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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

School Opinion Surveys
Thanks very much to parents who completed their online survey. The survey has been extended till this coming Friday, 8th August as responses to the new format across the state have been slow. If you could spare five minutes to give our school some feedback it would be greatly appreciated. This is a great opportunity to have your say about what this school does well and how we can improve. At the time of printing this Newsletter, we have 19 out of 260 parent surveys completed.

Attendance and Absences
Please ensure that if you child is absent from school for any reason that you contact the office and explain the absence. Our office staff will record the information on our OneSchool database and inform teachers of your child’s absence. By law, absences that are unexplained are treated as a parent’s failure to ensure their child has attended an educational institution. Under s.178 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (the Act), parents of students who have continual unexplained absences are in breach of their obligation to ensure their child attends school and can be prosecuted.

Attendance at school every day is absolutely critical if we are to maximise the learning potential of our students. I thank all parents for their vigilance in ensuring their children are at school, on time, every day. At the end of Term 2, our attendance rate across the whole school was 92.5% which is under our target of 93% attendance for 2014. This Term, our attendance rate is still sitting on 92.5%. Let’s work hard to get our attendance up above 93%. Yesterday we had our highest attendance rate for the term with 97.3% of students in attendance which is something to be celebrated.

Attendance Target for 2014

2013 attendance rate of 93.4%
Our 93.0% target for 2014
Current rate = 92.5%

1st Prize Winner
Signed Cowboys Jersey
Tanya Murray
Please complete payment of this invoice by Monday 11th August.

We once again 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.

The activities and dates are as follows.
- Aug 15th: Crazy Scientist
- Aug 18th – 19th: Fun With Maths
- Sep 11th, 12th, 18th, 19th: Life Education Van

Sporting Exploits
Congratulations to Jasmine Peters who was selected in the Queensland Girls Soccer team to compete at the national championships. What a great honour to represent your state! Jasmine has also been selected in the Mackay Athletics team in the 100m, 200m, and long jump.

Congratulations to India MacPhee who was selected in the Capricornia Girls Rugby League team on Monday. India will be competing at the State Championships in Warrick.

Congratulations also to Jeanje’ Shaw who was selected in the Mackay Athletics team for 800m.

Yr 6-7 Sydney/Canberra Camp
Just a reminder to get your medical/permission forms in as soon as possible. These were due last Friday 1st August.

We are hoping to have the final invoice for camp payment out to students and parents by the end of next week. Upon receipt of final payment, students will receive their scarf and beanie.

Swimming Lessons
This Term our P-2 classes will be travelling by bus to Pat Wright Swim school for swimming lessons. These lessons will occur in weeks 8-10 and form part of our Physical Education Curriculum. There will be a letter and invoice sent home tomorrow with P-2 students for the cost of approx. $70. This money covers the cost of the bus hire of pool and swim instructors.

Year 3-7 classes will be attending Swimming lessons early in Term 4. A permission slip and invoice for these lessons will be sent home at the end of this Term.

Paul Manttan
(Principal)

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Only one month to go before our reading challenge finishes. Great to see our numbers increasing in our school Hall of Fame in the Library. We have had many excited individuals and some proud parents walk through our Library this week with completed forms. Keep up the great work and keep up the encouragement! Challenge finishes on September 5. Prep – Year 4 read 20 books, Years 5 – 7 read 15. Congratulations to Cullum Strachan 6/7A and Jazmine Glendon 3D who where our first 2 winners of book vouchers on Monday’s parade.

Book Week
This year we celebrate Book Week in Week 6. Our theme this year is Connect to Reading – Reading to Connect. During this week students will have the opportunity to do some fun activities during lunch hours in the Library relating to short listed books. Our lower school have been working hard during Library lessons on displays to brighten our Library. So far our favourite book has been King Pig by Nick Bland with Dirty Dinosaurs by Brian & James coming a close second.

BY SUSAN STEPHENSON – THE BOOK CHOOK

Helping our kids make connections to reading is one of the ways we can help them enjoy reading and develop their reading skills. Does your child have access to a range of reading materials? Consider things like getting him his own library card, giving him special pocket money for buying books he likes, helping her find print books or e-books online that interest her, encouraging her to swap books with friends, and sharing regular read-a-louds at home.

Once your child has access to lots of books, help him become a stronger reader by encouraging him to make connections with the context of what he reads. You might remind him of a similar book you’ve read together; revisit the story about Grandpa and the fish that got away, or recall a time when he felt the same way a character felt. Another simple way to do this is to ask questions.

There are two incredibly simple questions we can ask to help kids better understand what they read, and to better connect to reading:

1. What happened?
2. Why?

By Susan Stephenson – The Book Chook

KATHLEEN SIPPEL
TEACHER LIBRARIAN
NORTHVIEW STATE SCHOOL
Tuckshop
Check out our tuckshop menu - we have introduced a couple of gluten free options. Feedback already received has been positive. Items are:
- Gluten Free Chicken Nuggets – 3 for $3
- Gluten Free Chocolate Muffins - $1 each.

Save the Date:
- Monday 11th August 2014 – P and C Night time meeting. Starting at 5:45pm at the School Hall. All Agenda items to be emailed to pandc@northviess.eq.edu.au
- Friday 29th August 2014 – Outdoor Movie Night
- Thursday 4th September 2014 – Father’s Day Stall

Thank you to the parents that volunteered their time to sell tickets at Dan Murphy's for the Cowboys jersey raffle. A special thanks to Kerry Powell for organizing to have the jersey signed and putting together the runner up prizes. The raffle was drawn at parade on Monday. Congratulations to all the prize winners.

1st prize signed Cowboys Jersey – Tanya Murray
2nd prize Cowboys supporter pack – Craig Bradford
3rd prize Cowboys t-shirt & voucher – Will Peppin
4th prize Cowboys t-shirt & voucher – Brodie Lucas
5th prize Cowboys t-shirt – Del

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and supported our fundraiser.

MACKAY CRICKET JUNIOR SIGN ON
Monday 25th August 4pm – 6pm
Harrup Park Country Club – Main Oval
(Parking via Lamb Street)
Come and meet Peter Forest, Cameron Gannon and Chris Lynn from the Brisbane Heat.
Lots of fun games/activities and prizes!

Girls NAB AFL Auskick Program – Northern Mackay Schools
Free Come and Try + Sign On:
Thursday 31st July, 2014
Time: 3.20pm – 4.20pm every Thursday for Term 3
Venue: Zeolla Park AFL field – Cutler Dr, Beaconsfield.
For more information contact: AFL QLD Mackay office on 4951 0622
Or AFL Development Officer Dion Obst on 0424 156 248
Visit www.aflauskick.com.au to register (payment preferred online).

MACKAY FUTSAL
New season starts September
5 years old to adults, boys and girls
Teams and individuals of all skills welcome
Academy and 5 up program are available to improve individual skills
For more information visit www.qldfutsal.com or email mackay@australianfutsal.com
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<td>Cheyene Hope, Paige Kenniff, Lucas McCarth &amp; Travis Muscat</td>
<td>Great work in class.</td>
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<td>Huge effort with homework.</td>
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<td>PD</td>
<td>Zoe Goodes-Stibbards, Tristan Calicetto, Brayden Skinner &amp; Maddison Sellars</td>
<td>Great problem solving in maths.</td>
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<td>Great effort into learning your sight words this week. Well done.</td>
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<td>Cayne Brookes, Mollie Fitzpatrick, Lahela Henry</td>
<td>For actively contributing to reading group activities.</td>
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<td>Using awesome adjectives in her writing.</td>
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<td>For completing her homework neatly &amp; completely.</td>
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<td>Ashton Nichols, James Bonello</td>
<td>Great participation in story discussions.</td>
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<td>Great procedure writing.</td>
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<td>Kiralee Streeter</td>
<td>Working hard on fractions during our Maths lessons.</td>
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<td>Allixx Yankus-Higson, Ryan Scotton</td>
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<td>For a great work with ‘reading karate’.</td>
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<td>Brayden Wood, Ethan Granston</td>
<td>A super start to homework this term.</td>
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<td>For demonstrating dramatic flair.</td>
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<td>Jordan Pick, Lachlan Kerr</td>
<td>For using his initiative and being a great helper in class.</td>
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<td>For great effort in our English poetry lesson.</td>
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<td>Emma Stewart, Coden Allen</td>
<td>For displaying an enthusiastic attitude towards all activities.</td>
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<td>Improved handwriting and neatness of bookwork.</td>
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<td>Marley Aitken, Denim Habib</td>
<td>For working really hard in class.</td>
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<td>For a great effort in all areas.</td>
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<td>Haylea Elgar &amp; Miss Windsor, Hannah Britton, Thomas Batley</td>
<td>Busting out some mad dance moves at the disco.</td>
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<td>Huge effort in drama.</td>
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<td>Academic excellence.</td>
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<td>Tamryn Trott, Hannah Ryan</td>
<td>For a positive start at Northview.</td>
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<td>For having a positive attitude towards her work.</td>
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<td>Emily Clow</td>
<td>Air guitar star at the disco!</td>
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<td>Whole Class</td>
<td>For brilliant preparation &amp; participation in Parade Performance.</td>
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<td>LIBRARY</td>
<td>Aidan May – Great behaviour in the library during lunch breaks.</td>
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<td>Declan Frost – Always listening carefully during storytelling sessions.</td>
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<td>P-3 – Andrew Chilufya – Excellent racquet skills in tennis.</td>
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<td>MUSIC</td>
<td>Ms Balcomb – Busting massive moves at the disco.</td>
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<td>Ms Jensen – Volunteering for all necessary opportunities.</td>
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**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

29/07/2014 & 04/08/2014
FUN WITH MATHS FAMILY NIGHT

TUESDAY 19 AUGUST 6.00PM – 7.30PM
SAUSAGE SIZZLE FROM 5.15PM

To coincide with our Fun With Maths workshops at school we are offering parents the opportunity to have a night of fun solving problems and thinking strategically with your child.

However, we are limited to the first 60 people (adults and children) who sign up to attend.

Sign up can be done in one of two ways:

1. Email FunWithMaths@northviess.eq.edu.au (you must tell us your family name and names of people attending, include phone number)
2. Complete the tear off sheet in this newsletter.

A few things to remember
- Only 60 people can attend
- Children must have a parent with them
- The mathematics activities will not be suitable for children younger than prep age. To assist those parents who do have young children we will have a video playing in the library and they will be supervised.
- A sausage sizzle will operate from 5.15pm.
  Sausage on bread $2  Softdrink $2

FUN WITH MATHS RETURN SLIP

WE WOULD LOVE TO ATTEND THE FAMILY FUN WITH MATHS NIGHT

FAMILY NAME ____________________________

Adults attending:

Children attending:

Phone Contact: