Dear Parents and Carers,

On Friday (13 Feb), we will be conducting our annual Student Leader Induction Ceremony in the Hall, from 9.00-9.45am. All parents, family and friends of NASS are invited to attend this wonderful occasion.

At the ceremony, we will be officially recognizing our twelve 2015 elected Student Leaders and presenting them with their badges. We will be honouring their achievement and celebrating their commitment to leadership at our school.

Our guest speaker for the occasion is Sam Yeats. Sam works for the ‘yLead’ company, who will be running the full day of leadership training for our 85 Year 5 & 6 students, following on from the Induction Ceremony on Friday and promises to be both inspirational and motivational for our students.

Congratulations to our 2015 NASS Student Leaders:

**School Captains:** Adam T & Sonny W  
**School Vice Captains:** Max H & Skye R-G  
**Student Councillors:** Eli B & Alexander G  
**Sport Captains: Ninderry:** Jackson H & Rori M  
**Sport Captains: Dunethin:** Abbie B & Griffin W  
**Sport Captains: Eerwah:** Elias C & Mick D

We are an incredibly lucky school to have so much talent within our student body. We have therefore been pleased to invite all of our Year 5 & 6 students who were not elected to an official position, to apply for a Student Leader position throughout the year.

Kind Regards,

Kelly
TUCKSHOP NEWS  with Lisa Mitchell

Congratulations North Arm, my first week ever and we have smashed the records for the number of Tuckshop orders placed!!!

Thank you to all my fun and fabulous helpers and everyone who orders online - we wouldn't have been able to do it without you.

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This weeks special is 'Spaghetti Bolognese'.. with gluten free/dairy free options available.

We've had lots of new faces popping in to the Tuckshop to help out.. but we always need more (especially at school drop off time on Friday mornings).

So why not pop in for a short stint after school drop off on Thurs/Friday; or call in a bit before pick up on Wed/Thurs/Fri to lend a hand. You don't need to be able to cook, you'll make new friends, impress your kids.. and help us to make a profit where every cent goes straight back to helping our awesome school.

We always welcome donations of excess produce.. Eggs, bananas (even over-ripe ones,) sweet potatoes.. We're selling so many cupcakes that we're using up our supplies faster than ever!

Have a great week.. We'll see you in the Tuckshop!

Lisa Mitchell
Tuckshop Convenor
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Follow us on Facebook at Northarm Tuckshop

ABC Reading Eggs Subscription

North Arm State School strongly values reading. So it's not surprising that reading is one of our ‘High Five’ improvement Agenda items, and we are continually looking for ways to support children’s success in this area.

Last year, in addition to our rigorous reading program resources, North Arm State School purchased a 1 Year ABC Reading Eggs Subscription to support and encourage all students with their reading at home. We chose ABC Reading Eggs because its reading programs are designed to meet the needs of children from 4 years of age to 13 years of age:

- Reading Eggs for children 4 years to 7 years of age, and
- Reading Eggspress for children 7 years to 13 years of age.

Both programs, Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress, support each child’s learning by offering individual, one-on-one lessons that allow children to progress at their own rate.

As our subscription is valid until Sat, 28 March 2015, it would be great to see all students using this program regularly.

Here’s some of the feedback two of our students have given us about ABC Reading Eggs.

"I like Reading Eggspress because it helps me learn how to read. I love reading books and getting cards, golden eggs and buying tables, beds and pets for my apartment.” Connor 5L

"I like it because it’s a fun way to learn. I like it during the week. I like it because when you’re reading you earn points for your avatars apartment and pets.” Rafferty 5/6M

Please see your child’s classroom teacher if you have any questions about ABC Reading Eggs.

Vickie Jaenke

STUDENT BANKING

Welcome back to another year of saving! A couple of reminders to make the banking experience run smoothly.

1. Thursday is banking day - leave your passbook at the office.
2. Fill in your deposit slip and butt, including your student number.
3. Make sure you have given the correct amount of money.
4. Collect your tokens at home and when you have collected ten silver tokens, fill out your reward card and bring to the office so Linda can claim a prize for you. Only one prize can be claimed each term.
5. Rewards cards are being sent home with each passbook once a deposit has been made.

Happy Banking!

Robyn Williams
Uniform Shop Convenor

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS with Robyn Williams

Thankyou to all the parents using Flexischools to order Uniforms. It is a big time saver for you! If you haven't given it a go, try it now, as there are pictures of the great range of uniforms we have, from jackets, hats, skirts and tights to the polo shirts and dresses.

The Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday from 8am -10am.

Robyn Williams
Uniform Shop Convenor

Vickie Jaenke
Help your child ACHIEVE!

One way to help your child achieve at school is to work together with your child’s teacher. The parent-teacher partnership takes work from both sides to become a reality. Here are some ideas that will help.

1. Know what your child’s teacher is trying to achieve
Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child’s teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child’s class.

2. Keep your expectations reasonable and positive
If your expectations are too high your teacher may give up. Too low and they will meet them! The trick is to keep your aspirations for your child in line with their ability and their interests. Also be realistic about what your child’s school can deliver. Sometimes our expectations of schools are not in line with their capabilities or their roles.

3. Support your teacher’s expectations & activities at home
One practical way of supporting your child is to take a real interest in their home-based learning tasks and follow the guidelines laid out by teachers.

4. Send kids to school ready to learn and on time
Maximise your child’s chances of success by sending them to school in a good frame of mind, with plenty of sleep and a good breakfast. Also make sure they get to school on time. It’s estimated that many kids miss up to two weeks of school a year when they are routinely late by just five minutes a day.

5. Inform teachers of your child’s challenges and changes
Life’s not always smooth sailing for kids. Familiar circumstances can alter. Friends move away. Illness happens. These changes affect learning. Make sure you keep your child’s teacher up-to-date with significant changes or difficulties your child experiences, so he or she can accommodate their emotional and learning needs at school.

6. Skill children to work with others
Schools are social places requiring children to work and play with each other much of the time. Teaching manners to kids, as well as encouraging them to share their time, space and things with others are practical ways to help kids with their social skills. Talk through any social challenges they may have, helping them develop their own strategies to get on with others.

7. Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties
Resist the temptation to solve all your children’s problems or think you have the only solution. Most learning and social problems can be resolved when teachers and parents work together in the best interests of the child.

8. Participate in class & school activities
There is a huge body of research that points to the correlation between parent involvement in a child’s schooling and their educational success. Quite simply, if you want your child to improve his learning then take an interest in his learning, attend as many school functions as you can, and follow the lead provided by your child’s teacher. This simple strategy will have a massive, long-term impact.

9. Trust your teacher’s knowledge, professionalism and experience
Your child’s teachers are your greatest allies. Their training, their experience around kids, and their objective professionalism puts them in a strong position to make judgement calls about your child.

10. Talk up what happens at school
Your child will take their cues from you about how they see their school. If you want your child to value learning and enjoy their time at school, then you need to support your school and make sure he or she hears positive messages about learning, teachers and the school itself. You can set a strong educational agenda at home by taking up your school.


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