



North Shore State School Newsletter

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We now have our own Facebook Page named North Shore State School.

Please 'like' and 'follow' us to keep up to date with what is happening in our school community.



Principal's Message

2024 Cross Country and Fun Run

In Week 10 of this term, North Shore State School will hold our School Cross Country/Junior Fun Run. This event will take place on the school oval on the morning of Thursday 28th March. An approximate list of events and times will be included in this newsletter for parents and carers if they wish to attend on the day.



Please be aware that after the completion of the Year 2 Fun Run, there will be a pause to allow spectators who have parked in the school carpark that wish to leave, an opportunity to depart. At the beginning of the Year 3 Cross Country, both school car park entrances and exits will be blocked off to ensure the safety of all students competing.

Parents and carers are encouraged to be spectators on the day. It is important that parents and carers ensure that you must be away from the running track at all times. Parents are not permitted under the house tents with the students. We are asking parents to be respectful and considerate of staff to ensure our staff and students have an amazing day.

School Bus Safety

We are currently working with our school bus transport partner Kinetic to ensure all students using the school bus are Safe, Responsible and Respectful at all times.

Kinetic have extended an invitation to any parents or carers wishing to hear more about bus travel or ask questions to attend the 9am morning parade at North Shore State School on Friday the 22nd of March 2024. Kinetic Network Officers will be visiting the school to give an educational presentation to the students about safe behaviour while riding our buses and answer any questions that students or parents/carers may have.

We look forward to working together to support our students as they travel to and from our school.

Regards

Patrick McDonnell

Principal

Our Philosophy

Our responsibility is to ensure that every student can demonstrate the achievement standards enacted through the skills of the general capabilities and understandings of the cross-curriculum priorities.

Our Vision

As a North Shore State School community we aspire to build an inclusive and supportive learning environment in which students develop, learn and achieve the necessary skills and knowledge to positively and effectively contribute to the world in which they live.

Our Values

Safe
Responsible
Respectful

Upcoming Dates

| | |
|----------------------|--|
| Wednesday 20th March | P & C Meeting 5.00pm |
| Monday 25th March | Parent/Teacher Interviews 3:10pm to 6:50pm |
| Wednesday 27th March | Prep to Yr 2 Easter Bonnet Parade 9am—Hall |
| Wednesday 27th March | My First Year Class of 2024 Published Townsville Bulletin |
| Thursday 28th March | Inter-House Cross Country (Morning Session) |
| Friday 29th March | Easter Friday Public Holiday |
| Monday 1st April | Easter Monday Public Holiday |
| Tuesday 2nd April | School Holidays Start |
| Monday 15th April | First Day of School Term 2 |

My First Year 2024

The My First Year 2024 online photo gallery on the Townsville Bulletin website will feature all the 115 prep classes in every school across the Townsville region.

<https://www.townsvillebulletin.com.au/education/my-first-year/my-first-year-2024-townsville-prep-photos-gallery/news-story/33adef17c4bc68e19a1a3defa03c732d>

The My First Year 2024 magazine will be published on March 27 in the Townsville Bulletin newspaper as a special keepsake to mark an important milestone in each prep students life.

North Shore State School P & C

We are super excited to now celebrate birthdays!
Introducing the BIRTHDAY BUCKET for \$20, every child in **the birthday student's class receives a zooper dooper AND the birthday student also receives a birthday surprise!**

Orders are available on Flexischools and are available until 8am each day!



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North Shore State School P&C

pandcpresident@northshoress.eq.edu.au



Events 2024

Term 2

Mother's Day Stall
8th May - 10th May

Term 3

Disco
2nd August

Father's Day Stall
23rd August - 27th August

Term 4

Colour Spiatacular
8th November

AGM Results

Thanks to the members who attended our AGM meeting last month. The executive team for 2024 is:

President: Tom Turvey
Vice President: Kirsten Godby
Secretary: Veronica Hartwig
Treasurer: * currently unfilled

All new members welcome! Come be apart of this wonderful team 😊
Meeting times below.

The Year 1-2 Sandpit is currently under way!
We are in the design/quoting stage.

