Welcome back to the new school year. It was great to see all the children back, with so few broken bones. It was the best start to a school year we have had. Everything and everyone was so calm. We have not had to change any classes and everyone is already busy with class work. We commenced the year with 1087 children in 44 classes. The new eight classrooms are operational although the finishing touches are still being applied to the buildings and classrooms.

With more children and a reduction in play spaces, we have split the oval and basketball courts into two spaces, one for years 3 to 4 and one for years 5 to 7. We have opened up the Hall for a play break for the younger year levels. The new artificial grassed areas have been a much needed and welcome addition to provide extra space for the year 1 children (thank you P&C who paid for this solution).

The new senior playgrounds worth $80 000 will be installed in the ampitheatre area around March 1.

Where should I send my child to high school?

This is a frequent question I am asked. Having spent the last school month of last year as the principal of Ormeau Woods SHS, I was impressed with the level of student discipline and school organization. The school has a major focus on student achievement and student discipline. Our NVSS graduates were only too happy to tell me what they liked about OW-SHS and what could be improved, on the balance of what they told me, nearly all of them were overwhelmingly happy with their schooling.

The most recent year 12 results were very strong. The majority of OWSHS students received a “usable” OP, with most receiving an OP 3 to 10 which will guarantee them a place at university. Many other students are in traineeships, apprenticeships and employment.

I understand that some people may think that as a state school principal I am obliged to portray the local SHS in a positive light. As with anything in life, do your own research and ask around. The feedback I receive from most parents is very positive about OWSHS.

Finally, I have attached an article from the Weekend Australian Magazine about choosing a school. It is personally, and I stress personally, the most accurate article based on my experience as a state school educator (I have worked in the private school system) I have read about the factors that should go into choosing a school. The article is a longer one for our school newsletter but well worth reading, whether you agree or disagree with the content. Any article that makes us think about our child’s education is a good article.

Great Results Guarantee

You may have heard the government initiative of “Great Results Guarantee”. In brief the guarantee delivers $260 000 to NVSS to be used to improve literacy and numeracy results for children not meeting the National Minimum Standard in Preparatory to Year 2. The school leadership team met yesterday with the Assistant Regional Director to determine how best to support our children.

Our plan will be presented to the Year Level Coordinators and P&C for consultation this week. Parents of children who will be supported by the initiative in years 1 and 2 will be contacted in the near future.

Chris Capra
Principal
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Welcome to all of our new families joining our NVSS family this year. It is great to have so many new families and children around the school.

Our start to 2014 has been amazingly calm and organised! I can’t believe with the increase in size of our junior school that we have had one of the most quiet, calm and happy starts to school this year.

This year we welcome many new teachers to our Junior school, some new to teaching and some very experienced. They have also had a wonderful start to teaching at NVSS and I’m sure their organisation and teaching excellence has assisted us and your children in having such a great start to the year.

Parent Night
Our parent night was on Tuesday night and was well attended with very informative sessions run by our teachers. If you didn’t manage to come to this night make sure you contact your child’s teacher in some other way (email, phone, meeting) to get any important information you may have missed.

Junior Parades
Junior Parades will be once a fortnight on Tuesdays in the Hall at 2pm. Parents are more than welcome to come along especially if your child is receiving an award or is performing. Performances will start from Week 4, Feb 18th. Our first parade was this Tuesday 4th Feb.

Easter Parade
Friday April 4th will be our Easter Parade for Prep –Year 2 children. There will be performances by each class in the hall from 9:30am. All children are welcome to wear Easter dress ups on this day. In recent years the Easter Bunny has even made an appearance!!! I can’t wait!

Before School
Please remember that before school if children arrive before 8:30am they are to go the undercover area near the tuckshop and wait for the classrooms to open at 8:30. They will be supervised by a member of the leadership team. Children who are being supervised by their parents prior to 8:30 may sit with their parent in other areas around the school.

Prep Play Equipment
The Prep obstacle course and other play equipment is set up early in the morning by staff for lessons throughout the day. IT IS NOT FOR CLIMBING ON OR PLAYING ON BEFORE SCHOOL. I know it is very inviting for young children to play on in the morning but we have found if we allow children to play on it, it often gets moved around and is not ready for use during the day. Please keep all children off the equipment.

