Dear Parents & Carers,

REGIONAL SHOWCASE AWARD WINNERS—IT’S A HAT-TRICK!
Congratulations to our Support Teacher (Literacy & Numeracy) Vickie Jaenke and her MaD team of volunteers who won the Network 10 Showcase Award for Excellence in the Early & Primary Years for the third year in a row last week.

The award was presented in Maroochydore, and recognizes the North Arm State School ‘Making a Difference’ (MaD) Volunteer Program. Vickie Jaenke, our extremely dedicated Support Teacher, developed the program at NASS in 2011 and has worked tirelessly with her team of amazing volunteers, to establish it as a truly successful program, which is now recognized regionally.

Since 2011, volunteers have been recruited to the current level of providing 50+ hours per week of MaD volunteer time, and provided with high quality training, to enable them to support the development of students’ language acquisition and reading proficiency. The MaD program has become a vital part of NASS’s Early Years Literacy success story, with students who were falling below the benchmarks prior to their participation in the MaD program, exiting the program within the average or above average range.

This program is a fantastic example of the power of productive partnerships, which I discussed in last week’s newsletter. Congratulations once again, and thank you to our MaD team! Of course, if anybody else has some spare time and would like to become a MaD volunteer, we would love to hear from you!

STUDENT DRESS CODE
Thank you to all parents for supporting the school’s Dress Code. The children look fantastic at the moment, and all seem to be wearing their uniforms properly and proudly.

Just a reminder that the only jewellery that is permitted at school is: watches, small stud/sleeper earrings, signet rings, medic alert bracelets or chains or religious chains. Students will be required to remove all other jewellery which is worn to school. No nail polish is permitted and formal school uniform is to be worn on Mon-Thurs. Prep shirts, Sports shirts and Year 6/7 shirts can be worn on Fridays.

Also, with Winter approaching, the Uniform Shop has the following items for sale:
School Jackets with zip ($25), Girls Navy Leggings ($15), Girls Navy Cotton Tights ($10) and Girls Long Pants (Yoga-style) ($30). Navy tracksuit pants and navy jackets (without the NASS school logo) are also permitted to keep warm, and can be purchased externally.

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:** Breanna, Max, Thalia, Julian, Teale, Marley

**YEAR 1:** Beau, Bridgett, Bella, Sylvia

**YEAR 2:** Aiden, Meg, Max, Mason, Zadok

**YEAR 3:** Leah, Gajin, Jordan, Caleb, Victoria, Ruby

**YEAR 4:** Nina, Jovi, Sienna, Charley-Jean

**YEAR 5:** Dean, Fionn, Savannah, Sonny

**YEAR 6:** Keaton, Zach

**YEAR 7:** Declan, Ebony

**ARTS COUNCIL NEXT TUESDAY**

"It's a Mad World" according to Per Westman, as he presents two performances for our children on Tuesday 3rd June. Per is essentially a circus clown with a range of skills including acrobatics, balancing and juggling. The performance will show children how to overcome nervousness and fear, as Per embarks on a clumsy attempt to entertain the crowd. Persistence and confidence are the key messages here. I'm sure your child will love the show.

Regards, Steve Pead (Music Teacher)

**STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN - IN THE KITCHEN**

Our new menu for the next few weeks is Crispy Quinoa and Sweet Potato Cakes, Green Bean Salad, Labna, Lemon Cake and Homemade Lemonade. We harvested beans, spring onions, Asian greens, salad greens, herbs and eggs from our school garden. Thank you both to the Cuthbert-O'Meara family (Prep) who donated the sweet potatoes and Bec Aragona for her coriander. Thank you Lily and Grayson for picking 30 lemons from the thorny tree. You may be surprised to see what most of the students are eating seconds and thirds of (lots of vegetables!). This menu we are focussing on table setting and table manners. Last menu we focussed on knife skills.

Thank you to all the parent helpers once again yesterday. Recipes will be available on the school website under the Resources tab.

Regards, Lis (SAKG Kitchen Teacher)

**IN THE GARDEN—WEED BLITZ**

Don’t forget about the weeding working bee this Sunday from 2-5. You are welcome to drop in for just 30 minutes or so. We are also looking for any old wheelbarrows, baths, pine crates and manure.

Regards, Liz (SAKG Kitchen Teacher)

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

This weeks Special: Vegie Arancini (Italian Risotto Balls) filled with mozzarella.

Please Note - Foreign currency is not accepted by the tuckshop.

Volunteers are a vital part of the tuckshop service. Regular volunteer support helps the tuckshop run smoothly and keeps prices low. Volunteering in the tuckshop is a great way to get involved with your child’s school and meet new friends. You will gain food handling experience, and of course your child will love to see you working at “their” school.

Volunteer hours and duties are flexible. You may wish to help out one day a week, or you may only be able to help for a few hours each fortnight. Perhaps you can only stay up until morning tea, or it might suit you better to pop in for a short time in the morning to place Flexischools stickers on to paper bags. Any help you are able to give would be appreciated.

Thanks, Bec Aragona (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 Co-ordinator)

**P & C NEWS**

Please be advised that our next P&C Meeting will be held in the school library on Tuesday 10 June, commencing at 6:30pm. This is an open invitation to ANY/ALL interested parents who would like to attend, so please feel most welcome.

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!

The P&C would like to express a big thank you to Yandina IGA who supplied the provisions and made it easy to be involved with their 1st Birthday celebrations. Also to the volunteers and Cooloobah Early Childhood Centre (2) who promoted NASS at the sausage sizzle on Saturday. Thanks for your time and commitment to the school.

Congratulations to the many families who supported the Cadbury Chocolate drive and a special thanks to those families who sold more than one box. The prizes for the first 50 families to sell their full box of chocolates were presented on today’s parade.

Your help has given the P&C the ability to support the school with resources.

Regards, Tracey Seymour (P&C Secretary)

**UNDER 8’s DAY REQUEST**

Class 3R are organising the box construction activity and would appreciate you collecting boxes, rolls, lids and anything suitable for this activity. Please save these until the week beginning Monday, June 16 and then bring them to class 3R. Under 8’s Day will be held on Friday, June 20. Ruth Robinson, Teacher 3R

**SPORT NEWS...with Claira Hope**

A great effort was put in by our 17 District Cross Country runners on Tuesday. There were more students than ever competing this year, with 35-40 in each race. Our students were focussed, determined and displayed exceptional behaviour. Keira S and Abbie B finished first and second in the 11 years Girls 3km race, and will be competing at Regionals in June. North Arm won the Age Championship award for their age group. Well done girls and to all who competed!
MARIMBAS AT WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Following our stellar performance at “Earth Hour”, Sunshine Coast Environment Council has asked North Arm Marimbas to again perform at this year’s World Environment Day, to be held Sunday June, 8 from 10 until 4 at the University of the Sunshine Coast. Our set will be from 11-12:00 noon and will include members of all bands, Grade 3, Junior and Senior Extension. This is Sunshine Coast Environment Council’s premier event, and there’s always a good turnout. A fun day is assured with plenty to see and do.

Parents of children who wish to perform, will need to discuss their availability with their family and let me know by this Thursday, May 29th, either by telephone, written note or email spead4@eq.edu.au.

Thank you, Steve Pead, Music Teacher

INSIGHTS
by Michael Grose – No. 1 parenting educator

Mind their &*%@! language

Standards may change, but the job of parents hasn’t altered. Teach kids to use language that doesn’t offend others. The message to get across to the next generation is – if it’s offensive then choose other words or say nothing at all.

What do you think when you hear kids swear in public?

If you’re like me, you feel decidedly uncomfortable when kids of any age turn the air blue with profanities. Swearing shows lack of respect for others and a lack of awareness for their surroundings.

Teaching kids to use appropriate language is trickier now than in the past. For a start, standards have changed where many words – such as the F word – that were deemed inappropriate in the past are often heard on radio and seen in mainstream newspapers. And words that everyone agrees are inappropriate are frequently used in public forums, to the point that the boundaries of appropriateness have become blurred.

Standards may change, but the job of parents hasn’t altered. Whether it’s teasing or swearing it’s all the same. The message to get across to the next generation is – if it’s offensive then choose other words or say nothing at all.

Socially-smart kids alter their language

Socially-skilled kids of all ages will adjust their language to suit the situation they are in. They may speak one way with their friends, but use a completely different vocabulary with adults. They are aware that what works with their best friend just won’t cut it when in grandma’s company. This awareness shows social acuity and a flexibility to adjust to different environments. It needs to be extended to all sorts of situations, including where adults and younger children are present.

They didn’t hear that from me!

What do you do when you know your children swear despite your best intentions?

Don’t over react. Try to work out its purpose. Children swear for many reasons, including to experiment with language; to attract your attention; to make themselves appear bigger or older than they are; and even as a challenge or expression of personal power.

Inappropriate language can also simply be a reflection of your children’s peer groups. Everyone else swears so there’s nothing wrong with it is a common attitude of many children and young people.

Teach them that language may be appropriate in one context or be accepted by one group but it is not acceptable in every situation. While not condoning swearing, get across to children that they need to learn to control their use of language and adjust it to suit the situation they are in.

When swearing becomes a habit

If swearing has become a habit for kids, make up alternative words to replace the swear words. One family I know had replaced certain words with different fruits. They had a fruit for every situation!

Alternatively, use a penalty or fine system to make kids aware of their poor language. When you hear a family member swear, fine them an agreed amount. At the end of the week or month give the money to a worthy cause. Of course, this strategy is easier to implement when parents join in as well.

Take a long, hard look at ... er ... yourself!

It’s also helpful to examine your own choice of language to judge if it is an acceptable model for your children. Yep, sometimes kids will pick up their parents’ language and repeat it at the worst possible time, such as when relatives are over.

The job of adults is to develop a sense of social awareness in the next generation so they can easily navigate a variety of different groups and social situations. Teaching appropriate language use is at the very heart of teaching kids to be socially-skilled. That’s something we all should swear by!

When kids swear:
1. Avoid over-reacting when your kids swear. Look for the reason.
2. Discuss with older children the concept of matching their language with the audience.
4. Use a penalty or fine system when kids swear in front of you.
5. Model the language you want kids to use.
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