From Our Principal…

Parent Information sessions
Thank you to teachers for their preparation and running of our recent Parent Information sessions, and to those parents who were able to attend. We are keen to review this event and continue to make it the most effective that we can. To help us to do that, we invite you to provide us with feedback. If you identify any challenges, please help us by providing some possible solutions for us to consider. We will look at the feedback we receive and consider improvements when we plan for next year’s event. While we may not be able to act on every suggestion, all feedback will certainly be considered. If you would like to provide us with feedback, please complete the form at the end of the newsletter and return it to the main office.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2017
NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) commenced in Australian schools in 2008. Each year, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in common national tests which assess:
- Reading
- Writing
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy.
The scheduled dates for the tests this year are Tuesday 9th May, Wednesday 10th May and Thursday 11th May.

Helping to keep our children safe
Before and after school
The areas in and around our school are very busy places at the start and end of our school days – as I am sure that those of you who try to find a parking spot close to school will agree. Due to the large number of children and families coming and going from our school at these times, we ask that parents do not park in our carpark in order to keep our children safe in this area. We also ask that you use the crossing outside our school to cross to the other side of Norwood Avenue. This crossing is supported by our Crossing Guard and is a much safer place to cross than further up or down the street. When walking around the car park please keep to pathways rather than walking through the car park.

Food at school
We know that some families like to recognise their children’s birthdays by sending along birthday cakes on their child’s special day for them to share with their classmates. Quite a number of students in our school have food allergies, and this needs to be considered when food is sent from home. If you are wishing to send birthday cakes for your child to share with their classmates, please talk with their teacher about how best to manage this. As well, if your child has a food allergy, please talk with their teacher about what you would like to have done when birthday cakes are sent along in their class.
As you would know, we are a Nut Aware school. This means that we ask that no nuts or products containing nuts are sent to school. This includes Nutella, peanut butter and other spreads containing nuts and muesli bars containing nuts.

We thank you for working with us in these ways to help keep our children safe.

Staffing update
I am pleased to welcome Ms Hayley Marshall to our teaching team. Ms Marshall will be working in our school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings supporting our numeracy work with students.

Sally
School Photo Day
Wednesday 22nd March
(Kinder House - Thurs. 23rd March)

Each Student has their own unique code - please keep envelope safe until photo day.

♦ Every student will be given an envelope with their name, class and a barcode printed on the front to bring home for you to view photo selections available for purchase.
♦ All children will be photographed (for school records) regardless of placing orders so it is necessary to return each of these personal envelopes on photo day so your child/ren can be matched with their name and unique code. EACH CHILD MUST HAVE THEIR OWN ENVELOPE.
♦ Family photos will also be taken (after 3pm) – if you wish to have a family photo you will need to collect a special family photo order form from the office.
♦ Family photos need to be paid for on the day.
♦ Ordering online is the only way you can pay with credit cards and you must return your order envelope.
♦ Please ensure correct money is enclosed as no change is able to be given. Total payments for all your children can be placed in a single envelope of eldest child. Indicate this on each child’s returned envelope that this is where payment is.
♦ Selected group photos will also be taken.
♦ Please note that the style of the class photo is compilation style.

Congratulations!

The following students have been awarded merit certificates:

Being Cooperative: Kaleb Dobson, Mostafa Golistani, Grade 2-3 B/H.


Harmony Week
Harmony Week is on March 20th - 24th. Harmony Day is on Tuesday 21st March. Norwood will be recognising the week. We will have our assembly on the TUESDAY and students are welcome to supplement their uniform with a cultural item that represents their country of origin. Classes will be discussing where children and parents have been born, from across the country and across the world, prior to arriving in Tasmania. A world map in the main corridor will highlight our multicultural school (although not as diverse as some!)

The message of Harmony Day is ‘everyone belongs’. The Day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster a sense of belonging for everyone.

Why orange?
Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

Facts and figures
There are some fascinating statistics about Australia’s diversity that can be good conversation-starters:
• around 45 per cent of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was
• we identify with about 300 ancestries
• since 1945, more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia
• 85 per cent of Australians agree multiculturalism has been good for Australia
• apart from English, the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Italian, Arabic, Cantonese, Greek, Vietnamese, Tagalog/Filipino, Spanish and Hindi
• more than 60 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.

