SCHOOL PLANNING

All schools in NSW are currently developing their new School Plans and directions for 2015 and the next 3 year timeframe. As part of this process we are looking at what is important to us at Norths. This includes our motto, ‘Work Earnestly, Live Honestly’, and our school vision, ‘A Community with Expectations of Achievements and Success’. We are seeking the opinions of our staff, students and parents to ensure we can provide the best education for our students for years to come.

We want to hear the thoughts and ideas from all members of our school community. Next week we will hold a community meeting in the hall on Friday 7 November, 2014 starting at 9.30am. This group will be led by Mrs Smith. We will not attach any names to comments or feedback received but just wish to hear everyone’s ideas as we move ahead with our future planning. Students will also hold discussions with staff members so that their ideas for the future can be included in our plans.

Essentially, the school is trying to find information about the following areas:

- What do you value at St Marys North
- What are your hopes and dreams for your child or children in 2015 and beyond
- If you could do things differently (or had a magic wand) what would you like to see happen differently that would make a difference for our school.

If you are unable to attend the community meeting on Friday we are happy for you to put your ideas to these questions in writing. No names are required.
Thank you for your assistance in planning the future of our school. Together we can make St Marys North even better!

MOVIE NIGHT

What an outstanding success our first movie night was last Friday evening. We had responses that over 500 members of our school community joined together for pizza and a movie. The weather was perfect, the pizza yummy and a great film was provided for us to watch. We hope that we may be able to repeat this community event again in 2015.
EARLY LEAVERS
We are noticing more and more parents are arriving at school requesting that their child leave school to go home early. While it is appropriate to take a child to a medical or specialist appointment, if one cannot be made outside school hours, it is not appropriate to take children home just as a matter of convenience. The government requires that all children between the ages of 6-17 years should be at school unless sick. Ringing phones to the classroom requires disruption to the teachers and disruption to the other students in the class learning. We would appreciate if children are only collected early in the case of an emergency or an unavoidable scheduled appointment. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

STEWART HOUSE BAGS
These bags are being collected today, Friday. Thank you to all the families who have brought these bags full of unwanted clothes to school.

COMPETITIONS
On Monday, the students who had not received their Certificates for their efforts in the New South Wales University Competitions, were presented with these at the Assembly. It is a great achievement to sit for the assessment and an even greater achievement to receive an outstanding result such as a Merit, Credit, Principal Award, Distinction or High Distinction. Once again, Congratulations to those students. Very Well Done!!!

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION
We would like to remind all parents concerned that the first day for Kindergarten Orientation will be next Tuesday, 4 November. Also, a number of children who have already enrolled to start Kindergarten next year still have some of their required paperwork outstanding. Please remember that the school needs to hold the following documentation for ALL children who enrole in school:

- Full Birth Certificate
- Immunisation Certificate
- Proof of Address
- Completed Enrolment Form

Orientation Day starts at 9.30am in the school hall. Both parents and children are invited to come along to what should be a very informative morning.

COFFEE & CHAT
The first Coffee & Chat for Term 4 will be on Friday 7 November. It will be a bus trip organised by Jackie Greenow to tour ST MARYS. There will be a small charge but there will be lunch served and it should not only be interesting, but it will also be FUN!! Please call in at the office and put your name down as there are limited places and it will be first in.
Also, at the second Coffee & Chat for this Term – Wednesday 12 November, we will be having a special visit from Mrs Backhouse (our School Counsellor). Mrs Backhouse will be discussing her role and explaining some of the assessments she carries out. This will be a casual meeting where questions can be asked in a relaxed manner. Coffee & Chat’s always welcome new parents, so please come along!
SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS
If you have a child currently in Year 5 and are seeking a Selective High School placement for them in Year 7, 2016 you will need to apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. Applications are now open and will close on Monday 17 November, 2014. Families require internet access, an email address and printer. The Selective High School placement test will take place on Thursday 12 March, 2015. No late applications will be accepted. Please see either your child’s class teacher, Mrs Parello or Mrs McSpeerin if you require assistance with this process.

MAGPIE WARNING
Please be aware that we have a Magpie swooping in the school grounds and also at the park.

SUN SAFETY
This spring has seen temperatures soar. A new information pack with the latest advice on sun safety is available for schools and parents. Find out more: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/student/support/studenthealth/sun-safety/index.php

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP
We’re the first generation of parents responsible for equipping our children with digital citizenship skills – how to use technology safely and responsibly, and how to evaluate, manage and use the information and tools they find online. Here are some tips to get you started: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/raising-good-digital-citizens

KINDergarten 2015
Do you have a child that will be starting school next year?

We are taking Enrolments for Kindergarten 2015 NOW.

Anyone who would like to enrol their child into Kindergarten for 2015 at St Marys North Public School, please come to the school and speak to Mrs Coleman in the office. Mrs Coleman will give you an enrolment form and answer any questions that you have.

The office is open between 8.30am and 3.30pm

You will also need the following documents:

- Birth Certificate
- Immunisation Certificate
- Proof of Address
PLAYGROUND AWARDS – Week 4
Walk quickly to class

KB Malia Latu
KH Rozane Chand
KJ Talisha Basiuk
KT Aiden Dunn
1C Katelyn Connor
1R Gracie Haynes
1S Luqman Al-Hussein
2B Maddison Tideswell
2V Dylan Brybag
2/3A Maylanee Anae
3P Rhys Otter
3R Sommah Walsh
3/4W Bree Esquilant
4D AJ Anae
4/5A Nicholas Mann
5P Yasmin Pijov
6B Matthew Duncan
6R Annie Faalogo

KIDS MATTER

VALUE AWARDS - Week 4
Support

KB Shiyah Hohepa
KH Bianca Pestridge
KJ Jonae Rochfort
KT Emma Hobson
1C Taylah Sait
1R Jeremias Peniamina
1S Penny Canning
2B Jack Alderton
2V Madison Reay
2/3A Bradley Fuller
3P Roxy Paul
3R Shatanah Kalepo
3/4W Hayley Kovacs
4D Rose-Lee Spiteri
4/5A Jayden Farr Robinson
5P Angelina Fahiua
6B Trinity Hanslow Lay
6R Liam Schempp

Principal’s Awards
Leroy Haynes
Moke Yates