A Message from Donna

It has come to the end of term 3 and I am sure we are all looking forward to the holidays. This term has proven to be one full of celebrations, hard work and learning. A highlight has been the students showcasing their learning. It was fantastic to see students share their learning with their families with such enthusiasm.

Students were able to articulate what they learned and what the process was for their learning. Teachers were explicit in ensuring students knew the learning intent. Teacher clarity of the learning intention is one of the most influential strategies for student achievement. While it is essential to actively teach students what they need to know and be able to do, it is also important to get them to actively engage with the content. It was evident in our showcase that students were not only able to articulate what they have learnt but also what their involvement was in their learning.

I would like to thank all of our hard working students for sharing their learning with their families and thank you to our families for attending the showcase event.

Finally I would like to thank our teachers, SSO’s and volunteers to are relentless in their work to ensure teaching and learning is at the forefront of everything we do. I wish them all a wonderful holiday.

Students on School Grounds

We have had a bit of trouble after school lately with students coming back to school in large groups to ride their bikes and play. One of our staff members was nearly knocked over by a bike riding past while leaving a room.

Students can only be on school grounds if they have an adult to accompany them. We need to ensure the safety of both staff and students at all times. Staff are not on duty before 8:30 am and after 3:30 pm each week day.

If you see any suspicious behaviour please ring the police on 131444.

Donna
Principal
**Planning for 2017**

It is that time of year where staff are starting to consider classes for 2017. I would like to invite families to email or call me with any issues they would like to be considered when staff place students in classes.

Staff take the following into account when we place students:

- Friendships
- Working habits
- Academics

We also need to know if you are leaving the school as this effects our staffing and class numbers. If you know your student is leaving Northfield, please contact Cindy at the front office asap.

*Donna*
*Principal*

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**Library News**

**Hello Everyone,**

It’s the end of Term 3 and holidays are here. Students are able to borrow books over the holidays. Please encourage your child/ren to look after our Library books and return them when term four starts. Premier’s Reading Challenge Awards will be presented near the end of November. Watch this space for the date and times.

Thank you

Bye for now!

Jan Hegarty

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**Nature Play**

Did you know that Australian children spend an average of only 40 minutes a week outside (Kellert 2012) and only 1 in 3 Australian children play outside every day compared to 3 in 4 children a generation ago (Kellert 2013)?

Recently room 19 and a group of students from the pre-school to year 7 attended a nature play excursion! We visited Blair Athol, Wandana and Hampstead Primary schools and spent the whole day playing in their spaces! We had a wonderful time climbing trees, making wombat stew in the mud kitchens and creating stick cubby houses.

**Student’s problem solved, thought creatively, communicated calmly and worked in groups to build their creations!**

We look forward to sharing more about nature play with our community as we further develop our understanding of the nature play movement and the benefits for all children.
Netball Holiday Clinics
Taught and Bowled will be offering Netball Coaching Clinics during the October school holidays for girls aged 5-13 years. All clinics will be held at the St Peter’s Girls’ School gym (Stonyfell Rd, Stonyfell) and there are three clinics available:

Clinic 1: Attacking Skills and Match Play, Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 October, 9:15-10:45am, $60 per participant

Clinic 2: Defensive Skills and Match Play, Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 October, 11:00am-12:30pm, $60 per participant

Clinic 3: Beginners Clinic, Friday 7 October, 9:15-10:15am, $25 per participant

All clinics will be delivered by qualified, experienced coaches. To book your child’s place go to www.taughtandbowled.com.au > Netball Coaching > Netball Holiday Programs or for further information please contact Alice Johnswood at alice@taughtandbowled.com.au or 0412 454 784

Support Services
School holidays can be a particularly difficult time for students at risk, as they are often out of contact with their usual supports and their wellbeing cannot be monitored by school staff.

Phone Counselling
Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800
Headspace 1800 650 890
Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636

Online Counselling
www.kidshelp.com.au
www.headspace.org.au

Concert Booklet Competition
Are you in year 3-7 and love to draw and create? We are running a competition for someone to design a cover for the 2016 End of Year Concert Booklet. To enter, you must design a creative cover on an A4 sheet of paper and bring it to performing arts by the END OF WEEK 1, TERM 4. It must include the following:

- ‘Disney at Northfield 2016’
- The date: 8th of December 2016
- Time: 5:30-7:00pm
- Leave a space for the school logo or draw it in

Any questions, please see Mr. Thomas or Ms. Lewis in Performing Arts.
Good luck!

Vacation Care by Camp Australia
To view what’s on these school holidays and to book, visit us at www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayfun or by calling 1300 105 343.

December 2016 & January 2017
Programs at over 130 pool & beach locations
Book online at vacswimsa.com.au
SAPSASA Athletics and State Athletics

On the 8th of September 2016 students in years 4-7 went to SAPSASA Athletics Carnival at St Albans Park Clearview. Northfield competed the best we ever have, placing fourth out of several schools. A number of students from our school came first or second in their events and were given ribbons. The students who placed first were given the opportunity to attend the State Athletics Carnival. It was a very wet day but students still persisted to participate in all of their events.

Student Achievements

1st
Hayley 100m
Davinder 100m & 200m
Massa 200m & High Jump
10 Year Old Girls Relay Team - Hayley, Kolyan, Santina & Aatina
13 Year Old Girls Relay Team - Massa, Jhanny, Shae & Noychithar

*These students will represent the Adelaide North East District at the Athletics State Day on Tuesday 27th September.*

2nd
Massa 100m
Ali 800m
Hayley 200m
Danhil Long Jump
Bojana High Jump
11 Year Old Boys Relay Team - Davinder, Awan, Ben & Victor

3rd
Awan 200m
Robert Discus & Shot Put
13 Year Old Boys Relay Team - Danhil, Mohammad, Ethan & Hussain

Overall Northfield had it's best ever result finishing 4th with 37 points.

On Tuesday the 27th of September 2016, nine students attended the State Athletics at Santos Stadium representing Adelaide North East. We were very nervous at the start of the day not knowing the competitors that we would be versing. Two students from our school, Massa & Davinder, won medals for their events. Davinder came 1st in 200m and 2nd in 100m for the 11 year old boys and now has the opportunity to represent the South Australian state team in Sydney. Massa came 2nd in high jump, jumping 1.43m for the 13 year old girls. It was a great day and we are very proud of everyone at Northfield for doing their best in all their events!

Massa Capard and Danhil Labios (Room 4/5)