SCHOOL PLANNING
A community meeting to seek the opinions of our parents was held in the hall on Friday 7 November. Unfortunately it was not well attended. As we are still seeking the opinions of our parents we would like to hold another meeting next Friday, 14 November at 9.30 in the Hall. If you are unable to attend, there is an opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas, via links to an online survey which has been put up on the school website and Facebook page. Alternatively, if you would like to come and complete the survey online at school, there are computers available in the library. Questions discussed were:

- 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?

Also keep an eye out for our school councillors who will be in the playground over the next week with the survey on iPads, providing you with the opportunity to have your say if you do not have access to the internet at home.

Students will be holding discussions in their classes so that their ideas for the future can be included in our plans.

CHESS COMPETITION
On Sunday, 26 October two of our students – Kryzjhynn and Joshua Guevara made up a team along with their cousin – Joserhin Bautista and competed in a Chess Competition at Macquarie University representing St Marys North. They played seven rounds in this competition and played schools from all over Sydney. Some schools competing were Newington College, Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary, Lindfield Public School. The schools were diverse. Kryzjhynn won two of her seven games, Joserhin won three of her games and Joshua won six of his games. These results were fantastic! Just competing is a wonderful experience but to win so many games is great! The competition is intense, with some children being coached to participate at this level.

Congratulations to Kryzjhynn and Joserhin but special recognition has to be awarded to Joshua. We are very proud of you all!
RETURNING TO NORTH'S
Last month, a note went home to all families requesting that they advise the school whether or not their children will be returning to St Marys North Public School in 2015. It is important that we receive this information as soon as possible to enable the school to prepare class lists for next year. If you have not returned your family’s note to the school, could you please do so as soon as possible.

COFFEE & CHAT
The second Coffee & Chat for this Term is this Wednesday 12 November. Mrs Melinda Backhouse (our School Counsellor) 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. This is the perfect opportunity to find out more about how you can access this type of support for your child, if needed. Mrs Backhouse is a wealth of knowledge and it is important parents know and understand what she does and how she assists children, teachers and parents within the school. Please come along, have some afternoon tea and meet her. We will meet in the Learning and Support area at 1.30pm.

PLANT SALE
A Plant Sale will be held under the Debrincat COLA on Friday 14 November from 8.30-9.00 am. The plants being sold have been grown by our students and have been well looked after by Mr & Mrs Elphick. All money raised will go to the Student Representative Council. Plants for sale and prices are listed below:
Tri-colour Coprosma $5.00 each
Cymbidium Orchids $5.00 each
Cliveas $5.00 each
White Hydrangeas $2.00 each
Gaura $2.00 each
Bromeliads $3.00 each
A very large, advanced Mandevilla, red flowers, one only. $15.00

QUIET PLAY
During 2nd break time the students of North St Marys are offered a ‘Quiet Play’ alternative. This operates most days except Friday. The Quiet Play area provides many activities for the students to play quietly and socialise in a different way to being on the Grass or Paved area where perhaps more physical skills are required. Some children prefer other options to make friends and play.
Some of the activities are play dough (very, very popular), Lego, bubble blowing, chess, animal figures, car and car mats, connect four, jigsaws, sorting, threading and more.
The students love the activities and there are many students who are regular participants.
A special thanks to the senior monitors who tirelessly assist in the setting up and packing away. They have been invaluable in making this program successful and sustainable in 2014.
HALLOWEEN STALL
Year 6 would like to say a huge thank you to all the students at St Marys North PS for purchasing items from our Halloween Stall or tickets for the raffle over the last two weeks. We were delighted to raise $742.10. This money will be used to purchase our gift to the school. Congratulations to Emily, Kimani and Leeam for winning the prizes in the raffle. We hope that everyone had a wonderful time trick-or-treating!

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.

LOST PROPERTY
We have a large number of school jumpers without names on them in Lost Property. If your child is missing a jumper, please have a look through our lost property basket located outside Mrs Adamson’s room (next to 5P).

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/studentsupport/studenthealth/sun-safety/index.php

CREATIVE READING
If your child is full of great ideas, share these 22 slides to help them tell their stories. Pixar's 22 rules for great creative writing are brilliant! http://bit.ly/1fyxNK3

CHOOSING THE RIGHT SHOES
School shoes may all look the same but the cost can vary from about $30 to $120 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes

NSW PUBLIC SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS
PLAYGROUND AWARDS – Week 5

Wear a school hat

KB  Joshua Baillache  2/3A  Madison Flannery
KH  Scarlett Henshaw  3P  Rhys Otter
KJ  Phoenix Reynolds  3R  Axle Luland
KT  Lucas McAlister  3/4W  Ian Prince
1C  Marcus MacDonald  4D  Tyla Flack-Clifton
1R  Bailey Hepenstall  4/5A  Michael Spencer
1S  Wairu Muru Brown  5P  Casey Arnfield-Thompson
2B  Tema Yates  6B  Ethan Niven
2V  Talea Brown  6R  Tyrone Ernest

