FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Students and parents should be congratulated for the high level of attendance we are witnessing from our student cohort. Our target for 2016 is to finish the year with a 94% attendance rate. 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 illness to other students. Having a day off because grandma is arriving during the day or for your birthday is not an acceptable reason.

Our attendance policy is available for parents on our school website (www.northviess.eq.edu.au). To summarise the policy, unless we receive an acceptable reason for your child’s absence, your child’s teacher will contact you in the first instance to find out why your child isn’t at school. If your child is away from school for more than 2 consecutive days (or has had a high number of absences in a week) Mrs Ross or myself will begin further action to ensure your child is at school. A flowchart describing this information is overleaf.

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.
**Sunday Fun Run / Cross Country Training**

Northview is hosting a handicapped 2km and 3km run each Sunday @ 5pm at Northview State School for the rest of this Term. If your child is interested in getting in some extra training before our cross country, or you just enjoy keeping fit, you are most welcome to come along. Meet near the tennis courts - the course will be on our school grounds. Parents and students welcome.

Our school Cross Country will be held March 24th for all students in years P-6.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Parents will soon receive a letter from their child’s teacher regarding parent/teacher interviews being held in week 8 & 9 of this Term. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to find out how their child’s learning is progressing. I strongly urge all parents to take advantage of these formal parent-teacher interviews. Parents of year 4W and 4/5P have been invited to parent/teacher interviews across the Term.

**School Disco**

Attached to the newsletter is a flyer for our first school disco of the year on March 18. Times as follows:

- P-2  5.30—7.00pm
- 3-6  7.15—9.00pm

Many thanks to our P&C for organising the disco.
Responses to absences
When a student is absent without explanation, Northview State School will take the following actions:

1. The parent or carer will be contacted by the class teacher (by phone or email) to determine if there is a reasonable excuse for the absence(s) (Director General’s Guidelines ss176 and 239 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006). Action recorded on OneSchool and referred to Admin (see right).

2. If after two days the child has still not returned to school, or an acceptable excuse has not been communicated to school, Principal or Deputy contact parent carers (by phone or email) to follow up class teachers initial contact and determine if there is a reasonable excuse for absence (Director General’s Guidelines ss176 and 239 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006). Action recorded on OneSchool and referred to Admin (see right).

3. If a reasonable excuse has not been established, or a pattern of poor attendance is identified without a reasonable excuse (i.e absent every Friday), Principal or Deputy Principal will send Form 4—Failure to ensure attendance notice. Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 – SMS-PR-043.

4. If unauthorised/unexplained absence(s) continue without reasonable excuse, Principal or Deputy Principal will send Form 5—Failure to ensure attendance warning notice. As per processes for managing student absences outlined in the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 – SMS-PR-043, this could also include the reporting of persistent and/or unexplained absences to Education Queensland, The Queensland Police Service and the Department of Child Safety.

Ride to School Day
Ride to School Day has been postponed tomorrow. The ride will take place next week, Friday 11th March with details below.

To celebrate riding, walking, skating and scooting as fun ways to travel to school, we are encouraging all interested students and parents to meet at Northview Park to ride their bike/skateboard/scooter to school.

Details as follows:
- Meet at Northview Park from 8.00am.
- Depart at 8.15am following footpaths to Pioneer St, then up to the crossing and into the school grounds.
- Arrive at school at 8.30am—students and parents meet in u/c cover area for fruit and prizes.
- Scooters can be parked outside the administration block. Bikes will be parked in the bike racks at the front of school.
- All students must be wearing a helmet (including those riding scooters and skateboards) No helmet– No Ride.

We support our students to walk or wheel to school because:
- Students feel fresh and alert at the beginning of a school day.
- There are fewer cars around the school which eases ‘drop off congestion’.
- Students are more likely to reach the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day.
Sporting Schools

Northview has become a Sporting School Facilitator thanks to a grant Miss Agnew was successful in attaining. This means we are able to offer free sports training programs to students either before, during or after school hours. As part of the new Sporting Schools Program, Northview has been approved to host a 3 week Rugby League program for year P-4 students held here at school commencing on 7th March from 3.00pm—3.45pm.

