Dear Parents & Carers,

School Leadership Induction

Our school leader’s induction ceremony is being held next Wednesday from 2-3pm in the school hall. Dr Wayne Troyhan from Nambour State High School and Mr Peter Wellington our member for Nicklin will be attending the ceremony. We will also have a performance by the North Arm State School Marimba band and afternoon tea will be offered to parents and visitors after the ceremony.

GENAS LETTERS

GENAS letters for Mathematics, Writing and Science were sent out this week. Could you please return these letters to the office or Vickie Jaenke asap. We were hoping to begin this program next week, but with the few letters that have been returned, it may have to be delayed for another week.

Carmel Harland
Deputy Principal

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

PREP: Ella, Oliver, Thalia, Elisha, Ella, Trevor
YEAR 1: Maya, Ryan, Hollie, Polly
YEAR 2: Meg, Ryan, Thomas, Lachlan, Breana
YEAR 3: Cole, Sarah, Summah, Nyssa, Tully
YEAR 4: Marley, Zen, Noah, Lee
YEAR 5: Hannah, Baxter, John
YEAR 6: Jazmyn
YEAR 7: Grace, Ruby

DAMAGED CAR IN SCHOOL CAR PARK

On Wednesday last week, between 8:10 and 8:30am a new car belonging to our Dental Van assistant was damaged near the school's front gate. It appears that someone owing a white car has opened their car door hitting this new vehicle. The cost of repair is $1400. If anyone knows anything about this accident, or witnessed the event, could they please see Lorrie in the Dental Van.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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<td>Welcome Back BBQ &amp; Disco</td>
<td>Fri Mar 28 5:30-8:30pm</td>
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PARENT INFO SESSIONS

Thank you to all those parents who have been able to come along to these valuable sessions. If however, you are unable to attend after school, please make an appointment with your child’s teacher at a mutually agreeable time. In some cases, your child’s teacher may be able to send you a PowerPoint presentation of the session.

STUDENT RESILIENCE PROGRAM

This year Fiona (our Student Wellbeing Officer) will once again be running the Resilience Program called ‘Healthy Mindsets for Super Kids’. This is a preventative program which teaches core resilience skills.

The program runs for 9 weeks and includes:

- 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

It will be offered to students in years 4, 5, 6 & 7, starting term 1 and finishing term 2. The exact time when this program will run is yet to be decided. Our options are: directly after school or on a Wednesday afternoon from 1:40pm – 3:00pm. There is a cost of $120 per child for the entire 9 week program (this will also cover the cost of all art materials required).

As the number of children who can be accepted into the program is strictly limited please fill out an application form (included in the newsletter and also available from the school administration office) and send back as soon as possible.

“Healthy Mindsets for Super Kids” is NOT a behaviour modification program and therefore NOT suitable for students with disruptive behavioural issues. Students need to have the attention span to sustain 1 hour and 20 minutes of discussion and activities, as well as the social skills and willingness to interact with other participants and the facilitator. In the event of a child not able to cope behaviourally, parents will be notified and the child may be withdrawn from the program.

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
SPORT NEWS…..

SWIMMING
North Arm swimmers had a fantastic day at the District Trials last Thursday. A huge congratulations to all involved; Molly R, Rori M, Dean W, Mick D, Abbie B, Keira S, Griffin W, Jackson H, Samantha T-W, Jade H, Pippa D and Archie H. Their effort, team encouragement and behaviour was exemplary.

Griffin W received the 11 year boy’s Age Champion, and Abbie B was runner up in the girls. Both are heading to Regional Trials in March, so wish them luck when you see them around school.

North Arm school came 2nd overall on the day, out of the 11 schools. Well done swimmers!

SOCCER
We will be starting soccer in P - 7 HPE lessons this week, with some assistance from Sunshine Coast Football Club coaches. Please ensure all students have hats.

RUNNING CLUB
Running club is underway, and already has many keen participants. It is on Tues - Thurs from 8:15 until the bell. All students from Year 3 - 7 are welcome.

Thanks
Claira

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.

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS AT NORTH ARM SCHOOL

GUITAR—Thu 8:00am in Resource Centre.
Rock Band Thursday in Music Room.
Ph: Peter Koppes—0401 123 280

Private lessons are available for Guitar, Bass, Drums

KIDS ON KEYBOARD — Thursdays beside 2W’s room
from 8:00am. Ph: Helen Owens—5476 2816

VIOLIN—7:50 and 8:20 Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri in Music Room
Ph: Emily Nutt—0403 189 298

SCHOOL BASED

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC —Mon 1:40—3:00pm in Hall
Interested and committed students from Yrs 4-7.
Ph: Neil Heymink—0406 882 878

MARIMBA—Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays with Steve Pead from 9:00am in Music Room.
Ph: 5485 0675