Parents and Carers of North Shore

This week within our newsletter we will be sharing some of the amazing work our staff and students are progressing here at North Shore State School. This term has definitely allowed us to get back to the business of what is a more normal school routine. We are progressing some exciting STEM work through our STEmgineers club that we will be sharing with you. This term we have also introduced our whole school reward systems through our PCL team, with students earning reward tokens for enacting our school values, rules and fortnightly focus. Each fortnight we will share our focus to support and encourage our school community to engage with our key messages and progress. I encourage all parents and carers to talk about these with their students and ask how their village is progressing collecting tokens.

This term will also be very busy as our students engage in swimming lessons and athletics qualifying within our PE lessons. For those who qualify our belief is that Red Track will still be going ahead at the end of this term. Information will be distributed once students have been selected for nominated events. Unfortunately we are still governed by a number of Covid –19 related restrictions that have forced us to think differently about some our school processes and routines. Any changes to school operating guidelines related to Covid-19 will be communicated to parents directly.

For those students in years 5 and 6 we are currently investigating our options to resume our intended school camps for term 4. Information relating to these activities will be distributed as soon as we can get them arranged. We are hopeful that we can get our students on camp this year.

Northern Beaches SHS Transition Day

On August 19, year 6 students from North Shore State School have been invited to attend a transition to Junior Secondary Day from 8:20am to 2:30pm at Northern Beaches SHS. This is a day for our year 6 students to experience a day in the life of a high school student and is only for students intending to enrol at Northern Beaches in 2020. On the day our Year 6 teachers will be in attendance with our students. If your child will not be attending on the day and attending school as normal, please inform us directly by email at admin@northshoress.eq.edu.au

Regards
Patrick McDonnell
Principal
Fortnightly Focus

Our current Fortnightly Focus is:
At North Shore we RESPECTFUL when we follow instructions the FIRST TIME, EVERY TIME.

The students have been doing a fantastic job at playing safely and following the North Shore expectations so we have begun our new focus. At North Shore this means we:
• Listen to and follow instructions from all adults in the school
• Stop what I am doing immediately and follow the instructions
• Are respectful to all staff
• Follow instructions without answering back
• Acknowledge instructions politely

Our Fortnightly Focus is now displayed in the PAM, CAM, JAM and SAM so the students are receiving the same message from all staff.

Village Points News

All villages are working towards their Level 1 reward.

Level 1 Reward—Afternoon Activities 250 points

There have been many students who have been very excited to share the news that they have received a Village Point for being safe, respectful or responsible!

The tokens are collected every Thursday and each village is given their point update during eating time on Friday.

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!
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North Shore State School is very proud to announce our new STEM club called STEMgineers! Students from years 2-6 can participate in a variety of STEM projects on offer at first break. Here are some of the tasks students participated in over the last 2 weeks.

- **Years 2 & 3 Makerspace Projects**
- **Chess Club is for years 3-6**
- **Garden Club is popular with students from 2-6**
- **Come along next week to make crystal geodes!**
- **Year 4 students in a Minecraft challenge**

Stay tuned for our STEMgineers Garden Club feature next edition!
Free Prep Vision Screening Program

The State Government is offering a free prep-aged vision screening program to all primary schools in Queensland under the Primary School Nurse Health Readiness Program. This will involve registered nurses screening the vision of children in their first year of formal schooling.

Screening at North Shore State School will be later in term 3.

Consent forms for the parents of PREP students ONLY will be placed in Prep student’s bags and sent home to parents this week. These must be completed by parents, signed, placed back in the envelopes, sealed and returned to the school ASAP.

Closing date for the return is 31 July 2020.

There is no charge for the provision of this vision screening service.

Please note that only Prep children are eligible to participate in this vision screening program. If you have concerns regarding the vision of children in other grades, please have them assessed by an eye health professional.

This service is a screening program only, and as such the Registered Nurse will recommend referral for any child identified as having a potential visual abnormality, to an eye health professional for further assessment. The school will be provided with the names of children who are referred for further assessment (provided the parent/guardian consents to share this information).

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding this vision screening program.

Zelda Lubbe
Deputy Principal
What we are learning at NSSS

This term we started our Ready, Set, Write tasks in all year levels. This type of writing is essential to help prepare students for realistic writing experiences. It is critical for today’s students to be able to create cohesive, thoughtful pieces which include accurate spelling and grammar in order to communicate their ideas clearly.

Students look at a colourful writing prompts such as this one, and write diary entries, short stories, character descriptions and various other types of texts.

Our students have been busy investigating this term. Students are learning how to use their critical thinking skills to problem solve and use their imagination in wonderful ways.

Features of the Week: Year 2 and 3

In year 2, after reading Roald Dahl’s *George’s marvellous medicine*, students create, rehearse and present a multimodal procedure based on accepts of the story. Students create a PowerPoint of a disgusting recipe and present it to their class. When presenting to their peers, students make sure to use appropriate presentation skills.

In Year 3, students are conducting an investigation into the behaviour of heat to explain everyday observations. They describe how science investigations can be used to respond to questions. They describe how safety and fairness are considered and use diagrams and other representations to communicate their ideas.
Students in the Instrumental Music program have made a great start to term 3 with some wonderful playing! Students are organised, know when their lesson times are and are doing some great home practice. Small but frequent practice sessions throughout the week make for excellent and steady progress. These practice sessions only need to be 15 minutes long. Try schedule them in during the week and remember to give yourself some days off as well!