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If you would like your child to attend, please return the completed and signed consent form available in the office and return to school office by Monday, March 7.

Book Club

Book Club “issue 2” has now been distributed to the oldest in the family. Orders are due 10th March, 2016. Please clearly mark "Bookclub" on the envelope and place in the admin slot in the office if you are making a purchase.

Bookclub is not only a great way to encourage kids to read, our school also receives a 20% commission on orders which we put toward more books for our library. Many thanks to Pauline Thompson who continues to do a stellar job organising our bookclub.

Playground Equipment before and after school

No students should be using playground equipment before or after school including the prep playground. We are unable to provide adequate supervision for students at these times as staff are in classrooms. Students and younger siblings should be supervised at all times by their parents if they are waiting around buildings before or after school.

How to deal with concerns about your child

If you have any concerns regarding your child’s learning or social interactions at school I strongly urge you to speak with your child’s teacher in the first instance. As human’s we perceive our environment and our interactions is a certain way—and for young people this can often differ greatly from actual events. A quick “check-in” with your child’s teacher can often reveal the actual events or story and allow parents the opportunity to speak with their child and correct any unwanted behaviours.

Kind regards,
Paul Manttan
(Principal)
It's Colourful Carnival Disco Time!!! – Friday 18\textsuperscript{th} March

Circus Performer, Ringmaster, Clown, Trapeze Artist... come dressed in your best carnival gear or colourful clothes– the list is endless! Popcorn, hot chips, chicken chips and cold drinks will be on sale on the night.

More information to be sent home next week!

Tuckshop News

Your opinion is valued. Ashlee would like to introduce Sushi to our Tuckshop Menu but needs your help to gauge interest before we go ahead. Please take a couple of minutes and click on the link below to complete a very short survey to let the P and C and Ashlee know your thoughts. **Click here** to complete survey.

We welcome any suggestions or feedback on the tuckshop menu – simply send an email to the address above.

Ride to School Day

The P&C is supporting this initiative on Friday 8\textsuperscript{th} March and by providing fresh fruit to the students upon their arrival to school. If you could spare 30 minutes to lend a hand cutting fruit it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Ashlee on 0439 742 353

P and C Monthly Meeting & Membership

Our general meeting for March will be held on Monday 7\textsuperscript{th} March straight after parade in the hall conference room. It is our last general meeting before the Annual General Meeting. Please email any agenda items to the address above. Hope to see you there! The 2016 P&C membership form is attached to this newsletter. Please complete this form to be kept up to date with what is being discussed. It is important we have your membership form before you can receive meeting minutes and other notifications throughout the year. A new form must be completed every year. See any executive committee member if you have any questions.

**AGM** – The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on **Thursday 17\textsuperscript{th} March at 9am** in the hall conference room. At this meeting all current executive will step down and all positions will become available for nomination. This year, 3 of our executive members will not be returning to their executive roles in 2016. It is important to have a rotation of NVSS community members in executive roles as it assists our School Community in growing and sharing fresh ideas to assist our School in moving forward.

Please consider nominating yourself or someone you know for a position on the team. It really is very rewarding in all aspects. Our NVSS P and C has grown and is extremely well supported by generous parent volunteers as well as all teaching and office staff at our gorgeous school. Pay it forward.

**Your current P and C Executive Members are:**

President - **Tania Morgan**: 0435490155; Vice President: **Bonnie McCarthy** - Secretary - **Donna Sanim**: 0400013619 and Treasurer - **Katrina O’Hara**.
## Students of the Week — 22/02/2016 + 29/02/2016

