Dear Parents, Carers, Staff & Students

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

It’s Official – Northview has the best maths brains in Mackay
McDonald’s Mathematics Challenge
A Win for Northview

Tuesday was a victory day for our senior best math minds at Northview State School. Ten of our students competed against students from schools across Mackay in the annual McDonald’s Mathematics Challenge.

Team 1  Team 2
Monami Ghosal  Blake Stott
Logan Alexander  Morgan Reid
Ella Herring  Tyler Allen
William Bradford  Chad Lawn
Rory Buckton  Liam Cochrane

The challenge involved solving 20 mathematical problems solved as a team, followed by 20 mathematical problems solved in pairs as a fast relay. Many of the problems are of secondary school standard. Both teams have spent their lunch times and after school practising and completing extra problems for homework. It was team 1 which brought home gold for our school.

While winning was a fabulous outcome for our school, of even greater importance is the improved problem solving ability of every student in the team as a result of putting in the hard work and practice in the lead up to the competition. We were 19 points ahead of the school in second place. This achievement is a testament to some great teaching happening in our school.

A very big thank you to Mrs Barbie Stott who assisted us with our practices and with supervising a team at the competition.

Mackay Debating Competition

Unfortunately our students were not successful in winning last week, losing by seven points. This has meant we have not made the semi finals. Congratulations to our team for their hard work in planning out a coherent argument and writing and rehearsing their speeches. Our fantastic debaters – Ellie de Gunst, William Bradford, Blake Stott and Aaron Gray. Once again the biggest prize is the great improvement gained for each student as a result of the research, writing and rehearsing required.

JUNE 10  Yr 4-7 Merit Badge Presentation
JUNE 19  Show Holiday
JUNE 20  Northview State School Athletics Carnival

Temporary relief cleaner wanted for Walkerston State School from 02/06/2014 for period unknown. Hours are 2:15pm ~ 6pm daily. Please phone Jan or Linda on 49594333 for more information.
Instrumental Music Workshop

Congratulations to the following students who were successful in gaining selection in our regional camp for instrumental students – Ellie de Gunst, Aaron Gray, Jack Donohue and Jeanje’ Shaw. Once again, selection for this music camp is a testament to the hours of practice at home while learning their instruments.

The students will spend three hours per day playing their instruments – what a fabulous opportunity to improve their playing ability. Other time will be spent in camp type outdoor games and activities and meeting new friends from schools across Central Queensland. Students will perform for their parents on Friday afternoon at 4.00pm at Fitzgerald State School (gold coin donation).

Homework

Completing homework each night instills powerful habits within children which pay long term dividends. In the early years this homework may just be learning sight words and reading every night but doing this consistently every night improves children’s reading ability. Research shows that hard work, consistent and persistent practice is a better determiner of academic success than intelligence and innate ability.

Spelling, learning number facts and practising mathematics at home each night consistently will improve academic achievement in these areas. Persistent practice shifts learning from short term memory to long term memory. You can give your child the best chance by taking an active role as the parent, ensuring that they complete their homework every night.

Athletics Carnival

Children have been practicing and honing their skills for our annual athletics carnival to be held on Friday June 20. This is the day following Mackay Show Holiday but Athletics Day is always action packed and fun for all. Spend some time with your child practicing their running skills so that they can shine on Sports Day. Keep this day free and I look forward to seeing you on Sports Day.

Grand Final Tuesday 10 June

Join us at 4.00pm Tuesday 10 June as our girls compete in the Grand Final at the Junior Rugby League grounds (near Virgin Stadium). The girls have won each of their matches so far… so Go Girls!! Gold coin donation – money goes to girl’s game development.

Staffing

Next week we welcome Jenna Pierpoint who is replacing Mrs DeCampo in Prep. Mrs DeCampo has been busily preparing report cards before she jets off to Europe. Mrs DeCampo will return for the start of term 3.

Mr Paul Manttan is away this week attending the Central Queensland Principals’ Conference. I am sure he will have much to share with staff and P&C upon his return.

Year 4-7 Merit Badges – Gold and Silver

Unfortunately there has been a delay in receiving these badges. We are aiming to present these badges to our worthy recipients in years 4-7 on Tuesday June 10. You will receive a letter if your child is eligible to receive a badge.

Remember, keep reading and doing that homework and your child will be an achiever!!

Wendy Ross
(Deputy Principal)

Dear Northview Staff and Parents,

I am the new SU Chaplain at Northview State School. I work on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Chaplains “assist school communities to support the spiritual, social and emotional well-being of their students.” (NSCSWP Guidelines.) I will endeavour to provide students and staff with support and look forward to meeting you and getting to know you.

I am organising Breakfast Club every Tuesday morning from 8 am until 8.30 am. Special thanks to Woolworths Northern Beaches for their generous donations last week and to Brumby’s for their delicious donations. Coles Northern Beaches also donated 50 cups for the orange juice last week.

I was talking to some Grade 1’s this afternoon about ‘Good Friend Felix’ and ‘Bad Friend Bartholomew.’ I told the children about my friend Sheryl who offered to give me a large box full of delicious mandarins from her tree last Saturday. Sheryl goes the extra mile! She took the mandarins to the school for me and when Woolworths advised me yesterday that they had spent their budget for this financial year, Sheryl made another trip to the school with high quality honey which the children love. A good friend, yes? If you would like to donate some fruit or juice, milk and so on occasionally, please contact me.

Wendy Ross
(Deputy Principal)
Please introduce yourselves to me. Thanks to those parents and students that have already helped me with Breakfast Club. I am also enjoying assisting in various classes and meeting with some students individually.

Hope to catch up with you soon.

Ms Riki Schroeder.

SU Chaplain.
Ph: 0407 695 207 or the School on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
Email: ulrike@matilda.net.au

The SEP requires a Teacher Aide as an Educational Interpreter. Must have basic signing skills in Auslan. Please contact Trish Ely as soon as possible.
Phone: 4965 6888

Treasurer – The P&C would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Monal Ghosal for the time that she has dedicated to the school in her role as P&C Treasurer over the past 12 months. Monal has done a fantastic job in this role. Our warmest wishes go to the Ghosal family who are moving to Gladstone at the end of term.

Mrs Sue Nipperess has very kindly put herself forward for this position. Sue has previously volunteered on the P&C in an executive role and the Nipperess family are active volunteers in our school community. Welcome back to the executive Sue!

Monthly Meeting – Monday 2nd June at 6.30pm in the Library green room. We would love to see new faces for our first night time meeting for 2014. If you are unable to find alternative care for your children, they are welcome to attend. Agenda items include flexi schools update, upcoming grants, fundraising events and much more. If you have any items to add to the agenda, please email Donna Sanip pandc@northviess.eq.edu.au

Uniform Shop Clearance Sale – All school shorts on sale for 50c each at the uniform shop in the hall. Uniform shop is open every Monday before, during and after parade.
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<td>PC</td>
<td>Sarah McCullagh, Rahni Rutledge, Gabriel Moffat, Karlia Craig Jared Mannix &amp; Lachlan Thompson</td>
<td>Improvement with name writing. Great acting in Mother’s Day performance.</td>
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<td>PD</td>
<td>William Day Mackayla Choat</td>
<td>Trying very hard with sight words and letter words. Trying very hard to learn sight words.</td>
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<td>P1B</td>
<td>Travis Chamberlain Mollie Fitzpatrick</td>
<td>Great participation in class discussions. For being motivated and involved student in geography.</td>
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<td>1W</td>
<td>Zhana McDiarmid William Choat</td>
<td>Excellent group work and working with others. For bringing a smile to every ones faces and putting in 100% to all class tasks.</td>
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<td>2K</td>
<td>Uenuku Sinclair &amp; Macauley Lightfoot-Bennett Hunter Parker &amp; Hannah Hardy</td>
<td>Great effort in reading. For putting in 100% effort with school work.</td>
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<td>2/3W</td>
<td>Ryan Scotton Aqua Filmalter</td>
<td>Consistent good behaviour in class. For settling in well to our class.</td>
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<td>3D</td>
<td>Tahnee Phelan Keneisha Purcell</td>
<td>For beautiful classroom behaviour and trying her best in all areas. For a huge improvement in classroom discussions.</td>
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<td>3S</td>
<td>Dallas McGrath Jordan Pick</td>
<td>Great work following instructions and doing his best all week. For great ‘scientific thinking’ in our science lessons about production of heat.</td>
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<td>4C</td>
<td>Tanayah Pauling Bailey Jepsen</td>
<td>Showing a huge improvement in her bookwork. A great improvement in maths.</td>
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<td>4/5B</td>
<td>Ben Fitzpatrick Lauren Smith</td>
<td>Working hard &amp; having a positive attitude to school. Positive attitude towards school work.</td>
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<td>Sarah Savage &amp; Kai Sanim</td>
<td>Always completing all their work to a high standard.</td>
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<td>5/6C</td>
<td>Mikeely Gordon</td>
<td>For a great effort in maths.</td>
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<td>6/7A</td>
<td>Jayden Jones Dakoda Wood Joly Albaracin Liam Cochrane</td>
<td>For being a responsible worker at all times. Fantastic work ethic. Working hard in class. Always on task, working hard.</td>
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<td>LIBRARY</td>
<td>2K – Abby Gibbs. Great participation in our lessons. 5/6C – Brice Whittaker &amp; Chad Lawn. For being committed to Library Lifesavers and showing respect for others.</td>
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McDonald's Mathematics Challenge Teams

Debating Team

McDonald's Maths Champions