Dear Parents & Carers,

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP INDUCTION
Our school leader’s induction ceremony is being held today 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. Unfortunately, Mr Barrie is away on sick leave this week. 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. Students in Years 3-7 will attend this special ceremony.

Congratulations to the following students:

School Captains
Archie Holland
Samantha Torok-Williams

School Vice-Captain
Declan Coleman
Alana Clarke

Student Council President
Meg Russell

Student Council Vice President
Jessica Mitton

Sport Captains Ninderry
Jade Hinds - Captain
Ray Steele – Vice Captain

Dunethin
Jake Ingamels - Captain
Dom Muche-Williams – Vice Captain

Eerwha
Ruby Glover - Captain
Keira Smith – Vice Captain

Other school leaders selected on merit:
Porsha Kluck
Samina Reynolds
Hannah Proffitt-White
Ruby Neville
Chelsea Jefferies
Pippa Draggett
Amberley Wilson
Declan McKinven
Tom Bruce
Lewiis Crump
Asher Richards
Alex Rohr

Please remember that if your child is still interested in being recognised as a student leader at North Arm he/she is able to collect an application form from the office.
END OF SCHOOL DAY
Please know how imperative it is that you collect your child from the school grounds. We have had a couple of incidences lately with students running across the busy road out front of the school to meet their parents, and this practice is fraught with danger.

NO HAT NO PLAY
Once again it has been noted that there are still many students who have not brought a hat to school to play. In order for your child to enjoy the lunch hour they need to be wearing a school hat, otherwise they are asked to sit in the shade for the entire session.

THANK YOU
Thank you to the many parents who have paid their Grid of Costs, or made part payments to date. If you come into the office to pay your fees, please bring along the Student Resource Hire Scheme letter and complete your child’s details and sign the form, so that we can keep it on record for auditing purposes.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
We have organised with Ben Lockens from ‘Just Photography’ to visit the school on Thursday March 27 and Friday March 28 to take the students’ photos. Ben and his team have taken our school photos for the past few years and they have been very popular with our parents and staff. Payment envelopes will be sent home next week.

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 aware of the situation. If the pink slip has not been returned within three days, the parent will be contacted. In severe cases the parent is contacted immediately when the misbehaviour occurs.

Carmel Harland
Deputy Principal

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

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.
NEW QSCHOOLS APP FOR SMARTPHONES

The new QSchools App lets smartphone users receive newsletters and announcements as soon as they are posted to the school website and is available for free download from the online app stores. This app is very simple to download and use. Once it is on your phone, just click on the icon to stay in touch with all the latest News, Events and Newsletters. Parents can download more than one school at a time.

TRY SCOUTING!

Yandina Scout Group!

Corner of Steggals Rd and Carnival Street, Yandina

WHEN DO WE MEET?

Joeys and Cubs Monday 5.30 – 7.00pm
Scouts: Wednesday 6.00 – 8.00pm

For more information or to organise a FREE ‘Come and Try’ night: call Michele (Our Group Leader) on 0401176043 or email chell_64@hotmail.com

www.scoutsqld.com.au

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE.