Dear Parents, Staff & Students

Harmony Day

Harmony Day, Thursday 21 March, is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, our students can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it. We are fortunate to have a wide variety of cultures represented at Northview so Harmony Day is particularly significant.

To celebrate Harmony Day next Thursday 21\textsuperscript{st} March, we are:

• Inviting students to wear orange clothing.
• Holding a whole school picnic. (Regular lunch)

This is not a fundraising activity so there is no need to bring along donations. Harmony Day is about creating awareness of cultural diversity in Australia. For more information about Harmony Day visit the website [http://www.harmony.gov.au](http://www.harmony.gov.au) or download the free app – available on iTunes and Android Market.

Road Safety

As a school we are working with our P&C Association, Queensland Police and the Mackay Regional Council to ensure that our students are safe on the roads. Below is some information relating to road rules which are applicable to our local Northview context, as well as the wider community. If you could mention these messages to family and friends we would be most appreciative. Please continue to be patient when collecting your children of an afternoon and be mindful of the fines that could be imposed as mentioned below. We would hate for our Northview parents to be fined for simple avoidable traffic infringements!

Traffic offences around Northview SS

Below are the current offences and penalties from the Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Road Rules) Regulation 2009.

- Section 80(2) Fail to stop at children’s crossing when ‘STOP’ sign displayed $330
- Section 125(1) Unreasonably obstruct path of another driver or pedestrian $110 (if the roundabout clogs up and a driver can’t get thru)
- Section 91(2) Disobey ‘NO RIGHT TURN’ sign $88 and 3 points (turning right out of the drop and go area)
- Section 170(4) Stop within 10m of intersection without traffic lights $44 (stopping within 10 metres of roundabout and the intersection of Vasello and Pioneer Street)
- Section 170(1) Stop in an intersection 2090 $44 (stopping on the roundabout)
- Section 167 Stop contrary to ‘NO STOPPING’ sign $44

Better buckle up

Seatbelts save lives. And yet last year 23 people who died on Queensland roads were not wearing seatbelts. In the lead up to Easter, the latest road safety campaign focuses on... SEATBELTS. After all, seatbelts are the single most effective feature in a vehicle, which reduces the severity of injuries to people in a crash.

If you’re not wearing a seatbelt to hold your body back, then in the event of a crash your organs will continue to travel forwards with greater force and can do more damage to your body, e.g. cracking ribs, puncturing lungs and tearing arteries from your heart. Knowing this it raises the question... are you buckled up?

The seatbelts campaign includes an array of advertising, demonstrating what can happen to your body in the event of a crash if you’re not buckled up. Fines and demerit points...

As a driver you are responsible for ensuring all passengers (regardless of age) wear their seatbelt. If you drive with a passenger not wearing a seatbelt you will be fined $330 and three demerit points for each unrestrained passenger. Unrestrained passengers 16 years and older will be fined $330 and three demerit points.

Stay safe everyone!
ICAS Tests
The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent skills-based assessments with a competition element. ICAS are developed annually for primary and secondary school students in the subject areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing

Over one million student entries are accepted from over 6,300 schools in Australia and New Zealand annually. In addition, students from over 20 countries including Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa and the USA participate in ICAS each year

The first of the ICAS tests will begin in May this year. Shortly a note will go home inviting students to take part in these tests. I would encourage all students to “give it a go” as these tests are a great way to become “test savvy” while also getting formal recognition for academic talent. The certificate each child receives is a great addition to student portfolios.

Collecting Students from Classrooms
We are asking parents to please refrain from waiting at the door to our classroom blocks, or just inside the door of classrooms of an afternoon when collecting their child(ren). While we absolutely love the number of parents who take the time to collect their kids of an afternoon, and also catch up with teachers, we are finding students are getting distracted by seeing their parents directly outside their room. It is also quite difficult for students to get in and out of the classroom blocks at the end of the school day with the congestion around doors and port racks. When the weather is fine, we’d ask parents of 1/2B, 2A, 4A & 4/5W to wait under the shade sail away from the port racks and doors to help keep this area clear for classes and wheelchairs. Thanks in advance for your help with this.

Coles/Woolies Vouchers
Thanks very much to everyone who bought in voucher from Coles and Woolworths last year. The vouchers were redeemed for a wide range of maths and science equipment which was displayed on Parade on Monday. These items will be a great additional to our Maths and Science resources.

Paul Manttan
Principal

TUCKSHOP SPECIAL
Friday & Wednesday- Roast Beef & Gravy Roll
$3.00
Extra Special for this Friday only- Dagwood Dog with sauce $2.50

P&C
2013 EVENTS SCHEDULE
In the general meeting held last Monday the Committee agreed on the following P&C events and dates. These events are traditionally popular and successful. Most of these events still need a Co-ordinator to make them run smoothly. If you’ve got some time to spare, are interested in the success of the P&C supporting the school and would like to run a mini project, then one of these events is for you. It can be your baby to run but the P&C committee can offer background information, support and advice based on previous events, such as a budget, run sheets and contacts. But we are open to new ideas also. We’d love to hear from you – please call Wendy Batley on 0478 887 655. Regretfully, events that do not have a Co-Ordinator by one month prior to scheduled date will most likely be cancelled. Our first event is the Mother’s Day stall – we already have people wanting to help out!!!

Term 2
Mothers Day Stall - Thursday 9th May – Co-Ordinator: __________________

Disco – Friday 17th May – Co-Ordinator: __________________

Sports Day Stall – June date to be confirmed – Co-Ordinator: __________________

Pie Drive – 13th June (collection day) – Co-Ordinator: Mrs Donna Sanim

Term 3
Whitsunday Voices – July date to be confirmed
Fun Run – Friday 2nd August –
Co-Ordinator: Mrs Deb Lucas and Mrs Trish Agnew

Father’s Day Stall – Thursday 29th August – Co-Ordinator: __________________

Term 4
Disco – Friday 1st November – Co-Ordinator: __________________

School Packs for 2014 – November date to be confirmed – Co-Ordinator: __________________

BEFORE / AFTER SCHOOL CARE
The response to before/after school care service in the last newsletter was very encouraging. Thank you to all those who responded. The P&C is now seeking an external provider to run this on our behalf. If you are a parent/carer of our school with experience in the delivery of before/after school care, or know of a service provider looking to expand, then we want to hear from you. Please call Wendy Batley 0478 887 655 or the Principal, Paul Manttan on 4965 6888.

BOOKCLUB
Our Issue 2 for Bookclub 2013 has now been distributed. Orders for this current issue will be required in by Monday 18th March to allow the orders to be returned prior to the end of term so please no late orders. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Pauline Thompson on 0407 165 438. Please ensure your orders are clearly marked Bookclub and placed in the office payments slot. Brochures are distributed to the oldest sibling at the school and additional copies are available at the library if required. Issue 1 for 2013 had a total order value of $607.50 giving our school $121.50 in additional books for our library. Thank you and Happy Reading.