P&C Meetings

Teachers' Lounge 5pm

20th March
17th April
15th May
19th June
17th July
21st August
16th October
20th November



Easter Bonnet Parade for Prep-Year2 is occurring March 27th.

We are supporting the Easter Bunny by seeking donations of small chocolate eggs to keep the magic alive.

If your interested in supporting, please drop any donations to the Tuckshop after 0810hrs.



Term 1 Student of the Week 6



| | | | |
|--------------|----------|-------------|---------------|
| Prep B | Ben | Prep C | Mihla |
| Prep D | William | Prep E | Hudson |
| 1A | Artilli | 1B | Thomas |
| 1D | Ibadat | 1E | Kenzie |
| 2A | Lia | 2B | Mackenzie-Lee |
| 2C | Mason | 2D | Madelyn |
| 2E | | 3A | Asher |
| 3B | Harnoor | 3C | Emily |
| 3D | Neeve | 3E | Melanie |
| 4A | Cohen | 4B | Logan |
| 4C | Carter | 4D | Lesedi |
| 5A | Isabella | 5B | Quinn |
| 5C | Milyka | 5D | Bronson |
| 6A | Cooper | 6B | Ebony |
| 6C | Kalen | 6D | Tayah |
| Star Class: | HPE - 2A | PA - 2B | MVA - 3E |
| Technology - | PE | Attendance: | |



Term 1 Student of the Week 7



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|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Prep B | Polly | Prep C | Huxley |
| Prep D | Myles | Prep E | Watson |
| 1A | Prue | 1B | Attarah |
| 1D | Ibadat | 1E | Hunter |
| 2A | Anhad | 2B | Leilani |
| 2C | Jacob | 2D | Addison |
| 2E | Conrad | 3A | Charlotte |
| 3B | Alice | 3C | Jett |
| 3D | Lane | 3E | Darcy |
| 4A | Bailey | 4B | Lillian |
| 4C | Lailah | 4D | Georgia |
| 5A | Cooper | 5B | Theodore |
| 5C | Leon | 5D | Travon |
| 6A | Rachel | 6B | Jacob |
| 6C | Taj | 6D | Nehan |
| Star Class: | HPE - 5A | PA - 5D | MVA - 6B |
| Technology: 1B | Attendance: PB | Trooper of the Month: | Junior: Ronnie Senior: Ainzley |



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**School
Interviews**

Dear Parents,

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held on Monday 25 March 2024.

Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. If you are unable to make an appointment at this time please contact your child's teacher.

> Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

> Enter the code: **qupnr**



Enter your details



Select the teacher/s you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best

When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. If you not receive your email, please check your junk-mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling. Update your details if email address is incorrect. **DO NOT DELETE** the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. You may need to refer back to it at a later date.

REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - reminders will not be sent home.

Bookings will open Monday 11 March 2024 and will close Friday 15 March 2024.

If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

- Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings
- OR return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings.

Principal: Mr Patrick McDonnell
Deputy Principal: Mrs Zeldia Milkins
Deputy Principal: Ms Amanda Budby
Head of Curriculum: Mrs Amy Heilbronn
Business Manager: Ms Monique Scholte

9 Langford Burdell 4818
Phone: 4412 8555
Email: admin@northshores.eq.edu.au

P-2 Easter Bonnet Parade

The annual P-2 Easter Bonnet Parade will be held on Wednesday the 27th of March.

We invite parents and students to work together at home to make an Easter masterpiece to display on the day. Students will bring their Easter bonnets to school on the day and we will be showcasing the talent from 9am in the Hall.

Parents are invited to attend and join in the fun.

We look forward to seeing you there!



North Shore School Cross Country

In Week 10 of Term 1, North Shore State School will hold our School Cross Country/ Junior Fun Run. This event will take place on the school oval on the morning of Thursday 28th March. Below is an approximate start time and the running order. In preparation for this event all students are being walked through their Cross Country track in HPE classes. Students will require hats for the rest of HPE lessons this term.

Start time: 9:05am (approximately)

Event 1: Prep Fun Run – 400m

Event 2: Year 1 Fun Run – 400m

Event 3: Year 2 Fun Run – 400m

Short break to allow car parks to be closed

Event 4: Year 3 Cross Country – 600m

Event 5: Year 4 Cross Country (students born in 2014) – 600m

Event 6: 2013 (10 years) Cross Country – 1.2km

Event 7: 2012 (11 years) Cross Country – 2km

Event 8: 2011 (12 years) Cross Country – 2km

Please note: after the completion of the Year 2 Fun Run, there will be a pause to allow spectators who have parked in the school carpark that wish to leave, an opportunity to depart. At the beginning of the Year 3 Cross Country, both school car park entrances and exits will be blocked off to ensure the safety of all students competing.

Bring: Water bottle, hat, sun safe clothing (house colours or full school uniform)

Uniform: Students are encouraged to wear house colours for the day. If they choose not to wear house colours they must wear full school uniform.

Spectators: Spectators are encouraged. Please ensure you keep back from the running track at all times. Parents are not permitted under the house tents with the students.

Thanks again for your continued support.

Mr Edwards and Mrs Foley



Defence Family News

Geckos Easter Bun-anza

Change of date! Geckos Easter Bun-anza is now on Sunday 24 March from 4.00pm-7.00pm at Geckos, Lavarack Barracks. There are amusement galore, dinner, the 1RAR Band and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Also lucky door prizes and a little Easter surprise for each child! To book tickets; <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1181089?>



*School Holiday
Adventures!*



Wed 03 Apr
Mini trains



Mon 08 Apr
Bowling + Dodgems



Fri 12 Apr
Movie Day

Gecko's school holiday activities—these activities are not held at Gecko's and are discounted activities for current serving families.

Mini Trains, Wednesday 03 April

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1102322?>

Ten pin bowling, dodgems and arcade fun, Monday 08 April

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1102324?>

Kung Fu Panda 4 (limited tickets left) Friday 12 April

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1102323?>



Anzac Day Commemoration Ceremony:

All members of our school community are welcome to attend our school Anzac Day Commemoration Ceremony held in our school hall.

When: Tuesday 23 April, 2024.

Time: 9.00am-9.30am (seated by 8.50am) .

RSVP: Please RSVP to mbott26@eq.edu.au by Friday 19 April.

The wearing of medals is encouraged and students are welcome to wear them during the ceremony. There will be no normal Friday assembly for Week 2.

Selling of Merchandise: School council members will be selling a range of Anzac Day merchandise in week 1 from Monday 15th-Friday 19th April and week 2, Monday 22nd April from 8.15am-8.40am or until sold out. Items are limited and will range from .50cents to \$10 and can be worn at our school ceremony or during the march.

What we are loving at Defence club; Board Games!



Important Phone Numbers for Defence Families:

Defence Member & Family Support: 1800 624 608

Open Arms—Veterans and Families Counselling: 1800 011 046

Defence Families of Australia (DFA): 1800 100 509

Defence Special Needs Support Group (DSNSG): 1800 037 674

Defence Housing Australia: 139 342

Toll Transitions: 1800 819 167

Melody Bottcher, Defence School Mentor: mbott26@eq.edu.au

Positive Culture for Learning (PCL)

Fortnightly Focus:

Each fortnight the whole school behaviour incident data is analysed and a specific focus is taught to students through school wide Fortnightly Focus lessons based on data indicating which area of the behaviour expectations matrix our students are having trouble with at the time. Our current fortnightly focus is:



Demelza Gardem
PCL Team Leader
Wellbeing Support Teacher

At North Shore, we are RESPONSIBLE when we transition from outdoor areas to indoor areas.

Thinking about:

- How the expectations are different between outside and inside and why this is
- Which activities are suited for outside and which are suited for inside
- How to safely and respectfully move around the school's different areas



At North Shore State School we value and reward students who demonstrate safety, responsibility and respect. Our village accepts the North Shore values and we strive to work together to achieve success. We are North Shore Proud!

You can support students in demonstrating their understanding of the fortnightly focus by ensuring your students are aware of their drop off and pick up locations and how to be safe in these areas. Teachers are reiterating the playground and eating area expectations below to all students so that they understand what being safe, responsible and respectful looks like in these areas.

