Dear Parents, Staff & Students

**NAPLAN**

Students in years 3, 5 & 7 are in the middle of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests this week. These students have put in a great effort over the last two days and are clearly doing their very best - which is all we can ask of our students every day! NAPLAN results, including individual student reports, will be available at the end of Term 3.

**Showcase for Northview SS**

On Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st May our school will be hosting approximately 40 principals and teachers from around our region who will be taking part in an “Explicit Instruction” Network meeting. On Monday, the group will be working in the library however on Tuesday they will visiting of our classrooms and observing our wonderful teachers and students in action and learn more about the Explicit Teaching process. This will be a great opportunity for Northview to showcase our great school.

**Mistake in newsletter – Mother’s Day**

Please note a mistake from last week’s newsletter – thanks very much to Michelle Cupitt for her great organisation of the Mother’s Day stall. Apologies Michelle.

**Chess Boards**

Do you have an unwanted chess board lying around home? Our Chess club would very happily accept any donation of a chess board so we can offer chess to even more students. Our Chess Club had their first meeting today under the tutelage of Mrs Stott and Mrs Roberts.

**Queensland Schools Chaplaincy Week 19-26 May 2013**

Celebrate Chappy’s... Your friendly local School Chaplain is the extra listening ear to hear us, our friend that helps when needed, cares about our special concerns and keeps us busy when we need something else to think about. They help us when we are in crisis too and our worries get smoothed over and we feel better!... Thank you to all Chappys and an extra special thank you to our own Chappy Michelle for the great work she does for Northview!

**Secret Friends**

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Michelle Woodworth and I am the new Chaplain at Northview. I will be at the school every Tuesday and Wednesday. I have already met many of the wonderful children, staff and some parents. I am currently involved in some small group work, assisting in classrooms and gardening club.

Next week is Chaplaincy week and to celebrate I thought it would be great for everyone to have a Secret Friend for the week. Your child’s class teacher will draw a name out for your child and your child will be their secret friend for the week. Being a secret friend means they could make a card, write a letter of encouragement, draw a picture, say something kind, play with the person (if it is not someone they would normally play with), offer to help them with something, include them in games or conversations. Please no gift’s as it is the gift of friendship that we want to promote. At the end of the week everyone’s secret friend will be revealed and they can share some of the things they did to make their chosen person feel special. It is a simple way to encourage kindness.

I look forward to meeting more parents, please feel free to come and say hello.

Thanks, Chappy Michelle

**Walk Safely to School Day**

Friday May 24 is the Annual National Walk Safely to School Day where primary school children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. We are recognising this event by encouraging students to walk as a group to school from **Northview Park**. On arrival at school, our P&C have very kindly offered to provide a fruit breakfast/snack.

The objectives of this day are to:

- Reinforce safe pedestrian behaviours
- Promote the health benefits of walking and create regular walking habits at an early age.
- Help children develop vital road-crossing skills they will need to become mature pedestrians
- Reduce car dependency habits
- Promote the use of public transport.

Students who are walking will need to be at the park by **8.15am**. School staff will be supervising the walk, however parents are more than welcome to join in. Please note that no roll call will be conducted at the park. Crossing supervisors will be aware and a staff member will monitor the Vassallo Dve street crossing by students.

Paul Manttan
Principal
TUCKSHOP SPECIAL
Mini Dagwood $2.50 (includes sauce)
Friday 17th May & Wednesday 22nd May.

NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY
Friday 24th May is National Walk to School Day and again this year the school will be arranging for students to meet at the Northview Park and walking to school together with staff. The P&C will be providing a fruit platter breakfast. Any parents who can come early that morning to help cut fruit and set up would be appreciated.

PIE DRIVE
It’s that time of the year again – winter is almost upon us. A hot family pie for dinner or desert is a great easy meal for those busy nights. See attached pie drive order form to stock your freezer this winter! Thank you to Donna Sanim for co-ordinating this event for us again this year.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
Thank you to all the terrific people who were involved in making this year’s mother’s day stall another great success. 15 certificates of appreciation were given out on parade this week to thank the parents who donated baking, home made stationery/jewellery and other items to sell on the stall. Many more parents were involved with setting up, serving on the stall through out the day and packing up at the end. Those people were:
Fran Stewart, Donna Sanim, Annette Swan, Julie Camilleri, Barbie Stott, Anne, Shelley, Maree Kunst, Monal Ghosal, Felma North, Kylee Fitzpatrick, Tracey Hutchinson and John Pickering. If we have missed anyone we apologise. Thank you all for your support.

Special thanks to the local businesses who supported our event:
Healthpoint Chemist
Zellows
Express News Agency
Woolworths
Lincraft
Frosted Delights Cakery
Dee Bosma Tupperware

The winners of the raffle were 1st prize – Conrad Lamb, 5 second chance draws went to Jack Watt x 2, Liam Cochrane, Rob McClimon and Maree Kunst. Congratulations! The event raised $2000 after expenses. These funds are not yet allocated to a project.

DISCO
The disco has been postponed to Term 3. Anyone interested in being the co-ordinator for this event should call Wendy Batley on 0478 887 655.

TUCKSHOP BREAD VOTE
At the general meeting held this week, the P&C tabled 4 votes received from the newsletter return slip. Those votes and the votes of the members present resulted in keeping white bread 6 votes to 2. Thank you for your interest and participation.

COME ONE,  COME ALL!
THE SAFETY CIRCUS IS COMING
TO OUR SCHOOL SOON
20 MAY 2013 @ 11.30am

Safety Circus is being presented by students from Central Queensland University for students in years 3, 3/4, 4 and 4/5 classes. Students in these classes have taken home a free family pass and parents, caregivers and grandparents of these students are invited to attend. There is no cost for this performance. The circus is being presented by students from Central Queensland University with sponsorship by the Crime Prevention Unit, Mackay Police. The aim of Safety Circus is to present key messages about protective behaviours, bike safety and bullying strategies.

MACKAY NORTH STATE HIGH SCHOOL
YEAR 8 IN 2014

The Enrolment Management Plan has been lifted from Mackay North State High School. Students from all schools are able to enrol.

Enrolments accepted from 5th June.

INFORMATION EVENING
6:00pm on Tuesday 4th June 2013
Mackay North Community Hall
Valley Street, North Mackay

Information and Application forms for enrolment and scholarships will be available on the night.

More information contact the school:
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