3A | Ashleigh Furness | Outstanding participation in all areas. |
| 3/4B | Matthew de Gunst | Great listening and trying his best all week. |
| 4A | Kirra-Lee Williams | Settling in well in her new school and positive behaviour. |
| 4/5C | Marie Miles | Helping others in need and setting positive examples for others to follow |
| 5/6B | Maddison Gordon | Great work in class and settling in well into her new school. |
| 7A | Ciaraah Shandiman | Positive start to the new year. |
| 7B | Isabel Barbeler | Great participation and enthusiasm. |

**LOTE**

**HPE** 4-7 – Elke Rolfe, Chelsea Rose, Stephanie Phillips

**MUSIC**
P-3 – Ethan Cranston
4-7 – Stephanie Phillips

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Mackay Rangers FC is currently looking for players and coaches for their Men’s, Women’s and Junior teams for the 2013 season.
We have a great club culture and beautiful grounds at Eric Homan Park, next to the Pioneer River, on the northern side of the Forgan St Bridge.
Even if you are a shift worker and can’t make trainings or some of the weekends, we are able to accommodate your needs and make sure you have an enjoyable season with us.
This year, new Head Men’s Coach Eddie Hutcheon brings a wealth of experience to the club, from his coaching experience with former Socceroo Adrian “Noddy” Alston, at Bulli FC in the Illawarra Premier League.
For more information, please check our website: [www.mackayrangersfc.com.au](http://www.mackayrangersfc.com.au) or contact:
Andrew Susani President andrewsusani@hotmail.com 0400 000 990

*CHEAPEST REGO*
- Seniors $270* 11-18 $130 6-10 $120 3-5 $70

*FEES IN MACKAY!*
- $220 before 30/4
- Online payment plans available