



Northfield Primary School

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A QUALITY EDUCATION

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IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Mon, 4th September - Fri, 29th September

- PAT

Tuesday, 12th September

- Ice Blocks (\$1) - Lunchtime

Thursday, 14th September

- BBQ for Students (No Cost) - Lunchtime

Tuesday, 19th September

- State Athletics Day

Wednesday, 27th September

- Badminton & Volleyball Carnival

Thursday, 28th September

- Cricket Clinics
- 3v3 Basketball Competition

Friday, 29th September

- Assembly - 1:40pm

Wednesday, 25th October

- Principal Tour - 9am

Friday, 27th October

- [School Closure](#)

Monday, 30th October

- [Pupil Free Day](#)

Principal's Message

Science Expo

It has been an absolute delight to see our older students facilitating the Science Expo, once again. Students were able to articulate their learning to younger students and designed engaging experiments to support new learning. Thank you to families for supporting in the family science project. It was extremely hard to come up with the final winners. Our science teachers once again have provided an experience for all students that encourages curiosity, creativity and a love of learning. Thank you.

Phonics Screening

Over the past few weeks our year 1 teachers have been collecting data on phonics. Phonics involves recognising the relationship between letters and sounds. Teachers teach phonics through explicit teaching instruction. This instruction is a small part of the English Curriculum. Teachers focus on oral language, vocabulary, fluency and comprehension. As students move through the year levels the language becomes more sophisticated.

You will hear children talking about book making and writers note book. These names describe how we teach writing. It includes:

- Students making decisions about what they write about
- Teachers giving students explicit feedback about their writing, reading, speaking and listening (these are called spotlight sessions)
- Talking about how writing is linked to reading

We love to read the books our students have authored and we love sharing great books with each other, every day. At home you can:

- Read with your children (this may be in your home language or in English)
- Ask them about what they are writing about at school
- Provide paper, pencils and time to write or create

Kids Helpline

Kids Helpline is Australia's only free (even from a mobile), confidential 24/7 online and phone counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25.

If you need to speak to a counsellor, call **1800 55 1800**, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

<https://kidshelpline.com.au>



Principal's Message

PAT Testing

Our year 1 to year 6 students have been participating in online testing this week: PAT Maths and PAT Reading. This is a once a year test all South Australian students participate in. At Northfield we use this data to:

- Track whole school patterns of success and areas for growth
- Look at year level groups to inform our learning design
- Track and monitor individual students

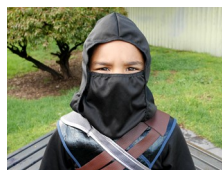
Educators use lots of different data sets, assessments and work samples to inform our learning design throughout the year. PAT is only one of these data sets. For many students this may be the first time they participate in an online testing environment.

Book Week

We have also celebrated Book Week this term. Books are an important and fun part of our world. Thank you to families for designing and organising the wonderful costumes for our Book Week Parade.

Donna Beaney
Principal

Book Week





Science Expo Winners

Family Entries

"Best New Idea" Rory - Does size really matter?

"Collaborative Family Award" Nazilia - Cogs

"Teacher's Choice Award" Penelope and Beatrix - First Life

"Quality Research Award" - Gillian - Blood

"Most Engaging Project" - Aston and Aldrin - Ice Cream in a Bag

"Overall Winner" - Maxene and Zachary - Rainbow Milk Experiment

Year 5/6 Science Expo Winners

"Quality Research Award" - Gypsy-Lee, MacKenzie, Kershika, Tylah

"Most Engaging Award" - Subu, Abigail, Ashy, Nevaeh

"Teacher's Choice Award" - Eliza, Isobel, Leona, Mackenzie

"Overall Winners" - Majok, Sparsh, Mayson, Oaklee



Zooper Dooper Day

Dear Families,

The Reception team are raising money for our Term 4 excursion to the Hahndorf Farm Barn. Rooms 23, 19 and 17 will be selling ice blocks at lunchtime on Tuesday the 12th of September (Week 8) for \$1 each. We would be very grateful for your support!

*Kind regards,
Miss Lara, Miss Kim, Miss Ferida and Miss Josie*



School Attendance

Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance will mean that your child gets a better chance at life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day:

- they learn better
- they make friends
- they are happier
- they have a brighter future.



Why must I send my child to school?

Under South Australian law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have a reasonable reason like illness. Avoid keeping your child away from school for birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, minor check-ups or care such as hair-cuts.

Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays. While it is a last resort, it is important to understand that you may be prosecuted if your child is not attending school regularly.

Letters are beginning to be sent home in regards to your child's attendance if they have had more than 10 days off in the year. The Department for Education requires a 95% attendance rate. If your child has had a 'chronic' amount of days away from school (more than 10 each term), even with a reason, an Attendance Plan meeting will be arranged to discuss this and support with improving attendance.

What should I do if our family is going on a holiday in school time?

You are encouraged not to schedule holidays during school time but we know this is not always possible. If your family holiday is during school time, let the school know in advance and talk about what arrangements can be made for your child. An exemption from schooling form needs to be completed and approved by the Principal.

Do I need to let the school know if my child has been away from school?

Yes. You must let the school know the reason why your child is absent from school – either beforehand, on the day of the absence, or as soon as practicable after your child's return to school. Having problems getting your child to school for some of these reasons?

What should I do if my child won't go to school?

You should contact the school as soon as possible for advice and support. Please also refer to the Building Attendance Habits information.



BUILDING ATTENDANCE HABITS

How to help your child build a habit of going to preschool or school every day.



regular evening and bedtime routine and enough sleep



limit the use of electronic devices in the evenings



help your child be organised in the morning to get them to school on time



arrange alternative transport in case something unexpected happens



take family vacations during school holidays



make appointments outside of school hours or in school holidays



talk positively about school



show interest in what your child is learning, their progress and their friends



regularly communicate with your child's teacher

WHO'S ⁱⁿ CHARGE?



Does your child hurt or intimidate you?

Do you feel you are losing control?

Do you want to handle conflict better?



Reclaim respect and calm in your family

The *Who's in Charge?* group is an 8 week program for parents or carers of young people (8-18) who are beyond control, violent or defiant.

This is a **FREE** program

The group aims to:

- Provide a supportive environment to share experiences and ideas
- Reduce the guilt and shame that parents feel
- Offer ideas to help you develop individual strategies for managing your child's behaviour
- Help in understanding power in relationships and coping with stress
- Explore ways of increasing safety and well-being

Next group: Thursday's commencing 26 October 2023 for 8 weeks, 9:30am to 12pm

Where: Greenacres Library, Community Room, 2 Fosters Rd, Greenacres

For any queries or referrals please call Trevor: 0410 698 907 or Centacare: 8215 6700

An initiative of Reconnect, City of Port Adelaide Enfield and Centacare Catholic Family Services

