May 21, 2014 Term 2, Week 5

Dear Parents & Carers,

PARTNERSHIP IS ESSENTIAL

Some years ago, a NSW researcher, Dr Bill Moore, completed a comprehensive study of a generation of Australian students. One of his major findings confirmed a strongly-held belief of many teachers.

‘When home-based educational objectives clash with school-based objectives, the student normally resolves the conflict by rejecting school’. This is just one piece of a great wealth of research which, for more than thirty years now, has underlined the importance of parents and teachers working together.

Today, it is generally accepted that when parents express confidence in the school and are involved with it in some way, their children are likely to be happier and perform better in the classroom. This may well be due simply to the lessening of distance between home and school. Young children see their parents and teachers sharing common beliefs, attitudes and goals. They therefore feel more secure and more purposeful.

Our school tries to maintain very close links with parents. Once established, these links result in the below benefits:

* Greater understanding by parents of their children’s schooling
* Greater understanding by teachers of the children and their needs
* Better communication between home and school
* Fewer crises and misunderstandings
* Higher pupil morale and confidence
* More goodwill and mutual esteem between parents and teachers
* Stronger school spirit and sense of belonging of parents, teachers and students

Throughout the year, there will be a range of opportunities for parents to participate in the life of our school. These include attendance at monthly P&C Meetings, attendance at 130th Birthday Meetings, helping in the Tuckshop, Uniform Shop, Stephanie Alexander Garden or Kitchen Classes, P&C fundraisers or working bees or Classrooms, attending events such as Cross Country, Under 8’s, Class Excursions, Camps or Sports Days, ….just to name a few! We understand this is difficult for working parents, but look forward to seeing you at school if possible!
130TH BIRTHDAY MEETING (TUE 27 MAY)
All past, current and future NASS parents, staff and students are invited to attend our next 130th Birthday Meeting, which will be held next Tuesday, commencing at 3:30pm in the Library.

2014 STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS
Students in Years 5, 6 & 7 are invited to apply for a 2014 Student Leader position. Application forms are available from the office.

Kind Regards,
Kelly

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:  Jett, Fletcher, Scarlette, Aerien, Teale & Manaia
YEAR 1:  Rohan, Sakarah, Tarj & Polly
YEAR 2:  Brock, Bridie, Luke
YEAR 3:  Charlotte, Kyla, Riley, Emmy & Lucas
YEAR 4:  Amba, Lilly, Lily, Lillian & Jye
YEAR 5:  Katey & Imogen
YEAR 6:  Jack, Oska
YEAR 7:  Ethan & Hayden

A REQUEST FROM THE OFFICE
Could all parents please let us know their current email address so that we can check our database and update our records as needed? Thanks!

JON MADIN TO VISIT NORTH ARM SS
Next Wednesday 28th May, our school will receive a visit from Marimba guru Jon Madin, from Melbourne, who will spend the day in the Music Room, introducing Grades 3, 4 and 5 to some of his more outrageous home-made instruments. We are all really looking forward to the visit and the opportunity to show Jon the strength and depth of our music program.

Regards, Steve Pead (Music Teacher)

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS- IN THE GARDEN
What a perfect time it is in the garden, beautiful temperatures, not too wet, not too dry – just right. The garden is full of flowers and insects and at last we have more vegetables to harvest after a very dry start to the year.

The children have worked hard trying to get on top of the weeds, planting, raising seeds, potting flowers for the Mothers Day stall, building worm farms, bean trellises, redesigning pathways and lots more. This is the first year grade 3 has been part of the program and it’s impressive how much they’ve contributed already. Their wonderment and enthusiasm is infectious.

I am hoping to start a parent/community garden group to meet every Tuesday from 8.30 onwards. Whether you can come once a year, for one hour or all day every Tuesday, your contribution is extremely welcome. Many hands make light work and it’s a wonderful opportunity to meet new people, learn more about edible organic gardening and get a free work out. Tea and biscuits are on me. I’m in the garden every Tuesday so please join me or come and see me if you have any questions.

Now is a great time to be in the garden – time to plant beetroot, beans, broccoli, cabbage, capsicum, celery, garlic, leeks, onions, peas, potatoes, silver beet, strawberries, sweet potato & tomato.

*WORKING BEE – SAKG WEED BLITZ*
Joyful participation welcome on Sunday June 1, from 2-5pm.

Happy gardening,
Claire Armstrong (SAKG Garden Specialist)

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Week 5 Tuckshop Special: Greek Lamb Kebab with minted yoghurt & salad $4.50 or $6.00 for Special + Fruit Juice + Ice Cream treat or apple slinky)
NB Friday is Flexischools Orders only-no cash on Fridays thanks).
To all Prep and parents new to our NASS tuckshop, please register on FlexiSchools to order at: https://www.flexischools.com.au

Regards, Bec (Tuckshop Convenor)

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS: CHANGED HOURS
Uniform Shop will now be open every Wednesday morning, from 8.00am until 10.00am.
Did you know you can wear your House coloured sports shirts to school on Fridays? Right now, we have Size 14 and 16 on special for only $10 (save $15)!
Come in and get yours now, or order through Flexischools and have them delivered to your classrooms.

Regards, Robin (Uniform Shop Coordinator)

P&C NEWS
This Saturday, 24 May, the P&C have been asked to join IGA Yandina’s 1st Birthday Celebrations. A Sausage Sizzle has been arranged with IGA donating the sausages, bread and soft drinks with all proceeds going to the P&C. This is a fantastic fundraising opportunity so we are looking for volunteers between 10am and 2pm. If you can spare some time can you contact Sue Pele at pandc@ntharmss.eq.edu.au

The next school disco will be on Friday 20 June and there has been a timetable put up outside After School Care for volunteers. Please add your name!

And a final call for chocolate monies and any unsold chocolates to be returned to the office ASAP.
Cheers, Tracey Farmer (P&C Secretary)
Every minute counts at school

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Ask us about help with getting your children to school on time every day!!!