



WELCOME

Welcome back for 2017. This year has started well and we are all looking forward to seeing you on Feb 17th at the Welcome Back to School event.

Attendance:

Western Australian law stipulates that all school-aged children must go to and attend school every day. This is for all our students.

Developing the habit of going to school every day is vital so children do not miss out on important ideas and skills they need for future learning. Did you know:

- missing half a day of school each week equates to one month of missed learning per year
- the attendance habits set by children when they first start school continue throughout their school life
- learning is cumulative – if your children miss a day, it is harder for them to catch up.

You can help by arriving and collecting your children on time; making sure they get enough sleep; and making appointments with doctors, dentists and specialists, and making holiday plans during school holidays and not during the school term.

If one of your children is unwell and unable to go to school, let us know straight away by telephone or by the school app. If they miss a day it is important you talk with their teacher to find out how you can help them catch up.

SCHOOL APP / FACEBOOK

Our School App is available to download for free from the App Store and Play Store. The school app has links to our weekly newsletter, term planner and e-forms. You can also customise the app to receive information regarding class events and information relevant to your children. Stay in the loop! Join our Facebook Group at **North Morley Primary School P&C** to find out about events in and around the school. This is a closed and private group. Only parents, carers and staff of the students here at North Morley are able to join.



STAFFING FOR 2017

We would like to introduce the staff for 2017

Administration

Principal	Ms Lisa Gibson
Deputy	Ms Donna Reid
MCS	Mr Trevor Grey

Teaching Staff

Kindy	Mrs Helene Offer After retiring as a rodeo clown (her spirit willing but her poor feet could not take it) Helene joins us in the Kindy for her first year of teaching. Ms Donna Reid spent Australia Day this year flying over Antarctica.
Pre Primary	Mrs Martine Logue saw a white lion at the Crocodile Park in Darwin. It was very beautiful but it smelt like wee.
Pre Primary/1	Ms Coby Francis who has undertaken a 60km charity trek in NSW twice!
Year 1/2	Mrs Chris Gray whose first teaching job was on a small 120m x 60m island in the Abrolhos Islands. Mrs Liz Compton names her cats after her favourite foods.
Year 2/3	Mrs Lisa Thomas wants to be a Veterinarian when she grows up.
Year 3/4	Mrs Lee Cecins slept the night on the beach at Anzac Cove.
Year 4/5	Mr Scott Passmore joins us after spending the last 2 years teaching in remote Bidyadanga.
Year 6	Mr Andrew Brunt use to be a Martial Arts instructor.
LOTE	Mr Phillip Shields is a professor.
Phys Ed	Mr Ben Farrell wanted to be a professional basketball player when he was growing up.
Music	Mrs Dixie Poh is a mermaid on the weekend.

Support Staff

School Officer	Mrs Fran Armstrong has never owned her own car.
Library Officer	Mrs Lee Letizia loves going to rock concerts.
Education Assistants	Mrs Deb Clarke has always wanted her own fruit and veg shop just like Mr V. Mrs Narelle Lloyd's first language was Malay. Ms Kristy Verevis has a twin sister. Mrs Vicki Thomas owned horses for 25 years. Mrs Julie Cugley's hair has been EVERY colour of the rainbow. Mrs Iona Rinaldi
Gardener	Mr Rob Kell is a world traveller whose favourite place to visit is Japan.
Cleaner in Charge	Mrs Naumka Naumoska
Cleaner	Mrs Juga Suleska
Cleaner	Ms Rosa Benitez
Cleaner	Kate Naumoska

COMING EVENTS

Monday 6 February

Speeches/Voting for Student Councillors

P&C AGM 7:30pm

Friday 10 February

Assembly

Monday 13 February

First Day of swimming Yr 3-6

Thursday 16 February

School Council Meeting

Friday 17 February

Welcome Back Disco & Picnic 5-7pm

INTERM SWIMMING

Swimming lessons will commence for years 3-6 on Monday 13 February – Friday 24 February. Please return your child's swimming enrolment forms and payment by this Thursday 9 February.



VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

Congratulations! You are practising Cooperation when you...

- Work well with others
- Freely offer your help and ideas
- Follow the rules
- Do your part to keep a safe and happy environment
- When you disagree, do it peacefully
- Ask for help when you need it



Virtue Certificates

Recipients of this fortnights virtue certificates are;

Pre Primary
Pre Primary/1
Year 1/2
Year 2/3
Year 3/4
Year 4/5
Year 6

Isabella Lepper, Jesse Tuia
Heaven Davis, Justyna Kochan-Mazurek
Bryce McGivern, Jonathan Sturniolo
Lily Mollica, Zain Albedary
Prosper Ticharava, Romaana Pandor
Rowen Gage
Piper Gage

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who will receive a Merit Award at this Friday's assembly.

Pre Primary	Kaea Te Wano, Ruken Daglarkian
Pre Primary/1	Arman Demir, Joaquin Bacungan
Year 1/2	Qisha Rizal, Yusef Al Soedy
Year 2/3	Alyssa Hopping, Kianti Murphy
Year 3/4	Nicholas Sale, Stephani Forster
Year 4/5	Raiya Woolridge, Tony-Mark Githendu
Year 6	Beau McGrath, Brandon Cappeau

STUDENT COUNCIL

The year 6 students interested in running for Student Council gave their speeches to the years 3-6 students yesterday. The students and staff have voted and the results will be in on Friday. Speeches and voting for Faction Captains will be held Friday



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

ALL staff here at North Morley Primary School undertakes their Duty of Care obligations very seriously. To help us effectively look after your children we need your support in the following ways:

- Dropping your child off no earlier than **8:30am**. All children are to remain in the old undercover area until their classrooms are open at **8:40am**.
- Picking up your children promptly after school.
- Leaving the school grounds as quickly as possible so we can see who has not been picked up.
- Supervising **ALL** of your children effectively by not allowing them to run around the school and through the gardens.
- Notifying the office in writing if someone else is picking up your child.

It is the teachers' responsibility to supervise children after school until they are collected.

If your child is not collected by 3:20 in the afternoon they will be directed to After School Care.

TUESDAY EARLY CLOSE

Please note that Tuesday is early pick up. The school day finishes at 2:35pm.

STUDENT MEDICAL PLANS

All students with a medical condition such as Anaphylaxis (bee stings or food allergies) or Asthma need to have an Action Plan. These plans outline the steps to take if the student is experiencing symptoms and they are essential in making ALL STAFF aware of the correct procedures to follow.

It is a requirement of the Education Department that student Action Plans are updated every twelve months. Action Plans are completed by the child's doctor.

If you have not already done so please get an updated plan from your doctor.



MOBILE PHONES

We encourage all students to leave mobile phones at home. We do however accept that some parents give their children mobile phones to enable them to be contacted OUTSIDE of school time.

Any student bringing a mobile phone to school is required to turn it off on arrival at school and to hand it in to the school office. Students can collect their phone from the office at the end of the school day.

CRUNCH & SIP

Please pack a 'Crunch and Sip' for your child. "Crunch and Sip" is a nutritious, not messy snack your child may have at their desk. Some suggestions are veggie sticks, apple, a banana, etc. Please no yogurts or dips.

RECYCLING

Battery recycling starts next week on Wednesday 15 February and continues every second Wednesday. The year 6 students will be in the After School Care area before school to collect your batteries. Factions receive points for batteries collected. Please refer to your term planner for dates.



PARKING

We would like to remind everyone about our parking rules and regulations here at North Morley. It is extremely important that everyone follows these restrictions for the safety of our students and the community. Attached is a map of our school grounds along with the road rules pertaining to our school.

Be aware and be careful...

City of Stirling and City of Bayswater rangers have the power to issue infringement notices to motorists who park illegally around schools. It is against the law to

- Park in residential driveways and verges across from the school.
- Park in NO STOPPING and NO PARKING zones
- Park in unmarked bays
- Double parking
- Make u turns.

Please, for the safety of ALL children, obey the parking signs and use common courtesy when parking around the school.

