March 5, 2014 Term 1, Week 6

Dear Parents & Carers,

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded the Student of the Week Award for their classes today on Parade:

PREP:  Aiden, Hunter, Hamish, Murk, Tayla, Cooper

YEAR 1:  Zia, Will, Bella, Lucca

YEAR 2:  Shelby, Ashley, Nakita, Tyler, Jayme

YEAR 3:  Angus, Natalee

YEAR 4:  Jack, Molly, Oliver, Molly

YEAR 5:  Savannah, Fionn, John

YEAR 6:  Samina, Alex, Jessica, Jake, Amberley

YEAR 7:  Hannah, Mali

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT

One part of our behaviour management program at North Arm is to give students time out in the ‘blue room’ to complete a reflection sheet (pink slip) if they have participated in repeated misbehaviour. During this time the teacher on duty encourages each child to reflect on his/her behaviour and to identify ways in which they could manage his/her behaviour better in the future. This pink slip is then sent home with the child to obtain a parent signature, to be returned to the school office the following day. It is most important the pink slip is returned so we are aware that you have been made known of the situation. After three days if the pink slip has not been returned the parent will be contacted. In some cases the parent is contacted immediately when the misbehaviour occurs.

UPPER 2 BAND NUMERACY PROJECT

Many of you are aware that some students have been selected to participate in a North Coast Region initiative called the Upper 2 Band Year 5 Numeracy Project. The U2B Project engages students using a variety of digital resources located in The Learning Place. This eLearning environment is provided through Education Queensland which ensures secure and supervised access to an innovative range of digital tools and resources. Students participate in one scheduled 70 minute learning session per week via web conference for a period of 8 weeks. They are provided with virtual classroom activities which can be completed independently at school or at home. This project aims to improve the numeracy skills and general capabilities of Year 5 students from North Coast Region as well as engage parents in supporting their child’s participation and progress in the project.

Unfortunately the project at North Arm hasn’t run as smoothly as anticipated and we have had many frustrating lessons trying to get all of the students logged on at the same time to participate in the lesson. This week has been the first week that we have achieved all students logging on and completing the lesson together and it was a great experience. The students learnt a new strategy, the M.A.D. triangle, for identifying the relationship between multiplication and division. Trent their virtual classroom teacher ensures all students are on task and completing the activities as they should.

All parents of these students will receive a U2B package in the post in the next few days. Please take the time to view this package and complete the activities with your child. It will only benefit what they do in class.

Carmel Harland, Deputy Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

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North Arm State School will be celebrating their 130 Year Anniversary in 2015 and a sub-committee has been formed to discuss what type of celebrations we will hold. If you would like to be part of this very special event, please come along and share your ideas and enthusiasm on Wednesday, March 19 at 3:30pm in the Library.
WELCOME BACK SCHOOL DISCO BBQ
The P&C is holding a ‘Welcome back school disco BBQ’ on Friday the 28th March from 5:30 – 8:00pm. This will be a great opportunity to meet new families and catch up with old friends, and for the students to have some fun nearing the end of the term. Please put this date on your calendar.

STATE STUDENT CONSENT FORMS
The 6 page (double-sided A4 form) was sent out to all parents last year seeking your permission to use your children’s first name, image, schoolwork in a range of public sites including our school newsletter, school website, class newsletters, newspapers, radio, television, school marketing documents, school photos (full name), and/or end of year CD’s and Yearbooks. New parents to our school would have been asked to complete them as a condition of their enrolment. It is important that we have your current consents in relation to the above. If you are unable to come to the office, you may access this form via the News tab: https://ntharmss.eq.edu.au/Calendarandnews/News/Pages/News.aspx

1-2-3 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE

COURSE STARTS
Wednesday 19th March, 26th March 2nd April from 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the library.
For further details and an application form see the 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Course Flyer

STUDENT RESILIENCE PROGRAM
This year Fiona (our Student Wellbeing Officer) will once again be running the Resilience Program for year 4 to 7 called ‘Healthy Mindsets for Super Kids’. This is a preventative program which teaches core resilience skills. This course will start on Wednesday 30th April from 3pm to 4:30pm and run for 9 weeks. Some of the strategies that Fiona will focus on will include:
- Anti-bullying strategies
- Communications skills
- Assertiveness training and social skills
- Stress and anxiety management
- Anger management
- Self-esteem
- Positive thinking
- Grief and loss
- Protective behaviours
- Healthy relationships

Application forms can be collected from the office and need to be returned asap if you wish for your child to attend.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Uniforms
North Arm State School has a strict school uniform policy. It encourages all students to be in full uniform. Our uniform shop can be found at the front of the school under the Admin building.

Open Hours
The uniform shop is open every Wednesday morning from 8am to 11am. (Excludes school holidays)

Ordering Uniforms
You can use Flexischools, which is an online ordering system. It is an easy way to order your uniforms 24/7, and have them delivered to the office, your child’s classroom, or picked up from the Uniform Shop. It’s your choice, and Flexischools helps make it easy!
Alternatively, an order form is available on the school website, outside the uniform shop or from the office. Please return completed forms to the school office with payment, or email to admin@ntharmss.eq.edu.au

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS 2014
I would like to thank all the parents who place orders online through Flexischools. This assists greatly to make the uniform shop run smoothly. I would also like to thank the volunteers who have been helping in the shop this year, even before school had started back, your help is greatly appreciated!!
Our shirts and dresses are handmade by a local family company, and as such take 4-6 weeks to manufacture. If parents need new shirts or dresses, please order in advance.
Parents do not have to pay for the shirts at the time of order. We are happy to text/email them when their order arrives, and they can arrange payment and pickup then. If you want to order through Flexischools but are not quite sure what size, please order what size you estimate will be correct. You can exchange the garment for the correct size as long as it has not been washed, and it is as new.
A roster will be up outside the shop for our opening times, Wednesdays from 8 – 11am, so if you can spare a half hour or more, please put your name down. Your help would be gratefully received. It often means more orders can be filled quickly, so please don’t be shy, come and say Hi!!
We do not have the facilities or funds to keep large numbers of uniforms on hand. By placing an order with us, we can ensure that we have enough uniforms for everyone, and avoid disappointment. If you are unsure of your child’s size etc, just contact us and we will help you out!!
We have new scrunchies and ribbons in the shop, and have also just received an order of beautiful winter jackets with the school emblem embroidered on, come in and have a look!

BIG THANK YOU
A BIG Thanks to Sian from ESSENTIAL COMPUTER REPAIRS for donating a computer to the uniform shop - it will be a BIG help! Please call them on 54771559 for any computer service, repairs or upgrade needs you have!
Also a big thanks to Ben Lockens from JUST PHOTOGRAPHY for taking photos for the Flexischools website, it will be great to see pictures of the uniforms online! Ben’s number is 0412 732 797 for any of your photography needs.
Thank you also to our models Maia and Lewis – be on the lookout on the flexischools website soon to see the great new photos!!

For all enquiries, please contact me at jandrwilliams1@gmail.com.au or 0400 732 273.

Thanks for your support!
Robyn (Uniform Shop Convenor)
HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN JUNE 2014—
EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS—IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME

In June we will be receiving exchange students from Europe, Japan, the USA & Latin America. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2 or 10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are looking for host families across Australia to welcome these students into their home.

Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!

*Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit secondary exchange organisation which is registered with education & regulatory authorities in each State and Territory. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au).

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**Ginger Sport**

Fun soccer coaching for boys & girls!

We run sessions at North Arm State School on Friday afternoons:

- 3:00pm / 4-6yr olds
- 3:45pm / 3-4yr olds
- 4:15pm / 2-3yr olds
- 4:45pm / 7-10yr olds

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**Friends 4 Wise Kids**

(4 month Coaching program)

- Uncover your hero strengths and how to use them.
- Learn about how your mind works and successful mind training.
- Build resilience strategies
- Discover relaxation techniques in coping with stress
- Apply all these in a monitored self-directed passion or compassion creation projection.
- Become a ‘Shining Light’ for the whole family.

**Atlantean Earth’s Yandina Healing Centre**

Time: 8:30-11am

Dates: Mar 22nd, April 26th, May 17th, 28th June (Celebration 9am-1pm)

*For other locations, programs, ‘Fun shops’, bookings and up to date information, please call Andrew on: 0427 509 206*

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**Student Banking**

EVERY Thursday

If you don’t already have an account for your child see your local branch of the Commonwealth Bank today.