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Our P&C are planning a very busy Term as well with our first school disco for the year this Friday evening. There will also be a “Family Outdoor Movie Night” being held on Friday 29th August which will be an event for the whole family to enjoy.

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25th July
Yr P-3 = 5.30 – 7.00pm
Yr 4-7 = 7.15 – 9.00pm
Also this Term, our Year 6/7 students will be travelling to Sydney and Canberra for their school camp. During the camp they will visit Taronga Zoo, Sydney Opera House, Bondi Beach, Parliament House, Australian War Memorial, Questacon, Museum of Australian Democracy (Old Parliament House) just to name a few. They will also spend a day at Perisher playing in the snow. It should be a fantastic trip and a great experience for these students.

Year 4 students will attend Bike Safety Education at the PCYC during week five of this Term. Students will attend two days of bike safety training and these days will form a large component of their Health assessment for the Term. All year 4 students are expected to attend, and as such, the cost of $10 per student has been heavily subsidised by our school.

I look forward to working with all our students, staff and parents for another rewarding Term.

School Opinion Surveys
Parents/Caregivers, school staff and the representative sample of students are encouraged to take part in this year’s School Opinion Survey and share their opinions about what this school does well and how this school can improve. All families (previously a sample of families are being invited to take part for the first time this year.

Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey are attached to this newsletter—these are not linked to individuals, and you cannot be identified in the survey results that will be reported back to the school, or by the department.

Parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school – please contact school if you would like to use a school computer as we are happy to make this arrangement. The survey will remain open until 3rd August 2014. As with previous years, we have included a list of achievements and highlights from the last 12 months with the newsletter. While the list isn’t exhaustive, it does provide an insight into the types of experiences and activities we provide for students at Northview SS.

Parents who receive newsletters by email your School Opinion Survey will be sent home with your child.

If you haven’t received any survey access details by the end of this week, please contact our office on telephone 4965 6888 or email admin@northviewss.eq.edu.au.

Whole School Picnic
Each Thursday, beginning tomorrow (24th July) we will be holding a whole school picnic at the front of the school to bring all our students together for lunch. Picnics will happen at 1st break only and students eat their regular lunch during this time i.e it’s not a shared lunch or special tuckshop day - just an opportunity to come together as a school and enjoy the dappled sunlight filtering through the trees as we laze on the manicured lawn. Parents and family are welcome to attend!

Homework
Homework is an important means of reinforcing concepts taught at school and also develops study habits and study discipline which are important ingredients for successful learning later in life. All students are expected to be doing homework in some form each school night. Many teachers give homework (usually a homework sheet) at the beginning of the week and expect the work to be handed in at the end of the week for marking. Having a whole week to complete homework tasks gives families the flexibility to organise homework time around busy lives. While this flexibility is great, there is still a need to form a consistent homework routine in the household which includes:

1. Uninterrupted time to complete homework
2. Organised study space

Northern Suburbs Athletics
Congratulations to all our students who competed at the Northern Suburbs Athletics Trials yesterday. After reviewing the scoring sheet yesterday afternoon it was discovered that Northview finished 3rd in both the aggregate points tally, and the average points (points per enrolment) which is a great effort considering we are one of the smallest schools competing.

A big congratulations to Jasmine Peters who was crowned the 12 years girls aged champion. Students selected in the Northern Suburbs Athletics team have today received a letter of invitation to attend the Mackay Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 29th July.

Yr 6-7 Sydney/Canberra Camp Meeting
There will be a camp meeting next Wednesday 30th July at 6pm in the hall for students and parents who are attending Sydney/Canberra camp from Sep 7th-13th. A letter was sent home today with further information including a list of “what to bring”. This will be discussed further at the Camp meeting.

Paul Mantan
(Principal)

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Semester 2 sees us continue our focus on writing using the framework of the 7 Steps to Writing Success.

What are the Seven Steps?

- Plan for Success
- Sizzling Starts
- Tightening Tension
- Dynamic Dialogue
- Show, Don’t Tell
- Ban the Boring Bits
- Exciting Endings

At present we are focusing on Dynamic Dialogue. I have included some information for you on how to get your children using dynamic dialogue in their writing.
Some important events coming to our school.

