Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to everyone. I’m Richard Barrie, and I am very excited to be a part of your community for Term 1 this year while Mrs Edgar is on a well-deserved long service break. It is wonderful to see all children and staff happy and enthusiastic to be back at school. I look forward to meeting all children and parents in the coming weeks. I have returned to the Sunshine Coast after doing remote service for twelve years, the last six being at Doomadgee State School in the far North West. I thank you for your warm welcome!

2014 CLASSES

Our 2014 classes should remain as they are for the year. However, we do need to wait until Day 8 enrolment Collection (6th February) to finalise all staffing and classes. I will keep you informed if any changes are necessary.

PARENT CLASS INFORMATION SESSIONS

During Week 4 each class teacher will run a Parent Information Session. It’s really important for you to come along to meet the teacher and find out how the class will run, their expectations and have any questions answered. Topics covered will include Communication, Homework Expectations, Curriculum Overview, Classroom Routines, School Policies, Coming Events and How You Can Help. Please see below for details:

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SCHOOL PARADES

This year, our Parade will continue to be on Wednesday afternoons, from 2:30-3:00pm commencing next week, February 12. We invite all parents and friends to come and join us. Student Leader badges will be handed out on Wed Feb 26.
FOOD ALLERGIES—STUDENTS AT RISK

This year, we have several students at our school who are allergic to peanuts and/or tree nuts and they are at risk of suffering anaphylaxis, a possibly fatal reaction, if exposed to these allergens. A severe reaction could occur just from touching something contaminated with peanut butter. The school has put action plans into place to support these students. All staff will be trained in the coming weeks to identify anaphylactic reactions and how to administer first aid to these students should it be required.

In order to help the school to manage such allergies and to ensure we provide the best care to these children, we are requesting the community's assistance. We would like all families to consider, if possible, not sending peanuts, tree nuts or nut products, particularly peanut butter or Nutella, to school. Remember anaphylaxis can be fatal.

We would like to stress again that we are asking you to assist these students and acknowledge that this may present problems for some families. However, we do appeal for help in this matter so that we can provide a safe environment for all students.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

UNIFORMS

We are a ‘uniform’ school and therefore we do enforce the wearing of the full school uniform, properly and proudly. This includes the school shirt or dress, navy skirts, skorts or cargo shorts, enclosed shoes and the broad brimmed navy hat.

The Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday from 8:00=11:00am and an order form and price list is available from our office, or the school website at: https://ntharmss.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/ Documents/uniform-order-form-Feb-2013.pdf

Thank you for your support in ensuring the children are wearing the full school uniform properly and proudly, every day.

STUDENT ABSENCES

EVERY day counts at school, which is why parents have a legal responsibility to send their children to school EVERY day, unless they have a medical reason to be absent. This means that I am legally required to follow-up all Unexplained and Unauthorised absences.

Unauthorised absences include any absence that is not due to illness, e.g., somebody’s birthday, going shopping or a family day. Please ensure all absences are restricted to ‘illness’ absences and that you explain these absences (either on the day of the absence or the next school day) by:

a) phoning the Student Absence phone number (5472 9860) and leaving the name of the student, date and reason for the absence when prompted (this is an automated service so you can ring 24 hours a day, 7 days a week); or
b) emailing: admin@ntharmss.eq.edu.au and including the name of the student, date and reason for the absence.

For absences greater than 15 consecutive school days, parents are required to complete an ‘Exemption from Compulsory Schooling’ application which is available from the office.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

LATE ARRIVALS & EARLY DEPARTURES

Our school day runs from 8:50am until 3:00pm. The recommended time for students to arrive at school is 8:30 am. However, parents are required to ensure their children arrive at school no later than the 8:50 am bell and remain for the full day of instruction. Students who arrive after 8:50am must report to the office to request a ‘Late Slip’. If parents are collecting their children before 3:00pm, they must collect an ‘Early Departure Slip’ from the office, before collecting their child/ren from the classroom.

