



North Shore State School Newsletter

Term 3 Edition 2

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

Please 'like' and 'follow' us to keep



Principal's Message

School Safety

I would like to take the opportunity to remind all of our students and families that safe behaviours when riding and scootering to school are vital to avoid serious or potentially fatal injuries to students as they travel to and from school.



Safety tips for cycling and scootering

If your child is in primary school, ride with them until they are confident. Once they have the skills and feel safe, try to find a friend from their school they can ride with.

Teach your child:

- the safest route to school (such as on a bike path or through suburban streets)
- to ride on the left side of the road, at least 1 metre from the curb (if they are in high school and feel comfortable), or on the foot-path (if they are in primary school or not confident at cycling)
- to try and stay 1 metre behind vehicles or bikes in front of them
- to wear their helmet correctly (so that it cannot move back or forward when they move their head)
- understand the bike/scooter road rules
- **that they shouldn't ever 'double' their friends**
- to ride with a maximum of 2 cyclists side by side
- what to do in an emergency—it's a good idea to have them carry a mobile with emergency numbers on speed dial
- to use hand signals to let others know where they are going and what they are doing

We encourage all families whether they ride to school or not to start a conversation about safety riding that may save their lives in the future.

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

8th August	Les Stagg Rugby League
12th August	Inter-School Athletics Carnival
17th August	Northern Beaches High School Yr 7 Transition Day
17th August	P & C Meeting—5.00pm
22nd to 26th August	Scholastic Book Fair
24th August	Book Week Dress Up Day/Parade
31st August	Camo for a Cause
2nd September	Pupil Free Day—School Closed All Day
5th to 8th September	Free Prep Vision Screening
16th September	Last day of school

LOST PROPERTY

PLEASE CHECK LOST
PROPERTY AT THE
OFFICE FOR
JUMPERS, HATS AND
WATER BOTTLES.



Student of the Week 2



Prep A	Zachary	Prep B	Rosie
Prep C	Isla	Prep D	Archer
Prep E	Eathynn	1A	Charlotte
1B	Sophie	1C	Chase
1D	Amaya and Savannah	1E	Finn
1F	Kahlani	2A	Levi
2B	Kayella	2C	Keira
2D	James	2E	Chad
3A	Mathias	3B	Finnis
3C	Ivy	3D	Gordon
3E	Laylah	3/4F	Joel
4A	Ella	4B	
4C	Kalen	4/5D	Liam
5A		5B	
5C	Phoenix	6A	
6B		6C	
HPE - 5B	PA - 1D	LOTE - 4A	MVA - 4B
Trooper of the Month	Fynn Cordwell		



Student of the Week 3



Prep A	Alexia	Prep B	Alex
Prep C	Ella	Prep D	Jayden
Prep E	Iylah	1A	Kaia
1B	Leo	1C	Ella
1D		1E	William
1F	Cullen	2A	Byron
2B	Isaac	2C	Bronte
2D	Jade	2E	Jacinta
3A	Elizabeth	3B	Beanna
3C	Jacob	3D	
3E	Samisoni	3/4F	Melisande
4A	Lexie	4B	Billie
4C	Naiyah	4/5D	Quinten
5A	Zoe	5B	Matakai
5C	Holly-May	6A	Beau
6B	Tyla	6C	Savannah
HPE - PE	LOTE - 5A/5D	VA - 3B	



In week two, grade 6 ventured off to Daradgee Environmental Education Centre for a 4-day camp. DEEC is located 11km north of Innisfail and 84km south of Cairns in an agricultural landscape reliant on the production of sugar cane, bananas and other fruit, beef cattle, fishing and tourism. The centre's grounds are 1.4ha and adjoin 2.7ha of council reserve made up of pathed rainforest walks, a large tree-lined oval bordering the North Johnstone River.

Grade 6 students, along with 6 adults, had an incredible time away. We had lots of laughs, not a lot of sleep and have made many memories to enjoy for a long time to come. Some of the activities we were able to enjoy included:

- Crocodile Cruises on the Johnstone River
- Fishing
- Low ropes courses
- High climbing challenges
- Digital photography course
- Farmyard activities
- Snake talk

Thank you to the families that supported the camp and sent their children away on the adventure.



The Challenge Games

At North Shore State School, students with a disability in Years 3-6 were invited to attend The Challenge Games. Held annually in Townsville, there is no other sporting event in Australia that covers all disabilities at the one time.

The Challenge Games is a two day event of sporting activities, athletics, fun and games for school children who have a disability — regardless of their type of disability.

We represented our school on Wednesday 27th August. Our small group participated in rugby league skills, parachute fun, 60m sprints, frisbee, fling-o-majig and a wheelchair obstacle course. **We're not sure who had the most fun** — the students or the adults. Thank you to Ms Budby and Ms Melody who came along to join in our fun.

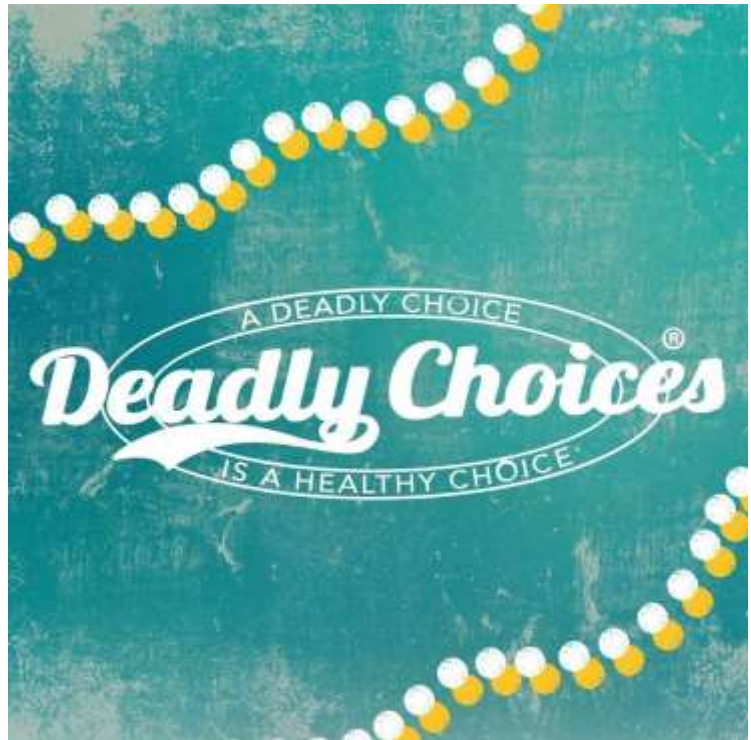
Patrice Evans
Inclusions Support Teacher 3-6



What We Are Learning at North Shore

Currently some of our Year 6 students are participating in the Deadly Choices Junior Tobacco program.

It is a health education and capacity development program that gives participants an understanding of the long association with tobacco Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have had, which helps them to gain insights into the current use and acceptance of tobacco in community.



The one-term, six session program is delivered in a flexible manner to suit school and community environments and timetables, and addresses healthy lifestyle topics such as:

History

Impacts of smoking

Chemicals and addiction

Quit supports and resources

Passive smoking, and

Deadly Places, Smoke-Free Spaces

Defence Family News



Camo for a Cause

What: Dress in sun safe blue or green Camo colours

When: Wednesday 31st August

Who: All students

Why: To raise money for Kookaburra Kids who support children and families

Cost: A gold coin donation

Coffee Connections - Thursday 1 September

ADF members and families in Townsville, we'd love to see you at Grandmas, North Ward for this month's Coffee Connections. Whether you've been in Townsville for a while now, or have just arrived, everyone's welcome.



This is a self-funded activity. Attendees are responsible for the cost of purchasing/providing their own food and drinks. Children are welcome under parent/guardian supervision.

