Dear Parents & Carers,

VOLUNTEER’S HIGH TEA (THIS FRIDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 10AM)

We are really looking forward to seeing many of our wonderful, amazing, generous, dedicated, and caring volunteers at our High Tea this Friday. As a school, we are blessed to have so many people in our school community (some who don’t even have children or family members at our school), who care enough about our students to give of their time, talents and expertise. The High Tea on Friday is our opportunity to thank you all and let you know how much we appreciate you! We are also looking forward to presenting the 5 ‘Heart of North Arm’ Awards, to this year’s winners. Thank you so much to the staff and parents who took the time to nominate some very worthy volunteers.

REPORT CARDS & 2015 BOOK LISTS

Our teachers have done an amazing job (after school hours in their own time) to complete the students’ reports cards for Semester 2. These will be sent home in sealed envelopes (addressed to you, the parents), with the children on Monday (8 December), along with their 2015 Booklists. Children who will be in Prep or Year 1 in 2015 will not receive a Booklist, as we will be bulk buying the Booklists on your behalf and invoicing you for your share, early next year.

Just a reminder that there are three different 5-point scales used for the Achievement codes on the reports. We expect the majority of children in every class, to achieve the equivalent of a ‘C’, as that is where the curriculum is targeted. Although of course we know that we are all different and that some will achieve higher (B or A or equivalent) and some will achieve lower (D or E or equivalent).

Perhaps more important, is the EFFORT code, which indicates how hard your child is working at school. Those children who receive VERY HIGH or EXCELLENT for their effort cannot do anything more!

Total number of days absent: At the end of each Report Card, is the number of days absent. It is important to note, this number is only for Semester 2, which has had 95 school days, when the reports were printed. As a guide, the ‘normal/average/expected’ number of days absent per semester should be between 0 and 5.

Anything above that, will have had a negative impact on your child’s learning at school.
SAYING FAREWELL TO DEPARTING STAFF
After 17 years of service to the students of NASS, we say a very fond farewell to Milli Kafcaloudis. Milli has worked as a Teacher Aide and been responsible for the maintenance of the school website and archives, newsletter distribution, library assistance and radio station (in years past) among other things, over that time. Whilst we will miss Milli greatly, we wish her all the best in her retirement, although it sounds like she will be busier than ever!

Sadly, we must also say goodbye to Ms Sharise Russell. Sharise has been a teacher at NASS for the last 9 years and will be greatly missed. We wish Sharise all the best for her next teaching position at Coolum State School.

We must also farewell Mrs Raquel Bootes, who joined the teaching team at North Arm State School 2 years ago. We wish Raquel and her family all the very best as they relocate to Toowoomba.

A special ‘thank you’ and goodbye also, must go to Ms Claire Hope, who has worked as the PE teacher here at NASS over the past few years. We wish Claire all the best for her future studies and look forward to seeing her again.

We must also thank Rachel Rohr, who has decided not to return to her position as the SAKG Kitchen Specialist next year. We wish you all the best too, Rachel!

Finally, we need to officially farewell Mrs Liz Newman. Liz also, has worked here since the 1970’s as a Teacher Aide and we would like to wish her all the very best for her retirement.

UNIFORMS
The Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday from 8am-10am from now until the end of the school year. On the last Wednesday of the school year, the 10th of December, the shop will be open both from 8am -10am and then again in the afternoon from 2pm—4pm.

Opening times in 2015 are Tuesday, 20th January from 2pm – 4pm, and Wednesday 21st of January from 8am-10am. Also remember to use Flexischools as uniforms can be delivered to your child’s classroom.

STUDENT 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: Tayla, Kirrilly, Milo, Ella, Michael, Aerien, Julian
YEAR 1: Daniel, Leo, Luke, Sylvia
YEAR 2: Hayley, Ziyah, Laicy, Shelby, Bradley
YEAR 3: Indigo, Isaac, Nyssa, Kyla, Jasmin, Eli
YEAR 4: Byron, Lily
YEAR 5: Jaidyn, Kately
YEAR 6: Samina, Archie
YEAR 7: Finn, Ethan

Kind Regards,
Kelly

FREE DRESS DAY (FRI 5 DEC)
The SRC are having a free dress day this Friday. It would be nice if you could wear something Christmassy. The cost is a gold coin and the money raised is being spent on a leadership course next year that all Year 5 and 6 students will attend. Please remember to dress appropriately for school, be sun smart and wear closed in shoes.

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN NEWS
In the Kitchen yesterday we finished the year off with delicious vegetable pizzas. Students used silver beet, kale, Brazilian spinach, thyme, parsley, cherry tomatoes, eggplant and lemon myrtle leaves from the garden. We also made some bread and butter cucumbers (pickled sliced cucumbers) which need 10 days to be ready to eat. They are on sale at parade today. The cucumbers were donated by the Ryan's (year 2) and Caleb's (year 3) families.

Happy Christmas and happy, healthy cooking with the kids on the holidays!
Regards,
Lis Anderson-McColl SAKG Teacher

TUCKSHOP NEWS: NO TUCKSHOP NEXT WEEK
This week is our last week for tuckshop for 2014. The special is lasagne for $4.50 or Meal deal - weekly special plus ice-cream/quelch frozen fruit stick or apple slinky for $6.00. We are trying a new system with the poppers. Please collect poppers from the tuckshop from now on.

Thank you to everyone who has assisted me over the past weeks—I couldn’t have done it without your help. Have a wonderful Christmas and holiday season!
Sarah, Tuckshop Convenor

SPORT with Claire Hope
North Arm Swimming Carnival will be held Wednesday Dec 10. It is for students turning 9 - 13 years before Dec 31. All students will participate in each stroke in either the 25m points for house race, or the 50m Championship Race. The top 6 qualifiers in the 50m Championship have been selected by time trials during swimming lessons.

The list of students in Championship events will be displayed in the hall on Thursday Dec 4. These students are eligible to qualify for the Nambour District Event in February 2015. The day's program is available on the website or at the office. Please ensure students have water bottles, sunscreen, hats, rash shirts and lunch. There will be NO canteen for students on the day. Parents and friends are encouraged to join us. It is always a fun day and a great way to end the year.
CHRISTMAS CONCERT: FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER

- Please be at school by 5:30pm, ready for the prompt 6:15pm start
- Food and non-alcoholic drinks available for purchase from 5:30pm onwards (helpers needed please)
- No alcohol thanks
- Out of Bounds Areas: Tennis Courts, bottom playground
- All children to sit with their class, (on the grass at the front of the stage), until their last item has been performed
- Raffle will be drawn at the end of the concert and tickets will be available for purchase throughout. If you haven’t already done so, please return your tickets (sold & unsold) and $.
- In case we have to postpone due to inclement weather, the new date will be Mon 8 Dec, same time! Hope to see you all there!

COOROY GIRL GUIDES
Beat the rush at the start of next year! Enrol now for Cooroy Girl Guides in 2015. Fun, friendship, outdoors, adventure, builds self-esteem and self-confidence, teaches responsibility and leadership, service, community involvement, canoeing, abseiling, archery and more. Email Leonora.cox@gmail.com or call 0425 850 360.

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