KIDS MATTER

VALUE AWARDS - Week 5

Cooperation

KB  Peyton Hemi  2/3A  ShannaLae Hohpea
KH  Ryan Rich  3P  Natayla Baillache
KJ  Isabella Graham  3R  Katelyn White
KT  Riley Hayes  3/4W  Tamara Wiseman
1C  Dakota Kemara  4D  Jordan Keighran
1R  Mickaylah Holden  4/5A  Kael Harreman
1S  Luqman Al-Hussein  5P  Jesse Barnes
2B  Ashlee Barker  6B  Ruby Franklin
2V  Trent Patrikis  6R  Daniel Scott

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
"WELCOME COFFEE & CHAT"

TIME: 1.30pm - 2.45pm

PLACE: Learning & Support Area
(If unsure, please meet at the office and we will show you where to go)

WHAT: Meet Mrs Backhouse
(School Counsellor)

Collect new information, Ask questions

WHEN: Wednesday, 12th November, 2014

WHO: Mrs Robertson
Learning and Support Teacher
Mrs Greenow Community Liaison Officer

Please come along and enjoy the discussion with the group (very relaxed and friendly)! If you are a new parent we look forward to meeting you! You can also collect some new handouts which always have helpful hints.
4/5A are as delightful as a box of iced doughnuts with hundreds and thousands.

I am as smart as a well-used encyclopaedia. Murdoc
I am as cute as a kitten trying to get into a bowl. Hayley
I am as bad as a gorilla beating his large chest. Saira
I am as awesome as a brand new prestige Lamborghini. Michael
I am as muscly as a body builder. Craig
I am as sweet as a sweet, tasty lollipop. Isabella
I am as cuddly as a new born puppy. Peta-lea
I am as cool as Antarctica’s dry ice. Jayden
I am as famous as Jim Carry. Jasmine
I am as shy as a weepy puppy. Dakoda
I am as bright as the sun on a sunny day. Shae
I am slow as a slimy snail slithering away. Jenny
I am quick as Usain Bolt breaking the world 100m record. Pacey
I am as soft as a feather. Claire
I am as silly as a circus clown. Alkira
I am as quiet as a mouse. Vitolina
I am as loud as a door banging. Katalina
I am as strong as an angry bull. Hunter
I am as sad as a person after watching Titanic. Shontelle
I am as selfish as a monkey with a banana. Nicholas
I am as good as the dark side of the moon. Wilson
I am as loud as Paris when she is whispering. Te-Arani
I am as funny as Miss Allatt when she tells a joke. Moke
I am as sweet as a scoop of ice-cream. Melanie
I am as pretty as Te-Arani when she smiles. Paris
I am as strong as Big Show. Leeam
I am as creative as an artist. Barry
I am as strong as Godzilla. Faamanu
North St Marys Community OOSH
Dec 2014 and Jan 2015 Vacation Care

Thursday 18 Dec 2014 "Water Fun Day" Bring your towel!

FRIDAY 19 DEC 2014 REPTILE MAN INCURSION HANDS ON REPTILE EXPERIENCE, EXTRA COST $15 PP - THEN ENJOY OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY IN THE AFTERNOON WHERE EVERY CHILD RECEIVES A GIFT!


TUESDAY 13 JAN 2015 EXCURSION TO FLIP OUT IN PENRITH. BOUNCY FUN. DON'T FORGET YOUR SOCKS. EXTRA COST $24PP

Wednesday 14 January Girls vs Boys Big Day of Competition Indoor and outdoor games and challenges. Heaps of prizes

THURSDAY 15 JAN DANCE AND DRAMA DAY. LEARN TO BE A STAR!

WEDNESDAY 21 JAN 2015 EXCURSION TO TREE TOPS ADVENTURE PARK IN YARRAMUNDI EXTRA COST $30 PP

THURSDAY 22 JAN 2015 CRAZY, WATERY, SUMMER GAMES DAY. MESS, WATER AND COMPETITIONS.

Friday 16 Jan 2015 Stranded on a desert island day. Learn fun survival skills and search for the hidden treasure.

MONDAY 19 JAN 2015 INCURSION - KIDS MARTIAL ARTS, LEARN SKILL AND STRENGTH. EXTRA COST $5 PP

Monday 23 Jan 2015 PIRATES VS PRINCESS DAY. DRAGONS, TREASURE AND QUESTS.

Tuesday 27 Jan 2015 Excursion to Glenbrook cinema then a picnic lunch in the park. Movie TBA. Extra cost $10 pp.

Undiscounted fee is $50 pp, excursion costs are extra

WE ARE CCB APPROVED, SO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR GREATLY REDUCED COSTS