



WELCOME

Welcome to week Five – the weeks feel like they are flying by this term. It is going to be another hot week this week so please ensure your children have their hat and drink bottle.

The students from years 3-6 have completed their school swimming lessons for this year. Congratulations to the students for working hard towards achieving their levels.

A reminder to everyone that there will be no school on Monday as it is a public holiday. I am sure you will all enjoy the break. Be safe.

Internet and Screen Use:

In our high tech world, our children are growing to understand the internet, use devices and develop computer literacy in a way that parents can be unprepared for. Here are some ideas for managing your child's internet and screen use at home.

Don't be afraid to say no to your child, even when they say everyone else is allowed to do it!

- Limit screen time to what you decide is reasonable and don't allow screens to be used within 2 hours of bed time as it will interfere with sleep.
 - Make sure you play the games that your children have access to. Be aware of the content, any opportunities for online chatting and any violence that may be involved. Be aware of the addictive nature of digital games when you decide what and how often your child can play them.
 - Supervise **all** internet use. Do not allow smart phones, Ipads or computers to be used in the bedrooms. All internet access should happen within your view. The family room or such usually works well. Make sure your child doesn't have access to devices at night. Temptation can be very strong.... You would not believe the amount to children who tell me that they are messaging or playing games at night when their parents are asleep.
 - Install parent controls. They can block sexually explicit sites, set screen limits, block numbers and SMS, allow or block websites, restrict chat features and allow parent monitoring. Visit safety.gov.au/education-resource/iparent/onlinesafeguards/parent-controls for more information.
 - Talk to your child. Talk to them about internet use and how to be safe. **Kik, Instagram, Snapchat and Facebook are *not* for children under 13 years of age.**
 - Consider forming an agreement or contract with your child about their internet usage. This teaches them to take responsibility and consider the risks they face when being online.
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MOVING FORWARD AIMING HIGH

For new families, ERG stands for Expert Review Group.

POL: This Tuesday our Phases Of Learning Teams met last Tuesday afternoon. The K-2 team is headed by Miss Francis and the Year 3-6 team is headed by Mr Brunt.

For the first meeting of the year the teams combined to look at the PM Benchmark Reading Assessment resources presented by Ann Forde. This is a reading assessment resource that guides teaching practice and shows consistency throughout the school. It also comes with a variety of reading books for students that includes both fiction and nonfiction readers.

PBS: For those new families to the school, the PBS stands for Positive Behaviour Support. We have a team of staff here at North Morley who will continue the school's work across 2017. We have our first meeting for the year this Thursday after school and will be discussing how to create the school's Behaviour Matrix. In semester two last year, the staff, students and school community had an input in to which behaviours our school would like to see and which positive behaviour words we should incorporate into our matrix planning. The PBS Team are Mr Ben Farrell, Mrs Lisa Thomas, Mrs Narelle Lloyd, Mrs Deb Clarke, Mrs Lisa Gibson and Mr Mark Lynch. We also welcome our new PBS member - Mr Scott Passmore.

Lisa Thomas (ERG Project Manager)

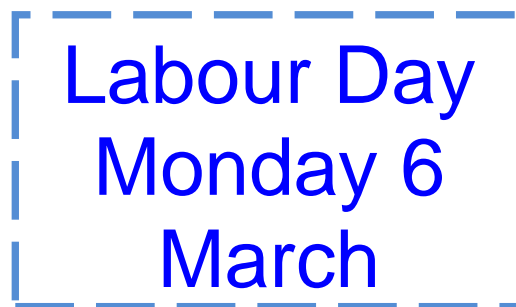
COMING EVENTS

This week

- ❖ Friday 3 March
Canteen Day

Next week

- ❖ Monday 6 March
Public Holiday
- ❖ Tuesday 7 March
P&C Meeting 7:30pm
- ❖ Thursday 9 March
Free Dress Day
- ❖ Friday 10 March
Student Council Assembly
- ❖ Saturday 11 March
Election Sausage Sizzle @ NMPS



Labour Day
Monday 6
March

SCHOOL COUNCIL

This week we are calling for nominations for 2 Parent Representatives to join the School Council. If we receive only 2 nominations those 2 people will automatically become members of the school Council. However if we receive more than 2 nominations we will hold an election and all parents of the school will be able to cast a vote. A copy of the nomination form is at the end of this newsletter or a copy can be collected from the office. All nominations must be received by Friday 10 March 2017 (3:30pm). Please return the completed form to the office.

VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT - Courage

What is courage? Courage is personal bravery in the face of fear. It is doing what needs to be done even when it is really hard or scary. Courage is going ahead even when you feel like giving up. Courage is needed in trying new things. It is admitting mistakes and then doing the right thing. Courage is the strength in your heart.

Uniform Free Day!! Thursday 9th March 2017



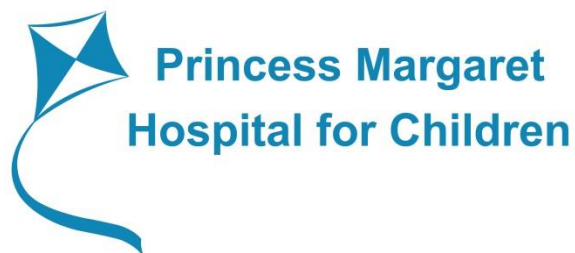
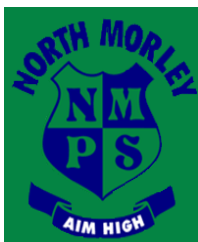
Wear your own (tidy) clothes to school for the day instead of your school uniform



Why? – To benefit Radio Lollipop at Princess Margaret Hospital



NO HIGH HEELS!



Cost – A gold coin donation (to be collected on the day by student councillors)

THANK YOU

We have posted green signs around the school to highlight the parking rules and regulations. We would like to thank everyone for their efforts with this ongoing issue. We would like to remind everyone that:

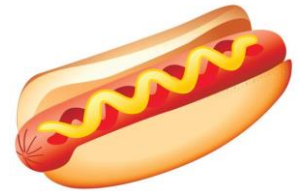
- Parking is not allowed on the verge OR the road on the residential side of Bunya Street.
- The KISS & DRIVE is for dropping off and picking up only. Please do not park and leave your car there.
- Parking is not allowed in the yellow striped area in front of the admin staff parking.

Let's all work together for the safety of our students and community members.

P&C NEWS

Election Sausage Sizzle

The P&C will be running a sausage sizzle here at NMPS during the election on Saturday 11 March. Please pop down, vote and buy as sausage to support NMPS.



Canteen

The Canteen cannot operate without volunteers! So, we are inviting parents to PLEASE sign up on the roster for Term 1 2017. Sadly, at the end of the year we lose some of our lovely parent helpers as their children go to high school. Canteen info and order forms went home with students yesterday. Please add your name next to a day that suits your schedule. Many hands make light work!

Volunteers
needed!!

If you're not able to volunteer we invite parents and friends of the school to donate home baked cakes, biscuits and sweet or savory slices for sale in the canteen on our Special Recess days *to be announced*. Please remember we are a NUT AWARE school.

Ingredients, plastic ware, napkin donations are another option for the non-bakers out there and are always appreciated. This all helps our bottom line. Lastly, if you have any CANTEEN MENU SUGGESTIONS we would love to hear them. We look forward to your input and Thank you for your continued support.

Auditor

We are still looking for an auditor to do a basic audit of our P&C books. If there are any family or friends of NMPS that is an Accountant or similar, and would be interested in helping us, please contact the office or your class rep.

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

North Morley Primary School Council

Nomination of a candidate for Parent Representative on the School Council 2017

I wish to nominate myself as a candidate for election to the School Council.

Full name:

Candidate Profile

Declaration of candidate

I nominate myself as a candidate and if elected will accept the responsibility of being a parent representative.

Signature of
candidate:

Date: / /

Please return this form to the School Office by 10 March 2017