A Message from Donna

Welcome to term 3. I trust everyone has had a smooth start to the term. It is wonderful to see our students back with so much enthusiasm.

This term we welcome back Tara Cousins and Keira Thewlis. Both teachers spent some of last term preparing to be back at Northfield. Tara is teaching our junior primary classes in the following specialist subjects: health and physical education, performing arts and literacy. Keira is teaching HASS, performing arts and is working with our older students. You will also see Keira working with classes in support and intervention.

We welcome Aaron Byford back from two weeks leave at the end of last term. We also have a new SSO, Keith Kaezler who is working in Room 11 supporting literacy and numeracy. You will also see Keith in physical education class once a week.

Over the holidays I observed media attention to the issue of homework. Many families and educators have very different ideas about homework. At Northfield we do not want homework to add stress to family life. It is important for children to learn that consequences for their decisions happen in lots of situations. If your child refuses to do their homework and strategies at home have not worked please talk to us about this.

Reading is an essential skill for both academic achievement and enjoyment in life. All teachers support reading at home. We know that children who read at home every day demonstrate achievement at school. We want students to be able to focus on meaning and make connections with the book. Once a student has become fluent in sounding out words and recognising sight words they are free to focus their attention on other aspects such as comprehension. Please make time to read to, read with and listen to your child read every day. Make it fun, talk about the book and make predictions.

Donna
Principal

Important diary dates!

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Library News

Hello Everyone,

Term 3 and ‘Book Week’ is fast approaching (August 20th - 26th). The theme for this year is ‘Australia, Story Country’.

The focus is on Australian authors and Australian stories.

We have many books in our library about Australia, Australian families, Australian animals and books written by Australians.

Each class will be doing their own ‘Book Week’ activities using the ‘short listed’ books from the Notable Books list for 2016.

Our Library is open Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 4pm.

Stay Warm!

Bye for now

Jan Hegarty
Aussies, watch out for mozzies in Rio!

Australia’s Chief Medical Officer has issued an important warning to those travelling to Brazil for the 2016 Rio Olympics – that travellers MUST protect themselves from mosquitoes.

Brazil is experiencing a Zika virus outbreak in addition to the presence of yellow fever, dengue and chikungunya. These dangerous viruses are spread by mosquitoes, and Zika can also be sexually transmitted.

Women who are pregnant or planning to become pregnant are particularly at risk, especially from Zika, which can lead to severe birth defects such as microcephaly. These women are advised to defer their travel. If you must travel then you should see your doctor for further advice.

Travellers can help protect themselves from yellow fever by getting vaccinated at least 10 days before arriving in Brazil. However, there are no vaccines for Zika, dengue or chikungunya.

Your best defence against these viruses is to take precautions to prevent mosquito bites, including protective clothing and heavy duty mosquito repellent.

For more information on mosquito-borne illnesses and travel to the 2016 Olympics, visit www.health.gov.au/rio2016

Parent Workshop Think U Know

How young people use technology
How to help them overcome challenges online
How to report if things go wrong
www.thinkuknow.org.au

Date Thursday 18 August, 2016
Time 6pm-8pm
Where Roma Mitchell Secondary College
Administration Building 1, Library
Catering Light supper
Bookings Essential, please call Sandra Foresto 81614600
Guest Speaker RMSC Psychologist, Kiera Nolan

Workshop to be conducted by Australian Federal Police supporting families with student’s technology use at home.

Netball Coaching Program

Taught and Bowled are offering specialist and general netball coaching programs for girls aged 9-13 years during term 3 this year. The program runs over 4 x one hour sessions and includes a weekly take-home program for all participants. The program is tailored for each area of the court so that participants can receive coaching that is specific to their game.

Programs will run on Sunday mornings at two locations – Ascot Park Primary School and East Adelaide School.

For further information or to register for the program please go to www.taughtandbowled.com.au or contact Alice at alice@taughtandbowled.com.au / 0412 454 784.
Room 13

Room 13 is looking at 3D shapes in Numeracy so during Art, students made 3D aluminium foil sculptures. Then using a torch traced around the shadows that they cast, influenced by the work of Giacometti.