



Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear parents and care givers

The end of week 6 already, goodness time is flying. It is just brilliant to see the large numbers of children wearing their new school hats, they look really smart. Many thanks for supporting us in this.

Attendance: We are focussing on attendance this year. Please make sure that if your child is away from school you either phone or email to let us know. If you have forgotten to let us know you can even reply to the text that you will get in the morning. By doing this you will avoid the letter which will be generated automatically. Our aim is to bring our attendance levels up to a very high standard. Last year our overall attendance rate was 91%, however, only 72% of our students were attending more than 90% of the time. This means that 28% of our students are at risk. If children do not attend each day they miss vital parts of the curriculum leaving gaps in their learning that are extremely difficult to fill. Please help us by ensuring that your child is at school on time, every day.

Swimming Carnival: Our swimming carnival is on Friday of week 8, 23rd March. Please save the date and come and join us down at the pool to cheer on your children. Please remember that the children will need to bring a packed lunch, snacks for recess and a water bottle. Sunscreen will be available but the children will need a hat. Please note that children will not be allowed to buy lunch or recess from the kiosk at the pool.

Amanda Jones-Rowbottom

Principal

REMINDERS

Wednesday 20th March -
P&C Meeting 7pm
Staffroom

Friday 12th March –
Assembly presented by
Room 11

Canteen

Tuesday 26th March –
OPEN
Wednesday 27th March –
OPEN
Thursday 28th March –
OPEN
Friday 29th March –
Canteen CLOSED

BREAKFAST CLUB

Mon – Fri
8.10am-8.30am
Science undercover area

FACTION FRIDAYS

Early Close
Thursdays 2.30pm

School Calendar

TERM 1		
Week 6	Monday 11 th March –Friday 15 th March	Interm Swimming Rooms 1,3,6, 11 &12
Week 7	19 th & 20 th March	Swimming trials
	Wednesday 20 th March	P & C meeting @ 7pm
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	Wedensday 10 th April	ANZAC Ceremony @ 10am
	Friday 12 th April	P & C Easter Raffle draw
	Friday 12 th April	Assembly 3 – Room 11

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Music News

SENIOR UKULELES IN MUSIC

Senior students are developing their music skills through learning to play the ukulele. They are beginning to read more music and some children can already manage five different chords and change between them fairly efficiently. Lots of memory, and, coordination happening here, too.

LUNCHTIME MUSIC!

Students from Year 4 – 6 are welcome to participate in the CHOIR sessions on Friday lunchtimes. We are currently rehearsing for the ANZAC Day Service.

Monday lunchtimes now have UKULELE CLUB. This is open to anyone from Year 3 – 6 who would like to get in some extra learning and practice with their ukulele skills. We are trying hard to have a range of remembered chords and some different strumming techniques so we can play more songs.



ATTENTION!

NAPLAN Online- Information for parents and carers

This leaflet is for your information and is included with the newsletter.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Café is definitely going strong and becoming a place to be in the mornings. With donations of eggs and other produce, the students over the past few weeks have enjoyed scrambled eggs, bacon and egg rolls, hot cross buns, bacon and cheese rolls and pizza rolls.

We would like to say a big thank you to the **Sibley Family** for their generous donation last year that has enabled us to purchase and install new seating for the students. They look awesome!

Thank you to the families that are donating their time helping out as this is a great help. The Prefects are also assisting with preparing the food and also delivering plates of food to the Pre-primary and Kindy so they don't get to miss out.

All donations are greatly appreciated and while we get regular donations from the Avon Valley Bakery and Share and Care, we are always needing margarine or butter and fruit to help us get through the week. We now have Gluten Free bread that has been donated and a Gluten Free toaster, kindly donated by the **Donnellan Family**, for students who have this dietary requirement.



Canteen News

Change of Canteen opening days for Week 8 – the Canteen will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, CLOSED Friday 29th March.

Specials: Tuesday 26th March Pies, sausage rolls, pizza
Wednesday 27th March Hamburgers and sausage rolls
Thursday 28th March Chicken burgers, hot chicken rolls, sushi, pies, sausage rolls

P & C News

With our second meeting just around the corner (20th March), I'd like to thank all those who attended our first meeting in Week 3. We welcome all parents to any meeting that they can make and we would love to involve everyone, as the P&C stands for all students.

This year we are directing our fundraising efforts in a specific direction. While we contribute throughout the school in various ways and will continue to do so, this year (and the next few years) we would love to focus our fundraising efforts on fitting out classrooms with split system AIRCONDITIONING. This obviously is a major cost, with a total of 8 classrooms requiring updated air conditioners. Therefore as we go about the year fundraising, please keep this in mind that we have this goal and that all kids will be benefiting from our efforts.

Easter Raffle. Our first fundraiser this year we will be an Easter raffle. This will be on the last day of term, 12th April. We are now seeking donations of Easter goods. This can be anything from eggs to craft activities, stickers to bunnies. We are more than happy to accept non-chocolate gifts. All donations would be appreciated and can be dropped into the front office or passed on to myself or Lucinda Smith.

We are excited about the year ahead, with some new fundraising ideas in the pipeline. Please also keep an eye out on our Facebook page for updates and up and coming events. Search – Northam Primary School P&C

Kelly Beard, President

Kindy & Pre Primary News

Kindy and Pre-primary have been having a ball in our outdoor learning environment so far this year. The K/PP teachers have been planning and preparing opportunities for rich learning to unfold in our outside area. We have been building up our social skills, hand strength and oral language skills too. The children are so excited and engaged that they haven't yet realised that their sneaky teachers are making them learn inside and outside. Even Miss McGarry couldn't resist the fun!



Library News

Buongiorno e tutti!! We have some really cool new books in the library for everyone to look at. You're more than **Welcome** to drop into the library and check them out.



Community News

Northam Hockey Club 2019 Registrations Now Open
Open to all ages, minkey (under 8yrs old), junior (8 years to school yr 12), adults (no age limit).
Please contact northamhockeyclub@gmail.com for step by step help registering online. Or contact Allison Ferguson 0437491761

Online registrations only at <https://tgp-synergy.apps-tgplatform.sportstg.com/form/00101000021dfyOQAQ?formId=a2G0I00000NHcXUAW&display=a2G0I00000NHcXUAW&display=>

Fee paid upon registration as shown below
Juniors - Fee Structure

8yrs+ Hockey Australia Levy	\$30.00
Player fee	\$75.00
Admin fee	\$2.89
Total	\$107.89

Minkey - Fee Structure

<8yrs Hockey Australia Levy	\$0.00
Player fee	\$10.00
Admin fee	\$0.39
Total	\$10.39

Seniors Fee Structure

Hockey Australia Levy	\$42.00
Player fee	Paid as team fee
Total on registration	\$42.00