Vacation Care by Camp Australia
Accompanying this newsletter is the school holiday program. In the service we have been working with the children to start planning our activities to ensure each day is fun and exciting. Bookings can be made at [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) or by calling 1300 105 343.

A Message from Donna

**NAPLAN results**

In May this year students throughout Australia in years 3, 5 and 7 sat for the National Assessments Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. Students had their skills assessed in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar. If you have a child in one of these year levels you will soon receive a report about your child’s performance. If you have any questions about the report, or your child’s achievement, please make a time to talk with their classroom teacher.

Teachers will now use this information to inform our practice to ensure growth for every child.

**Nature Play**

Teachers, SSO’s and students are currently doing some research into a nature play area at Northfield. Our goal is to have an amazing nature play area for all of our children to play, explore and learn in.

Research has shown that:

- Children who regularly play in natural settings are sick less often as mud, water, leaves and sticks can help stimulate children’s immune systems.
- Children are more physically active and more resistant to stress.
- Children play in more diverse, imaginative and creative ways and show improved language and collaboration skills.

We are excited about what is to come.

Donna  
Principal

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### Important diary dates!

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**Be brave  Care for myself and others  Speaking kindly  Do the right thing**
Library News
Hello Everyone,
Wow! Thank you to everyone for your participation in ‘Book Week’ last week. It was so much fun and costumes were so colourful. It was great to see parents and family members at the assembly to help us celebrate.

Winners this year from The Children’s Book Council of Australia:
Best Picture Book - Flight by Armin Greder
Best Early Childhood book - Mr Huff by Anna Walkers

Premier’s Reading Challenge is coming to a close. Completed challenge forms must be in by 9th September so keep reading!
If anyone is having trouble completing the challenge, please come to see me, I can help!

Parents/Caregivers, can I ask you to help your children with caring for their library books, please? I have noticed that some books are coming back badly damaged or wet. These books have to be noted and thrown away as they can not be mended. Accidents happen, please see me if you need to talk about your library book.

Thank you
Bye for now!
Jan Hegarty

Performing Arts Showcase Assembly
Receptions, Year 1/2s & Year 3/4 classes
Tuesday 20th September 9.15am in the Gym
Please join us to see what the Junior Primary and Middle Primary Classes have been learning in Performing Arts during Term 3! We would love to see you there.

Whole School Fundraising
An Educational Experience catalogue will be sent home with the oldest student in the family shortly. Each purchase from this catalogue will earn the school 20% in vouchers to be used to purchase equipment that will benefit student learning. The catalogue is full of toys, gifts, games, books and puzzles that are perfect Christmas gifts.

ALLERGIES / MEDICAL CONDITIONS:
It is vital Northfield Primary School staff are notified of any child’s allergies and the appropriate treatment. Due to health and safety reasons our school is a NUT FREE ZONE.
Nuts are found in products such as: Nutella, Peanut Paste and Nut Bars
Hair by Rebecca
Hairdressing

Hair By Rebecca, in Modbury Triangle Shopping Centre is pleased to announce that we now offer an in-salon Head Lice Eradication Treatments!

We will not turn you away if you have head lice, we will help you treat and remove them for you!

Using an insecticide free treatment - Licener, the staff at Hair By Rebecca are fast becoming the Eradication Specialists!

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Every treatment includes are bottle of Naturally No More Nits Daily Spray for you to take home with you.

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Room 18 - Arts and Crafts

This term, Room 18 is focusing on the 5 Benefits of Arts and Crafts:

1. Bilateral Coordination – Crafts such as coloring, drawing, cutting, all require students to use both of their hands together. This skill is important in other areas of their lives as they continue to grow, such as writing, tying shoes, typing and so much more!

2. Fine Motor Coordination – In order to draw shapes, cut patterns, and hand writing, they are required to use their fine motor coordination. These skills similarly translate to other areas of their lives, such as dressing, eating, and in the academic setting.

3. Self Regulation – Crafts that require drying require waiting! This is a great lesson for them to demonstrate self control and patience. Also, as always things might not go exactly as we hoped! Crafts are a great way to promote flexibility in them. There is no right or wrong way in exploring one’s own creativity!

4. Self-esteem booster – Although we want to challenge our students, it is also important to initially choose arts and crafts that are to their skill level. Completing the crafts successfully will give them a great sense of accomplishment and pride.

5. Bonding and fun - they love spending time and creating something together!

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Canteen Special

Friday 9th September
Fish + Chips
or
Chicken Nuggets + Chips
or
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