



WELCOME

Welcome back after a hot long weekend. As we are half way through the term, I wish to share with you an article from the Department of Education's website. I hope it can help if you need it.

Adjusting to a new routine, dealing with social anxiety and making friends can be tricky, so we had a chat with an experienced school psychologist, Suzanne Gibbney, to put together the three top tips for settling your children into school.

1. **Set a morning routine:** No TV or devices.
2. Have things prepared the night before - like lunches or sports gear.
3. **See them off at school the right way:** Drop them off to the undercover area, or sit with them until 8:40am when they will be released to go to class and prepare for the day.
4. **Help them make friends for life:** We all remember sharing highs and lows at school with best friends. Friendships make school memorable and, most of all, make learning exciting.

“If your child is struggling to make friends, it's important to keep things in perspective.” says Ms Gibbney.

“Empathise with your child's feelings, but keep those feelings in perspective. Children usually let go of the pain a lot faster than we do.”

“Also remember that, as parents, we may overreact and blame others unfairly because we only know one perspective.”

To help your children develop friendships:

1. Encourage and help them to invite friends home.
 2. Create opportunities to meet new friends outside school time.
 3. Make friends with the parents of your children's friends (and those they don't get along with).
 4. Model being a good friend with your own social group and talk with your children about the way good friends act.
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Moving Forward, Aiming High

On Entry: Our Pre-primary, Year One's and Year Two's have been busy with On Entry testing in Literacy and Numeracy this fortnight. The testing is done one to one and once completed, staff will contact parents with the results towards the latter part of this term. **PBS:** The PBS (Positive Behaviour Support) team held their first meeting for the term and have come up with the North Morley Behaviour Acronym. This took into account last year's extensive surveys of staff, students, parents, the School Council and the P&C. Our PBS Acronym is "SPORT", encompassing Be SAFE, POSITIVE, ORGANISED, RESPECTFUL and TOLERANT. Our catch phrase will be: "BE A GREAT SPORT! in ALL that you do". The PBS Action Plan for our school includes eighteen steps which are developed over two years. The school commenced working on this plan in term four, 2016. The next step is to work on a behavioural matrix across all different school areas and settings. The PBS team will consult with staff in week seven to commence this process.

COMING EVENTS

This 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



THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

2017 TERM DATES FOR STUDENTS

TERM 1	WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY	-	FRI 7 APRIL <small>(Teachers resume Monday 30 January and 31 Jan - school development days)</small>
TERM 1 BREAK SATURDAY 8 APRIL - SUNDAY 23 APRIL			
TERM 2	WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL	-	FRIDAY 30 JUNE <small>(Teachers resume Monday 24 April – school development day)</small>
TERM 2 BREAK SATURDAY 1 JULY - SUNDAY 16 JULY			
TERM 3	TUESDAY 18 JULY	-	FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER <small>(Teachers resume Monday 17 Jul school development day)</small>
TERM 3 BREAK SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER - SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER			
TERM 4	TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER	-	THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER <small>(Teachers resume Monday 9 Oct and attend Fri 15 Dec – school development days)</small>
Any alterations to the above dates will be advised through the school newsletter.			

Children do not attend on the following public holidays;
Labour Day Monday 6 March, Anzac Day Tuesday 25 April, WA Day Monday 5 June.

School Council

There are just a few days left for parents to nominate themselves to be one of 2 Parent Representatives on the School Council. Nomination forms can be obtained from the school office or from last week's newsletter. All nominations must be received by this Friday 10th March 3:30pm. For more information on what it means to be part of the School Council ask for a summary sheet at the office or call me on 0409 372 236 with your questions.

Natalie Thompson
School Council Chairperson

VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT - Courage

You are practising Courage when you...

- Do what is right even when it is hard or scary
- Find strength in your heart even when you are afraid
- Are willing to try new things
- Admit mistakes and learn from them
- Make amends when you do something wrong
- Ask for help



Virtue Certificates

Recipients of this fortnights virtue certificates are;

Pre Primary	Claire Reid & Tysha Kaur
Pre Primary / Year 1	Alison Le & Shiloh Haysom
Year 1/2	Leon Maglov & Mikayla Sarich
Year 2/3	Emmanuel Dayee & Shiarra Claveria
Year 3/4	Phoenix Thomas & Tyler Cornock
Year 4/5	Jordan Herrington
Year 6	Argyle Torpy

Merit Awards

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

Pre Primary	Mila Menchetti & Tyler White
Pre Primary / Year 1	Ellie Joubert & Ilknur Sevinc
Year 1/2	Jared Bompat & Thenuja Ganegoda
Year 2/3	Sasha Kordzik & Zain Albedary
Year 3/4	Stephanie Forster & Hamish McLeod
Year 4/5	Teoman Demir
Year 6	Angelina Oreb & James Colgan

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following Students of the Week.

Pre Primary / Year 1	Ellie Joubert & Ilknur Sevinc
Year 1/2	Kevin Lena & Nathan Hidalgo
Year 2/3	Sasha Kordzik & Zain Albedary
Year 3/4	Praising Shwe & Rian Balhom
Year 4/5	Tony Mark Githendu
Year 6	Luke D'Amico & Madison Wheelock

NIM READING PROGRAM

The NIM (Neurological Impress Method) Reading programme will begin on Wednesday 8 March 2017. It is run from Monday to Thursday between 8:15-8:45am in the school library. This program is run by volunteers. If you have any queries or would like you child to participate please do not hesitate to contact Donna Reid during office hours on 93751051.

P&C NEWS

Canteen

Just a reminder that the canteen will be open every Friday for lunch only. This weeks 'Day of Awesomeness' order forms need to be returned to the canteen box by Wednesday 8 March.

Book Club

The Scholastic Book Club catalogue will be sent home with students once a term. Please leave your orders in the Scholastic locked box in the P&C Block by the due date. A percentage of all sales made through Scholastic Book Clubs and Fairs are donated to our library to purchase new books and resources. Term 1 order forms are due back Friday 17 March.

Zumba Fundraiser

One of our fabulous parents will be running a Zumba Fundraiser here at NMPS

Saturday 1 April
7:00 - 8:30pm
North Morley Primary Art Centre
Entry is \$10 per person (cash only please)



All funds raised will be donated to NMPS. All fitness levels welcome. Please wear comfortable sports clothing, shoes and bring a towel and water bottle. This is an adults only event. Friends and family welcome!

Election Sausage Sizzle

The P&C Election sausage sizzle is this Saturday 11 March. Come down and support our first fundraiser of the year.



Harmony Day Food Safari

This year's Food Safari is shaping up to be bigger than ever! We already have families donating dishes from 8 different countries. If you would like to donate a dish to represent your country on the day, please see your classroom rep.

School Banking

Just a reminder to all of our Commonwealth bankers that school banking is every Thursday morning from 8:30-9:00am in the P&C Block. This semester has another fantastic competition available to Commonwealth bankers running until the end of term 3. Simply make 15 deposits before September 21 and you will be automatically entered into the competition for the chance to win a holiday to Tokyo Disneyland!

P&C Meeting Tonight

The P&C will be meeting tonight at 7:30pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Robin Gage
P&C President