Where: Grandmas, North Ward

When: Thursday 1 September from 9:30am - 11:30am

Registration: [Eventbrite - Coffee Connections](#)

Tropical Fridays, Barefoot Bowls (adults-only) - Friday 2 September

Couples and singles, mums and dads, and other adult family members are invited to join us at barefoot bowling adults-only fun night out.

Enjoy a social evening with barefoot bowls and a BBQ on us. While the name of the game is



barefoot bowls, socks / thongs / completely flat soled shoes are permitted on the green. While we'd love to see your brightest tropical themed outfits, please keep in mind that the bowls club dress rules require neat casual clothing and no singlets.

Where: Cutheringa Bowls Club, West End

When: Friday 2 September from 6:30pm

Registration: [Eventbrite - Barefoot Bowls](#)

Save the Date - DMFS Townsville Annual (almost) Amazing Race

DMFS Townsville will be holding the ever popular (almost) Amazing Race at Jezzine Barracks on Friday 9 September. Tickets for this event will be released during August, so be sure to look out for the event on our [Eventbrite](#) page.

**Photographs will be taken at all DMFS events. Please let our staff know if you do not want your family to be photographed. Photos may be used on our social media channels or in a DMFS publication.*

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

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

Cereal Box Dominoes Challenge

Last week TLV1 did our Cereal Box Dominoes Challenge. It was a huge success and the kids had a lot of fun. With everybody helping we collected 386 boxes of cereal. These boxes will be donated to Fuel For Schools.

We would like to thank NSSS students, teachers and parents for helping us to achieve our goal.

Thank you also to:

-Ms Milkins and Mr Mac for supporting TLV1 in our STEAM project.

-Ms Holder and Ms H for filming on the day.

-Woolworths in the City, Castletown and Burdell as well as Coles at Bushland Beach for donating boxes of cereal.

-Mrs Liz Williams, Kierren and Joanne Murray and Ms Diane for picking up donated boxes for cereal from the supermarkets around town.

This project helped the students to do some real-life learning. They counted, sorted, added and grouped the boxes of cereal. They experimented with shapes and weight, and they made a beautiful big oval with the boxes which allowed us to do our dominoes over and over again and they learned about force, cause and effect as well as chain reactions. Most importantly, we all learned that by ourselves we are good but when we work together, we are AMAZING, and we can make anything happen.

Thank you again,

From TLV1

Cereal Box Dominoes Challenge



Book Week 2022

We are looking forward to celebrating Book Week in Week 7 again this year. More details will be provided as we get closer, but start thinking about fantastic costume ideas for our Book Week Parade. We will also be running our Scholastic Book Fair during this week. Times and details will be provided in the coming weeks. This event is a fantastic fundraiser for our school library as well as an opportunity to foster a love of reading in our children. We look forward to another fun and successful event this year!

Book Week Dress Up Day/Parade –
Wednesday 24th August

Scholastic Book Fair –
Monday 22nd August-Friday 26th August



Visit by Registered Nurse for Free Prep Vision Screening

Good vision is important for a child's educational, physical and social development. Vision screening checks for common eye conditions that may impact your child's ability to see and therefore impact their learning and development.

A Registered Nurse will be visiting the school on/between **5 – 8 SEPTEMBER 2022** to conduct vision screening for children in their prep year. Your child does not need a Medicare card in order to participate in screening. If you wish to have your prep child participate in this free vision screening program, please complete a consent form by **01/08/2022**. Online or paper consent forms are available and will be distributed to you. Parents do not need to be present for screening, however if you would like to be, please contact the school to arrange this.

If your child's vision is screened, you will be advised of the results in writing. If a vision concern is found, you will receive a phone call from the nurse to discuss referral to an eye health professional for further assessment. If a vision concern is identified and your child requires glasses, eligible health care card holders may be assisted with free basic glasses through the Spectacle Supply Scheme.

Participation in vision screening is not compulsory. If you do not wish for your child to participate in screening, please complete the consent form and indicate that you wish to decline screening.

If you have any questions, please contact the Primary School Nurse Health Readiness Program on 1800 687 372.