Kimberley Button
Deputy Principal

Junior Awards

Students of the Week
Jayden, Emmison, Kai, Elia, Charlotte, Alastar, Cameron, Noah, Mackenzie, Hunter, Sebastian, Thomas, Amiya, Breanna, Isaac, Ella-Rose, Dylan, Callum, Mack, Riley
I would like to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome during my first two weeks here at Norfolk Village. It is great to be part of such a successful team. I have over nineteen years experience as a school administrator, working sixteen years as a Principal and three years as a Deputy Principal. This experience has allowed me to jump into the Deputy Principal role here at Norfolk Village and be on task from day one. It was wonderful to see so many parents attend the parent information sessions on Tuesday night.

**Student Council Representatives**

During the past week we have been in the process of nominating our School Council representatives. Well done to the following students who have been elected to represent their classes:

- **4A** Elly
- **5A** Alex
- **6A** Alyssa
- **7A** Patrick
- **4B** Ben
- **5B** Taine
- **6B** Stella
- **7B** Harry
- **4C** Tatiana
- **5C** Mia
- **6C** Tony
- **4D** Nikayla
- **5D** Aimee
- **6D** Jasmine
- **4E** Kyla
- **5E** Janaya

**Leadership Assembly**

The Leadership Assembly for all students will be held in the hall on Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 9.15 a.m. Parents are most welcome to attend. Our School Captains, House Captains and Student Council Representatives will receive their leadership badges on this day.

**Robyn Adair**
Deputy Principal

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**Business Services Manager's Update**

**Student Resource Scheme**

Invoices were sent home this week to those families participating in the Student Resource Scheme (all year levels). If you have not completed a Participation Agreement as yet, you MUST complete this agreement and return to the school office as soon as possible, your children will not receive their resources if this form has not been returned. If necessary please contact the office for a further copy.

**Payment Options**

- **Payment Window** - open Tuesday & Thursday 8.15 - 10.00am ONLY.
- **Internet Banking** - direct payment into school bank account. A great way to avoid the queues! School bank details below:
  - BSB #: 064-401
  - A/c #: 10546142
  - A/c Name: Norfolk Village State School General Account
- **Centrepay Deductions** - direct debit of Centrelink payment. Forms available at school office.
- **Phone** - payment by credit card between 10.00am and 2.00pm ONLY.
- **Mail** - credit card, cheque or money order.

If you are struggling with meeting school commitments, please do not hesitate to contact the school office and speak with either myself or Chris Capra (Principal).

**REMEMBER THAT THE P&C ACCOUNT IS DIFFERENT TO THE SCHOOL ACCOUNT. BE ALERT & DO NOT MAKE SCHOOL PAYMENTS INTO THE P&C ACCOUNT.**

**Uniform Shop**

The school uniform shop is open on a Tuesday & Thursday morning from 8.15am - 10.00am. Save time standing in queues by ordering your uniforms online at www.flexischools.com.au

**OUT OF STOCK** - size 53 & 55cm navy hats and size 4 shorts. Approximate arrival date of new stock is Easter.

**Housekeeping**

Please keep the information that we have recorded at school up to date. If you change your contact numbers, email address etc, please remember to let the office know so that in the case of emergency we are able to contact you.

**Student Absences**

Please phone the Student Absence Line on 5549 4266 if your child is away from school. Leave your name and contact number, your child’s name and class and a brief explanation for absence.

**Kylie Buchbach**
Business Services Manager
Hello I’m Andrew McCabe and I’m in the new position of Head of Curriculum Junior School (P-2). My work with teachers and students is focussed on improving the school’s curriculum, teaching, assessment and reporting. So as you get back into the swing of working with your child/children consider the following hints for building a better reader.

SEVEN WAYS TO BUILD A BETTER READER

1) Make reading part of your child’s world. Read books with her and to her, aiming for a total of 30 minutes of book-sharing time each day. Also incorporate reading into everyday activities. Post a chore list on the refrigerator, ask her to read signs as you drive, and play board games like Scrabble Junior.

2) Take turns. When he is ready to read to you, start by taking turns. You read one page, he reads the next, and so on.

3) Ask deeper questions. Help her build comprehension skills by asking questions about the story, such as why she thinks a character did something and what may come next. Talk to her about which books are her favourites and have her try to explain why.

4) Be patient. Wait quietly as your child tries to work out a word he's unfamiliar with.

5) Help her when she needs it. If she makes a mistake but is close, quickly repeat the word correctly and let her continue without interrupting the flow. If she guesses wildly on a word, help her get the right meaning from the context of the sentence. Answer questions about the meaning of words, but don’t drill her on vocabulary words as you read.

6) Read different-level books. It’s okay if he chooses an "easy" book to read. Reading a familiar favourite is a good confidence booster. Read more advanced books to him to introduce new words and challenging stories.

7) Praise her. Learning to read smoothly is hard work and might frustrate her at times. Encourage her by praising her efforts, paying attention when she wants to read, and making your reading time together fun.

Information from Scholastic Website

2014 brings with it the introduction of Geography to the Australian Curriculum. Geography, along with History, forms the initial strands of the Humanities and Social Sciences subject. During their study of Geography students will learn to question why the world is the way it is, reflect on their relationships with and responsibilities for that world, and propose actions designed to shape a socially just and sustainable future.

Each year the knowledge and understanding of this subject continues to build on previous teaching. Students will be using an inquiry based approach to learn about:

Prep People live in places
Year 1 Places have distinctive features
Year 2 People are connected to many places
Year 3 Places are both similar and different
Year 4 The Earth’s environment sustains all life
Year 5 Factors that shape the human and environmental characteristics of places
Year 6 A diverse and connected world
Year 7 Water in the world

Teachers here at NVSS are excited about the introduction of the new subject and look forward to developing our student’s knowledge about the world we live in.

Carly Wilson
Senior H.O.C
Welcome to school for 2014! My name is Nicole Russon (Rose) and I am the school’s Guidance Officer. I am available five days a week this year, from Monday to Friday. If necessary, you can arrange an appointment by phone or email. I look forward to an exciting and busy year ahead.

Many children experience some anxiety during the transition to school but in most cases this is normal and it usually dissipates in the first few weeks of term. Parents and carers play an important role in supporting children starting school. Children often look to their parents as their guide in regard to any new experience. So it is important that parents exhibit a calm, positive and matter-of-fact response when a child is starting school.

Top Tips for Back to School:

- Stick to a routine. Take your child to school at the same time each morning and pack similar foods in their lunch-box each day. When you get home in the afternoon, do similar activities with them so they get into a routine – because kids love boundaries and they love routine.
- Make the experience as fun and positive as possible. Be supportive and emotionally present. Try to be patient with any problems or issues your child might have at school.
- In the first week of school your child is likely to feel tired as they settle into their new routine, so make sure they get plenty of rest. Try not to schedule big activities this week.

Remember starting school is a transition and there may be some ups and downs as they settle into the school environment. Be aware of any ongoing issues or changes in your child’s behaviour and talk to your child’s teacher if you have any concerns.

Nicole Russon

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P & C News

Welcome to Term 1, 2014.

Firstly the P&C would like to offer a warm welcome to all the new parents and children to our school.

Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th February at 5pm in the Barn Owl Room, Blue Gum Building. We will be providing nibbles and cold drinks. All children are welcome at our meetings. Please feel free to come along and say hi. P&C always welcomes new faces and fresh ideas.

School banking sign on for new students was held on Wednesday, banking can come to school each week with the children. They can earn points towards redeeming for gifts which change each term.

Coming up this year, fundraising ideas include Discos, a billy cart race, Mothers and Father’s Day stalls. If you have any thoughts, please come along to a meeting or drop a note in the P&C box in the office.

Take care, stay safe and enjoy the term.

Christine Keen
P&C Secretary

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Book Club

Issue 1 Due:

Thursday
20th February

All payments must be exact....
No change can be given.

Please take care to fill out the order form correctly.

Include student name and class.

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Hey Kids, Play AFL in 2014!

Come along to one of our Sign On days
Sunday 9th and Saturday 15th February
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At Ormeau Sports Park – Our new Home Ground!
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or Phone: 0432 271 798
www.ormeauafl.com.au

We will also be taking registrations for

- **AFL Masters Team**
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  Enquire at: masters.secretary@ormeauafl.com.au

- **Cheerleading Squad**
  For girls and boys aged between 4 - 12 years.
  Enquire at: cheersquad@ormeauafl.com.au

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**Walking Wheeling Wednesday is Back!!**

As part of our involvement in the Gold Coast City Council’s Active School Travel Program, Walking Wheeling Wednesday returns to Norfolk Village next Wednesday the 12th of February.

If you walk, scoot, ride, or bus to school next week, make sure you collect a new passport from one of our helpful monitors who will be wearing the bright green vests. They will also stamp your passport to get you on your way towards a reward. If you live a fair distance from the school, don’t forget the park and stride option is a great way to be active and take part in the program.

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**Tuckshop News**

**LENDING A HAND IN THE TUCKSHOP – We Need HELP!!**

Our tuckshop is a great place to catch up with others and to contribute to the school. Students love to see someone they love in the tuckshop during their breaks. Flexible shifts are available and with our roster system you know exactly what times you can offer – every hour you can spare is always appreciated. If you can spare an hour or two in the mornings we would love to see you. Call up to the Tuckshop and see Sam or Tracey. With our school growing every year help is always needed to provide the kids with Homemade Meals & Treats.

- **Birthday Cupcakes $1.00 each** – This year we have decided to offer Birthday Cupcakes for the whole class. They need to be ordered and paid 2 days in advance. When ordering please state the class & how many are to be delivered to the classroom.

- **New Product** – This term we have added a Fish Burger to the Menu. It will have 3 fish fingers, lettuce & mayo. It will be available in combo 4 and also 4 fish fingers in combo 7. Should any one have any new ideas for menu items please email me at – streb4@eq.edu.au
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# FREE PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS: Term 1, 2014

## Parenting Made Easier
This is a 6 week program written from a Counsellor's perspective having had many years experience working with families. To understand our children's behaviour, we first must understand the purpose behind their behaviour. This program arms you with strategies to teach your children respect, cooperation and responsibility.

**Wed: 19th February - 26th March 6:30pm-8:30pm (OCCCYC)**

## 1, 2, 3 Magic & Emotion Coaching
A 3 session program for parents and carers to help promote positive behaviour and manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old. Learn how to help your kids become better at managing their emotions.

**Thurs 27th Feb-13th March 6:30pm-8:30pm**

**Fri 21st March-4th April 9:30am-11:30am (OCCYC)**

## Bringing Up Great Kids
This 6 week course is a practical and inspiring approach to parenting that uses mindful reflection to support parents to; review and understand their patterns of communication with their children; promote more respectful interactions; and encourage the development of children's positive self identity.

**Mon 17th Feb-24th March, 9:30am-12midday St Georges Church Hall, Mt Tamborine**

**Thurs 27th Feb-3rd April, 9:30am-12midday (OCCYC)**

## Relationship Rescue
This 6 week program offers an opportunity to explore ways to have a fabulous relationship, to repair a broken relationship or understand why the relationship isn’t working. Relationships include parents, siblings, work associates, partners, spouses and children.

**Tues 18th Feb-25th March, 6:30pm-8:30pm (OCCYC)**

## Babysitting Training
For 12 – 17 year olds, this 6 week course is a practical and fun approach to baby sitting. The course covers interacting with kids, basic first aid, and tips on managing difficult behaviours. A certificate of attendance is provided at the end, supporting you to gain employment.

**Thurs 20th Feb-27th March, 4pm-6pm (OCCYC)**

## Building a Confident Self
This 6 week program nurtures the development of a healthy self esteem, supporting you to fulfil your goals in life.

**Fri 14th February-14th March 9:30am – 12 midday (OCCYC)**

While parents participate in our day programs, children who require childminding can participate in “Kids at Play” activity group (0-5 years accepted). A kid at Play is $5.00 per child, numbers are limited and bookings are essential.

Fee to be paid prior to commencing program.

Please phone 5580 4995/5529 8087 to book a place and / or to register your child/children for childminding.

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**Note:** Whilst all due care is taken to undertake programs regularly, they can be subject to change. Please ensure you book prior to attending any programs.

**Communities for Children** is an initiative of the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs