Dear Parents and Carers,

130th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
Our school will celebrate its 130th birthday this year, on Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th September. It will actually be a double celebration as we celebrate 130 years of education in North Arm and 100 years of having the school on this site. The room we currently use for our staffroom was in fact, the first classroom of the original school building on this site.

For such a special event, we really want to plan a great celebration. But of course, these things can’t happen without lots of helpers. The meetings are happening monthly at the moment, (but will increase as we draw closer to September.) and we want to involve as many parents as possible, to seek your input and share the workload. We will be discussing the 130th celebration at the P&C Meeting this Tuesday (24 Feb, 6:30pm) and filling some positions to coordinate some of the specific roles, so please come along.

Please also consider coming along to the next 130th Celebration meeting on Tuesday March 17, at 4:00pm. More information about the celebration can be found on our website at: https://ntharmss.eq.edu.au/Ourschool/History/Pages/North-Arm-Reunion-2015.aspx

SCHOOL CHOIR
We are delighted to announce that our new NASS choir has formed and every Tuesday at lunchtime, are enthusiastically singing to their hearts’ content. Under the gentle and experienced instruction of Mrs Helen Owens, we have approximately 20 students so far, but are looking to increase that number (and in particular, the number of boys in the choir…..One D, Guy Sebastian and Bieber all had to start somewhere?!). This is free for the children, so if you have a son or daughter in Years 3-6, please remind them about this great opportunity each Tuesday. We even look forward to a performance on parade in the near future!

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
Congratulations and thank you to all parents for ensuring the children are wearing their uniforms properly and proudly each day. Please remember to remove necklaces before arriving at school (unless they are for religious or medical purpose).

Kind Regards,

Kelly

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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: Safi, Michael, Sophia, Hadleigh, Mia, Timothy
YEAR 1: Ford, Scarlett, Teale, Mia, Isla, Charlie
YEAR 2: Bridgett, Nathan
YEAR 3: Jayme, Breana, Poppy
YEAR 4: Luke, Tully, Amy, Flynn
YEAR 5: Harley, Joss, Rafferty
YEAR 6: Aiden, Adam, Chas

TUCKSHOP NEWS with Lisa Mitchell
Well done North Arm – we broke all our tuckshop records again!! Thanks to my awesome helpers for popping in at school drop off time – without you we wouldn’t have been able to do this.

I always need helpers – so please come in at drop off or pick up time, or after reading groups.. even for 15 minutes. It’s not hard to put cookies into bags, or to put away dishes.. but when there’s 400 kids to feed, it sure takes time! This Friday I will especially need some help.

Due to so many wonderful families using flexischools I have been able to REDUCE THE PRICE of the special for this week only!

This week’s special is HOME-MADE PIZZA, available in Ham/Pineapple or Margarita for $4.00. Please try to order early (night before, if possible) as I will be up at the crack of dawn kneading the dough!

If you are ordering a frozen treat or freshly made milk drink, please remind your child (especially preppies) to bring their tuckshop bag to the tuckshop after the bell to collect their treat.

Your child doesn’t need to be able to read – they will see bright coloured highlighter marking on their bag indicating that they have a special treat to be collected from the tuckshop.

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER PROGRAM—Kitchen News
Aprons: The aprons have arrived and will be given out to those students who have paid. There will also be some aprons available from the uniform shop. The care label says to hand wash the apron. The manufacturer says this is only relevant in a commercial situation where many aprons are washed together and straps become entangled. I have machine washed my son’s apron several times now.

Kitchen classes are now in full swing. The year 3’s enthusiasm both weeks has been amazing. Thank you to all the volunteers.

GARDEN NEWS
We are having a working bee in the SAKG garden this Sunday 22nd from 3-5pm. If you can donate mulch or manure please tell the office. Claire and I would love to see you drop in, even for just 30 mins. Many hands make light work.

Lis Anderson-McColl (SAKG Kitchen Specialist)

P & C NEWS
Everyone is invited to our first meeting of the year on Feb 24th, 6:30pm in the library. Nominations are now open for the Executive Committee for 2015. Nomination forms can be collected from the office. The AGM will be held on March 24th, where the Executive Committee will be voted in. We welcome new faces and ideas from our school community, see you there! Minutes of meetings and Agenda items can be found on our website on the at https://ntharmss.eq.edu.au/Ourcommunity/PandC/Pages/PandC.aspx

ROCK BAND NEWS
Rock guitarists wanted!
With Peter K. on tour with his band, Trevor has agreed to run some pre-audition workshops for any potential rock guitarists. He will work through some band songs with tips and suggestions for how to best impress Peter when he returns. Any guitarists interested should attend the first workshop on Friday 20th at 8am in the Music Room. Please bring your guitar - it doesn’t need to be electric - and, in the meantime, see Mr Pead for a list of songs for you to listen to. There won’t be any charge for these workshops.

Regards, Steve Pead (Music Teacher)

ART GENAS CLASSES (YRS 4-6)
This, year, we will be running our ART GENAS class every Tuesday afternoon after school, from 3.00-4.30pm for students in years 4, 5 and 6. The program is for children who have a love and show a talent for Art. It is a wonderful opportunity for children to have time to enjoy and explore Art using a wide variety of materials such as acrylic paints, charcoal, watercolour, sketch pencils, pastels, oil pastels and print making, with like-minded children.

If your child is interested in applying to join the class they need to bring to school on Monday (23 Feb) at least 3 pencil drawings of anything that they love to draw. These can be done on any A4 paper and they can put colour into them if they wish. As well as a letter saying why they would love to join the class and any particular things that they would like to be included in the class.

The lessons will start on Tuesday 3 March and run for the whole year. To cover the cost of the art materials there will be a fee of $35. If your child shows a love of drawing, please encourage them to apply. If they are successful, you will receive a letter to let you know.

Regards, Margaret Killip (GENAS Art Teacher)
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