NORTH SHORE P & C 2022



Monthly Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5PM. Everyone is welcome!

We need help with:

- Tuckshop

Open Tu, W, Th, F. Come in and see Lyn and Mel at the tuckshop.

- Cookie Dough Fundraisers
- Color Run
- Our Annual Bake Sale

Sell at the stall during school hours and bake at home.

**JUST ONE THING CAN MAKE THE
BIGGEST DIFFERENCE!**

Email: northshorepandc@hotmail.com for more information

or

Contact our P&C President Kayla on 0455687967

DOG ATE YOUR CHILD'S DENTAL FORM?

Don't stress! Read below.



DON'T LET A LOST DENTAL FORM RUIN YOUR CHILD'S CHANCE TO SEE THE DENTAL VAN

The Dental Van is now at your child's school providing free check-ups and treatment. If you have a child enrolled at the school and they hold a current Medicare Card, then they are eligible to receive free dental care.

To access the service, dental forms must be completed by a parent or guardian.

'2nd issue' forms are being sent out after the holidays to those who may have forgotten or misplaced their original one.

Late dental forms will still be accepted.

Please NB: It will take some time in getting around to examine every child!

If you have any concerns or enquiries, please contact the dental van staff on:
0427 908 711



The Dental Van is back

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To access the service, dental forms must be completed by a parent or guardian. If a dental form is not completed and returned, the Dental Van cannot see your child.

If you have not received a form home and you would like your child to visit the Dental Van, please collect a new form from the school office.

If you have any concerns or enquiries, please contact the dental van staff on: 0427 908 711



Why is it important to get **your children's** teeth checked?

****The mouth is one of the most important parts of the body and can affect your overall health and well-being ****

Attending a dental visit may prevent major dental problems such as tooth ache.

If you are not covered by the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, your children are still entitled to free dental care up until grade 10.

If you have any concerns or enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact our friendly staff on:

0427 908 711

Student Council News

Congratulations to our 2022 student council representatives. The student council is involved in recycling ventures around North Shore State School as well as various fundraising events to raise money for playtime equipment for students from Prep – year 6. This year the following are occurring:

-POPPER RECYCLING: Students are encouraged to place their empty poppers with straws removed into the recycling tubs in their village.

-ICY CUPS: Student council representatives make and sell icy cups. These are for sale from the Hall Kitchen on Friday afternoons immediately after the end of day bell for \$1.

-ORAL HYGIENE RECYCLING: Terra Cycle collect old toothbrushes, electric tooth brush heads, empty toothpaste tubes and floss containers and turn these into furniture. **A box for collections is in Mrs Gardem's classroom, once the box weighs 5kg it is sent back and we are issued credits towards resources.**

-SMENCILS FUNDRAISING: In Term 2 student council representatives will be selling Smencils (Smelly lead pencils made from recycled newspapers) for \$2 a pencil in the CAM on Friday mornings until they are sold out. Get in quick to collect the 10 difference scents and designs.






**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 is a local charity started by our Year 6 teacher Demeiza Gardem and her friend Paula Pool in 2015. The charity supports schools in the Townsville area that provide a breakfast club. At North Shore State School the charity is involved in providing emergency sandwiches for student who have forgotten their lunch. The charity runs by donations from local businesses and individuals. Donations can be made at North Shore with a donation bin placed outside the school office from the start of Term 2. To contact the charity email info@fuelforschools.org.au



Vegemite
Jam - All sorts!
Honey
Bega Creamed Cheese
Peanut Butter
UHT Milk
Cans of Spaghetti
Cans of Baked Beans
Nutrigrain
Weetbix



What do we need?





North Shore State School

Aspire Together - Achieve Together

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



PARENTS



1. Online System | Pay School Invoices

- Pay School Invoices (SRS; Text Book Fees; Camps; etc.)
- Access via **ANY** Computer or Smart Phone

2. Payments Accepted:

MasterCard | VISA

3. Secure Payment Method



Easy to Use Interface



Excursions/ Events

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.