SAPSASA SWIMMING

On Wednesday the 9th of March, 14 students went to Norwood Swimming Centre for SAPSASA swimming. Students were put into different heats and different lanes. In some races there were six people, in others there were only three or four.

The types of strokes were freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. All the competitors swam 50m and there were extra events where some students swam 100m which was two laps of the pool.

After all the hard work it was very fun, we had a really good time there and everyone swam their best. Next week we hope to find out our times, if anyone came 1st, 2nd or 3rd and how we went as a school overall.

Written by Noychithar, Massa and Robert
Year 7 students at Northfield
Year 6/7 Aquatics
On Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th of March, the Year 6/7 students went to the Surf Life Saving Club at Glenelg Beach. The Year 6/7’s divided into 7 groups of 6.
On the first day, we had instructors teach us how to improve our swimming including surfing skills, duck diving, survival strokes. We also learnt about important first aid skills. The first day it was great because it was windy which meant there were big waves. On the second day, the waves were calmer but it was sunny and hot. We had a lot of fun.
By Davinder and Lakshya (Room 4/5)

The Monks are here!
It's week six and our friends the Gyuto Monks are here again.
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is underway and a big thank you must go to Mrs. Hobby for searching for and stickering all the books involved in the challenge. This makes it easier for students to find the books they need to read.
Every class has visited the Library and students have been shown how to return and borrow their own books. Please read with your children and encourage them to talk about what they have read.
Please talk to your children about looking after their Library books and returning them to our Library.
Payment for Scholastic orders are due to front office by Tuesday March 15.
Thank you
Keep Reading!
Bye for now!
Jan Hegarty

A note from Donna
It has been a very busy start to the year at Northfield. One of the highlights of this business has been our External Review. It is now complete and we are waiting on the full report. We have been given the initial findings. I will share them at the AGM.
For those families who are thinking about being a part of our School Council I highly recommend it. This year we will be unpacking the review findings and working on whole school improvement. It will be exciting work and an opportunity for you to work alongside educators. One of our first tasks will be to analyse some of our data sets and use these to inform what happens in every class for every child.
Our AGM is on Tuesday 22nd March, please come along, hear more about how Northfield is going and think about being on School Council.
I will be on long service leave in weeks 9, 10 and 11 this term. Lee will be the Principal during this time. Rob will also support Erica and Lee. It is unfortunate timing however I had planned a family holiday well before I was given the wonderful news of becoming Northfield’s Principal.
I am excited about the Monks visit in week 6. This is one example of how our peace code is a part of everything we do here. The external review panel highlighted one of our strengths:
“There is a very calm, cohesive school climate with high quality and valued relationships within and between groups of stakeholders. The living, breathing Peace Code is at the heart of the School’s distinctively healthy culture.”
Please make time to visit throughout the week and speak with your children about it.
During week 5 Lee and myself were presented with our Partnership data ready for our up and coming Partnership External Review. Northfield is a part of the Torrens Partnership and we work together with 16 other sites in our area to ensure all students have access to quality public education. In week 11 we will have our Partnership Review and Tony Harrison, Jayne Johnston and Ros Maio will be on a panel to ask questions about our data and how well our students are improving. As you can imagine this is a very nervous time for site leaders. It is however, another way that we are all made accountable and supported in working together to ensure what happens in every classroom supports student growth.
At the end of week 5 Lallanah, Rob and myself attended professional learning on what engagement looks like for learners in 2016 (Learning Frontiers). We have put together a plan for our work. Our Site Improvement Plan already has Powerful Learners at the centre of our work. We now need to use a whole school improvement cycle to ensure that we all understand what engagement is for every students and ensure our professional learning, conversations and teaching is focussed and targeted. This will also be the work we do in School Council.
I would like to thank all of our educators and students who have worked so hard over the last few weeks. It has been a very demanding time and throughout all of the external demands we have remained focussed on teaching and learning.
Donna Beaney
Principal
Term 1 Interviews
At Northfield Primary School, we share information about student learning with our families in a number of ways throughout the year. This term we encourage you to come along to a Student/Parent/Teacher Interview during Week 10 – from Monday 4th April to Friday 8th April, after school. In the next week or so, your child will bring home a note requesting that you nominate your preferred interview day and timeslot. We will endeavour to accommodate your preference to the best of our ability. Please return notes promptly as preferences will be allocated in order of receipt.

Erica Solowij
Assistant Principal

Light in Science
In room 12/13 the year fives have been learning about light in Science.
In week five the year fives explored concepts of refraction. They experimented with pencils and water. Students observed and described what they were seeing, drew a diagram, explained what they had learnt and then used scientific terminology to communicate their knowledge on how light travels.

GYUTO MONKS OF TIBET
‘BEYOND KARMA’ Public Program
Second Valley Hall March 19 -20

MANDALA CREATION THR’OUT THE WEEKEND

Saturday 19
10 -10.30 Morning Meditation
11 -12.00 Culture for Kids’ MYO Superhero’
12 -1.00 Meditation ‘Beyond Stress’
2 - 3.00 Tantric Art ‘MYO Mani Stone’
3 - 4.00 Talk ‘The Power of Selflessness’
5 -6.00 Removing Problems Puja
7 - 9.00 Dharma Challenge Reality Show

Sunday 20
7 -7.30am Beach Meditation
10 -10.30 Morning Meditation
11 -12.00 Culture for Kids’ Bottled Happiness’
12 -1.00 Meditation ‘Beyond Karma’
2 - 3.00 Tantric Art ‘MYO Mani Stone’
3 - 4.00 Talk ‘A Buddhist Bucket List’
4 - 6.30 Dissolution of the Mandala

Details: FB Gyuto Monks of Tibet www.gyuto.co ph 0412124678
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