From the Principal

Dear Norris Road Community,

Welcome Back

Welcome back to our returning families and welcome to our new families. Thank you for choosing Norris Road. You are certainly joining a great school community.

I hope that your summer break was both relaxing and enjoyable. I appreciate there were significant frustrations caused with the supply of books this year, rest assured learning will not be impacted if your child still does not have the correct, or all, of their stationery requirements for the start of the year.

Welcome to our new staff too. Thelma Scammells is our second Deputy Principal, Kylie O’Neill and Hannah Davis are teaching Year 1, Rea Real teaching Year 2, Liam McCawley teaching Year 4, Claire Rae teaching Year 5 and Jen Mould teaching Year 6. Welcome back to our returning teachers: Courtney Drew and Kimberley Cunningham – teaching Year 1; Greg Kitson – Year 6 and Emily Gorbenko teaching Year 3 with Bronwyn Schrieber.

We have four priorities for the year within the Explicit Improvement Agenda:

- Writing – a huge focus on explicit instruction, individual learning goals and feedback of, as and for learning.
- Continuing to embed the great work already done with reading.

Café

Thank you to Cheryl and her hard working team for the new menu. It is fully compliant with Smart Choices. While the old ‘brownie’ has been adapted to meet the requirements, it is still a very tasty option.

Volunteers at the Café would very much appreciate correct change when dealing with over-the-counter orders and sales. **We are not able to take $50 notes.**

On-line orders are an easy way to save time and the hassle of finding the right change. Please consider this.

Works Around School

With the growth of the school population, classrooms have become a scarce resource. Two of our Year 2 classes are working from the Music room in Term 1. We anticipate our numbers growing to the point that new buildings are needed and the first of these will be designated for Year 2. As a result of the move, Instrumental Music and Classroom Music have had to relocate to the hall.
Parking

Over the term, Council officers will be attending school zones to ensure safe parking. Parking fines may be issued in cases where illegal parking is observed.

The council have asked that we encourage parents, guardians and visitors to the school to visit the Council’s website at www.brisbane.qld.gov/traffic-transport/parking-permits/parking-rules to learn more about parking in Brisbane.

We have a small group to work on our parking issues this year. If you are interested in becoming involved, please email principal@norroadss.eq.edu.au

Celebration of Learning

I would like to acknowledge the Norris Road staff for their dedication to learning during last week’s Pupil Free Days. We had three very busy days reconnecting with each other welcoming new staff and setting the agenda for the year ahead.

Point for Reflection

Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success – both in school and in life. When you make school attendance a priority, you help your child get better grades, develop healthy life habits, avoid dangerous behaviours and have a better chance of graduating from school.

Every minute of every day counts

When your child arrives to class on time, they have time to settle and prepare for the day. 15 minutes late can be unsettling, routines have been discussed, rolls marked and absences recorded. 5 minutes late a day equates to three full days lost per year. One day off per fortnight will equate to one full year of schooling by the end of Year 12. One day per week absent will equate to 2½ years of schooling lost by the end of Year 12.

Please help us to help your child to achieve to their full potential – every day.

Shannon Lusk
Principal

MRS THELMA SCAMMELLS NEW DEPUTY AT NORRIS ROAD STATE SCHOOL!

Thank you for the warm welcome to the school community this week. What a great start to 2018 at Norris Road with increased enrolments across all year levels. This increase in enrolments has warranted the appointment of a new deputy position at the school. I have been appointed as Deputy Principal to work alongside Ms Lusk, Miss McKendry and all staff in driving the school improvement agenda around Writing, Reading, Reconciliation and Wellbeing. I am joining our brand new Prep students along with the new students to other year levels as well. We know that many lasting friendships and memories will be created at Norris Road as our students partake of the many and varied curricula and extra-curricular opportunities that are provided. Please feel welcome to call in and say hello.

I will continue in 2018 to provide a school environment for our young people where academic achievement and effort, school spirit and self-discipline are highly valued. A focus on students as individuals, is our core business.

NEWSLETTERS PRODUCED FORTNIGHTLY

Reminder that the newsletter is emailed out fortnightly.

ICT NETWORK AGREEMENT

This week every student in Year 1 to Year 6 will bring home an ICT Agreement Form. Due to changing rules and regulations with ICT this form needs to be renewed each year. Please read this agreement with your child and discuss the importance of the rules and regulations set out for the use of ICT resources/equipment at Norris Road State School. Forms need to be returned to your class teacher ASAP. Unfortunately NO form means NO ICT usage. Thank you for your co-operation.
SPORT/ HPE.

District Trials

Throughout the year there will be District Trials held for various sports. Most of these trials will be open for 11 and 12 year olds. Some of the District Trials (swimming, cross country, track and field) will be open for 9 to 12 year olds.

If your child attends a District Trial they must have very good skills in the chosen activity. They must also pay a $12 District Nomination Fee and they must bring permission forms to the trials. The $12 District Nomination Fee for swimming, cross country and track and field is paid to the school. All other District Nomination Fees are paid online. NO FEES PAID = NO TRIAL.

Forms for District Trials need to be returned to school, they will be signed by the Principal, they will have a school stamp put on them and they will be returned to your child so that they can take them to the District Trials.

NO FORMS = NO TRIAL.

(The only forms the school will take to District Trials are for cross country and track and field as these are the only trials where we send staff members to the trials).