During the latter part of the Term we have three key visiting performances coming to our school. These are:

15th August 2014  
Arts Council – Crazy Scientist Strikes Back

18th – 20th August 2014  
Fun With Maths – Maths Activities

11th, 12th, 15th & 16th September 2014  
Life Education Van

In order to make it easier for parents, we will be sending out one Invoice for each child, rather than collecting money for each individual activity. We apologise for asking parents to fund three activities for your child(ren) in one Term, but these were the only dates available to our school and the learning opportunities for our students were too good to miss. Please do not send payment until you receive an invoice.

The cost of the three activities will be $17.00.

(Crazy Scientist - $5.00)  
(Fun With Maths - $6.00)  
(Life Education Van - $6.00)

As these activities are part of our school's curriculum and have been especially chosen because of their relevance to our curriculum all children will attend. Please see me if you require further information about the costs.

ICAS Results

Fantastic effort by our students in our first ICAS Competition – Computer Skills

Credit – Blake Stott  
Thomas Batley  
Finn Law  
Emily Thompson

Merit – Jack Donohue

The next ICAS Competition will be English conducted 29th July 2014.

Thanks:- We would also like to thank Melissa Micallef once again for the use of her slushy machine and Wayne Percy for providing ice for the esky.

A Gentle Reminder:- children must be promptly collected from the hall at the end of their session. Students will not be allowed to leave the hall on their own to walk out to the road, we appreciate your cooperation with this safety issue. See you at the disco!

Tuckshop News – Flexischools is now in full flight. If you have not yet used this service, check it out. It’s easy and extremely convenient. No more looking around for cash or correct change, no more paper bags or forgotten lunch orders. For your extra convenience, there is also a computer in the tuckshop that you are welcome to use to please your orders. Visit www.flexischools.com.au to create an account or call our friendly tuckshop convenor Mel Gibbs on 0437 083 324 for more information. The P&C would also like to hear feedback on this service, please take the time to tell us your thoughts in a quick email to pandc@northviess.eq.edu.au.

Monthly Meeting: Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday 11th August. Please note that this is an evening meeting and will commence at 6pm in the hall conference room. Hope to see you there.

It’s Disco time!!!

This Friday 25th July. Come dressed in your favourite pyjamas or onesie (of course you don’t have to dress up) Session times are Prep – Year 3 from 5:30 – 7pm and Year 4 – Year 7 from 7:15 – 9pm. Entry fee is $2, correct change is appreciated for faster entry. Lollies, slushy drinks, pizza, party pies and soft drinks will be on sale along with an exciting range of glow products. Food, drinks and glow products prices range from $1 - $5.

Please Note: It is recommended that parents of Prep children stay at the disco with their child for the duration of the disco.

Help Appreciated: If you are available to help on the night please call Annette Swan on 0438 173 735.

Wanted:- Annette would like to have a patio heater for the outdoor area, if you have one that we could borrow for the night please call Annette on the number mentioned above.
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<td>Chase Rees &amp; Kyla Scotton</td>
<td>Excellent start to the term. Great listening and doing their best.</td>
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<td>Mackayla Choat &amp; Jordon Cook</td>
<td>Great work in Maths measuring mass and constructing items to weigh things in.</td>
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<td>P1B</td>
<td>Frankie Hinds &amp; Brayden Manttan</td>
<td>For making an enthusiastic start to the term.</td>
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<td>1W</td>
<td>Jesse Robinson &amp; Aaron Reynolds</td>
<td>Excellent work with number lines &amp; finding patterns in sums. Well done.</td>
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<td>Dakota Rutledge</td>
<td>Great start to Term 3 and working hard on all tasks.</td>
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<td>Haylee Holdsworth &amp; Brady Buckton</td>
<td>For being great ‘teachers’ in Science.</td>
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<td>For an excellent start back to Term 3.</td>
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<td>Seth Streeter</td>
<td>Fantastic start to the term. Positive &amp; enthusiastic.</td>
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<td>Lara Hutchinson &amp; Jaxon Taia</td>
<td>Hugh effort in all their work.</td>
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<td>Jacinda Murphy</td>
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<td>Kennedy Taare</td>
<td>Great participation and effort.</td>
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NORTHVIEW SS ACHIEVEMENTS & HIGHLIGHTS 2013-2014

