Dear Parents & Carers,

NASS STUDENTS COMMENDED FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS (ICAS)

I am delighted to congratulate 7 students from NASS who achieved outstanding results when they participated in the ICAS WRITING Competition earlier this year. ICAS are developed for students in Years 2 to 12 and are sat annually. Each ICAS test is designed to assess students’ academic ability in aspects of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. Congratulations to the following NASS students for their outstanding WRITING results! It takes a great deal of commitment and courage to enter these competitions, so we are all very proud of every one of you.

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ADMINISTERING MEDICATION TO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

All medication, including over-the-counter medications such as paracetamol and alternative medicines, treatments or supplements, must be authorized by a medical practitioner before it can be administered at school. Parents requiring medication to be administered at school must send in the medication in its original box, with the child’s name and dosage printed on it (as authorized by their medical practitioner) and must complete a ‘Request to Administer Medication’ form at the office. Please note this is Education Queensland policy.

Kind Regards,

Kdly
Parents with Kindy-aged children are invited to tell how Kindy has benefitted their child. By doing so you will have a chance to win a Samsung Kids Tablets and $1000 in educational materials for your child's Kindy. Simply submit a video, or photo and up to 100 words that shows the benefits of Kindy. To enter, your child must be participating in Kindy this year, or have participated last year. Go to: www.qld.gov.au/kindyfun for competition entry requirements, prizes, deadlines and full terms and conditions.

**TUCKSHOP NEWS: SPECIAL THIS WEEK—Thai Vegie spring rolls** We still need help in Tuckshop (Thu or Fri), even for a short time will help. Busiest times are 9:00-11:00am. Students in Years 5/6/7 leaving school for Inter-school Sports will be unable to order tuckshop on Fridays.

**FATHER'S DAY STALL—5 SEPTEMBER**
A reminder that this Friday 5 September is our FATHER'S DAY STALL! Students will attend the stall during the day at a time selected by their class teacher. Gifts will be sold to a maximum of $10 each. Donations of a small gift for a DAD, GRANDAD or CARER would be greatly appreciated by Thursday morning! Chocolates, caps, stubby holders, tools, biscuits, key rings, notepads & pens are always big favourites! Please place your generous donations in the basket located in the school office! If you can spare a small amount of time to assist with wrapping gifts or helping us in the stall on Friday, please call Nat Richter-McQueen on 0438917390.

**P & C FUNDRAISING VENTURE**
A fundraising sausage sizzle is to be held at Yandina Cricket Club/ Yandina markets, from 6:30am, Sat 6th September. Please support the P & C with this fundraising event. All food and equipment will be donated by the Yandina Cricket Club. If you are able to volunteer some time on the BBQ, please call Tracey on 0439 726605. “More hands make light work!”.

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK AWARDS**
Congratulations to the following students who were awarded the Student of the Week Award for their classes today on Parade:

**PREP:** Jett, Amali, Cadel, Ella, Oliver, Owen, Julian

**YEAR 1:** Arlo, Nathan, Bella, Arama

**YEAR 2:** Vivien, Zac, Breana, Connor, Brock

**YEAR 3:** Samantha, Angus, Jack, April, Dylan, Jordan, Chloe

**YEAR 4:** Grace, Mia, Sam, Zen, Claire, Oliver

**YEAR 5:** Mick, Skye, Isabel

**YEAR 6:** Gerrard, Charlee, Jake

**YEAR 7:** Cohen, Ruby

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**Dear Parents,**

**Parent/Teacher interviews will be held between Monday 8th and Friday 19th September for our Years 1-7 classes. For Prep, interviews will be in Term 4.**

You can now book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER at 9am.**

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**Kindy Counts! Facebo...**

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**P&C News**

- Father's Day stall is on this Friday Sep 5th. Lots of goodies to buy between $1-$5. Thanks to Emma and Natalie for co-ordinating this!
- School Disco Friday Sep 12th, 5:30-8pm - P&C will be running a sausage sizzle with steak and veggie burgers, drinks, popcorn and slushies available. Please join us and add your name to the volunteer roster outside After School Care. The last disco was a great success thanks to the many volunteers who helped out.
- P & C are taking expressions of interest for Tuckshop Convenor in 2015. Applications due by October 10th. For further information please contact pandc@ntharmss.eq.edu.au

P&C Meeting: This coming Tuesday, 9 Sep at 6:30-8:30pm in the Library. All invited & welcome.

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**Uniform Room**

Now is a great time to think about any uniforms you may need, shirts skorts shorts etc! Come into the shop now before it gets busy in term four! Remember you can do your orders online with Flexischools too! Robyn
MARIMBAS AT EUMUNDI MARKETS THIS SATURDAY

North Arm Marimbas has been invited to perform at Eumundi Markets this Saturday, September 6 as part of their "All Well and Good" promotion, which will include a large number of performances and presentations across four venues throughout the Market precinct. We will be playing from 9:30am on the Amphitheatre Stage (between the Markets and the Swimming Pool). For more information, www.eumundimarkets.com.au/Major%20Events/all-well-and-good

Being a great dad

Many dads tell me that they want a better relationship with their children, particularly their sons, than they had with their own fathers.

1. Spend time with your sons
A dad can do little wrong in the eyes of a young boy. From around the age of five years a boy thinks his dad is like superman. Ironically, he may give his mum a hard time at this stage. Dads need to spend as much time with their sons in these impressionable years as possible. They just need to be careful not to push their sons too hard or turn every game into a lesson. That's when boys turn off their dads.

2. Don’t whimper out on discipline
Dads are traditionally the kings of play, but they can go missing when it comes to discipline. They get their kids excited in a game before going to bed, then expect their partner to settle them down. It helps if both parents can take their share of managing children’s behaviour.

3. Treat your daughters well
There are strong links between close fathering and the healthy development of girls. Dads teach their daughters strong lessons about how they should be treated by males. So dads need to treat their daughters respectfully so they learn to expect this treatment in their future relationships with men.

4. Say goodbye Superman, hello Clarke Kent
Adolescent boys are programmed to challenge their fathers. It’s part of the growing up process. Australian author John Marsden refers to this phenomenon as the ‘old ram, young ram syndrome’. He’s right. It’s a type ofrite of passage that plays out in many Australian homes. Verbal jousting matches are a popular father-son game where boys take great delight in proving their fathers are fallible. A dad at this stage needs a sense of humour as well as a willingness to stand back and allow other mentors in to his son’s life.

5. Support your partner
Fathers may play an integral part in the lives of their children but they also have a profound effect on the quality of mothering that children receive. There is little doubt that a woman who can share the emotional and financial burdens of child-rearing with a supportive partner is more likely to be a loving, affirming mother. Supportive fathering is one of the keys to better mothering.

6. Change as your child changes
Kids grow up at the speed of light and change before you know it. They’re kids one day and teenagers the next. They catch many fathers unaware. The most effective dads are those who change their parenting to suit the needs of their kids at each stage of development, rather than stubbornly hold to outdated ideas of how they think their kids should be.

Those fathers who are a little apprehensive or lack sufficient confidence should become involved in as many aspects of parenting as they can. The best way to learn about parenting is by doing it. Children are a terrific resource for fathers - men can learn about children from children themselves. By being alert, watchful and learning to listen to their children, fathers can learn all they need to know about parenting.