Dear Parents, Staff & Students,

**Whitsunday Voices**
Tomorrow, year 2 & 3 students will be attending the Whitsunday Voices Literature festival which showcases authors and storytellers from around Australia and beyond. Our students will be listening to an inspiring presentation by storyteller Andy Wright. Parents of year 2 & 3 students, please ensure your students are at school promptly tomorrow morning, as the bus departs at 9.00am sharp.

**Pre-Prep Program**
Our Pre-Prep Program began today with many of our Prep students and their parents for 2015 attending. Mrs Winner had a great program which included craft activities and physical movement activities. For their first time in a school setting, the young children did a great job of sitting quietly on the carpet and listening – one of the goals of the program. If you know of any 2015 prep students around our community who are not already attending, please encourage them to come along each Wednesday morning from 9.00am – 11.00am.

**New Touch Season**
A note was sent home yesterday with students interested in playing touch for Northview in the Mackay Junior Touch Competition. The season commences on Aug 1st and concludes on Oct 24. There are only two age groups this season - 10 years and under, and 12 years and under (boys and girls). The cost for the season is $70.00 per player or $180 for family (3 or more). Spare nomination/permission forms are available from the office. Please ensure all forms are returned by 23rd July.

**Northern Suburbs Athletics Carnival**
A reminder to all students selected to represent Northview at the Northern Suburbs Athletics Carnival to return your permission slip and $2.00 by tomorrow. Monday 21st July will be throw events (discus and shot put) with remaining events completed at the carnival on Tuesday 22nd July.

**Flying Start** - Yr 7 to high school in 2015
Exciting changes await our Year 6 and 7 students this year, as 2014 marks the final year that Year 7 will be a part of primary school in Queensland. Next year, our current Year 6 students will become the first group of Year 7 students in high school. To provide a smooth transition we are supporting students and parents, and working with our local high schools to ensure the move is a great success.
As a result of the introduction of the Prep year, almost half of our current Year 6 students will turn 13 in 2015 and will be in their eighth year of school, which is traditionally the right time to start high school. Our students will have greater access to specialist teachers and resources in high school, such as science teachers and labs, which will open up new and exciting educational opportunities.

We are confident that all of our students will experience a smooth and successful transition to high school. If you would like more information on the move of Year 7 to high school, you can also visit www.flyingstart.qld.gov.au

**Camp Eagle**
Each year our local school Chaplains run a camp for year 6&7 students aimed at building self-esteem and resilience, while also giving students an opportunity to make new friends. It is not a religious camp. The camp runs from September 12-14 and costs $40. This year’s camp will occur while our year 6/7’s are away at Sydney/Canberra Camp so might be a great alternative for any students who aren’t going to Canberra. Interested students should see Chappy Riki for a permission form.

**The “Real Me” program**
A letter was sent home today with selected year 6/7 girls inviting them to attend THE REAL ME. The “real me” is a program for girls only, and is aimed at girls in years 6, 7 prior to going on to
secondary school. This program aims to promote self-esteem and will be taught to a group of approximately 10 girls.

The program has been organised by our Chaplain, Riki Schroeder, who will be in attendance at each of the eight sessions (Wednesdays 1.15pm – 2.15pm). The program will be taught by Kylie Morton, who is experienced in running this program in a number of schools. We are lucky to have access to Kylie as she has been asked to do this program in a number of schools. Kylie also volunteers at Youth Connexions. This program is a ‘girls only’ version of the ‘boys only’ program we ran last year – Strengths Program which was well received by our Year 6, 7 boys.

Topics covered include:
- An introductory high tea and social get together
- Puberty
- Staying Fit and Exercise you can do in your room
- Healthy Eating
- Friendships
- Personality types – giving girls clarity about the way they act and feel in different situations.

Paul Manttan
Principal

P&C NEWS

Flexischools

The P&C is excited to announce that Flexischools is in test phase and will be ready to launch week 1 of term 3. More information will be sent home next week on how to create an account with Flexischools. It’s an easy and convenient way to order your child’s lunch.

Discos, Raffle, Outdoor Movie Night, Father’s Day Stall…. just to name some of the exciting events the P&C have planned for term 3. Below are some details on the upcoming events.

Monthly Meeting

Monday 21st July in the hall conference room after parade. Please email any agenda items to the above email address before Friday. Hope to see you there.

Disco

Get set to get your groove on - Friday 25th July. Pyjama and Onesie theme (you don't have to dress up) Entry fee will be $2, please try and have correct change for entry as it makes this process so much faster. We will be selling drinks, pizza, and heaps of exciting glow products. Please call Annette Swan on 0438 173 735 if you are able to help out on the night or set up during the day. Prizes will be handed out during the evening. More details next week.

Tuckshop News

Flexischools is now up and running, we have had such a positive response so far. If you have not yet set up an account to order your child's lunch simply visit www.flexischools.com.au or call Mel Gibbs on 0437 083 324.

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