Validation Forms
PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN ALL PERMISSIONS, DATE AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE EVEN IF NO CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE.
(In order for your child to attend excursions their form must be completed and returned.)
### Calendar

**March:**
- 9th: Gr 3-6 Athletics Day
- 10th: Gr 3-6 Athletics - rain day
- 13th: Long Weekend
- 15th: Black & White Day - gold coin donation
- 21st: Whole School Assembly - Harmony Day
- 22nd: School Photo Day
- 23rd: Kinder H Photo Day
- 28th: LSSSA Athletics Carnival (TBC)

**April:**
- 13th: Moderation Day (student free day)
- 14th - 28th: Easter & School Holidays

**May:**
- 17th: Mytern Information Session for new parents, 7:00pm - 8:15pm

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### 3 - 6 Athletics Carnival

**Tomorrow**

**Thursday 9th March**

**Younghowntown Oval**

9:00am - 1:00pm

Parents are reminded that all students will need to be at school by **8:40am tomorrow** as buses to the oval will leave at **8:50am** sharp. **No canteen orders for gr 3-6 on this day.**

PE uniform is to be worn. Don't forget **HATS** and **plenty of water to drink.** Pack sunscreen and extra food to snack on through the day as energy levels will need to be high.

Children are encouraged to wear team colours e.g. ribbons. Students are reminded to stay in the grandstand unless competing in an event. Parents are welcome to join children in the grandstand.

**Wattle:** Blue; **Waratah:** Red; **Banksia:** Green

**Children with asthma are reminded they MUST bring their puffers on this day.**

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### Assembly Roster

**Primary**

**Wednesday 15th March at 2:20pm**

Hosted by 3-4 Glen

**Whole School - note change of day**

**Tuesday 21st March at 2:20pm**

Hosted by Library Leaders

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### ExCel Project

**Black & White Day**

On **Wednesday 15th March,** there will be a Black & White Day to raise money for the Save the Devil Foundation. A **gold coin donation** is required to let you wear black and white clothes instead of your uniform.

This has been approved as an ExCel Challenge for Maddie, Ebony, and Charlotte.

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### School Banking

Commonwealth Bank representative Michelle Rowley will be at school on Friday March 10th from 8:30am in the Library for any parents wanting to discuss school banking and its rewards with her. Michelle will also be able to open new student bank accounts.

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### IGA NORWOOD

A reminder to those families who shop at our local IGA to please post your docket into the perspex box marked Norwood Primary School. 1% of the value of the ‘posted’ receipts is donated to the school. Thanks to IGA for their support of our school.

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### Kinder Tabloid Carnival

Kinder students will have their Athletics Carnival later in the year. This is likely to be in term 4 when students are more settled into routines and familiar with spaces outside of the Kinder yard. Thanks, Josh Leighton
Norwood Primary School Association Inc. News

BULB FUNDRAISER

Bulb order forms and money are due in no later than next Friday the 17th March. It will be exciting to see how much funds we can “grow” to assist with the 200 Nights of Reading Program.

Norwood Primary School Association Meeting

When: Tuesday 14th March
Time: 7:30pm
Where: Spare classroom All Welcome!

Congratulations!

Tasmanian BMX state series round two was held in Hobart last weekend. Congratulations to the following students who ride with the Launceston BMX Club -

Amy Bracken winning 5 from 5 in the girls 9-10yo division. Roly McCormack with an outstanding ride in the boys 9yo division. Archie Manshanden in the 8yo boys division, great riding. Baxter Manshanden in the 5-6yo sprocket rockets, exceptional riding!

The Parent Information Booklet has been updated with information from the following:

- **Aussie Hoops** - Register now at aussiehoops.com.au Six week program, 3:30pm - 4:30pm
- **Youth, Family & Community Connections** - Building Brighter, Stronger Families Conference - Saturday, 11th March, Devonport. For more info. visit www.buildingbrighterstrongerfamilies.com.au
- **Guitar Lessons** - Currently taking new students for 2017. Lessons in the Norwood/Kings Meadows area. Ph. Alex Hillier 0429 527 250
- **Northern Rangers FC** - Sign up now at www.myfootballclub.com.au and click on the Northern Rangers link.
- **East L’ton Junior Football Club** - 2017 season is now open for registration. Register and pay online at www.eljfc.com.au
- **Life Centre Music** - Music for Kids - Fun, engaging, interactive and educational. Phone Natalie Hillier 0448 517 719
- **YMCA** - What can I do at the Y? - Phone 6344 3844
- **Allstar Cheer & Dance** - Cheerleading school. For enrolment information contact Dee & Tanya at allstarcheertasmania@gmail.com
- **Playgroup Tasmania-PlayConnect** - for 0-6yr olds who may have Autism Spectrum Disorder characteristics, developmental delays in communication and social skills and/or behavioural and sensory issues. Thursdays, 10am - 12pm, 35 Holbrook Street, during school terms. Ph. 63316599

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