PLAYGROUND

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- Be sun safe; wear a broad-brimmed hat and sunscreen

BE SAFE

ALL AREAS

- Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself
- Care for and use all equipment appropriately
- Show pride in the way you care for our school
- Use all furniture for its purpose
- Be in the right place at the right time

- Share all play equipment and spaces equitably

ALL AREAS

- Follow instructions the first time, every time
- Respect others personal space and property
- Wait your turn
- Be courteous and polite in all communications
- Be considerate of cultures and diverse perspectives in all communications

BE RESPECTFUL

- Return equipment to the appropriate place
- Invite others to join in
- Play fairly and by the agreed upon rules

BE RESPONSIBLE

ALL AREAS

- Wear the full school uniform with pride
- Clean up after yourself
- Be a problem solver
- Be resilient
- Be honest
- Reflect on your choices and accept responsibility for your actions

ASPIRE TOGETHER - ACHIEVE TOGETHER

EATING AREAS

North Shore State School

- Ask for permission to go to the toilet or get a drink
- Stay in your eating area

BE SAFE

ALL AREAS

- Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself
- Care for and use all equipment appropriately
- Show pride in the way you care for our school
- Use all furniture for its purpose
- Be in the right place at the right time

- Quiet voice during eating time
- Wait to be dismissed

ALL AREAS

- Follow instructions the first time, every time
- Respect others personal space and property
- Wait your turn
- Be courteous and polite in all communications
- Be considerate of cultures and diverse perspectives in all communications

BE RESPECTFUL

- Place rubbish in the bins
- Eat and buy only your own food

BE RESPONSIBLE

ALL AREAS

- Wear the full school uniform with pride
- Clean up after yourself
- Be a problem solver
- Be resilient
- Be honest
- Reflect on your choices and accept responsibility for your actions

ASPIRE TOGETHER - ACHIEVE TOGETHER

Wellbeing

The Department of Education endorses safe workplaces for all of their staff and students. Physical and verbal aggression is unacceptable in our school, as we are all on the same team in ensuring the best possible education for your student.

All staff, students and parents are bound by our School Code of Conduct which is sign on enrolment. Should you be interested, our Code of Conduct can be found on the school website.



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Department of Education

We're a safe and respectful workplace

Any kind of physical and verbal aggression is unacceptable in our school.
We're all on the same team.



Your child, our student. One team.

qld.gov.au/schoolsoneteam



From the Library...

Check out our NSSS community reading Project!

As classes attend library for borrowing, they also have the opportunity to engage and listen to a story as a class. It is a chance to enjoy new book titles we have earned through our book fairs and have old favourites re-emerge that may have been overlooked. Completed titles are then added to our bookshelf below, in hope to reach 100 different titles collectively.

This has been promoting student and class engagement in the space and validates success as we reach our goal as a school community.



Thank you to all students that are prompt in returning their books each week.

A friendly reminder that all student loans are returned by week 10 ready for the school holidays.



Free KiNDY

Is your little one starting their kindy journey in 2024? Kindy is free for all families from 1 January 2024.

Kindy is a part-time (15 hours per week, 40 weeks per year) educational program for children in the year before Prep.

Kindy is a safe and supportive place, where your little one will make friends, have fun learning through play, and prepare to start school.

Have a yarn with your local early childhood service today about free kindy.



www.qld.gov.au/FreeKindy

Free KiNDY finder



Find your local kindy



Free **KiNDY** 2024



for
4-year-olds

who are 4 years of age
by 30 June in the year
before they start Prep



attending an
approved kindy

a government-approved
educational program offering
free kindy in sessional or
long day care



with a qualified
kindy teacher

a kindergarten program
is delivered by a qualified
early childhood teacher



for 15 hours per week,
40 weeks per year

kindy is 15 hours per week,
40 weeks per year and is FREE

www.qld.gov.au/FreeKindy



Does my child start kindy or school in 2024?

