



REMINDERS

**P&C Meeting – Wednesday
20th 7pm School Boardroom**

**Assembly Rm 7 - Friday 22nd
February 9am**

BREAKFAST CAFE

**Mon – Fri 8.15am -8.45am
Old Canteen area near Room 3**

FACTION FRIDAYS

Early Close

Thursdays 2.30pm

Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear parents and care givers

Welcome back. I hope you all had a wonderful summer. I have enjoyed listening to the children tell their stories about what has been going on during the break. We are starting our second year of our improvement journey, we have lots of work to do and are very excited about setting and working towards our goals.

School review: As I mentioned in my recent letter, we are having a school review this term. A team of reviewers will visit our wonderful school so that we can share with them how we assess ourselves. Their job is to validate what we do, and to give us pointers on better ways that we could be doing things so that we can deliver a better education for your child.

Fogarty Foundation surveys: As you will remember from last year we are partnered with the Fogarty Foundation that is supporting us on our improvement journey. Part of this journey involved finding out how we are doing. Many of you completed this survey for us last year and we ask that you fill it in again this year. It is extremely important that we know what you think and feel about the educational work that we are doing. We will then use the answers you give to improve our delivery of your child's education. You will be sent the details of how to fill in the survey very soon, please watch out for them.

Staff changes: We have one new member of staff this year; Mr Tim Natkanski will be teaching two days per week in room 6, sharing the class with Mrs Butler. Mrs Flint has moved out of the science room and into Kindy and her place as science specialist has been taken by Miss Wiese. There are no other new teachers on staff although a few of them have changed year groups this year.

Swimming lessons: Lessons will be in weeks 5 and 6 this term for our year 3 to 6 group. The small number of year 2 students who are in Ms Johnson's class will also be attending.

Swimming trials: Trials for the carnival teams will be held in week 7, the week after swimming lessons finish.

Swimming carnival: Our swimming carnival will be held in week 8, on Friday 29th March.

Worry does not empty tomorrow of its troubles, it empties today of its strength. Mary Engelbreit

Amanda Jones-Rowbottom
Principal

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School Community 2019

Principal
Associate Principal
Associate Principal
Deputy Principal
Manager Corporate Services
School Officer
Room A
Room B
Room C
Room 1
Room 3
Room 4
Room 5
Room 6
Room 7
Room 10
Room 11
Room 12
Science/Sport
Music/Italian
Aboriginal Islander
Education Officer (AIEO)
Education Assistants

Pre Primary
Pre Primary/ Year 1
Kindy
Year 6
Year 5 / 6
Year 1
Year 1/ 2
Year 4/5
Year 2 /3
Year 3
Year 3
Year 4

Amanda Jones-Rowbottom
Jan Harrington
Amber Ness
Morgan Shaw
Julie Purslowe
Chris Edmonds
Rosie O’Garr
Tayla McGarry
Rachael Flint
Melissa Fordyce
Tracey Miles
Irena Tumak
Morgan Shaw / Maria Weibel
Debbie Butler / Tim Natkanski
Robyn Johnson
Julie Borshoff
Pamela Barr
Sharna Barnes
Felicity Wiesse
Lynne Rockliff
Lizzie Stack

Michelle Cobb
Cheryl Eaton
Yvonne Hitchens
Denise Leeson
Travis Southwell
Debbie Thorbjornsen
Gaye Wallace
Anita Hayes
John Rowbottom
Mandy Fernihough
Tara Sookee
Violeta Mitic
Ros Callaway

Library
Gardner
Cleaners

Canteen Manager

ROOM B – LISTENING WALK

On Monday, Room B students went for a listening walk around the school. We stopped in lots of different areas and used our super listening powers to identify and describe the different sounds we could hear. Our last stop was at the office. Mrs Purslowe was too quiet for us to hear though!



NPS HATS

NPS school uniform hats are available for sale at the school office. Cost is \$11. These hats are reversible with the faction colours on the inside.

A reminder that all students are not allowed to play outside without a hat. If they do not have a hat they must play in an undercover area.



P&C NEWS

The P&C of Northam Primary is very active in supporting the school and has undertaken many big and small projects to improve our school's learning facilities and environment. Next Wednesday 20th February is our first P&C meeting for the year. All parents/ carers are welcome to join us in the school staffroom for a 7pm start.

NPS P&C shopping bags are for sale at the front office for \$5. They are strong, hold lots of stuff and have a water resistant lining.

BREAKFAST CAFE

The Breakfast Cafe has opened again this week and runs everyday from the old canteen at the end of room 3 from 8.15am until the morning bell. The children are able to come and enjoy a selection of toast, vita bits, tin fruit, fresh fruit, spaghetti, baked beans, juice or milk. With eggs donated to the Breakfast Cafe the students have also had scrambled eggs with their toast on Tuesday and Wednesday.

We believe that it is important to ensure that all children have access to a healthy breakfast and a positive start to every day with a connection between diet, learning and development. The benefits of Breakfast Club show improved:

- child engagement in the classroom
- behaviour management
- social skills
- academic outcomes and
- awareness of healthy eating habits (Mills 2011)

Thank you to the parents that have already offered to help in the mornings and if anyone is available on Thursday or Friday mornings, we would love to see you in the Cafe.

Thank you to the Bakery and Share and Care who regularly donate bread and fruit to the Cafe as well as the parents who have also donated fruit and eggs this week for the students to enjoy. With numbers quickly growing each morning we are able to provide the students in need both breakfast and lunches, ensuring that we continue to transform and build better lives for our students.



IMMUNISATION / ACIR STATEMENTS

As part of student enrolment it is necessary to provide a copy of your child's immunisation record (ACIR History Statement) A letter is being sent home to students that we do not have an updated statement for. Please send a copy into the school office as soon as possible. An ACIR statement would have been posted once your child has had their four year old immunisations . If you need assistance on how to obtain a statement you can contact the ACIR on 1800 653 809.

CANTEEN NEWS

Please remember to order your lunch between 8.30am and 8.45am.

We are in need of volunteers to help the canteen from 10.30am to 2.00pm one day a month. Parents and grandparents are welcome to come. Morning tea and lunch are provided. If you are able to help please see Ros or phone the canteen on 9621 5707. A very big thank you to those who have already offered to help this year.

TERM CALENDAR

TERM 1		
Week 3	Wednesday 20 th February	P&C meeting 7pm Staffroom
	Friday 22 nd February	Assembly Room 7 start 9.00am
Week 4	Friday 1 st March	School Development Day
Week 5	Monday 4 th March	Labour day Public Holiday
	Tuesday 5 th March –Friday 8 th March	Interm Swimming Rooms 1,3,6, 11 &12
Week 6	Monday 11 th March –Friday 15 th March	Interm Swimming Rooms 1,3,6, 11 &12
Week 7	Tuesday 19 th March	Swimming trials
	Wednesday 20 th March	Swimming Trials
	Friday 22 nd February	Assembly 2
Week 8	Tuesday 26 th March	School Council Meeting 3.15pm
	Friday 29 th March	NPS Swimming Carnival
Week 9	Wednesday 3 rd April	Interschool Swimming Carnival
Week 10	Friday 12 th April	Assembly 3



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Mainly music is a music program for pre-school aged children. Parents, Caregivers and their children participate together in a fun 30min session of music, instruments, rhyme and movement. Followed by Morning tea and playtime.

COME AND JOIN IN :
THURSDAYS 9.15 for 9.30 start - 10.30am
DURING SCHOOL TERM
\$5 PER FAMILY MORNING TEA PROVIDED

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