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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff & Students

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

With this being the final Newsletter of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many different stakeholders who come together to make Northview the great school it is. Schools are a very dynamic and busy place and Northview is very lucky to have the support of students, staff, parents and the wider community.

We are very fortunate to have a very dedicated staff who go above and beyond the call of duty to ensure our students reach their full potential each and every day. The efforts of our staff were vindicated earlier this year with a great result in our NAPLAN testing, and a glowing Teaching & Learning Audit report that ranked our school as “Excellent”.

Our P&C have worked tirelessly this year with a number of fundraisers and activities including the school fun run, disco, Master Sausage Sizzle and Tuckshop twice weekly. We certainly appreciate the financial contribution our P&C make to our school, but also value the many hours these parents put in to organise events and activities. I would encourage all parents to get involved in our P&C as the benefits to our school are immeasurable.

The results from our school opinion survey which were recently released suggest that satisfaction for our school from parents, students and staff is above the State average across all domains. While this is a wonderful result, there is always room for improvement and early next year we will release the details of the areas we are going to target as priorities in 2014.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas, and look forward to working with students and parents for a rewarding 2014.

2014 Classes lists
Class lists for 2014 will be out on Monday next week. We have had a number of new enrolments which has meant changes to some classes. Parents need to be aware that these lists are a projection, and changes will invariably occur between now and the end of the 2nd week back next year.

Awards Ceremony
Next Wednesday at 9.00am we will be holding our annual Awards Ceremony to recognise the efforts and talents of Northview students. Major awards include; School Dux, Sports Person of the Year and Performing Arts Award. Class awards are handed out under the following categories; Academic Awards, Encouragement Awards, Citizenship Awards, Physical Education Awards, Music Awards & LOTE Awards (for yrs 6 & 7).

The ceremony will feature some special guests as well as a performance by our School Concert Band.
Class A+ Rewards Days
Congratulations to all students who have been invited to attend A+ day celebrations next week. A+ days have been organised as follows:

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<th>Where</th>
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<td>Prep – 2</td>
<td>Wed 11th Dec</td>
<td>Mt Pleasant Cinemas – watching “The Gruffalo”</td>
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<td>Year 3-5</td>
<td>Tues 9th Dec</td>
<td>Blue Water Lagoon</td>
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<tr>
<td>Year 6-7</td>
<td>Wed 11th Dec</td>
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Notes and permission forms regarding each of these events have been sent home with students. Please see your class teacher if you haven’t received, or have misplaced your note.

RE Break-up
On Monday, Mr Hong concluded RE lessons for year 3-7 students with a break-up party. As well as singing many of the songs students have been learning in RE lessons, Mr Hong also provided food and drink for students. Thanks very much to Mr Hong, Mr and Mrs Ayre, Mrs Parchert and Mrs Baldry for volunteering their time to provide students with Religious Instruction this year.

Christmas Concert
Just a reminder that this Friday, 6th December is our annual Christmas Concert. The concert will be held at the front of school and families are encouraged to bring along chairs and picnic rugs to enjoy an evening of music and celebration. Year 5/6 students and parents will be selling food and drinks (by order only) to raise money for the year 6/7 Sydney/Canberra camp next year. Food orders need to be returned by tomorrow. Please note some baking may contain nuts, however these items will be on a separate table. A reminder to parents of Years 5 and 6 students that we require a minimum of one plate of goodies. Parents are able to park on the top oval – entering through the top gate.

Parent Volunteers Morning Tea
Thank you once again to all our volunteers who have assisted in so many different ways this year. Your assistance is very much appreciated by students and staff alike.

Our signing choir performing at the Parent Volunteers Morning tea last Thursday. Our Signing Choir was also invited to perform at Blue Water Quay last night and will be performing this Friday along with our 4-7 singing choir at Good Shepherd Lodge and Francis Of Assisi Home.

2013 Year 7 students
As we approach the end of year, our year 7 students are preparing to begin the next exciting part of their learning journey at high school. Our 2013 cohort of year 7’s have been wonderful ambassadors for our school and have contributed in no small part to great “school tone” amongst our student population. On behalf of all students, staff and parents, we wish our graduating year 7’s of 2013 all the best for the future.

Lowes donation
Ella-Shae, Bianca and Jonah accept a cheque for $500 from Paula Hill from Lowes clothing store. For every uniform sold at Lowes Mt Pleasant store, our school receives a donation from the Lowes Company. We’re very thankful for this support.

A huge thank you to all the Signing Choir students, parents and families who came out to watch and support our performance last night at Blue Water Quay. The students again did themselves so proud. They looked gorgeous and of course all performed so beautifully! Thank you!

Don’t forget Choirs on Tour this Friday. Wear Christmas shirts and bling and then also performance at Christmas Carols at school Friday evening at 5.30pm See you then!
**2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**
Will be open 20th to 24th January between 9am and 11am for parents wanting to buy uniforms, hats and library bags before school starts. We also have a few new items - size 4 and size 6 shirts and 2 size 6 jackets (from Lowes). Cash or cheque only please. Thank you to Mrs Deb Lucas for making this possible.

**THANK YOU**
Thank you to the Teachers and Staff for the lovely morning tea last week to acknowledge the volunteers throughout the whole school. We know you appreciate our contribution and that’s why we enjoy helping so much. Thanks for spoiling us, we loved it.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
See you safe and sound in 2014.

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**
Tuckshop will be open on Wednesday the 11th December but will be closed on the last day of school Friday the 13th for cleaning.
Tuckshop will re-open next year on Friday the 31st January 2014.
A big thank you to all our volunteers who have helped run our tuckshop for 2013, it has been another successful year and we couldn’t have done it without you.

**TUCKSHOP SPECIAL**
Sweet Chilli Chicken Tender Wrap $4.50

**NORTHVIEW STATE SCHOOL – ENGAGE, EDUCATE AND EMPOWER ENERGY EXPERTS**
For the Energy Saving Tips competition, Northview SS students were given the topic ‘What are your best energy saving tips that we could use at school and at home’. There were 149 entries with many well thought out answers. The winners will receive a coloured Paper Mate pen and an Ergon ‘I’ve got energy sense’ USB wrist band on parade.
The following list is a selection of the best ways to reduce the use of energy as given by Northview SS students.

- Get a powerboard with a switch so you can turn off as much (many) electrical appliances as you can. – Corey Oliver 7B
- Play outside instead of watching TV. Kyler Morgan 3/4B
- Build houses, schools and all buildings so that they have a cross ventilation system. Brad Abela 7A
- Avoid using the dryer and instead use the sun. - Logan Alexander 6A
- Read books instead of watching TV. Olivia-Rose Lum-Welch 2B
- Sit in the shade and sit in the breeze. Amber Bond 7B
- Spend 2 hours a day without using electrical appliances.- Liam Hall 6 A
- Use a broom not a vacuum.- Aaron Powell 6A
- Boil a little bit of water. Lucy Fitzpatrick 7B
- Have small (short) showers. – Hannah 3B
- Use tap water instead of refrigerated water if it is a windy day. Isabella Sammut 1/2B
- Turn off tap when brushing teeth and use the half flush button on the toilet.- Cody C 7A
- Don’t keep the shower on when you are not in the shower. Brodie Furness 2A
- Tinting windows – saves the glare off the board and heat. – Emma Webb 7A Emma’s slogan ‘It makes sense to save cents’.
- And lastly, Emilia Lay from 5/6B included 18 tips including charging your phones in the car if you have a long drive.

Well done to all the participants and keep on working towards lower energy usage at home and at school!

Lastly, I would like to thank Ergon for the opportunity of working closely with the Northview SS community as they strive towards becoming an efficient and conservative energy user.
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<td>PA</td>
<td>Tayla Vaughan &amp; Mia Sanim</td>
<td>Excellent behaviour in class</td>
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<td>P1D</td>
<td>Ashten Nichols &amp; Noelle Rees-Wilson</td>
<td>Great work with sight words. Very impressive.</td>
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<td>1A</td>
<td>Hannah Reid</td>
<td>Being a great role model in class</td>
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<td>1/2B</td>
<td>Ethan Bates &amp; Riley Chamberlain</td>
<td>Consistently putting in his best efforts. Great spelling results.</td>
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<td>2A</td>
<td>Emily Thompson &amp; Matthew Guy</td>
<td>Always putting 100% effort into school work.</td>
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<td>3A</td>
<td>Axel Zammit</td>
<td>For improved effort and concentration in class.</td>
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<td>3/4B</td>
<td>Dylan Collins-Kulikov</td>
<td>For excellent enthusiasm in science lessons.</td>
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<td>4A</td>
<td>Francesca Lay</td>
<td>Working very hard towards her personal goals.</td>
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<td>4/5C</td>
<td>Whole class</td>
<td>For an amazing year. Working well with each other to create lots of fantastic memories.</td>
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<td>5/6B</td>
<td>Sharni Senini</td>
<td>Always putting in 100% effort into her school work.</td>
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<td>6A</td>
<td>Tyler Bates</td>
<td>For having a great work ethic.</td>
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<td>7A</td>
<td>Jordan Deller</td>
<td>For being more settled and being a helpful class member.</td>
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<td>7B</td>
<td>Ebbonne Moseling</td>
<td>For continued effort to concentrate well in class.</td>
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<td>HPE</td>
<td>P-3 – Elisha Holdsworth, Aqua Filmalter, Jasmine Heron.</td>
<td>4-7 – Miss Beckingham, Reece Banks, Blake Stott.</td>
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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK AWARDS