Born in the blue months, your child goes to school.
Born in the red months, your child goes to kindy.



www.qld.gov.au/kindyagecalculator



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SPORTS CLUB!**

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NORTHERNBEACHESSUNS@GMAIL.COM
CALL DAN ON 0477335101**



Please Support NSSS!

What: Starting Friday Week 7 (8th March) student council representatives will be selling Smencils and Icy Poles.

Time: Smencils 8:15am to 8:30am
in the CAM
Icy Poles 2:45pm to 3:00pm
in the HALL

Cost: Smencils \$2.00
Icy Poles \$1.00





We need your empty dental waste!

Send in your dental recycling to earn reward points. Shipments earn 2 points per piece of rubbish.

TerraCycle points are then redeemed for a donation of \$0.01 per point to our school.

This program accepts any brand of used or empty toothpaste tubes and caps, manual toothbrushes, electric toothbrush heads, toothbrush and toothpaste tube plastic packaging, floss containers and interdental brushes.

You do not need to clean the packaging before sending it into school with you child for recycling, but please remove as much of the remaining product as possible before doing so.





Did you know that our Student Council has a Scheme ID for Container for Change?

When returning your containers simply ask for your refund to be gifted to our Scheme ID.

Scheme ID: C10184748



Fuel for Schools Ltd is committed to ensuring local Townsville school students start the day with a healthy breakfast.

Want to Donate ?

Scan the QR Code to find out more

Contact Paddy On 0477726411

www.fuelforschools.org.au





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Dear Parents/Carers

BPOINT is the new preferred Payment Method for North Shore State School

North Shore State School now allows you to pay student invoices online rather than having to send in cash or pay via EFTPOS.

On the bottom of each invoice that you receive, the BPOINT payment method symbol will be displayed with a website link for you to visit and process your online payment (very similar to internet banking that you might currently utilise). You can use a credit or bank debit card to make a payment.

You do not need to register for BPOINT, simply visit the link detailed below and enter Customer Reference Number (CRN), invoice number, student name and exact amount of individual invoice.

The CRN will appear on school invoices and will not change.

BPOINT will issue you with a payment confirmation that you can email to yourself, or you can print or take a screen shot for your records. If you would like an official receipt, please request it from the school office.

You may still pay by cheque, cash, EFTPOS or credit card. BPOINT reduces processing work for office staff so is the preferred method.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Log into <http://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete>
- Pay each invoice separately
- Use your CRN (Customer Reference Number) from the invoice
- Check the invoice amount carefully and pay the exact amount

Lost Property

We have a number of lost property items at the office, including water bottles, lunchboxes & hats that have no names. If you are missing any of these items please encourage your child to come and **see if we can reunite these items with their owners. Please ensure all of your children's items are labelled** so that they can be returned if found.



Voluntary Financial Contribution Scheme

North Shore State School operates under a Voluntary Financial Contribution Scheme. A \$50 per student contribution will enable us to provide students with access to current technologies including laptops, Ipads and interactive whiteboards to ensure children are provided with optimum digital learning opportunities. Funds will also assist in supporting Teaching and Learning in both the classroom and the playground.

Contributions can be made at the office by Cash, Eftpos – credit/debit card or can be made by direct deposit using the following details:

BSB 064-796

Account number 10047751

(please note your child's name in the description/reference field).



Student Absence Notifications

It is very important that our school administration staff be notified of all students' absences, as well as the classroom teacher. All student absences can be reported through our administration office by phone on 4412 8555 or emailed to:

absences@northshoress.eq.edu.au

Payment Policy for Extra-curricular activities

At North Shore State School we encourage students to participate in extra—curricular activities such as Interschool sport, excursions, and music.

All students will be given a permission slip which provides details on the event and associated costs. Payments and permission slips must be returned by the due date to be able to participate. Due to deadlines for booking of buses and facilities, if payment has not been received by the due date then the position will be offered to the next person on the waiting list.

Please note that late payments will no longer be accepted and screenshots of payments made will not be accepted as payments can reject for various reasons e.g. incorrect bank account or insufficient funds. Students will also not be able to participate if they have outstanding payments due.

We appreciate your assistance in helping us to effectively plan these out of school excursions.