Dear Parents & Carers,

Many thanks to you all for your very warm welcome back to this wonderful school. After such an amazing three months of travel, my return has certainly been enriched by the friendliness and caring that is North Arm State School.

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

As usual, the end of term presents a busy agenda. This week and next week, our teachers are continuing to conduct Parent Teacher Interviews. The online booking system has now closed, but if there is anyone who has missed out on making an appointment who would now like to, please contact the school to organise a time with your child’s teacher directly.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Please send in your School Photo Orders and Payment Envelopes this week as photos will be taken this Thursday (27th) and Friday (28th) March. Please note the approximate times for photos below:

**Thursday 27 March**
- 8.30am: Staff
- 8.45am: After School Care Staff
- 9.00am: Class 4B
- 9.15am: Class 1S
- 9.30am: Class 2S
- 9.45am: Class 2W
- 10.00am: Class 2/3
- 10.15am: Class 3F
- 10.30am: Class 3R
- 10.45am: Class 1R
- 11.45am: Class 4F
- 12.00pm: Class 5B
- 12.15pm: Class 5/6
- 12.30pm: Class 6L
- 12.45pm: Class 7M
- 1.00pm: School Captains & Vice Captains
- 1.05pm: Student Council Leaders
- 1.10pm: Sports Captains & Vice Captains

**Friday 28 March**
- 9.00am: Prep B
- 9.25am: Prep F
- 9.50am: Prep S
- 10.15am: Sibling Photos
P&c welcome back bbq & disco: this Friday (28 March) 5:00-8:00pm

This is a great opportunity to come along, see some old friends and meet some new ones! Disco entry is $5 each, or $10 for a family. Food and drinks for sale. Please note that parents are asked to walk their children into the Hall and collect them from the Hall at the end of the evening. No pass-outs will be allowed during the evening, for safety reasons. Please join us, the more, the merrier!

ICAS COMPETITIONS
Please note the following information regarding the 2014 ICAS Competitions. As a school, we would like to encourage as many children as possible, to participate in these national assessments. Please note all registrations and payments are due by Thursday 24 April.

NEW CYBERSAFETY WEBSITE
The Meet the creeps cybersafety website helps parents and students become aware of online scams, social media pitfalls and cyberbullying. The joint Telstra and Queensland Government project aims to equip middle school students with the skills to keep safe online. Crackers the clown and Shifty Shane are just two of the characters you will meet in a new interactive quiz designed to highlight potential online dangers.

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: Henrietta, Lily, Brodie, Charlie, Ember, Sophia
YEAR 1: Zion, Maya O’Mc, Jed, Rory
YEAR 2: Hayley, Charlotte, Hank, Matilda, River
YEAR 3: Liam McD, Kai P, Flynn, Jett, Phoebe, Sunnie, Janna
YEAR 4: Taara-Lee, Sam, Liam, Jovi
YEAR 5: Rori, Joey, Joshua, Rhys
YEAR 6: Tom, Alana
YEAR 7: Mayah, Cohen

Kind regards,

Fiona Brown

Marimbas to perform at Earth Hour SAT 29th March

The Sunshine Coast Environment Council is celebrating Earth Hour this year with an unpowered, acoustic concert in Maroochydore. Earth Hour draws attention to the urgency of climate change, and encourages people to use electricity more sparingly. The torch-lit, unplugged event will be held this Saturday evening at Cotton Tree Park from 7pm. Our famous North Arm Marimbas will perform early in the program (around 7:15pm or so). Please support the Band and the event. We have not been informed of any wet weather contingency plans by SCEC, but will let you know if we do.

Steve Pead

P &C News

The P & C are trying to organise a Mother’s Day stall again this year which will take place on Friday 2nd May at school. At the Mother’s Day stall this year, Rachel our kitchen expert will be cooking some home-made relishes and jams with the students to sell at the stall, and Claire our garden expert will be making some seedlings to sell. The P&C are also hoping to have homemade gifts and donations and will also sell some items from a Mother’s Day catalogue. Unfortunately the regular organiser of this stall is unable to do it this year, and the P & C are asking for a volunteer to take on this role. It would involve organising and preparing the stall and getting helpers to operate the stall on the day. If you are interested, please contact the office asap. If the P&C do not get a volunteer to help with the organisation of this stall then unfortunately the Mother’s Day stall will have to be cancelled.

Difficult Behaviour in Children

Difficult behaviour in children often starts as a strong emotional reaction. There is a link between emotion and behaviours. Children with lesser ability to tolerate their emotional reactions will display poorer behaviour. This can be an age consideration (they will get better at managing their emotions as they get older), and partly a skill consideration (we can teach them how to control their reactions to frustrating events).

Difficult behaviour may also be a result of unclear boundaries. The child may not be sure what is expected. While difficult behaviour may start as an emotional reaction, often the behaviour escalates. As parents, we can help our children learn to ‘tolerate’ their emotional reactions, thereby decreasing unwanted behaviour and increasing wanted behaviour.

‘1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching’ is a parenting program designed for Parents/Carers to learn how to assist their children in developing these skills. This program will be run later in the year and consists of three 2 hour sessions. Application forms are available from the office for those who would like to register their interest in the program.

Fiona Brown
UNIFORM SHOP
Thank you to Business Clothing Solutions in Caloundra who donated their time and services embroidering the School Captain and Vice School Captain Hats.
Robyn Williams
Uniform Convenor

TENNIS
Thank you to all those who participated in the Term 1 (7wks) Hotshots program. As the term finishes this Friday 28/3, there will be a free lesson for everyone from North Arm School on Friday 4th of April from 7:30 to 8:50am. This is possible due to a contribution from Tennis Australia. All current students enrolled in term one will receive on the day a certificate and a gift from Tennis Australia Hotshots Program.

If you are not part of the Hotshots Program yet, but would like to come down to tennis court on that day and have a free try, you will also receive a gift.

Regards
Tom Farrell

STUDENT COUNCIL—FREE DRESS DAY
The Student Council has organised a Theme Dress Day next Friday, April 4. The theme is, come as your favourite TV or movie character. Please make sure that costumes are sun safe and students are wearing closed in footwear. The cost is a gold coin donation, which will go towards an SRC project this year.

David McIntosh—Yr 7 Teacher

DENTAL VAN UPDATE
Medical consent forms have recently been handed out to all Year 4 and Year 5 students. Please return these completed forms to the office before the school holidays commence.

The staff working in the Dental Van are happy to assist you with any concerns you may have with regards to your child’s oral health.

Please call the Dental Van staff direct on 0408 008 154 between 8:00-8:30am and 3:15-4:00pm - Monday to Friday.

Dental Van Staff