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MINI NEWS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We've had a great start to the 2017 school year at Northview these past few days. It was great to see the smiles on the faces of our students as they arrived yesterday.

We extend a very warm welcome to all our new students and families as well as all existing students and parents. As Mrs Ross and I visited classrooms today and yesterday it was great to see how quickly our students settled and how engaged they were as teachers began establishing routines and expectations. 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.

We had a massive turnout last Friday with many students and parents taking up the opportunity to drop their book packs to school rather than leaving it until the first day of school. This initiative certainly added to the smooth transition we experienced yesterday.

Regular newsletters will be emailed home every fortnight on a Thursday and on alternate weeks, a brief "Mini News" (similar to this) will be emailed home. All "Newsletters" and "Mini News" are also posted to our school website www.northviess.eq.edu.au. Newsletters and mini-news are also available through the QSchools app available for download through iTunes and Android. If you updated your email address since last year please, please email admin@northviess.eq.edu.au to update your records.

Australia Dress-up Day

This Friday, 27th January, we will be holding an Australia Dress-up Day to coincide with Thursday'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 – Steve Smith, Bindilrwin
- ◆ Famous Australia Places – Sydney Harbour Bridge, Uluru
- ◆ Other icons – Jar of vegemite, tin of milo

We will hold a special assembly Friday morning at 9.00am to view our students dressed in Aus-



Day 1 and Elliot Shillington from Prep C was already running the school... from the Principal's chair!!



Australia Day
Celebrate what's great!

School Sports House Shirts

Our new sporting house shirts have arrived for those who ordered shirts last year! As previously advertised, families were able to collect these shirts last Friday during the book drop off. If you were unable to do so, shirts will be distributed to students this Friday.



Parents will be able to order sporting house shirts using flexischools www.flexischools.com.au from next Friday 3rd February. Prep students and new students to our school will find out which house they will represent next week. These lists will be posted outside classrooms.

Wednesday will be the day student can wear their sports house shirt to school. We'll call it "Wear it Wednesday". You might also notice during the term that staff take part in "wear it Wednesday" as well—dressing up a little more than normal.

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 for the exclusive use of students with a disability who need extra assistance to get in 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.

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 rooms 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. The car park entrances are **not** thoroughfares for pedestrians.

Arrival at School

Parents are reminded that students who arrive at school before 8.30am should wait in the under-cover 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

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/> to register your child or find out more information.



Facebook

Our school facebook page is a great way to stay updated on everything happening in our school. Search for Northview State School and "like" us to stay informed.

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 co-operation 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.

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 this includes PCYC / Glenella Childcare if applicable.

Kind regards,

Paul Manttan
(Principal)

FROM THE P&C

Dollarmites Club School Banking (Youthsaver Account)

This is the second year that Northview State School has participated in school banking. Last year, school banking raised \$964.28 for our school.

Commonwealth Bank has a school banking program for primary schools. It teaches children the habit of saving. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.



Every time your child makes 10 deposits they can select a prize. This year's theme is Future Savers.

Benefits:

- Our school will receive \$5 when a student makes their first school banking deposit at our school.
- Every 10 deposits they select a prize and receive a certificate.
- There are no monthly account fees or withdrawal fees.
- Our school will receive 5% of every deposit made (up to \$10 per individual deposit).

There will be parent information packs distributed to the students soon. Banking day will be every Thursday and will start on 2nd February 2017. Each class will have a banking bag for students deposit books. Our banking co-ordinators Christina Goodchild, Kristy Wilson and Jodie McGrath will process the deposits and return the banking bags to the teachers.

If you would like to start School Banking for your child, please visit any Commonwealth Bank branch and they will open an account for your child.

If you have any questions about school banking please contact Christina Goodchild on 0438 574 449.

2017 Future Savers Rewards

We're excited to launch the new reward items for 2017 from our Future Savers range.

- Cyber Handball and Colour Change Markers, released Term 1
- 3D Chalk Set and Tablet Case, released Term 2
- Smiley Emoji Keyring and Volt Handball, released Term 3
- Pencil + Tech Case and Epic Earphones, released Term 4

