Dear Parents, Staff & Students

It’s been a very positive start to the year for all our staff and students. This is evidenced by the large number of ‘Green Cards’ that are being handed out to students for excellence in behaviour and school work – both in the classroom and in the playground. The most common reasons for receiving a ‘green card’ in the first few weeks of 2013 have included:

• Trying your best at a new skill
• Helping out in the classroom
• Great effort in writing, spelling, maths.
• Using initiative
• Following instructions

These are wonderful attributes for our students to have and certainly add to positive learning environment of our school.

Parent Information Evening
A reminder that 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

This is a great opportunity to meet the wonderful teachers of your children, and find out more about the units of work and assessment tasks students will be completing this term. Teachers will also discuss communication and how they can keep you informed and actively involved in supporting your child’s development. Look forward to seeing everyone there.

Sporting/Cultural Leaders
This coming Monday, 18th February, a select group of year seven students who are vying for the various sporting and cultural leader positions will present their speeches. Prospective Cultural leaders will address the whole school on parade, however we will break year 3-7 students into house groups for sporting leader speeches. All welcome to attend.

Flood Relief Appeal
Many thanks to all the students who bought along coins for our money train last Friday to raise money for the Queensland Flood Appeal. Along with some generous donations from Northview families, our school raised $391.80 from the Money Train. Well done all involved!

P&C Meeting
Thank you to the parents who gave up their time to attend the P&C Meeting last Monday. The Northview P&C Association are a well organised and motivated machine, who manage to achieve some great outcomes for our school – all this achieved in a calm and relaxed manner. Please have a think about attending the AGM on the 25th February after Parade. Being a member of the Northview P&C Association is a great way to become involved and contribute to making Northview a great place to learn.

Nut-Free Environment
As mentioned in the newsletter last week, we have a number of students who react quite severely to various nuts. I thank parents very sincerely for not including nuts or nut products in school lunches. Remember nut products include peanut butter, nutella, some muesli bars, nut bars etc. (anything that has nuts listed on the ingredients). Products that have the warning, ‘may contain traces of nuts’ are okay to send to school. While we can’t actually promote ourselves as a nut-free school as it’s impossible to screen every child’s lunchbox at the start of the day for nuts, we do appreciate your efforts in significantly reducing nut products in our school.

School Car Parks
Thank you to parents for continuing to adhere to our policy of not parking, dropping off students, or collecting students from our school car parks. As mentioned in the first mini-news this year, the bottom car park near the hall is used for staff, whom generally arrive before 8.15am, and for deliveries which occur periodically throughout the day. Students will often be walking to and from the hall or waiting for buses near this area, so we ask for the safety of all students that parents refrain from using this car park without prior permission.

There are still a number of parents using the top car park near the SEU to drop off and collect students. This car park is reserved for staff, and SEU students who need extra assistance to get into their car. We ask parents to please refrain from parking in both these car parks. The safety of our Northview students is very important! Thanks for your help in this matter.

Boardies Day
Friday 22nd February is Boardies Day to raise money for Surf Lifesaving Queensland. Students are encouraged to wear their favourite boardies and bring along a gold coin donation. School uniform shirts must still be worn.

Paul Manttan
Principal
Music News
Welcome back for another great year of music making! This term our Recorder band members will be busy learning both the National Anthem for assembly and marching songs for the Anzac Day street parade, and Choir members in Yr 6&7 are preparing for the combined schools KMEIA Choral Festival (26th March).

Instrumental
Instrumental Music lessons for 2013 commence in Week 4 for all Instrumental Students in year 6 & 7 - year 4 & 5 beginners are currently undertaking a Quickstart program which runs for Week 2 and 3. For 2013 lessons (with our new instrumental teacher Ms Chantal Kay) are on Mondays, and the timetable of lessons will be on display in the window of the Music Room next week. Concert Band rehearsals will commence in Week 5, and these will be held before school on Mondays at 8am. It is important that all band members are on time for rehearsals. Parents of Instrumental students are reminded that the annual Instrumental Music levy is now due. Continuing students in Yr 6&7 using their own instrument pay $60. Beginners pay two instalments of $60 (the 2nd instalment is due this week). This money is needed to maintain school instruments and also helps purchase new texts and band music for the Instrumental program. Payment of any outstanding levies as soon as possible will help keep our program successful. (Please contact the school office if you are experiencing payment difficulties).

Sign up!
Students in Yr 5-7 have been invited to sign up for the school Recorder (and Marching) Band and those in Yr 4-7 can join the school Choir. Rehearsals for these groups are as follows: Recorder Band Tuesday at first break, Year 6&7 Choral Festival singers Thursday at first break, and Year 4-7 Choir Thursday 2.30-3pm. See Mrs Murray ASAP or come to the next rehearsal if you wish to join up for any of these groups – it’s not too late!

Alison Murray
Music Coordinator

P & C NEWS
TUCKSHOP SPECIAL
Quiche $3.00 per slice
commencing Wednesday 13th February.

WELCOME MORNING TEA
We hope all new families to the school have received their personal invitation to attend the welcome morning tea. We look forward to seeing you after parade on Monday 18th February. Principal, Mr Manttan will be there to chat also. All families old and new are welcome to attend this morning tea and are encouraged to attend to help the P&C members warmly welcome our new friends. Anyone wishing to bring a small plate to share would be delightful. Tea, coffee, juice and a light morning tea will be provided by the P&C.

FRONT GATE
Have you noticed the weathered wear of our front gate block walls? We are calling on any parents or carers in the concrete/bricklaying business, who may be able to help us refinish the gate entrance. This will involve removing the lettering and other signage, render and paint the blockwall and be ready for the placement of new signs which are already available. If anyone is able to help with this please call Wendy Batley on 0478 887 655.

FRIDGES
The P&C purchased a spare second hand fridge for $50 to use in breakdown emergencies. It is being stored in the shed until needed. Our sincere thanks go to Mrs Mary Gordon, a new parent to the school, who arranged to collect and deliver the spare fridge to the school yesterday. An annual fridge maintenance policy is being drawn up for tabling at the AGM. Since that purchase, in the last general meeting, it was agreed that all current second hand fridges will be replaced with new as they breakdown. Further conditions apply and will be outlined in the policy.

ENVIRO COMMITTEE
Any Parents/Carers interested in environmental issues and education within the school or general gardening are encouraged to represent the P&C on the Enviro Committee. Please contact Deputy Principal, Mrs Wendy Ross, for further information on the Enviro Committee and contact Wendy Batley regarding representing the P&C.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:
Monday 25th February, 9.30am (after parade) in hall conference room. A quorum of 10 members in attendance is required. Morning Tea will be provided.

Agenda:
- Presidents Report 2012
- Auditors Report 2012
- Election of office bearers – President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- Annual items of general business
  - Appointment of Volunteer Convenors of Tuckshop and 2nd Hand Uniform Shop.
  - Review P&C Strategic Plan, including Tuckshop Business Plan and Fridge Maintenance Policy
- Constitution changes, if any (consider quorum numbers?)
- Adoption of School's Annual Implementation Plan and Budget for 2013.