The beginner band rehearse at second break ever Monday (1:30pm). It is important that students come straight to the music block so we can maximise our time together making music and playing together. There have been lots of loud sounds as well as familiar tunes coming out of the music block. We are looking forward to sharing our music with the North Shore community and I can’t wait to see what this ensemble can achieve throughout the year.

Ruby Johnson
Swimming Lessons

Swimming notes for Years 1-6 have been sent home and invoices sent via email to parents registered email addresses. Preferred method of payment is B-Point and instructions can be found at the bottom of the invoice. Payment and permission slips are both due by 9am Wednesday 12th August. **Late payments will not be accepted.**
Principals Welcome

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to the Northern Beaches State High School community.

As a state school we are proud to cater for all students. I have a firm belief in the benefits of building a strong and supportive community. This community ethos particularly benefits young people to develop as high achieving global citizens. I believe in the benefits of building a strong Northern Beaches community to avoid young people being “disconnected” from their community and friends to go to other schools outside their area.

As a parent you obviously want the best for your young person and I can assure you that Northern Beaches State High School offers leading educational experiences (through our Junior School and Senior School philosophies and structures) delivered in state of the art fully air-conditioned and ICT enhanced learning environments. Importantly, we also have strong beliefs in developing a “learning culture” and success being achieved through high expectations, good order and discipline. Ultimately, this will instill self-discipline in our young people as they prepare for life in society beyond school.

In 2021, Northern Beaches State High School proudly offers opportunities for excellence in which young students are challenged to fulfil their potential and make connections with their future pathways.

NBSHS Students in 2021 will be able to apply to the following iXL Excellence Programs at enrolment:

- iXL Academic Excellence
- iXL Sports Excellence
- iXL STEM Excellence
- iXL Arts Excellence

These programs are unique to our school and are integral to our vision of fostering excellence for all students. Students excelling in their fields and meeting the selection criterion for the program will be eligible to access all aspects of the iXL Excellence Programs. Applications for iXL programs can be collected from the office from Term 3.

In recent years, Northern Beaches State High School has won a number of awards at a State and National level. These awards acknowledge the excellent reforms and improvements that have been made across the school. In particular, these awards have recognized our School Leadership structure, Junior Secondary School, Senior Curriculum and Student Services.

Our Year 7 students are an integral part of our school. We are now into our eighth year of year 7 and believe that this school is delivering quality outcomes for the young people of the Northern Beaches area.

Enrolment packs will be provided to our future students and available at their primary school soon.

I look forward to your young person joining us in 2021.

Yours sincerely

Robin Sprott
Principal
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iXL applications are available upon request from the front office.

**Academic Excellence (Years 7 – 12)**

Northern Beaches State High School proudly promotes academic excellence where bright young students are challenged to fulfil their academic potential and make connections with their future pathways. iXL is our Academic Excellence Program unique to our school and our vision for nurturing academia. It is a program for students excelling in their academic studies and meeting selection criterion in attendance, effort and behaviour.

**Sports Excellence (Years 7 – 12)**

The iXL Sporting Excellence Program will cater for students who display a high physical ability in their chosen sport and then engage in an exclusive training and coaching schedule. Once accepted into the program students will be mentored by experienced coaches and JCU professionals to assist them in reaching their greatest potential in their chosen sport. Students will be provided with opportunities to enhance their skills and represent themselves and the school through various sporting platforms throughout the year.

**STEM Excellence (Years 7 – 10)**

The iXL STEM Excellence Program is a program that is offered to Year 7–10 students. Entry into this program is by application or invitation only. Eight students from each of the Year 7, 8 and 9 cohorts will be eligible to take part in STEM Excellence. The program will provide opportunities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics through project based inquiry challenges and externally offered, real world competitions. The Year 10 STEM Excellence class will explore potential career opportunities in STEM industries through visits to key research facilities in the Townsville area and interact with guest speakers who work professionally in these fields. Selection into this Excellence Class will prepare students for senior studies and future career pathways in the field of STEM.

**Arts Excellence (Years 7 – 12)**

Northern Beaches State High School proudly promotes artistic / creative development in the Arts Excellence program which will foster the theoretical and physical skills of each student in their artistic area of interest. Once in the program students will commit to participation in extracurricular artistic endeavours and strive for excellence in the arts electives. The program can include participation in Showcase, Theatre Restaurant, Photography and Technical Team for events, art projects, choir, dance and instrumental music.
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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**

- Pay each invoice separately
- Use your CRN (Customer Reference Number) from the invoice
- Check the invoice amount carefully and pay the exact amount
When planning an excursion or event there is a lot of planning that is required and sometimes we need to generate an invoice before sending out the permission slip. This is required as it is an overnight process and so we are then ready to take payments the next day. Due to the setup of Department of Education’s systems these invoices will be automatically emailed to the parents email address that we have on file. Participation in these events is optional and if you do not take up the offer then we will credit the invoice after the event finishes.

Sharryn Foster
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.