Dear Parents, Carers, Staff & Students

Welcome back everyone to Term 3. We’ve had a number of new enrolments this Term, and on behalf of the Northview Community we extend a warm welcome and trust that your association with our school will be very rewarding to these students and their families.

At the end of last Term our classroom teachers, along with special education teachers came together to plan units of work in English, Maths, Science and History. As a school that prides itself on inclusivity, this process of collegiality is extremely important to ensure that the learning needs of all our students are catered for within a regular classroom environment. All classes are now working diligently through their units of work.

Homework is an important means of reinforcing concepts taught at school and also develops study habits and study discipline which are important ingredients for successful learning later in life. All students are expected to be doing homework in some form each school night. Many teachers give homework (usually a homework sheet) at the beginning of the week and expect the work to be handed in at the end of the week for marking. Having a whole week to complete homework tasks gives families the flexibility to organise homework time around busy lives. While this flexibility is great, there is still a need to form a consistent homework routine in the household which includes:

1. Uninterrupted time to complete homework
2. Organised study space

The following is a useful guide for organising homework time and space from [www.greatschools.org](http://www.greatschools.org)

Get CLUEd into Homework

Calm – Are there distractions (such as animals, TV, and music) that keep your child from concentrating

Light – How is the light? Low lighting may make your child sleepy and confused.

Uncluttered – Who wants to work at a messy desk?

Easy – Is it easy for your child to find and organise their stuff

Lunchbox Concert

Yesterday our school band and choir performed at the MECC “Lunchbox Concerts” which are held annually to showcase local cultural talent. Our band performed “Pirates of the Caribbean” and “George of the Jungle”, while our choir performed “Sinner Man” and “Monkey & Tortle”. Congratulations to both musical groups for representing our school at the Concert yesterday. Thanks also to Mrs Murray and Miss Kay for organising and conducting our band and choir.
Pre-Prep Playgroup
Our Pre-Prep Playgroup continued today with 20 young kids attending with their parents. The program for the playgroup centres around basic letter sounds with tasks, activities and songs all relating to the “letters of the week”. The aim of our program is to familiarise future students with our school environment, staff and some simple behaviours and expectations. The Pre-Prep Playgroup will be held each Wednesday morning from 9.30am. Please encourage any friends and family with young children to come along as there will be activities for kids aged 3 and up. See below for more details.

Handing in money and forms to the office
Students are often required to hand in money and forms for sport, cultural activities, excursions, camps etc. Can we ask parents to ensure that envelopes containing money and forms are clearly labelled with the student name and the activity. Money and forms should be posted in the “money, forms and envelopes” box located in the office. Thanks in advance for your assistance.

Attendance and Absences
Please ensure that if your child is absent from school for any reason that you contact the office and explain the absence. Our office staff will record the information on our OneSchool database and inform teachers of your child’s absence.

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 2, our attendance rate across the whole school was 93.4% which is absolutely fantastic considering we are in the midst of the flu season.

Pre-Prep Playgroup
Northview State School and P&C Association will be holding a pre-prep playgroup every Wednesday morning from 9.30-11am. beginning 10th July. There will be activities for kids of all ages, however a special program will be running for kids who are not yet off starting school in Prep. This is a great way to get your kids familiar with the school environment before they actually start school. The program is open to all kids – not just those preparing to attend Northview SS in 2014 or beyond.

Breakfast Club
Chappy Michelle is starting a “Breakfast Club” each Tuesday morning. The aim of the Breaky club is not only to promote healthy eating habits, but also to give students an opportunity to build friendships. The Breakfast Club will run from 8.00am till 8.30am each Tuesday morning and students will be offered cereal, fruit and toast. All children and parents are welcome to come along. Thanks very much to Chappy Michelle for organising this new and exciting concept.

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Our 92.5% target for 2013
2012 attendance rate of 91.9%

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Northview State School – Engage, Educate and Empower Energy Experts
Northview SS was successful in their grant application to the Ergon Energy Community Fund. The grant allows Northview SS to build on the good work already started and action the goals from their School Environmental Management Plan (SEMP). For half a day a week for Semester 2, students, staff and volunteer parents will be working closely with Marjorie Ross, Sustainable Schools Facilitator from Kinchant OEC to reduce Northview’s environmental footprint. Students will, for example, be auditing energy usage, water use and waste collection at school and developing action plans to save money and resources. With the knowledge and skills developed, Northview SS students will become the experts, helping to reduce their environmental footprint at home. Northview SS would like to thank Ergon Energy for giving them this opportunity.

Marjorie Ross

P&C NEWS: Phone 0478 887 655 or email pandc@northviess.eq.edu.au

TUCKSHOP
Please see enclosed in this newsletter a copy of the Tuckshop menu. There are no price changes but we have removed the ‘Seasonal - Chicken Caesar Salad’. Please ensure you use this copy of the menu when writing out your orders as we still get the occasional old prices on some bags. This menu will remain in effect until end of 2013. If you have any ideas or suggestions on the menu, please advise the Tuckshop Convenor, Mel Gibbs, via the P&C number above, so they can be considered at the next menu review at the end of the year.

2nd HAND UNIFORMS
We are overstocked!! All jumpers, trackpants and shorts only .50c each! Available from hall kitchen every Monday
morning before and after parade, or via the school office other days.

PIE DRIVE
Sorry it’s a bit late, but the P&C would like to acknowledge and appreciate Mrs Donna Sanim for organizing our annual pie drive again this year. Thank you Mrs Sanim for managing another successful fundraising event, which was completed without a hitch and raised $1169.60 for the P&C. These funds have not yet been allocated to a project. Congratulations to Emma Stewart on winning the prize of 2 movie tickets for collecting the biggest pie order!

GENERAL MEETING
At the last general meeting held Monday 15th July, the Committee agreed on the following:

1. Next P&C Meeting to be held in the evening of Monday 12th August 5.30pm at the School Hall. Mr Manttan will be attending. Agenda items so far are:
   - Before and After School Care Service at Northview Update
   - Fun Run Update
   - Fathers Day Stall – Thursday 29th August
   - Disco – Friday 13th September

   If you have another item to add to the agenda, please email it to the Secretary at the above P&C email address before 2nd August. We look forward to seeing our parents who work and are unavailable to make it to our usual day-time meetings.

2. Disco to be held on Friday 13th September “spooky” theme. Mrs Mel Gibbs and Mr Rob Mcclimon are co-co-ordinating this event. Anyone interested in helping out behind the scenes before the event (ordering stock, food preparation, donating eskies, delivering ice, decorating and setting up hall, etc) or on the night (serving in canteen, novelty sales stall, sitting on the door admission, clean/pack up), please call the P&C phone number above to register your interest. Thank you for your support of this fun event for all our kids.

3. The Tuckshop will commence a trial stocking basic stationery items such as pencils, pens, rulers, rubbers, exercise books, etc. A separate price list will be sent out soon when in place.

CHESS CLUB
The P&C recently purchased 5 new chess sets for our school Chess Club which is held during 1st break on Wednesdays in the hall. The new sets have arrived and are ready to use this week! Also you could join Mackay Chess Club Inc, they meet on most Tuesday nights at the Gordon White Library from 6pm to 8pm. Contact Brenda Noack, Secretary on 0419 569 955 for more information, or pick up a membership form from our school office.

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

PA
William McBurney
Victoria Cranston
Displaying great learning behavior. Improvement in her behavior in class.

PB
Levi Lewis
Macauley Lightfoot-Bennett
Great start to the term, it is great to see your hand up answering questions. Thank you for your interesting show and share, bringing your new baby brother to visit us.

1A
Chloe Chiaot
For working well in class and doing her best at all times.

1/2B
Reese Hinds
Jorgi Owers
Trying hard and participating in all areas. Helping other class members.

2A
Brady Buckton
Phoebe Nelson
For producing neat work always. For settling in well into Northview.

3A
Jacqueline Bradshaw
A great start to the term including bringing in her homework.

3/4B
Nathan Faro
Working well in class. Great start to Term 3.

4A
McKeely Lawton
Considerable class member and working hard in maths.

4/5C
Nicholas Bonello
For working hard on his classroom goals. Keep it up Nicholas.

5/6B
Ellie de Gunst
Working hard in all classroom activities.

6A
Mikaylah De Waard
Good effort in maths all week.

7A
Mickavish De Waard
Good effort in maths all week.

7B

HPE

MUSIC

Thanks very much to Mark Sanim and Mrs Agnew for coaching our teams.