| PC       | Warner Doyle  | Improvement in classroom behavior.  
|          | Noah Porter   | Displaying great learning behavior.  
|          | Lara Spada    | Awesome writing in her diary.  
|          | Kairangi Gupwell | Good learning behavior in class.  
| PD       | Mikayla Fletcher & Matthew Gnanakan | Being kind and thoughtful classmates who always try their best.  
|          | James Taule & Billie Sievers | For sharing great ideas during our science lesson.  
| P/1S     | Jasper Gallaway & Marley Mallett | Working hard on their letters and sounds.  
|          | Ethan De Git  | Spectacular effort & enthusiasm when listening for sounds in words.  
|          | Tayah Manttan & Benji Calicetto | Working hard on all class tasks and helping those in need. Keep it up!.  
| 1J       | Angela Bowes  | Always trying her best with everything she does. Well done.  
|          | Jordan Luzon  | Always taking pride in his work. Well done!  
| 1/2K     | Taijah Holbert & Olivia Janse Van Rensburg | Being focused learners.  
|          | Jorja Yankus-Higson & Beau Wray | Being always ready to begin set tasks.  
| 2C       | Blake Wayman & Jandee Ebreo | Working hard at all times and following classroom instructions.  
|          | Lachlan Thompson | Trying his hardest at all times.  
| 2P       | Paige Kenniff  | Consistently engaging with all tasks and trying her best.  
|          | Harper Davis   | Being a positive role model to his peers. Always trying his best.  
| 3FA      | Luke Taylor    | Working hard to improve classroom behavior and work standards.  
|          | Takara Penman  | Always participating is class discussions, always listening to instructions & always giving it a go.  
| 3/4S     | Elisha Holdsworth | For demonstrating an excellent work ethic—working hard to complete all tasks.  
|          | Maddock Whittaker | For great mathematical thinking and reasoning.  
| 4W       | Lucas Wayman   | Always putting in his best effort.  
| 4/5PA    | Brodie Furness | Working hard in all areas.  
|          | Allixx Yankus-Higson | Outstanding attention to detail with Science observations.  
| 5B       | Emily Thompson | Fantastic classroom helper and having a positive work ethic.  
|          | Halyee Holdsworth | Working hard to achieve her best in all areas and being a supportive classmate.  
| 5/6H     | Ellie Cunington | Always working to achieve her best.  
|          | Connor Fitzpatrick | Contributing positively and conscientiously.  
|          | Jazmine Glendon | Always working positively and responsibly.  
| 6C       | Emma Stewart   | For always trying her best in class.  
|          | Finn Law       | For great work with his writing.  
| HPE      | P - 2 - Sophie Savage, Brandon Holley | P - 2 - Kairangi Gupwell, Jaylah Saron, Sam Williamson; P - 3 - 6 - Bailey Cochrane, Carter Micallef, Brayden Pilcher  
|          | P - 2 - Kairangi Gupwell, Jaylah Saron, Sam Williamson; P - 3 - 6 - Bree-Ann Schumann, Briannah Morris, Nate Stell  
| LIBRARY  | Raiden Rowles, 1/2K | Love your enthusiasm during lessons Raiden.  
| LOTE     | 4/5P - Montanah Dowden; 5B - Slater Thompson; 5/6H - Trinity Lorraway; 6C - Jackson Ziekenheiner |
Application for P&C Membership for 2016
Northview State School P&C Association

Please complete and return to the P&C Secretary: pandc@northviess.eq.edu.au or via the payment slot in the school office

Name: ........................................................................................................................................................................
Address: ........................................................................................................................................................................
Phone: ........................................................................................................................................................................
        Mobile: .................................................................................................................................................................
Email: ...........................................................................................................................................................................

Membership: New / Renewal (please circle one)
I am a Parent / Caregiver / Community Member (over 18 years of age) at the school (please circle one)

I agree to be bound by the constitution of the P&C and by all valid resolutions passed by the Association. I agree to work within the boundaries of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006. I agree to be bound by Education Queensland’s Code of Conduct which includes the following:

    Personal Privacy – information obtained as a P&C representative MUST be considered confidential and treated accordingly

    Courtesy, respect, dignity and fairness will be observed at all times

    Discrimination against any person will not be tolerated (refer Anti-Discrimination Act 1991)

Signature: ............................................................................................................................................................
Date: ......../......../........

Please note:
All memberships lapse at the P&C AGM (March) and therefore need to be renewed annually.
Subcommittee office bearer positions (ie: President, Treasurer and Secretary) require current P & C membership.

P&C Secretary Use

Date received: ......../......../........ Date accepted: ......../......../........
Secretary’s signature: .................................................. Entered in P&C Register: