Principal’s Update

Remembrance Day
On Tuesday November 11 we will commemorate Remembrance Day. This year we have offered to help out our local Ormeau Pimpama church to raise funds for their ANZAC 100 year commemoration. Our school captains each year participate in their service on ANZAC Day. We will be holding a free dress day where we ask students to wear camo (camouflage) gear or defence force colours (navy blue, grey, army green) or dress up uniforms. Any official cadet uniforms need to be approved by their cadet unit. Children are also asked to bring along a gold coin donation on the day. We will also be paying our respects with a minute silence just before 11 am.

Fire Evacuation
Thank you to all families who were caught up in our fire evacuation yesterday. A fire alarm was tripped in our C&K kindy and we are unclear how it was set off. Well done to all of our teachers and staff for following our evacuation plan quickly and ensuring the safety of our students.

Class Requests
If you have a specific request for your child next year please speak with your child’s teacher. Teachers cannot be requested as our staffing has not been finalised yet. Current class teachers will be involved in the organisation of new classes for 2015. Please remember we cannot promise anything. We are a very big school now and the staffing and class placement jigsaw puzzle is a very large one. We will do our best.

Meet The Teacher Afternoon
Wednesday December 10 from 2pm will be our ‘Meet the Teacher’ afternoon where our students and new students to the school (except Preppies) can meet their teacher for 2015 in the classroom they will be in. I invite all families enrolling for 2015 in years 1-7 to bring their children along to meet their new teacher on this day. Preps will have their meet the teacher afternoon on one of the pupil free days in January – more info to come.

Kimberley Button
Acting Principal

Library Volunteers Needed
Come and join in some book covering fun at the library during Term 4!

With a huge influx of books from our Term 3 ordering and Grandparents Day we are in desperate need of assistance with contacting all of these new books so that the students can start borrowing them as soon as possible.

Book covering in the library will take place every Tuesday from 9-12noon starting in Week 2, Term 4 (14th October 2014) Morning tea will be provided.

Pop into the library if you are interested
or contact Donna – donnah3@eq.edu.au

Upcoming Reminders
- 11 Nov - Years 4 to 7 FINAL payment for Swimming Carnival
- 25 Nov - Year 5 FINAL payment for camp
- 25 Nov - Prep FINAL payment for Dreamworld Safari
- 26 Nov - Science Day
- 27 Nov - Year 6 & 7 FINAL payment for Graduation Tickets
- 1 - 4 Dec - Concert Week
- 3 - 4 Dec - Year 6 & 7 Beach Day
- 3 - 5 Dec - Year 5 Moreton Island Camp
- 4 Dec - Prep Dreamworld Safari Excursion
- 5 Dec - Year 6 & 7 White Water World Excursion
- 8 Dec - Years 4 to 7 Swimming Carnival
- 9 Dec - Year 6 Graduation
- 10 Dec - Year 7 Graduation
- 10 Dec - Report Cards Emailed
- 11 Dec - Awards Day
  - Prep to Yr2, 9am
  - Years 3 to 7, 11.30am
- 12 Dec - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2014
- 27 Jan 2015 - School Resumes

OUR SCHOOL RULES
- I am Safe
- I am a Learner
- I am Respectful

Student Absentee Line
5549 4266
Year 2 Excursion

As part of their work this term the year two classes visited Hinze Dam on Tuesday and Wednesday. Both students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed the experience of visiting this location and learning about the vital role that water has in our daily lives. Thank you to all teachers and parent helpers for your efforts leading up to the day and on the day itself and special thanks to Mrs Lane for coordinating the excursion.

Teddy Bears’ Picnic

Last Saturday the picnic was held in the prep area under sunny skies. It was great to see and meet so many of our new prep students and their families. Our new prep students took part in a range of activities, but the favourite was the jumping castle.

A big thank you to the members of the P&C, NVSS staff and their families for their assistance and support on the day. It was a successful day that demonstrated true community spirit.

Evacuation

Congratulations on a job well done to all our students, teachers and ancillary staff during the emergency evacuation on Thursday morning before the start of school. As I discussed with students later in the day, because we had practised our evacuation procedures earlier in the year, everyone knew what to do and how to behave.

I Am Safe – Play In The Correct Area.

This has been our school wide positive behaviour focus for the last week and it is important that each student is playing in the correct area for their year level.

Congratulations to all our weekly award winners!

Reminder – our next junior parade is on Tuesday 11th November.

Andrew McCabe
Junior Deputy Principal

Senior Deputy Principal's Update

On Friday 24th October 2014 students in year 6 went along to the Gold Coast 600 V8 Car races. Students had a great day walking around the track and soaking up the atmosphere.

Year 6 & 7 Graduation

Tickets are now on sale for the year 6 and 7 Graduation Dinner.

Year 6 Graduation Dinner – Tuesday 9th December 2014
Year 7 Graduation Dinner – Wednesday 10th December 2014

Tickets are $28 per ticket which includes a meal and 3 drink vouchers. (Student + 2 adult guests)

Tickets can be purchased via:

⇒ The cash window on Tuesdays and Thursday from 8:15am – 10:00am,
⇒ Over the phone with a credit card daily between 10:00am – 2:00pm
⇒ Over the internet by Internet Banking (MUST ALLOW 3 days Processing)

Graduation Tickets will need to be collected by parents from the front office; alternatively, tickets can be signed out by a student if prior arrangements have been made with Administration staff.

Karl Chippindall
Senior Deputy Principal
Students Of The Week

Students of the Week
**H.O.C update...**

**Have your children read these great authors?**

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**Numeracy Apps**

Here are some cool apps to help with addition and subtraction. Ask mum and dad before downloading them.

- **Thinking block addition** app lets you complete word problems, just like the website. Work your way through the challenges, they get harder as you go along.

- **Hungry Fish** is a great way to practise addition. The fish has the 'whole' number on it you need to find the two matching 'parts'. It gets quite tricky, but is lots of fun.

- **Banana Math** has a set of word problems to do with addition and subtraction. This app is not too tricky, but if you like this one, then you can upgrade to a greater challenge.

- **Computer Carl** is a robot that gains battery power as you answer addition and subtraction problems. The number problems become more challenging as you complete levels.

- **Find Sums** has a couple of different options. Make sure you change the settings to the 'challenge setting' that is right for you. Find the two missing parts that go together make the whole.
Student Resource Scheme

ALL ACCOUNTS SHOULD HAVE BEEN FINALISED BY NOW. STATEMENTS WERE SENT HOME LAST WEEK.

The Payment window is open to receive payments Tuesday and Thursday from 8.15am to 10.00am. Alternatively you can make credit card payments over the phone between 10.00am and 2.00pm or make payments via internet banking using your child’s surname, initial, class and reference e.g. Johnson L 5C resource. The school’s bank account details are: Account name: Norfolk Village State School; BSB # 064-401; Account # 10546142.

2015 Student Resource Scheme
Letters of non-participation with relevant year level book lists were mailed home last week to those families that have not paid their invoice to date or were not participating in the scheme this year. In order to participate in the scheme in 2015, accounts must be settled as soon as possible. Letters of invitation to participate in the resource scheme in 2015 will be sent home shortly and are dependent on accounts being settled.

Payment Window / Uniform Shop Hours
The payment window and uniform shop WILL NOT BE OPEN THE FINAL TWO WEEKS OF SCHOOL. The final opportunity to make payments or purchase uniforms will be Thursday 27 November. Online uniforms will also close on this date.

Kybie Buchbach
Business Services Manager
P & C News
Hi Everyone,
I would like to say a big thank you to everyone that helped with the Disco on Friday night and then backed up on Saturday for Teddy Bear’s Picnic. I hear that both were successful and enjoyed by everyone that attended.

Calendar Dates
Sunday is Family Portrait Day, please remember your times and be mindful of others coming along. The photos will be taken in a room near the Library. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Angie Homrody on 0413 118 808 or email the.homrody@exemail.com.au

Christmas Concert Raffles
A big thank you to everyone that has donated so far. There is now a box in the office for the collections of any donations.

Christmas Concerts
Your P&C will be holding a BBQ and selling cold drinks before and after the concerts. We will be looking for extra help closer to the event. If you can assist us please contact one of the Committee, or myself on pandcsecretary@norfolkvillagess.eq.edu.au

Community Events
My Ormeau Halloween party is on Friday night, remember to go along and support the team. They do a wonderful job for our Community.

Christine

SURFSIDE BUS PASSES 2015

ALL NEW PASSENGERS FOR 2015
To ensure timely distribution of bus passes in the New Year, please submit your application before the end of November 2014.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR EXISTING BUS PASS HOLDERS
At the end of each school year, please ensure that the current pass is retained to be used in the new school year until the new pass is issued.

Students with an existing bus pass need only re-apply for a 2015 bus pass if your child
- is moving from Primary to Secondary School
- is repeating a grade
- is changing their home address or school

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION FORMS

Email schools@tagroup.net.au or Fax 5571 6556

Applications will be processed over the Christmas school holidays. Once applications are approved, bus passes are sent to school for collection. Please allow 10-15 working days from the start of Term One 2015.

Prior to Government approval of bus travel assistance, all students can travel by bus to school using a TransLink go-card.

REMINDER
A valid bus pass must be produced TO THE DRIVER or the relevant fare paid via cash or go-card. Information on fares, go cards, zones and bus timetables is available from TransLink http://translink.com.au/ or phone 13 12 30.

Accepting My Past

One of the things I love to do (if things aren’t too rushed), is cooking. I enjoy putting a bunch of ingredients together and tasting how the flavours interact with one another as they’re eaten. I love the beautiful aromas of them cooking on a hot plate or in an oven, it creates a wonderful appetite before we eat. Once I was making tomato soup, and after I put a heap of hot ingredients (too many) into the blender I hit the switch and the lid blew off and hot soup spewed all over me and the kitchen! Disaster! Fortunately nobody was burnt.

I believe that trying to supress bad things that have happened in the past as unimportant and that they don’t affect you now, is like trying to stuff way too much into a blender and then hitting the ‘blend’ button. Pressing the ‘blend’ button is to ‘do life’.

Part of the disaster is that the ‘mess’ goes over things that you had no idea would be affected. People (relationships), finances, health, career, general satisfaction in life, and much more, they can all get affected by a damaged heart from past hurts.

Interestingly, there doesn’t even have to be an actual event that causes damage, but just the perception that it happened. I’ve heard people talk about an event that happened in primary school and they believe it really wasn’t that bad, but the embarrassment, shame, or guilt from it was so strong that it impacted them to the point that it affects them well into their adult life – there are still symptoms of that event impacting their family in destructive ways.

International author, speaker and Neuroscientist, Dr Caroline Leaf, says that the ‘faulty wiring’ of the mind can be changed even in old age – there’s always hope! Hope is such an important ideal, that if we were to be without it, severe depression would result. Hope gives you the reason to live for more.

The big question then is ‘How is the mind rewired to remove the effects of the damage of the past?’. Well, that might be too much for a newsletter article, and certainly would require someone with expertise! So I would refer you on to get help and hope! I guess the message is – Be brave, honest, accept your past, and have hope – there’s good times ahead!

Grant Freeman
NVSS School Chaplain

![Surfside Bus Passes 2015]
How Children’s Thinking And Learning Develop

Children grow and change in many ways during their primary school years. As well as growing physically, children develop socially, emotionally and cognitively.

Cognitive development refers to growth in a range of thinking and learning skills, including language, attention, planning, problem solving and memory. One of the best ways for parents and carers to support children’s thinking and learning is through taking an active interest in their learning at school so they can be supported and built on at home.

Although children are born with some inherited tendencies, an environment that stimulates learning and development is necessary to ensure children reach their learning potential. Parents and carers can nurture children’s development through understanding the importance of what children experience in the world around them and providing experiences that arouse their curiosity and interest. Opportunities for children to be actively involved in learning from their experiences are especially important for their development.

Children’s knowledge grows over time as they build on earlier understandings. When they encounter new experiences, children look for information that they can use to confirm, add to, or change their ideas.

How Parents And Carers Can Help:

- Encourage children and build confidence- Praise and acknowledge children's attempts and not just their successes.
- Remove distractions- Children need focused time to learn and think. Help children develop attention and concentration by making sure that quiet time is set aside for homework. This will support good study habits and effective learning.
- Provide ‘scaffolding’ for children’s learning- Extend children’s learning by asking questions, giving hints and prompts or showing them how (but not what) to do.
- Break tasks into smaller steps- If it seems that your child is struggling or becoming frustrated, the task may be too difficult. Try breaking the tasks into smaller steps that are more manageable. Showing children how to do the first part of the task, then guiding them to think and attempt the next part, helps them learn and supports their confidence.
- Encourage persistence- When a child says he/she can’t do something that you know he/she can do, try to avoid doing the task. Instead, try and motivate him/her by making the task fun and interesting. Making a challenge also helps make learning fun.
- Watch for signs of frustration- If you notice your child becoming frustrated by a task, try and step in before they give up. It may be a good idea to encourage him/her to take a short break, or try something else for a while.

It is important to remember that children develop at different rates and in different ways. Often children’s learning and development occur in bursts, with new skills appearing almost overnight. If you are concerned about your child’s development talk with your child’s classroom teacher, school guidance officer or your family doctor to be referred for an assessment by a paediatrician.

Nicole Russon

Adapted from KidsMatter
Help Mr Hooker Bear catch letters and create words in his very own game

Simply search 'Mr Hooker Bear'
kids.Ljhooker.com.au