Principal’s Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Class Re-structure
Thank you for your support and understanding with the arrangements and changes we had to make to create our 13th class. We will leave forming the class until the last day of term.

Family Conferences
A fantastic response to the conferences and very favourable comments about the extra time we allowed to engage in such important discussions.

Dental Health Visit
Next term, from June 1st for the following week, we will be visited by Australian Mobile Dental Care. This is a fully equipped van providing on-site oral health care.

The way the Dental Scheme works is that parents must fall under part A of the family tax benefit, which is $140,000 or below household income. This is under CBDS (Child Benefit Dental Scheme). This allows each child from 2-17 years of age to use $1000 worth of Dental Care which includes a Dental Assessment and or GUS Treatment (Scale clean, Fluoride Treatment). However if parents fall outside of this, each child is entitled to a Free Dental Assessment regardless.

There will be more information and consent forms sent home next term.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data
Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.

We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with a disability. Better data will help the Government plan for students with a disability. The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The national data collection is underpinned by the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA) and the Disability Standards for Education 2005 (the Standards). The DDA and Standards use a very broad and inclusive definition of what constitutes a disability, it does not require a medical or professional diagnosis.

The decision as to whether a particular child falls within this definition for this data collection relies on the professional judgement of school staff about each child’s additional educational needs. A decision as to whether a child should be included in the data collection will occur in consultation with you, as a parent or carer, and requires your consent. No names or personal information is collected as part of the collection process.

The focus of the data collection is primarily what level of additional support or ‘adjustment’ a student is provided with so that they can take part in education activities like all other children. Adjustments might include such things as extra tuition, modified learning tools and programs or physical adjustments to the school environment such as ramps. These are the things that schools do now and this won’t change. Students with disability whose needs are being accommodated in the ordinary course of school and continued ….
Principal’s Message continued

teaching practice are considered as not being provided with an adjustment for the purposes of the data collection and will be recorded under the category ‘no adjustment.

Attendance

As I mentioned a couple of weeks ago, we have implemented the changes required under the new Attendance Policy. Students are coming to school after the morning bell (9:05am) and presenting at the office for a late note. If they are not accompanied by parents/carers or don’t have a written explanation we have to mark the partial absence as “unexplained”. It is important that if a student is late, they are accompanied by family to the office or are sent to school with a note explaining their lateness or families can ring and notify the office before the student arrives. To assist parents with this process we will include a ‘late explanation note’ each week in the newsletter.

What a busy, productive and incredibly fast term we have had. Difficult to believe next week will see the end of Term 1. We look forward to seeing many of you at school for the Infants Easter Hat Parade or to view the ‘Year 3 & 4 Eggshibition’ next Thursday.

Kind regards,

Christine Wild
Principal

Kindergarten - Rainbow Day
Friday, 27th March

Next Friday, 27th March is Rainbow Day for Kindergarten. Kindergarten students may come to school out of uniform, wearing a variety of multi coloured clothing.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES

LAST DAY OF TERM – Thursday, 2nd April

School Development Day will be held on Monday 20th April (pupil free day)

All students return to school on Tuesday, 21st April

MEDICAL MATTERS

Chicken Pox

We have had a report of chicken pox in a student at our school. Chicken pox is caused by a virus which is spread easily from person to person, usually by airborne droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes, or by contact with the fluid from a chicken pox sore.

Symptoms may include slight fever and a runny nose. Chicken pox is characterised by an itchy rash of small, red bumps on the face and trunk that spreads rapidly to other parts of the body. The red bumps quickly become small blisters that crust over. Successive crops of blisters develop over 2-4 days, with most being crusted over within six days of the rash first appearing. Individuals affected may feel very sick and have a fever lasting 3-5 days.

Children with chicken pox need to be kept home for 5 days after the rash first appears and until the blisters have all scabbed over. Chicken pox can be prevented by immunisation.

Information provided by NSW Health
Parents are invited to school on
THURSDAY, 2nd APRIL

Come along and enjoy-
- The infants Easter Hat Parade at 10.20 am
- Morning tea with your child 11.05 am to 11.30 am
- View the Year 3 & 4 ‘Eggshibition’ projects from 11.05 am to 12.00 pm in the library

The canteen will have tea, coffee and slices, biscuits and cakes on sale for parents to purchase for morning tea.

Any donations of cakes/slices etc. would be greatly appreciated.

North Haven Public School
Student Absence Note

My child ____________________________ of class _______ was absent from school on the following dates ______________________________________________________ for the following reason ______________________________________________________

Parent’s/Carer’s Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________________

North Haven Public School
Student Late Note

To be used if parent/carers are unable to accompany children into the office if arriving at school late (after 9.05 am).

My child ____________________________ of class _______ is late for school today ___/___/____ (insert date) for the following reason ______________________________________________________

Parent’s/Carer’s Signature: ___________________________
Clean Up The School Day

Our Term 1 clean up will be held next **Thursday, 2nd April** for primary students. Students in years 3-6 may bring rubber, disposable or gardening gloves for this activity if they wish.

There should not be too much rubbish to collect if all students remember to take pride in our great school and continue to use the garbage bins for their rubbish.

We believe this approach supports a clean and tidy environment for the whole year.

Gymnastics for Sport
Term 2, 2015

North Haven Public School will be again be providing ‘**Gymaroo Gymnastics**’ as a sport option on Thursdays during Term 2. Gymaroo Gymnastics provide qualified, enthusiastic coaches using safe equipment. The program is based on the Primary School curriculum.

There will be two sessions of approximately 50 minutes each week – one session for students in Years 3 to 6 and one session for Years 1 & 2.

**Students who returned notes and missed out in term one will be given the first opportunity to participate in gymnastics in Term 2. Mr Tyrrell will speak to these students to see if they are still interested in doing gym.***

The cost of the seven week program is $30 and will commence in week one, term two on **Thursday, 23 April**. The $30 fee must be paid in advance before the commencement of the program. Unfortunately weekly instalments cannot be accepted.

If your child is interested in participating in Gymaroo Gymnastics, please return the slip below.

As there are only thirty places available in each session the first thirty students from Years 3-6 and the first thirty from Years 1 & 2 to return their permission note and $30 payment will be accepted to participate in the program.

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North Haven Public School
Gymaroo Gymnastics

I give my child ………………………………. of class ………. permission to participate in Gymaroo Gymnastics for sport in Term 2, 2015.

I understand the cost of the program is $30, payable at the commencement of the program.

I enclose $30 payment.

Parent’s/Carer’s Signature: ……………………… Date: ………………

AT THE CANTEEN NEXT WEEK
CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA!!

In the lead up to Easter the canteen will have various chocolate items on the menu. Each day will have a different surprise and may include such items as chocolate custard, chocolate pancakes, chucky crackles etc. YUM!!