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From the Principal

Dear Parents, Staff & Students,

Money Train – Relay 4 Life fundraiser

This Friday, 8th May, we are encouraging students to donate to Relay for Life by joining in the money train. To participate, students can bring along a handful of silver coins from home (for example out of the spare change jar or the ash tray of the car) and place them along our money train. The Money Train will start at the front gate and finish up near our classrooms. All proceeds go toward Pa's Princesses (Allie and Shannah Grant) who are participating in the Relay for Life on the 16th/17th May.

Book Fair

This week our school has been holding a book fair in the library. Thanks to Mrs Sippel and Mrs Stanaway for organising and running the Book Fair. Tomorrow is the final day for viewing and purchases. The Bookfair is open before and after school as well as during the day for each class to visit.

U/8's Day

Our Prep and Year 1 teachers are planning a morning of fun and celebration for Under 8's Day on Wednesday, 20th May. 9.30 – 11.00am. Please put this date on your calendar if you have any children under the age of 8. Please note that prep students and kindy kids will need to be supervised by their parents. There will be a range of activities for children to try including jumping castles, craft and art, face painting, obstacle course and hopefully police, ambulance and fire brigade. We will also have a member of our local Aboriginal and Islander community who will be running storytime and painting a mural. All families in our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community are invited to participate and help run this activity. Icy cups will be available for sale for 50 cents.



Reading Focus for week 3 & 4

As you would no doubt be aware, one of our major focus' this year is reading. Not only is it important for your children to be able to read the words but it is also very important for them to understand the books they read. We teach your child different strategies to comprehend the various texts they read. Our whole school comprehension strategy for the next two weeks is Visualising. The visualising strategy helps us paint pictures in our mind or 'the movie in your head' when we read. You can help your child use this strategy at home by:

- Read a book to them and get them to tell you or draw pictures about the characters and setting.
- Use sentence starters such as – In my mind I see, I can imagine, I can taste the, I can feel the, I can smell the.....
- Make a model or diorama to help them visualise what they have read



Visualising

Learners create a mental image from a text read/viewed/heard. Visualising brings the text to life, engages the imagination and uses all of the senses.

Example:

Questions/Statements

What are the pictures I have in my head as I read/view/listen to this text?

Can I describe the picture or image I made, while I read/heard that part?

How did the pictures in my head help me to understand the text?

If you would like any more information about our reading comprehension strategies please feel free to ask your class teacher or myself.

Lisa Wayman
Master Teacher

Sydney/Canberra Camp

An update was sent home today regarding ear 5/6 Sydney/Canberra Camp in September. Please note that at least **\$600** must be paid off your child's balance by 18th May or your child may miss out on this opportunity. This is the date we

pay for our flights. Some students received individual letters detailing how much they have paid up to this date. If you have any concerns about camp payments, please contact Mr Manttan or Mr Sehl.

BMA Marina Fun Run

Northview staff are entering into the BMA Marina Fun Run 5km corporate challenge. We are inviting parents and capable kids to join us. Our school is using a CQ Sporty School grant to pay for our nomination. If you are interested, please email or phone Mr Sehl

bsm@northviess.eq.edu.au by 29th May. Once you have your name down, you will be able to register online. Students under the age of 8 are able to participate, but must be accompanied by and adult at all times. Let's get Sporty!!

Stop, Drop & Go

Parents please note that our Stop Drop & Go area is a no standing zone. Parents who park in our Stop, Drop & Go area before 3.00pm are contributing to the traffic congestion along Pioneer St and in particular, the round-a-bout at the top of the school. Students are let out of class at 3.00pm which means the first students will arrive in the Stop, Drop & Go waiting area at 3.05pm. The best time to arrive and collect your child(ren) is after 3.10pm. At this time, we can quickly load students into cars and ensure that traffic continues to flow smoothly. Thank you in anticipation of your support.



Spare clothes for little mishaps

We strongly encourage parents of Prep and Year 1 students to keep a spare set of clothes (schools shorts, underwear, shirt) in the bottom of their school bag. Accidents invariably happen from time to time and having quick and easy access to spare clothes means the issue of wetting pants can be quickly and discretely solved.

QParents

We have had a fantastic response from parents regarding the QParents app. Parents should have received an invitation letter via email, and also a separate note from school with further instructions and your child's EQ ID. The EQ ID is needed to complete the registration process.

As we are a trial school for the QParents app, we'd appreciate any feedback from parents

around the effectiveness of the application. We will give this feedback to the creators of the application so they can make improvements before the app is rolled out in every Queensland State School.

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Mother's Day Stall

Don't forget our annual Mother's Day stall is being held this Thursday 7th May in the school hall.



Each class will visit the stall throughout the day. Gifts ranging in price from 50c to \$7.

Can you donate baking? If so, please drop it to the hall on Thursday morning. We are still looking for volunteers to work on the stall, drop in for an hour and lend a hand between 9.30 and 2.30.

Tuckshop News

– Some of you may have experienced trouble ordering tuckshop via Flexischools on Friday. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this caused but would like to point out that the problem was with Flexischools itself and not our tuckshop. Mel has addressed our concerns with Flexischools and they will look into it. As we all know, from time to time technology can let us down. In the event of this happening again (and we hope it doesn't) we are happy to accept paper bags so your child doesn't miss out on their yummy tuckshop treats.

Pie Drive

– Would you like to organise a pie drive fundraiser for our school? Please contact Bonnie McCarthy on 0412 373 507 for more information.



Uniform Shop

All Winter stock on sale for \$2 each. Come on down and say 'Hi' to Marlene on a Monday morning and grab a bargain. We have a great demand at the moment for small size winter jackets. Do you have any at home that you could donate?

Lost Something?

– Please check lost property this week. As advertised last week, any lost property left by the end of the week will be either sold in our uniform shop or donated to charity. Some of this has been in lost property for quite some time now.

Icy Cups – On sale for 50c each Friday afternoon for the rest of the term.

