What's on this Week

Monday
- Swim School commences
- Easter Raffle tickets sent home

Tuesday
- Swim School

Wednesday
- Swim School

Thursday
- Swim School

Friday
- Swim School
- Assembly – K C
- Book Club orders due

Dates to Remember
1. 16-20 March – Swim School
2. 20 March – 3-4 S Assembly
3. 23 March – 2 April – Parent/Teacher Interviews – Yr 1 – Yr 6

Principals Report

Congratulations again to all our students who gain positions at the SCR Induction last Friday. You should be very proud Northies. It was a very successful assembly and well attended by the school community. Our students showed outstanding audience manners so all deserve a big pat on the back.

Thank you to the community members and staff who attended the P/C AGM last Tuesday. The new P/C executive is as follows:

President: Jodie Hartwig
Vice President: Greg O’Neill
Secretary: Hayley Evans
Treasurer: Juanita Nielsen
Assistant Secretary: Krisoula O’Neill
Assistant Treasurer: Heidi Golding
Canteen Treasurer: Allyson Dell
Assistant Canteen Treasurer: Kathy Yates

Congratulations to our new our executive. The P&C has some exciting things planned for the year ahead including the big event with the 125 Celebrations of Broken Hill North Public School. Easter raffle tickets go out this week and there will be a chocolate prize for the student who has sold the most tickets at Friday’s assembly.

Our Swimming school started today so we had some excited students going to the pool. Let’s hope the weather warms up a little bit more for our swimmers.

Please obey the parking restrictions around the school as you pick up or drop your student at the school. They are important restriction for the safety of our students and community.

I had a great week in my first week as relieving principal at North and was so impressed by many things that are happening at this school. Probably the most outstanding thing I noticed was the amazing dedication to children of the North staff.

Attendance Snapshot
Term 1 Week 5 – 95.01%
(Target 91%)

Learning for all at North
It's cool to be at school!
Classes Of The Week

- 100% Green students – 3-4 S & N J
- Attendance – K C
- 3-4 S & N J achieved the double whammy barbecue challenge last week. Congratulations!!!

Whooping Cough
There has been a reported case of Whooping Cough. Below is information from the Department of Health to help prevent the spread of this disease:

Time from exposure to illness
Usually 9 to 10 days (can range from 6 to 20 days)

Symptoms
Starts with a running nose, followed by a persistent cough that comes in bouts. Bouts may be followed by vomiting and a whooping sound as the child gasps for air.

Do I need to keep my child home?
Yes, until the first 5 days of a special antibiotic have been taken.

How can I help prevent the spread?
Immunisation at 2, 4, 6 months and 4 years of age. A particular antibiotic can be given for the patient and those that have been in close contact. The infected child should be excluded from childcare and school until 5 days after treatment begins.

Emergency Cards
Thank you to all the families that have returned their updated emergency cards. For those that haven’t please return them as soon as possible.

Each year we update our emergency cards so we have the most current information and phone numbers for your child.

In this day of mobile phones many people change their numbers and forget to inform the school.

It is IMPORTANT to take the time to fill out the card because in an EMERGENCY it could be critical to have the most current information for your child.

P & C News

Easter Raffle
Tickets will be sent home today for the P & C Easter Raffle with the youngest student in the family. If you would like extra tickets books are available from the Front Office.

Tickets can be returned to the blue P & C box outside of the canteen. Each week there will be a chance to win some yummy chocolate at assembly for those students who have returned their tickets.
The P & C are requesting donations of Easter Eggs for this year’s Easter Raffle. Eggs of all shapes and sizes, no matter how big or how small will be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be left in the front office.

Canteen News and Roster

*** Weekly Special ***
Chicken and Gravy Roll
Smiley or Small Nippy’s
Jelly or Zooper Dooper $5

Roster

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Learning for all at North
2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

Apply before Midnight 16 June 2015

$150* TOWARDS ENERGY BILLS

2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM
* eligibility criteria apply

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- Up to $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- Up to $165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?
Before you apply, here’s a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-2014 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

HOW TO APPLY

- **ONLINE** – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- **PAPER** – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:

- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

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