Dear Parents, Staff & Students,

Welcome everyone to the start of the 2015 school year at Northview. We extend a very warm welcome to all our new students and families as well as all existing students and parents. As I visited classrooms this morning it was great to see how settled our students were and how engaged they were as teachers began establishing routines. It was particularly pleasing to see how well our Prep students settled into school today. Congratulations to our Prep parents for the great job you have done getting your kids ready for school.

Regular newsletters will be sent home with students every fortnight on a Wednesday. On alternate weeks, a brief “Mini News” (similar to this) will be sent home as required. All “Newsletters” and “Mini News” are posted to our school website www.northviess.eq.edu.au. Newsletters can also be emailed on request. Please email admin@northviess.eq.edu.au if you would like your newsletter emailed each week.

**Australia Dress-up Day**
This Friday, 30th January, we will be holding an Australia Dress-up Day to coincide with yesterday’s Australia Day celebrations. Students are invited to wear Australian colours (green & gold or blue, red & white) or dress as an Australian icon. Some suggestions from students have been:
- Australian animals – Kangaroo, Koala etc.
- Famous Australian People – Michael Clark, Steve Irwin
- Famous Australia Places – Sydney Harbour Bridge
- Other icons – Jar of vegemite
We will hold a special assembly Friday morning to view our students dressed in their Australian colours or as an Australian icon.

**Computer Headphones**
This message is for parents who ordered their child’s bookpack through CROSS Office Choice. On our booklist we stipulated that students would require USB headphones this year. This is to enable students to use the new laptops which don’t have a speaker and microphone jack.

It has been brought to our attention that CROSS Office Choice were unable to source USB headphones and placed the speaker and microphone style headphones in book packs rather than the USB style. CROSS Office Choice are now sourcing and delivering adapters to our school which will convert the speaker and microphone type headphones into USB. There is no further expense to parents who purchased the book pack through CROSS Office Choice. The adapters will be available for students in the coming weeks. Apologies on our behalf for any inconvenience caused by this mix-up.

**School Car Parks**
The safety of our Northview students is absolutely paramount and remains a top priority of all staff. With this in mind, we ask parents not to park, drop off, or collect students from car parks located on school grounds. The bottom car park near the hall is used for staff (who 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.

Likewise, the top car park near the SEU is used as a staff car park and for SEU students who need extra assistance to get into and out of their car. We ask parents to please refrain from parking in both these car parks. Thanks in advance for your help with this.

**Air Conditioners**
We currently have 3 classrooms with air conditioners not working. At present we are investigating temporary solutions to the air-conditioning in these classrooms to make
teaching and learning more comfortable during this very hot summer weather. Temporary air conditioners will be installed by the end of the week whilst we wait for the main air conditioners to be fixed.

**Collecting Students from School**

It was wonderful to see so many parents eagerly waiting to collect their kids after the first day back at school, especially our parents of Prep kids. Prep students will continue to finish their school day at 2.45pm for the next 5 weeks. The following are a couple of reminders about collecting students from classrooms of an afternoon.

- Please wait outside the classroom (teaching block) to collect your child. Please also keep doorways clear of traffic as classes are often returning to their class just before 3pm to clean up and get ready to go home. This will reduce distractions for our students and teachers and allow all students to exit safely and smoothly at the end of the day. Parents are welcome to enter our teaching blocks after students have vacated classrooms to talk with teachers.
- When leaving the school ground, please use the front main gate. The gates to our two car parks are not for pedestrian traffic. Using these gates as exits compromises the safety of our students. We want our Northview students to develop safe habits including using designated footpaths and thoroughfares.
- Please encourage your child(ren) to cross the road using the traffic supervisor.

**Arrival at School**

Parents are reminded that students who arrive at school before 8.30am should wait in the undercover area until the first bell rings. If students are supervised by their parent(s) they may wait outside the classrooms before the 8.30am bell. No students should be on our school site before 8.00am in the morning as we are unable to adequately supervise these students. Before and After School Care is available for parents who need to drop off their students before 8.00am.

Teachers will open up classrooms at 8.30am to give students an opportunity to prepare for the day – sharpen pencils, hand in notes, visit the toilet, fill water bottles etc. There should be no students or parents in classrooms before 8.30am unless a prior appointment has been made with the class teacher. If you could reinforce this message with your children it would be greatly appreciated.

