Dear Parents, Carers, Staff & Students

It was great to see so many parents at our Parent Information Evening last night. Taking an active interest and engaging in your child’s education is one of the cornerstones of success for a child. It was obvious from the high level of attendance at our Parent Information Evening that Northview parents value their child’s education and want to see their child reach their full potential, both as a learner, and as a citizen.

Effective parent engagement works largely through the setting of high aspirations and the shaping of a young learner’s self-concept. As a point of reference for parents, the following table explains six key influential factors that lead to strong achievement of students.

### Six factors which affect achievement

1. **Expectations** - setting high and consistent standards
2. **Routines** - establishing ones which promote health, well-being and regular study
3. **Opportunity to learn** - creating a home learning environment that stimulates learning
4. **Support** - showing interest, giving specific praise and teaching social and learning skills
5. **Culture** - establishing a warm, cooperative, positive environment
6. **Role modelling** - demonstrating the habits of mind and behaviours of successful learners

This list is certainly not exhaustive, but does give an indication of how parents can assist in their child’s learning from home. The 4th point mentioned in the above table, “support” was clearly evident last night, and is also evident in the number of parents who contribute to our P&C Association, tuckshop etc. Thanks to all parents for their continued support.

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**FEB 25**  
School Leaders Induction Ceremony  
P&C AGM

**MAR 05**  
Swimming P-3

**MAR 08**  
School Photos

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**Students of the Week**
Project 600
Last week our year five students began working on Project 600 – Numeracy. Project 600 is an online learning course (web conference) run over a one hour session, twice weekly. The projects provides students with the opportunity to deeply engage in learning and boost achievement in Numeracy. Benefits include a targeted learning program that improves specific knowledge and skills, the opportunity to collaborate with an online teacher and students from other schools, and preparation for online learning in further education and the workforce.

Normally, schools select students of average ability to take part in the project; however Northview has differentiated the project to involve all year 5 students. This means that students are working in small ability based groups - allowing the learning to be tailored to their needs. Many thanks to Mrs Fettel who is a Project 600 teacher based at our school, as well as Mrs De Gunst, Mrs Harmer, Mrs Ross and Miss Olsen for turning this innovative idea into a reality.

Mrs Fettel working with year 5 students during Project 600

Improvement Focus
Our school has a rigorous process for gathering student achievement data. Data is gathered from a variety of sources including classroom testing, standardised testing, and systemic testing including NAPLAN. Teachers use this array of data to inform their planning and ensure that learning experiences cater for the individual needs of each student. After analysing whole school achievement data, there are a few key areas for improvement we have identified across the whole school. Over the next five weeks, we’re focusing on one of these improvement areas within Maths, “Units of measurement”.

Classes will be focusing on “units of measurement” during short and sharp 10 minute sessions across the week, to consolidate student knowledge and understanding of the concepts relating to units of measurement, and also convert short term memory into long term memory.

“Units of Measurement” includes concepts relating to volume, length, mass and time. For example, year one students should know and understand the following:
- How to compare objects directly, which is longer? Which one holds more?
- using suitable language associated with measurement such as ‘tall’ and ‘taller’, ‘heavy’ and ‘heavier’, ‘holds more’ and ‘holds less’
- knowing and identifying the days of the week and linking specific days to familiar events
- Sequencing familiar events in time order.

Parents can help us consolidate and reinforce this knowledge by practicing at home. For example, while sitting around the dinner table, parents of year one students might talk about which drink cup holds more liquid – big sisters glass of water, or mum’s glass of wine! Reciting the days of the week and talking about what day is tuck-shop day etc. would be another example of how to reinforce these concepts at home. Attached to the mini-news next week will be the full list of “units of measurement” concepts for each year level.

Parent Morning Tea
Thank you to our families for taking time out of their morning to attend the “Welcome Morning Tea” after parade on Monday. We had a wonderful response from parents. It was good to have a quick chat, catch up with existing families who regularly attend our Monday parades, and meet the new faces in our school community. The fresh food and friendly faces was a treat!

Environment Committee Meeting
For interested parents, we are holding a School Environment Committee Meeting tomorrow at 3.15pm in the library. The agenda includes; school vege garden, sustainability practices, grant applications. All welcome to attend.

Attendance Target
EVERY DAY COUNTS at school. A high level of student attendance is an important ingredient for student success and learning outcomes at school. We have a very high calibre of student here at Northview, and our attendance data is comparable with the state average which is something to be celebrated. Last year our overall attendance rate (explained and unexplained absences) was 91.9%. We want to set a goal of reaching 92.5% by the end of the year. While this may not seem like a big increase, it is in fact about 400 student (whole day) absences per year! So far in 2013, our attendance rate is a whopping 96.6%.

There are many things we can’t control when it comes to attendance- the most obvious being illness. Certainly we don’t want children coming to school when they are sick as they will potentially infect everyone else in the school. Parents are not always able to take holidays corresponding with our school holidays which also affects attendance. Whilst we acknowledge these contributing factors we still ask parents to remain vigilant
and ensure their child(ren) are at school as much as possible.

We will keep everyone updated on our progress toward our target of 92.5% attendance through the newsletters.

Attendance Target for 2013

2013 rate 96.6% target

Our 92.5% target

2012 attendance rate of 91.9%

Kind regards,
Paul Manttan
(Principal)

COMMUNITY NEWS:

U/8 Northview Hockey Team
Once again we are looking for boys and girls 8 years and under to join our Northview hockey team, they will compete in the Mackay competition every Friday afternoon down at the hockey fields on Harney Street. The season starts on Friday 8th March, the cost is $90.00.
If your child is interested in playing please call Jonnet Hutchinson on 0409 050 711, by this Friday 22nd February.
(Parents if you can help out please let Jonnet know, Mrs Agnew is happy to provide training for the children at school).

NORTHS NETBALL CLUB
PLAYERS WANTED!!
Registrations are now being taken for Winter season commencing March 2013
Junior Teams - u9, u11, u13, u15
Senior Teams - 16 & over
Training held at Wallace Street, Bucasia courts (Dolphins Soccer Ground)
To enquire email us at northsnetball@hotmail.com or phone Tina 0414 590721 or Sharon 0400 246900

President: Codie Hickling
Mobile: 0428 950 657
Email: president@mackaybaseball.com.au
Facebook: mackay baseball
Location: Vigoro Park – Juliet Street
South Mackay

Mackay Baseball Club would like to invite anyone interested in playing baseball to join us for a 7 week introductory season to commence late Feb to early March. We will be catering for all kids from 4 years and up.

T-Ball / Little League / Juniors / Seniors / Mixed
If you want to have a go at baseball or t-ball contact us on the details above for further information on when we will be playing.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK AWARDS

PA
Maddock Whittaker & Isaac Butler Luke Taylor
For doing their best in class.
Sitting up the front of class & listening well.

PB
Charlotte Kunst & Ashten Nichols
Mollie Fitzpatrick & Riley Aitken
For always remembering to raise your hand to answer a question, and sit on the floor without talking.
For listening carefully and trying your hardest.

1A
Chloe Choat
Abby Gibbs
For always using her manners and having a go at all tasks.
For excellent behaviour in class.

1/2B
Jett Wienert
For being a great role model.

2A
Abbey Jackson
Jessica Batley
For being a wonderful caring classmate.
For working steadily in class.

3A
Charli Gordon
Max Herring
An amazing start to her new school.
For always trying his best.

3/4B
Ella Humphries & Tara Camilleri
Kyan Wiener
For being fantastic classroom helpers.
For excellent behaviour & listening in class.

4A
Marley Aitken
For working hard in class and a positive attitude.

4/5C
Logan Kajtar
For continually being a positive role model for others to follow.
For a massive improvement in class.

5/6B
McKelly Lawton
Monami Ghosal
For a positive classroom behaviour and a great class helper.
For fantastic participation in class.

6A
Logan Alexander
Claudia Nipperess
A great effort in class.
A great effort with homework.

7A
Luke De Brincat
Elke Rolfe
For being an enthusiastic & positive class member.

7B
Isaac Motti
Bianca Harvey
Katie Shortt
Jordan Kidd
For a great effort & participation.
For always being attentive & focused.
Great focus & participation.
For always working conscientiously.

HPE
P-3 – Cooper Pope, Hannah Reid, Isabella Sammut, Caitlin Gibbs, Jayden Nichols, Tirra Woods.
4-7 – Claudia Nipperess, Mikayla De Waard, Alicia Abel, Mason Comerford, Tara Camilleri.

MUSIC
P-3 – Keneisha Purcell, Jared Bradshaw.

Congratulations to these students for their recent awards.