PLEASE NOTE: Parents are NOT to use ANY of the school/staff driveways and car parks for the picking up and dropping off of children.

CHOIR

The North Morley Choir will be performing in two awesome events this year:

- The Children Sing Fest: an adjudicated festival for primary school choirs, held in term 2 at the Octagon Theatre, UWA.
- The WA Massed Choir Festival at the Perth Concert Hall in Term 3.

In order to qualify the choir must have a minimum number of 25 students performing on the day. Auditions for the choir are open to all year 4, 5 and 6 students and will be held Thursday 9th February.

This is going to be a very exciting year in the music room. Mrs Poh hopes to see some eager performers at the audition.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The first School Council meeting for this year will be on Thursday 16 February.

FATHERING PROJECT

The first event for the North Morley Fathering Project is a BBQ on Saturday 25 February. Join the Facebook Group - **North Morley Primary School P&C** to be part of the conversation. BBQ details to follow closer to the event.

P&C NEWS

Office Bearers 2017

Our Annual General Meeting was held last night. All of the P&C roles for the upcoming year have been filled. Thank you to the following people for taking these on.

President	Robin Gage
Vice President	Lucy Oreb
Treasurer	Rachel Cappeau
Secretary	Emma Harris
Canteen Manager	Ania Mosor
Uniform Shop	Kimberley Sarich
School Banking	Raelene Forster
Executive Committee	Mark Lynch
	Sara Woolridge
Garden Club	Sureyya Demir
Scholastic Rep	Rachael Borshoff

Class Reps

The following parents will be our schools classroom representatives for 2017. These people will act as a liaison between the school, the P&C and the parents. They are your go to person if you have questions regarding P&C related events. Thank you to the following parents for volunteering for this role.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Parent</u>
Kindy	Raelene Forster & Emma Harris
PP	Kat Noble
PP/1	Sureyya Demir
1/2	Kimberley Sarich
2/3	Rachael Borshoff
3/4	Damien Woolridge
4/5	Robin Gage
6	Lucy Oreb

Welcome Back Disco

Our annual Welcome Back Disco and Parent/Teacher info night will be held on Friday 17 February from 5-7pm. Please bring a NUT FREE dish to share on the communal picnic table as well as a blanket, drinks and other picnic items needed for your family.

A schedule will be posted to inform parents of when their child's class will be open. Please note that this is a general information session with the teachers. One on one meetings can be organized for a later date. Staff will supervise the children during the disco while you are in their classrooms. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

School Banking

Welcome to the 2017 school year. Commonwealth School Banking runs at North Morley on Thursday mornings between 8.30 and 8.50 am in the P&C block.

For those unaware, school banking has the following fundraising benefits to our school:

- * Every new student who registers earns the school \$5 commission

- * Commission of 5% on each deposit made (up to a maximum of \$10 commission per deposit - \$200 deposit limit per day)

- * A minimum commission of \$25 per quarter (as long as one deposit or one new student sign up is received)

In 2016, school banking commissions totalled \$532.31. Thank you to all students and parents who helped us achieve this.

The theme for 2017 is Future Savers. More information regarding this can be found at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. Term 1 sees rewards of a handball and colour changing markers. I can also confirm that there will be another handball on offer later in the year due to the incredible demand for these in previous years.

This year there is another fantastic, easy entry competition running until the end of term 3. Simply make 15 deposits before September 21 and you will be automatically entered into the competition. You could win a holiday to Tokyo Disneyland!

We look forward to welcoming new faces this year and continuing on with those children we already know so well.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is located in the Arts Centre and will open from 8:30-9:00am on assembly days. Please refer to your term planner for these dates. If you have any uniform requirements outside of these hours, please fill in an order form which is available in the office.

Canteen

Our Canteen will be running with a new format this year. Stay tuned!

Scholastic Book Club

The Book Club will be going home once a term. Book Club order forms will be going home with students once available. All orders can be left in the marked box in the P&C Block.

Next P&C Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 March at 7:30pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Robin Gage
P&C President