**Before and After School Care**

Camp Australia are continuing a “Before and After School Care” service at our school. The service runs from 6.30-8.30am in the morning and from 3.00 – 6.00pm in the afternoon. Parents interested in having their children attend are encouraged to visit the Camp Australia website [http://www.campaustralia.com.au/](http://www.campaustralia.com.au/) to register your child or find out more information.

**Facebook**

Our school is now operating our facebook page. Search for Northview State School and “like” us to get up-to-date info on our school. At present we will only be putting updates on the page, however in the future we will be posting photos of students working and learning. A new permission form will be sent home with all students in the coming weeks.

**Bus Students**

Please keep our staff informed if your child(ren) catch the bus of an afternoon, even if it’s not on a regular basis. Our supervising staff are given a student checklist to account for all children departing each day. If arrangements change please inform the school as well as the bus service PCYC / Glenella Childcare if applicable.

**Regular Assembly**

Assembly will held each Monday morning at 9.00am beginning next week. During assemblies we give important messages and recognise the wonderful achievements of our students. All parents and members of our community are invited to attend.

**Nut Free School**

It is important that our school and community look after all students in our care. We currently have a number of students who have a severe allergic reaction to nuts. As a school community, we would like to provide responsible support for children who have such allergies and suffer severe anaphylactic reactions that may be life-threatening. To this end, we are endeavouring to ensure Northview State School is a nut-free school and seek our school community’s cooperation in supporting the safety of all students at our school.
In essence, we are asking that no food containing nuts be brought to school. Products that contain nuts include; Peanut Butter, Nutella, fruit and nut bars, chocolate and any other products that have nuts listed in their ingredients. This does not include however, products that contain the warning “may contain traces of nuts”.

Now is also a good time to remind your children that the sharing of food at school is definitely not allowed. This will also reduce the risk of students having allergic reactions to food they are not familiar with.

Whilst it isn’t possible to guarantee that nut products will not be in our school, we do ask parents to make every effort to support our endeavour to ensure the safety and well-being of all students.

**Library Bags and Hats**
Library Bags and Hats are available from our 2nd Hand Uniform Shop or from our School Office. Please note that we can only accept cash (No EFTPOS) for these items. The 2nd Hand Uniform Shop (in the hall canteen) operates each Monday morning before school.

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**From our Chaplain**

Hello everyone,
Welcome to the 2015 school year. If you are new to the school please come and say hello to me. I’m here at Northview each Tuesday and Wednesday.

My role in the school is to provide social, emotional and spiritual support to teachers, students and parents. My office is located in B Block beside Mrs Bradley’s classroom.

Breakfast Club will commence next Tuesday, 3rd February, from 8.00am to 8.30am. Toast, cereal, scrolls, fruit and drinks will be provided. Many thanks to Brumby’s Northern Beaches and Woolworths Mt Pleasant who are continuing to support our Breaky Club this year.

If you would like to donate some home-baked goods, fruit or honey that would be most welcome. Perhaps you would like to volunteer some time to help with the serving and clean-up?

Next week I will also begin our board games club on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1.10pm to 1.40pm (2nd break). We will need some year 5 & 6 students to supervise games like “Twister”. Have a great week,

Chappy Riki
Northview State School Chaplain
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**P&C News**

Welcome back! We hope you all had a relaxing break. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new families that are joining Northview this year. Just a quick couple of notes to kick the year off.....

**Tuckshop News**
Tuckshop will be open this Friday 30th January for both breaks, continuing on next week with our regular Wednesday and Friday service for the rest of the term. Ordering your child's lunches is now through our online ordering system ONLY – No more brown paper bags! Simply visit [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) to create an account. If you require more information on this or have any questions, check out the school website or call our friendly convenor Melanie Gibbs on 0437 083 324 – Mel is more than happy to answer any questions or help you create an account.

**Key Dates**
Monday 9th February – Welcome Morning Tea (held during parade) with our first P&C meeting following immediately after. We would love to see some new and old faces!
First Day Pictures
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Year 3C

Year 3/4S

Year 4W & 4/5P

Year 5B

Year 5/6H

Year 6C