Dear Parents, Staff & Students

**Student Success at the CQU**: Last week 3 Northview students form our Yr 6 & 7 Japanese classes took part in a language/speech competition at the CQU involving schools from all over the district. Kate Atkinson, Conrad Lamb & Shaneal Murphy represented Northview in this competition. Special congratulations to Kate who made it through the preliminary rounds to make the final top 5 for Year 7 students. Well done also to Japanese Teacher Nicole Hoy for preparing and organising the team.

**Year 6 Leadership Day** – Potential student leader candidates for 2013 will begin the process this Friday of determining who may have the qualities to take on positions next year. Eligible students considering a position will go to Harbour Beach this Friday to take part in activities & challenges that will give them opportunities to learn & demonstrate leadership skills.

**SOLAR Eclipse – Nov.14th**: Safety warning: As part of our upper school science studies, teachers & classes had planned to view the eclipse through special safety glasses that we had purchased. Recent information & safety warnings from Ophthalmologists have stated that even with special protective glasses, irreparable eye damage may occur. As such I have deemed the risk for this activity to great and will recommend that Teachers use online technology & media to view & investigate the eclipse to great and will recommend that Teachers use online technology & media to view & investigate the eclipse. While the eclipse will occur early on the 14th parents & families need to be aware of the potential permanent harm to eyes that can be caused by viewing the eclipse directly, even with protective glasses. Children are considered the most vulnerable.

**Student Mobile Phones/iPods** – Our students are very reliable with handing in these devices to the office each day for safe keeping. However it is recommended that students name, label or attach some identifying mark to ensure they collect the correct device at days end. Sometimes they can all look very similar when being collected.

**Remembrance Day – Sunday Nov 11th**: Just a reminder for this special event that remembers and honours all those Australians who have lost their lives in defence of our country and way of life. The minute silence will occur at 11am. Teachers & students will be discussing, reading stories and discovering some of the history involved in this occasion during the week.

**Snakes on school grounds**: Last week we had 3 sightings of very small snakes on the move in the school grounds. The word amongst students spread very quickly and by lunch time these snakes were man-eating monsters. Students were reminded on parade this week and by their teachers on the appropriate action to take if a snake appears close to where they are. All 3 snakes were identified as tree snakes that were quickly moving locations.

**Kids Matter** – A school based & community program to support student health & resilience is holding a meeting for local primary schools this week that I will be attending. Our school is always on the lookout for innovative & pro-active strategies that support students educationally as well as physically & emotionally. Happy, well grounded students make the best learners.

**Supporting the Adolescent Child** – A parent information session conducted by clinical psychologist Andrew Fuller occurs this Thursday Nov 8th at the Ocean international from 6.30-8.30pm. The presenter & author will provide parents with tips and strategies on how to best support the adolescent child during this phase of their life and at school. You can register online [http://tinyurl.com/afuller-parents](http://tinyurl.com/afuller-parents).

**Northview Responsible Behaviour Plan Review 2012** – Just a reminder to families who may wish to comment or pass on suggestions to assist with this review to do so very soon. A copy of the current document can be accessed via the school website, included inside the school prospectus document.

**Instrumental Music Recruitment 2013**: Identified students are currently considering joining this program with interviews & parent meetings conducted next week. New students help replace students we lose from Year 7 and maintain our ability to provide concert band opportunities for students.

**From the Library**: iPads/iPods

Students are enjoying using the new iPads in both the library and classrooms. The P&C provided us with $20 iTunes cards and wonderful protective cases to get these new devices operational. Teachers will be booking sets for use in their rooms and are very keen to try out some of the apps that have already been purchased. There are also many free apps we can put on them. Students also have lunch time supervised access in the library that is proving very popular. Bookings are essential. Final book borrowing for the term will occur on Week 8. This will enable staff to complete all stock take requirements.

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Thank you to all the children who sent in lovely pictures and notes last Friday for Queensland Tuckshop Day. They are on display in the Tuckshop for all to see. They were all so good that Mrs Cowan gave all of them an ice block! Well done.

Mrs Donna Sanim has kindly offered to organise our end of year break up party for the Tuckshop Volunteers. We have much to celebrate this year – bidding farewell to Jenny and welcoming Mel, Christmas break up and also sending off two of our long serving volunteers to high school – Mrs Julie Holden and Mrs Carolyn Atkinson. Donna will be in touch with Volunteers as per the number given on the roster. If you haven’t heard from her please call the P&C mobile 0478 887 655 to be put in contact with her. Discussion on this event will be held at the next P&C Meeting, please see Agenda below.

SPECIAL – Pork Riblett in Roll OR Savoury Mince Roll $3.00 each.

WIN A $200 VOUCHER FOR A BIKE!
Northview is coming 4th in the state for the most responses to this survey. Registrations have been so good that Travel Smart have extend the registration closing to this Friday 9th November, which means surveys must be completed on line by 16th November. Go to www.travelsmartschools.com.au. Remember to take a photo of the last screen with your phone and text it to the P&C on 0478 887 655, along with your name, so you can go in the draw for the $200 bike store voucher. And if you are one of the first 30 to do so you will also receive a $5 tuckshop voucher. Some of these are still available! The Draw will be done on Monday 19th November (and is for Northview families only), vouchers will be handed out then too. Thank you families for caring about safe travel around our school.

NEXT MEETING:
Monday 12th November. In the hall conference room, 9.30am/after parade. All welcome. See Agenda below:
- Plan for Disco on 30th November
- Vote on hat fabric – cotton v polyester
- Tuckshop Business Plan
- Tuckshop Party

Hosting is Fun! Become a WEP Family!
Bring a piece of the world into your home by becoming a volunteer host family to an exchange student from Italy, Canada, Finland or Brazil in January.

Visit New Places – Revisit Old Favourites!
Hosting a student encourages families to see Australia through the eyes of an exchange student. Invite a motivated teenage student into your home for a semester or year and gain a new family member and friend for life.

Become a WEP Host Family – It’s Easy!
Simply submit your host family application and choose your student. Before you know it you’ll be communicating with your new family member while everything else is organised by WEP!

FIND OUT MORE!
Contact Sylvia Kelly at WEP today for a FREE information pack.

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is an Australian, not-for-profit student exchange organisation, determined to make a difference by helping young people of different cultures gain insight and understanding about other ways of life and world views.

Auditions for Mackay Junior Orchestra & Mackay Youth Orchestra 2013
If you are a young musician who loves music, is keen to develop your musical skills, is committed to practice and loves to be part of a team, then we would like to invite you to audition to become a member and enjoy the many benefits that music can offer. We aim to offer the full orchestra experience and complement the fabulous school music programs or provide opportunities to those who are not able to participate in school orchestras and bands.

We will be holding auditions on Monday 19th November 2012, at the Conservatorium, Central Queensland University, from 4.30 pm. Please bring along two pieces of music of your own choice to play. You may also be asked to play a couple of scales. All enthusiastic young musicians are encouraged to join us! For more information contact Vicki on 0418150690 or Leonie 0413778676. We look forward to hearing from you!