Dear Norfolk Village State School Parents,

NAPLAN 2014
Students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will be undertaking the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) on 13, 14 and 15 May according to the following testing schedule.

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The school will continue the tradition of providing breakfast over the three days to those students involved in the testing. Breakfast will be served to students involved in NAPLAN testing from 8:15am. It is important that students give themselves the best chance of accurately reflecting their ability by ensuring they maintain regular and healthy eating, sleeping and study habits and avoiding becoming anxious about the assessment.

As previously advised, it is an expectation that all students who are eligible undertake NAPLAN, however some students may be provided with special provisions, exemption or be withdrawn by their parents from testing on religious or philosophical grounds. Parents who are still considering withdrawing their child should contact Deputy Principal Robyn Adair.

South Coast School Sport Regional Representatives
Congratulations to Azor Laomaihe (U11 Rugby League) and Cody Harrison (U12 AFL) who have been selected for South Coast School Sport to compete against other regions at upcoming state championships. This is a fantastic sporting achievement considering South Coast is one of the strongest regions in the state.

NVSS Cross Country Team Competing at Beenleigh District Championship
Best wishes to our cross country team who will be competing at Canterbury College against other schools across the district on Thursday, 8 May (please note the change of day and date). Good luck to the following students: Jesse, Ben, Aiden, Michael, Aiden, Kayla, Cheyanne, Sophie, Talia, Tatiana, Daniel, Cody, Casey, Seth, Ashton, Taleah, Taydom, Charlotte, Milla, Kimberley, Kyle, Jay, Patrick, Tyrell, Aiden, Sophie, Rauri, Tyler, Hazel, Maya

Ormeau Woods State High School Parent Information Session Wednesday 7 May 5:30-7pm
Ormeau Woods State High School is the school of choice for the majority of our students transitioning to secondary school. Ormeau Woods SHS is holding an information session next week for parents of students considering or intending to enrol in 2015 (current Year 6 and 7 students). This is a great opportunity for parents to find out more about the school, the introduction of Year 7, the Junior Secondary program, and to ask further questions. Please find attached a flyer with further details regarding this important session.

Mother’s Day Stall Friday 9 May
Thank you to the P&C who are holding a Mother’s Day Stall on Friday 9 May. A note was sent home this week and information is included in this newsletter regarding the stall.

Go the Roar!
Kind Regards
Daniel Duke

Our 2014 Priorities
1) Improved upper primary reading ability and results
2) Improved lower primary mental maths and number skills
3) Improved ability to cater for the needs of all children including gifted & talented children
4) Creation and implementation of a feedback culture
5) Focus on positive behaviour and consistent implementation of the school behaviour plan

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ANZAC DAY 2014
ANZAC Commemoration
I was so proud of our entire student population last Thursday, especially our Junior school students! Their behaviour during the ANZAC commemoration was outstanding. A big thank you to our teachers who did lead up activities in class about ANZAC Day and the importance of it in our nation. Well done to our school captains who led the commemoration.

Specialist Reports
Can I please ask that the school is given any specialist reports or information pertaining to your child that may be relevant to their education. Reports from specialist speech pathologists, hearing and sight tests, physiotherapists or paediatricians are all valuable information that we can use to assist to cater for your child better. Even if the report states that there is no learning difficulty or concern it is beneficial for us as a school to have this information. Please forward all reports to your class teacher.

Step To Prep
We still have some places available for Step To Prep this term. This is a very valuable transition program we run to help your children get ready for school. Please contact the school office for more information.

Kimberley Button
Deputy Principal

Student Council
Congratulations to the Student Council members who have participated in the Leadership program ‘Team Up’ with the PCYC. Next week they all graduate from the program, and they will be going to the PCYC at Beenleigh for their graduation ceremony. Well done!

New Playground
The new playground for the students in year five, six and seven will be ready to be opened early next week. We are looking forward to the play times in this area.

Robyn Adair
Deputy Principal
CONGRATULATIONS 1B!!!
TIDY AREA WINNERS!

Eli, Chantelle, Chloe, Ryan, Julius, Olivia, Bodee, Reece, Madison, Brooklyn, Rhylun, Martin, Amelia, Charlie, Brianna, Alex, Ashlee, Shiloh, Anabel, Katie, Jacob, Andy, Mackenzie, Jayden, Lucy, Clare, Cooper, Blake, Eliza, Elliot, Drew, Paige, Ben, Lowndes, Zach, Tyson, Kaylee, Marco, Isabella, Jake, Kaea, Oliver.

~STUDENTS OF THE WEEK~
SENIOR

School Hats
Hats are now in stock at the uniform shop. Uniform shop is open from 8.15am—10am Tuesday & Thursday mornings.

Library Bags
Unfortunately we have just been advised that the library bags are not expected to arrive for approximately another 6 weeks. Apologies for the delay, however it is beyond our control.

Statements
Statements were posted home the last day of school prior to the holidays. If you have any queries about a statement you have received please don’t hesitate to contact the school. Unless a payment plan has been made with the school some payment should have been made against the Student Resource Scheme. If having difficulty paying, please contact me on the school number or kbuch11@eq.edu.au.

Payment Options
Payment Window - open Tuesday & Thursday 8.15am - 10am ONLY.
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A/c Name: Norfolk Village State School General A/c
Remember: Child’s surname, initial, class & reference (allow 3 days for processing)
Centrepay Deductions - direct debit of Centrelink payment. Forms available at school office.
Phone - payment by credit card between 10am & 2pm ONLY.
Mail—credit card, cheque or money order.
REMEMBER THAT THE P&C ACCOUNT IS DIFFERENT TO THE SCHOOL ACCOUNT. BE ALERT & DO NOT MAKE SCHOOL PAYMENTS INTO THE P&C ACCOUNT.

Kylie Buchbach
Business Services Manager

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S.E.P NEWS!!!

On Friday 11th April when the Titans played the Broncos, Reanna Wright 3G had the opportunity to ‘run out’ with her favourite NRL football team. Mum & dad (Greig & Amber) reported that Reanna had an “absolute ball” and both thought it was fantastic to see a huge sporting event get behind a great charity. This opportunity became possible because of Titans player Luke Douglas, who selected the Down Syndrome association for their choice of charity for the month of April. Mum advised that there were articles written and coverage on the news and the footy show about the fun day prior to the game.

What a little superstar you are Reanna. Everyone at NVSS is very proud of you!!!
Miss Lyn
The BIG 5 in reading – Fluency, Vocabulary, Comprehension, Text and Text Features and World Knowledge.

This week we unpack the fourth of the five essential elements of reading – **TEXT and TEXT FEATURES**.

Text is an all-encompassing term that relates to a coherent stretch of spoken, written, visual, auditory, spatial language produced in an interaction to exchange meaning. A knowledge of text means that students understand its purpose and the purpose determines the structure of the text. Proficient readers have a knowledge and understanding of the structure of different text types.

There are text types which inform, entertain, argue a point, order a meal, complain about services and achieve many other goals. Different types of texts have distinctive characteristics, depending on what they are made to do. Some examples of Literary Texts include picture books, rhyming poems, limericks, ballads, song lyrics, fairy tales, legends, myths, fables, science fiction, contemporary and classic novels. Some examples of Non-literary texts include recounts, biographies, autobiographies, information factual reports, explanations, arguments, discussions, debates, reviews, news reports, articles and letters to the editor.

Texts can be classified and organised in a multitude of ways. Knowledge of a text and its features means understanding the grammar associated with particular text types. As such students have a better understanding when reading different text types and importantly when writing their own versions.

Apart from explicitly teaching students about the structure of text, teachers will focus student learning around language features such as specialised vocabulary – e.g. mammal or marsupial.

**How to Support Learning**

- Ensure that your child is exposed to range of fiction and non-fiction texts.
- Hold a conversation and discuss what your child has read.
- Ask your child questions about the book—not just content but ask questions about vocabulary used and why it would have been used.
- Take a book walk and talk about layout and structure of the text as well as its content.
- Remember to model behaviours by taking or thinking out loud as you turn the pages of the book. This is a helpful way for your child to see and hear what a successful reader does when faced with difficult or unfamiliar topics.
- Help your child make connections between what he or she reads and similar experiences he has felt, saw in a movie, or read in another book.

**How to Help Your Child Survive NAPLAN**

In Week 4 our Years 3, 5 & 7 students will be sitting NAPLAN. These tests are designed to test the literacy and numeracy skills that have been covered over time through the school curriculum. There are a few tips for parents to ensure their children are mentally prepared to achieve their best during this week.

- Discuss the tests with your child to alleviate any anxiety they might have in regards to your expectations of their performance.
- Ensure your child gets a good night’s sleep.
- Provide a nutritious breakfast so they have the fuel needed to concentrate for a long period.
- Reassure your child that you are proud of how they are achieving in school and that you understand NAPLAN is only a snapshot of their learning.
- Allow your child some chill out time in the afternoons after the tests to help them relax.

We wish all our students sitting NAPLAN the best of luck.

Carly Wilson (3 – 7 HOC)
Andrew McCabe (P – 2 HOC)
ANZAC DAY
From the Guidance Officer

Starting the Term with Confidence!

**How Confidence Develops**
For most children school means spending more time on learning and less on ‘play’. It also means more expectations of them – from parents/carers, teaching staff and also of themselves. Children typically start out with high expectations. When they see how well they do things compared to others, their view of their own abilities often changes. They learn that they are good at some things and not so good at others. They also see how others respond to what they do. These things influence their confidence in their abilities, and influence how willing they are to ‘have a go’ in situations where they feel unsure.

**How Parents and Carers Can Help**
Confidence improves through building on small successes. Parents, carers and teaching staff can help by:
- Explaining that skills develop with practice
- Encouraging persistence when outcomes aren’t achieved straight away
- Praising effort, persistence and improvement
- Making sure that goals are achievable by breaking down large tasks or responsibilities into small steps
- Being ready to help when necessary, without taking over
- Encouraging children to ‘have a go’ and valuing individual improvement

**Confident Thinking**
Self-esteem is an important part of confidence. Having good self-esteem means accepting and feeling positive about yourself. Confidence is not just feeling good but also knowing you are good at something. Remember: How you think affects how you feel.

Particular ways of thinking are very important for building confidence. Helpful ways of thinking include:
- Believing that, if you try, you can succeed
- Finding positive ways to cope with failure and being prepared to give it another go
- Enjoying learning for its own sake by competing with your own performance rather than that of others.

**Dealing with Disappointment**
Everybody fails to achieve their goals sometimes. Parents, carers and teaching staff can help by:
- Acknowledging feelings, and respond sympathetically and with encouragement e.g. “You sound disappointed, but at least you had a go.”
- Helping kids focus on what they can change to make things better, rather than thinking that the situation is unchangeable or that there is something wrong with them, e.g., “What can you try that might make that work better next time?”
- Challenging words like ‘I can’t’ or ‘I’m a failure’, and letting them know that ‘giving up’ may not help them reach their goal.
- Let them know you believe in them and remind them of what they have achieved.

Adapted from: [www.kidsmatter.edu.au](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au)

Nicole Russon

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**Bike and Street Fest...**

**When:** Sunday 4 May 2014, 10am - 2pm

**Where:** Varsity Parade, Varsity Lakes

Bike and Street Fest is a City of Gold Coast celebration of bikes and all forms of active travel in a space that is used primarily by cars. Join us for a range of activities and entertainment, including a street parade, kids activities, bicycle art, live music, BMX demonstrations, bicycle maintenance workshops, Zero the Hero show, bling your bike competition, a bicycle show and shine and lucky draw prizes.

It’s more than an occasion for avid bike riders. We will be celebrating all modes of non-motorised transport, including walking, roller blading and skating.

If you live locally, you might want to walk, ride, scoot or skate to the event. The first 25 people to ride to the event and visit the Active Travel stall will win a movie ticket.

Activities at Bike and Street Fest include:
- Live music and street parade
- BMX demonstrations by former Australian champion rider Tim Wood
- Special guest appearance by local cycling champion Sara Carrigan
- Kids’ activities and entertainment including Zero the Hero road safety show and roving entertainment
- Bling Your Bike workshop with prizes for best bike (1st prize 1 x family VIP pass to Movie World, Sea World and Wet’n’Wild Water World)
- Training wheels to two wheels workshop (for children aged five to 10 years)
- Bicycle maintenance workshops
- Exhibitions by local bicycle retailers and clubs
- Show and Shine – bring your best looking vintage, crazy or innovative bike down and put it on display for a chance to win a $100 bicycle store gift voucher
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Hi everyone,

Welcome to Term 2, I hope that you all enjoyed the holidays.

On the 9th May, we have the Mother’s Day stall. For those new to the school we have a stall with gifts for sale. All the classes come down and the kids pick a gift to purchase for Mum or grandma. This is a good time saver for Dad. We have gifts for $4, $6 and $10. We have a lucky Raffle prize for students who purchase at the Stall, an Entertainment Book worth $55.00.

If you have any time to spare on the Friday, please contact the P&C a couple of extra hands make the day go quicker and it’s fun to help out the kids with gift buying. The flyers have been sent to teachers to be distributed and sent home on Tuesday, so keep an eye out for it.

If you can help please email me on pandcsecretary@norfolkvillages.eq.edu.au

Our other fundraiser at present is the Entertainment Books, these can be purchased directly online via visa, otherwise a flyer is at the office with a display book and order forms. These forms can be completed and placed in the P&C box along with cash or cheque made out to the P&C. Once I receive the forms or emails advising that an order has been placed the book will be sent home with your child. I have attached a flyer with the link to this newsletter. You can click through to the link by using control right click and that will take you through to the order page.

Mother’s Day Stall
Friday 9th May 2014

The P&C Association is holding the annual Mother’s Day Stall. Each class has been allocated a time slot on the day as per the timetable on the back of the flyer sent home earlier this week. Each child will have the opportunity to choose a gift for their very special Mum (or Grandma) from a variety of items priced at $4, $6 or $10.

Christine Keen
The most significant changes are listed below but PLEASE check the NEW timetables attached for further info.

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P.E. UPDATE

MORE SCHOOL REPS!
District Soccer: Jay from grade 7
Regional AFL: Cody from grade 6
Regional Rugby League: Azor from grade 5

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY
Next Thursday NVSS will have 30 students attending the Beenleigh District Cross Country trials at Canterbury College. We wish them all good luck!

GALA DAYS
Unfortunately Gala Day today was cancelled due to the weather. Our last Gala Day for Semester 1 occurs next Friday the 9th of May. Our teams have achieved some great results so far. Let's keep it up for the remaining games!

Thanks
Josh Stamp
Stellar start to 2014

The property market has had an impressive start to the year, with every capital city recording a month-on-month rise in property values.

In March, capital city prices grew by 2.3 per cent which pushed the overall capital increase across the country to 3.5 per cent in the first quarter of the year.

Melbourne posted the highest level of growth at 5.4 per cent over the quarter. Sydney and Hobart also recorded a strong March quarter with values up 4.4 per cent and 4.7 per cent respectively.

According to RP Data research director Tim Lawless, half of all Australia’s capital cities are now posting record-high dwelling values, with Sydney’s housing market showing the most substantial increase beyond its previous market high.

“Sydney dwelling values are now 15.8% higher than their previous peak, substantially more than Melbourne where dwelling values are 4.7% higher than their previous peak. Perth and Canberra values have risen to be 2.9 and 1.2% higher than their previous high point, respectively,” Mr Lawless said.

“Over the long term, I don’t believe such a strong pace of growth can be sustained - we expect housing market conditions to cool down as the year progresses”.

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