From The Principal

Thanks very much to all the parents who attended our Parent Information Evening last Thursday. Being an active participant in your child’s education is an important contributing factor to their overall achievement.

An easy way to help your child is to talk to them. As simple as this sounds, you cannot underestimate the power of conversation with your children. Not only is it a nice opportunity to bond with them, but you are also helping to extend their vocabulary. Our vocabulary (the types of words we know and use) directly impact on our reading and writing. If a child has never heard a word, or had a go at using it themselves, they are less likely to recognise it in print or have success when attempting to use the word in their writing.

An easy way to do this is when your child comments on something, like a “strange looking dog”, extend their sentence by adding to their description eg. “Yes it is very peculiar looking isn’t it. His hair looks like platted wool!” etc. In that simple exchange you have taken an interest in their finding (and goodness knows there can be many like this!) and replaced the word “strange” with a more interesting word “peculiar”. You have then given a reason for the statement “looks like platted wool”. This is something that we get children to do in their writing - explain their thinking and extend their ideas. If they are practicing it when they are talking, it will come more naturally when they are writing.
**Behaviour cards and communication with parents**

Last week we began using our new text message service to inform parents when their child receives a yellow, orange or red card. We have commenced this system to improve the communication between school and home and ensure that parents are informed of their child’s behaviour. The text message is generic and reads as follows, “Your son/daughter has received an orange/yellow card today. For more details, please check card in school bag. Please sign card and return to school.”

If a child is issued with a yellow (warning) card, or an orange (detention) card during the school day, they will bring the card to the office for Mr Manttan or Mrs Ross to sign. The card will then remain in the office until after lunch when the card details will be recorded and text messages sent home. Cards will then be distributed to students before 3pm to take home.

**Student attendance**

Students and parents should be congratulated for the high level of attendance we are experiencing at present. Our target for 2015 is to finish the year with a 94% attendance rate – currently we are sitting on 96% attendance. For your child to achieve this level of attendance they must have no more than 10 days off during the year. There is growing research that suggests that having any more than 8 days off during a school (2 days per term) will have a detrimental impact on learning!

If your child is legitimately ill, the best place for them is at home where they can recover and not spread their germs to other students. Having a day off because grandma is arriving during the day or for your birthday is not an acceptable reason.

Parents, please also note that when your child is absent from school, you are required to either phone our school office (4965 6888), email (admin@northviess.eq.edu.au) or send a written note with a sibling. All absence correspondence must go through the office in the first instance as our class rolls are all maintained electronically through OneSchool. Thanks in advance for your assistance.

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**Working Bee**

On Sunday 22nd February we are holding a working bee from 7.00am -10.00am to complete a few jobs around our school. Please take note of the following:

- If we need to cancel the working bee due to the weather, we will notify parents on Facebook and on the website by 6.45am.
- Please meet outside Mr Meinicke’s shed on arrival at school.
- Our P&C will put on a sausage sizzle and can of drink for morning tea when we’re finished.
- Children are more than welcome to attend and help our wherever possible. Children can occupy themselves on the playground, however parents are responsible for supervising their own children.

The main tasks will include:

- Dismantling the pergola area outside year 1 Block.
- Weeding and mulching gardens around classrooms. *(require trailers, wheelbarrows, shovels etc.)*
- Removing low tree branches around playground – Mr Meinicke will cut these down prior to the working bee. *(require trailers from parents happy to take branches to green waste dump)*
- Painting handball lines etc. in u/cover areas. *(We will supply the paint but may need some extra paint brushes)*

If you are able to assist we would be most grateful.
**Safety Circus**

Next Thursday our year 3 students will be attending the Safety Circus from 1.45pm in the hall. Safety Circus is an initiative of the Mackay District Crime Prevention Unit, in conjunction CQ University students studying Bachelor of Theatre at Central Queensland Conservatorium. During the show, students will be hearing 3 key messages:

1. Protective Behaviours: Safety Networks and teaching we can talk with someone about anything no matter what it is;
2. Bullying and Bystander Behaviour; and
3. Bicycle and non-motorised wheeled recreational toys: the wearing of safety helmets and safety equipment to prevent injury.

Parents are invited to come along and watch the presentation.

**School Text Message service**

This year we are using a text message service to notify parents of important events, attendance concerns and behaviour cards. At present, we have uploaded the first emergency contact from your child’s enrolment form into the system. If you would like school SMS’s to be sent to a second number, please email admin@northviess.eq.edu.au with your child’s name, the name of the person receiving the text, and the mobile phone number.

Eg.

Michael Clarke (student)
David Clarke (Father)
0400 000 000

**Student Resource Scheme**

Over the last fortnight, all parents will have received a letter explaining our Student Resource Scheme and Year Level Activities Scheme. This is a new initiative for our school in 2015 which we hope will make budgeting for school expenses easier for families. The scheme rolls all school expenses (including swimming, special performances, A+ day activities etc.) that occur throughout the year into the one payment. This will significantly decrease the number of times that families will need to send money to school to pay for activities. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr Sehl or Mr Manttan by phone or email the.principal@northviess.eq.edu.au or BSM@northviess.eq.edu.au.

**Student Details Report**

This week your child will be bringing home their current student details report which lists emergency contact details, home address, medical details etc. We ask all parents to check through the details carefully, make any changes to the report and send back to our school office.

**Student Leadership Conference**

Yesterday our 2015 student leaders attended the GRIP leadership conference at the MECC. Yesterday our 2014 student leaders attended a GRIP Leadership Seminar with 500 other students from Mackay, Proserpine and the Coalfields. During the seminar, students learnt more about the various styles of leadership and how they can, in their leadership roles, have a positive impact on our school.

Our school leaders will be inducted into their position (receive their badges) on either 2nd March or 9th March. We are still waiting on dignitaries to confirm their attendance and will inform parents as soon as the date has been set.
**Newsletter**

If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter please email your address to admin@northviess.eq.edu.au or contact the Office.

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**FROM THE P & C**

EMAIL: pandc@northviess.eq.edu.au

$5000 Classroom Makeover – Don’t forget to buy your copy of the Daily Mercury every day to collect the tokens. Ask your friends, family and work mates.....every entry counts! Please leave them in the box in the office. Let’s win a classroom makeover!

Tuckshop News – Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the tuckshop menu for your information. We thank all families that have signed up to, and are using our online ordering service. Remember that students can still purchase ice-blocks, muffins and cookies over the counter at both breaks.

AGM – Our AGM will be held on Monday 9th March after parade in the hall conference room. All current executive members will step down from their positions. Nominations will then be accepted and voted on accordingly. Please consider a role on our P&C, it’s extremely rewarding and your children will love to see you taking a pro-active approach to their school life.

Watch this space – Adidas school Fun Run, Coming soon!!!!!

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**FROM THE CHAPLAIN**

Hello Everyone,

It’s been wonderful getting to know some of the new parents and students and also to catch up with my friends from last year. The teachers and students have been working very hard.

Breakfast Club is very well attended on Tuesday mornings. Thanks to my eager beaver student helpers and my friend Sheryl who keeps all the drinks and toast rolling out for everyone to enjoy. Brumby’s Northern Beaches and Woolworths Mt Pleasant continue to support our club. Thanks also to the families who have contributed spreads, watermelon and drinks. We could do with some assistance with the clean-up. If you would like to help us, please come along from 8.20am or 8.30am onwards.

The Board Games Clubs are still happening at second break. Special thanks to those children and their parents who have donated some ‘cool’ games for us to enjoy. I have been asked by some children about ‘Chess’ so have purchased a ‘Quick Chess’ game that teaches the game and can be played in 10 minutes. If you would like to donate some educational type games that would be great. We don’t have a long time to play, so short games are ideal.

At present I am doing some professional development studying the ‘Fun Friends’ course online through the ‘Pathways to Resilience Trust’. This is a Facilitator’s course that teaches strategies for building self-esteem and resilience in children aged 4 to 7 years. Children are given skills to relate socially and emotionally to others enabling them to develop life-long positive relationships.

Have a great week.

Chappy Riki
School Chaplain
Ph: 04076955207
NON-EVENT

Mackay Chaplaincy Committee would like to invite you to *not* appear at our inaugural non-event scheduled for no set date in February.

CANCELLED

With the savings you will make for not attending this non-event (eg: petrol, food, drinks, purchases etc), you may like to make a donation of $20 to your local school chaplain or LCC member in support of our school chaplains.
North Mackay Little Athletics
Ages 3 – 16yrs Track & Field
Sign On Day
Sunday, 1st March. 9-12pm
Pioneer State High School – On the Oval
Come and join the family fun & fitness
where your personal best comes first!

https://www.facebook.com/northmackaylittleathletics
*For more details call us on 0428 213 293
### Students of the Week—09/02/15 & 16/02/15

| PC        | Yoshihita Gamalath & Raiden Rowles  
|           | Tayah Manttan & Takayah Stockham | Following rules and routines. Well done!  
|           |                                 | For being a kind and helpful class member.  
| PD        | Isla Jackson & Benji Calicetto  
|           | Ella Wark & Joshua Kunst         | Showing beautiful manners and being great classroom helpers.  
|           |                                 | Kind , helpful class members—keen to do your best.  
| P1S       | Ky Colebrook & Ramy Argent  
|           | Jordon Cook                      | For a phenomenal start to prep and working hard on sight words. More consistent effort & behavior in the classroom. Well done.  
|           | Tydan Sehl                      | Keep it up! Fabulour effort in maths.  
| 1B        | Harper Davis                    
|           | Lachlan Thompson                | Always being respectful and following instructions.  
|           |                                 | Being responsible and always following school rules.  
| 1H        | Travis Muscat                   
|           | Reuben Goodchild                | For doing best and being helpful.  
|           |                                 | For working hard and being a responsible helper.  
| 2K        | Elisha Holdsworth               
|           | Aaron Reynolds                  | Clever poetry writing.  
|           | Jesse Robinson & Mollie Fitzpatrick | Accurate counting backwards.  
|           |                                 | For being focused learners.  
| 2/3B      | Mia Sanim                      
|           | Travis Chamberlain & Jake Penman | Following directions quickly and quietly.  
|           |                                 | Consistent before school home readers.  
| 3C        | Coby Ferreria                   
|           | Macaufley Lightfoot-Bennett     | Excellent thinking and explanation during Math warm ups.  
|           |                                 | For working hard to complete all activities.  
| 3/4S      | Briannah Morris                 | For being a great role model and demonstrating effective work habits.  
|           | Harry Zeikheineiner             | For great mathematical reasoning & sharing his thinking with the class.  
| 4W        | Phoebe Nelson                   
|           | Brodie Furness                  | Great effort with “Rainbow Reading”.  
|           | Emily Thompson                  | Catch up from last week (away).  
|           |                                 | Outstanding homework effort.  
| 4/5P      | Ethan Cranston                  
|           | Amara Efstathis                 | Excellent thinking in Maths.  
|           |                                 | Using her iniative and working hard in all areas.  
| 5B        | Grace Percey                    
|           | Coden Allen                     | Excellent work on sizzling sentences — well done.  
|           |                                 | Putting in his best effort on all tasks—Positive attitude.  
| 5/6H      | Kai Sanim                       
|           | Ella Humphries                  | Great focus and effort.  
|           |                                 | Focused and conscientious.  
| 6C        | Zac Sanim                       
|           | Jaydin Morris                   | For being an active participant in class.  
|           |                                 | For having a great work ethic.  
| Library   | Montana Hodgkinson, 2K          | Willingness to help others while in the Library. Thanks Montana.  
|           | Paige Kenniff, 1H               | Always listening carefully in Library lessons and participating in discussions.  
| HPE       | P - 3 - Joshua Kunst, Rosemary Waldon, Charlie Cochrane |  
|           | 4 - 6 - Emily Korneliussen, Chanequa Matthews, Conner McCullagh. |  
|           | P - 3 - Ben Wilesmith, James McCullagh, Harper Skinner |  
|           | 4 - 6 - Year 3C |  
| LOTE      | 6C - Hayden Mannix              |  
|           | - Jemma Kidd                    |  
|           | - Emily Korneliussen            |  

**Students of the Week—09/02/2015**  
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