ACADEMIC
- Mc Donald’s Maths Regional Competition 1st Place
- Extended Learning Program Yrs 2-7 for high achievers.
- ICAS International Academic Competitions: Distinction & Credit awards in:
  - Maths
  - English
  - Science
  - Computers
  - Spelling
  - Writing
- Premiers Reading Challenge
- Debating final runners-up 2013.
- P-7 Science Expo & Team challenge.
- Reef Guardian Eco Challenge

ICT / TECHNOLOGY
- Laptop Computer trolleys accessible for classes.
- ICT Teacher-Technology coach and Extended Learning coordinator.
- Library Lab for class/student access during class and break times.
- Use of Interactive White Boards and data projectors in all classes.
- Student internet & email access.
- iPad/iPod devices for class use and for use in library.

SPORTING
- School Rugby League, Hockey, Netball & Touch Football Teams (external competitions before & after school)
- Capricornia representatives in Rugby League, Hockey, Softball, Football (soccer), Touch
- Tennis Lessons / coaching
- Interschool Sport
- Athletics Carnival
- Swimming lessons & Carnival
- Representative Sport Opportunities
- Specialist Lessons
- Visiting Sports Coaches / Skills Experts Rugby League, AFL, Softball, Tennis, OzTag
- Multi-purpose sports courts
- Large well-grassed oval and grounds

SPECIAL EVENTS / CULTURAL
- Drama Club
- Lunchtime Drama Club
- Instrumental Music program & Concert Band
- Choir & Band Groups
- LOTE (Japanese)
- Year 4/5 Camp
- Yr 6/7 Canberra Trip
- ANZAC Day commemoration & march.
- District Choral Camp
- Instrumental Music Camp

STUDENT SUPPORT
- School Talent Quest
- Chess Club Yrs 2-7

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT
- Well kept Grounds & Gardens
- Vege Garden for student learning – serviced by parent volunteers
- Large separate play areas and School Oval.
- Multi-purpose Hall and well-equipped Library/Resource Centre.
- Shaded play & equipment spaces for all students
- Outdoor Basketball / Tennis court.
- Sustainability projects in regard to water & energy use as well as waste management Earth Smart Program.
- Ergon Energy Environmental Grant

COMMUNITY / EXTRA CURRICULAR
- Weekly School Parades hosted by classes.
- Before School Reading (Prep – Yr 2)
- School Discos
- Yr 6 Leadership Day
- Family Christmas Carols Night
- Annual Awards Day Ceremony recognising excellence & achievement.
- Yr 4 Bike Education Program
- Yr 7 Graduation Dinner
- Class Excursions – related to work units.
- Choirs and Concert Band performing at community functions, Eisteddfod, Festival of the Arts and Mackay concerts.
- Active P&C committee & volunteers who contribute enormously to school activities & events.
- P&C- Mothers / Fathers Day stalls for students.
- Walk Safely to School Day & other Travel Smart projects.
- Variety of fundraising for local and statewide charities.
Don’t tell anyone but authors ‘cheat’ when we write – especially when we write dialogue.

Normal conversations go like this:
‘Hi.’
‘Hi. How are you?’
‘Good. And you?’
‘Good.’
‘I was thinking of going shopping.’
‘Oh. What for?’
‘My mother gave me some money for my birthday and I need a new jumper.’
‘Sounds great. Count me in.’

In real life conversations we often talk in clichés and ramble a lot. However, reading takes effort, so to keep things moving fast, writers cut straight to the action.

‘Hey, my mum gave me some money for my birthday. Want to go shopping?’
‘Sounds great. Count me in.’

TOP TIP:
Give kids a starting line to help them avoid the boring parts. Are they writing a conversation between a ghost and a flying pig? Suggest where to begin: ‘Hey! Watch where you’re going!’

ACTION ACTIVITY:
Tape a conversation at home. Listen to all the rambling, half finished sentences and ‘umms’ and ‘er’s.’ This is great proof that strong writing does not have to be based on real life!

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Fire Education
Queensland Fire and Rescue visited our school last week to talk with our year 1 students.

Whitsunday Voices Literature Festival
Students in year 2 & 3 attended Whitsunday Voices