For your information, our OneSchool Management System records absences greater than 30 minutes (including Late Arrivals and Early Departures) as half-day absences. This is consistent across all state schools in Qld and is not something we can change here at North Arm.

Please note: For safety reasons, students will not be permitted to leave the school grounds with anyone other than their parent or designated carer, unless the office has been notified prior, by their parent.

BOOKLISTS

Thank you to all of you who have ensured your children have arrived at school fully equipped with their Booklist, which contains all of their tools for learning at school. There are some students who have arrived at school without their Booklist equipment, and we understand this is a busy (and expensive) time of the year. However, we do need all students to have their Booklists no later than this Friday (7 February), so that full lessons can commence and they are not disadvantaged.

If any families are having difficulty in meeting this timeline due to financial difficulties, please contact the school to discuss options.
MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION
If your child requires medication at school, we require you to fill in an authorisation form at the office. We are holding asthma and anaphylaxis medication at the office, and it is your responsibility as parents to ensure we have up to date asthmas puffers and EpiPens with accompanying current Action Plans.

NO ANIMALS AT SCHOOL
It is an Education Department policy that no dogs (including dogs on leashes) be allowed on school grounds. Please respect our request not to bring your pets onto the school grounds.

SPORT NEWS.....
SWIMMING
An exciting first term is under way. We have coaches from AFL Development Qld working with Yr 4 - 7 students during HPE lessons for the first 3 weeks. Yrs 5 - 7 will participate in Friday afternoon sport this term. Sports will include volleyball, netball, soccer and touch football. Nambour District Swim Trials are on Thursday Feb 13, and 12 students from North Arm are invited to compete based on their results at last years Interhouse Swimming Carnival. Congratulations and best of luck to our awesome swimmers.

TENNIS
Tom Farrell will continue with his Tennis Hot Shots program this term and is also introducing a Pee Wee program for P-3. Tom has contacted parents of children who participated last year, and application forms for this year’s program for new students are available from the office. Any applications received after the cut off date will not be guaranteed supply of free items listed. Enrolment close this Friday, February 7.

FOOTBALL
Coolum Beach Breakers Junior AFL Football Club
Sign On Day
Under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 Under 15 Girls, Under 18 Girls
When: Saturday 8th February 10am to 2pm
Where: Jets Gym Coolum (near Woollies)
www.coolumbeachjuniors aflq.com.au
E: coolumbeachbreakers@gmail.com

Eumundi Dragons Junior Rugby Union club
Great club, terrific sport, fair play for all. Start as a Dragon and you could go on to be a Wallaby. Let us know if you are interested for 2014 season by text to 0409756980 or via email to eumundidragons@gmail.com. Sign on days 1st and 8th Feb—10:00-12:00 and 3:30-5:30 at Eumundi Showgrounds

MUSIC
Instrumental Music lessons will be held with Neil Heymink on Monday afternoons in the final session. If you would like your child to learn a musical instrument during a school lesson, please ask your child to see Mr Heymink on Monday and collect an application form. Instrumental Music instruments are available for hire at the school for students in Years 4-7.

Private Music lessons are available in Guitar, Keyboard and Violin in before school hours.

Helen Owen—Keyboard lessons in the room adjacent to 2W from 8:00am on Thursdays. Ph: 5476 2816

Peter Koppes—Guitar and Band on Thursdays in the Music Room. Ph: 0401 123 280

Emily Nutt - Violin in the Music Room on Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri. Ph: 0403 189 298

DANCE
Classical Ballet * Jazz * Tap * Hip Hop * Contemporary
Classes start Monday 3rd February
Classes for all ages from 2 to adult
Studios in Bli Bli and Yandina
For new enrolments and info contact:
Principal: Michelle Boyle BCI (Dance), Associate, ATOD Ltd
Ph: 0402 881 693
info@mbkdance.com.au * www.mbkdance.com.au