The District Swimming (9 to 12 years) forms and fees must be returned to the school office no later than Monday 29 January. If you nominate your child for the District Swimming Trials, they must be very capable of swimming the selected distance and they must know their time (eg. times obtained from swimming club).

**Interschool Sport 2018**

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**Friday Activity Options**

The Year 4/5/6 students will be asked to select a Friday activity option for Summer and Winter. Interschool sport will not be the only option available. There will be “at-school” options available also. More information re: Friday activities has been sent home this week with the students involved.

**HPE**

It is a requirement for school that students have a broad-brimmed hat at school every day for play. Hats are also required for PE lessons.

Every child is also required to participate in PE lessons. If for some medical reason your child cannot participate in PE lessons, a note explaining the reason why is required.
PROTOCOLS FOR VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS IN THE SCHOOL

At Norris Road, we value the contribution parents and volunteers make in our classrooms. So time spent in classrooms can be productive, there are a number of protocols for visitors and volunteers to follow.

Visitors and volunteers to the school need to:

- Sign in at the office indicating the reason for the visit and the area of the school being visited.
- Pre-arrange a mutually convenient time to meet with your child’s teacher if you have any concerns over their program/progress. (Afternoons are preferred due to the need for morning preparations.)
- Pre-arrange times with your child’s teacher to visit classrooms – it could be disruptive if not planned in advance.
- Be mindful of the need to minimise disruptions to classroom routines or individual student programs.

LATE PICK UP IN AFTERNOONS

If you’re running a few minutes late to pick up your child, please ring well before 2.30 p.m. This gives the office staff time to contact your child with your message. This saves unnecessary worry on your child’s part when they can’t find you.

2018 Parent Information Sessions – Monday 12 February 2018

4:00 p.m to 5.00 p.m: Prep to Year 2 & Yr 2/3 sessions will be held in your child’s classroom.

5:00 to 6.00 p.m: Year 3 to Year 6 sessions will be held in your child’s classroom.

AFTERNOON PICK UP FROM PRITCHARD PLACE

Please remind your child/ren there is a supervised area to wait for your arrival in the afternoons, with a staff member on duty. This is directly next to the demountables.

For your child’s safety please collect your child from this area.

Calendar of Events

Term 1
Jan. 26 AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY
31 Badge Ceremony Assembly
Feb. 7 Junior Assembly (P-2)
12 Parent / Teacher Information Sessions
14 Senior Assembly (Y3-6)
16 Interschool Sport Begins
21 Junior Assembly (P-2)
23 Interschool Sport
26 School Photos
27 School Photos
28 Senior Assembly
Mar. 2 Interschool Sport
7 Junior Assembly
9 Interschool Sport
14 Senior Assembly
16 Interschool Sport
21 Junior Assembly
23 Interschool Sport
28 School Cross Country
Full School Assembly
29 Easter Hat Parade – (P-2)
Last Day of Term 1
Mar. 30
EASTER
April 16 VACATION

Term 2
April 17 First Day of Term 2

Norris Road State School Assessment Booklets 2018

Assessment Booklets on the 2018 booklist purchased on-line through EDSCO will be delivered to your child’s classroom over the next two weeks.

If you did not use this online service, please pay $15 for the Assessment Booklets at the office between 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. daily by Friday, 9 February 2018. You may use eftpos, cash or credit card.

These booklets will also be delivered to your child’s classroom over the next two weeks.
Dear Parents and Carers,

The best gift we can give our children is the love of books and the joy and benefits of independent reading. Our school participates in the Scholastic Book Club. Twice a term your child will bring home a Club catalogue with a wide selection of books offered for all ages and reading abilities starting from as little as $2.

It is easy to order, you can either order and pay online using the LOOP system or fill in the order form and return it to school with your money or a cheque. Your child's books will be delivered to their class. Each order helps towards earning free books for our school library.

Issue 1 Book Club catalogues will be coming home soon and this will be the first issue for the year. Orders are due in Friday 16 February 2018 at 9.00 a.m. (late orders will not be processed and will be returned to the child).
If you are paying with cash/cheque then please ensure your orders:
- Are in a sealed envelope marked ‘Book Club’ and include your payment
- Have the students name and class clearly written on the order form to ensure correct delivery
- Are placed into the P&C slot in the school office before the cut off day and time

Payment can be made:  
cash (correct amount please)
cheque (payable to ‘Scholastic Australia’)
credit card (follow the LOOP instructions on the order form)

If you have any questions, please contact Robyn 0406 589 005

Book Club LOOP

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform.

It’s easy to order and pay online for your child’s Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the LOOP, speak with your school’s Book Club Organiser.

Head to scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Follow these easy steps!

1. Simply grab your child’s Book Club catalogue and either SIGN-IN or REGISTER your account.

2. Add your child’s first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your SCHOOL and your CHILD’S CLASS.
   Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.

3. Click on ORDER and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

4. All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child’s classroom if you order by the close date.

That’s it! There’s no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.
Welcome back to school for 2018. I hope you all had a enjoyable holiday. Banking resumes again for another year starting Wednesday.

Due to growth circumstances Banking day will changing to a Monday. This will be in effect from Monday 5th March 2018. Notices will go up around the school to inform as many as possible and a note in the banking books.

A new set of rewards have been created again for each term. Term 1 has the Secret Scratch Art Pad and the Twister Power Handball. I will display all rewards on the board as soon as I have received them.

If you would like to open a Bank account with the Commonwealth Bank go to www.commbank.com.au/banking/youthsaver and apply online.

If you have any questions or queries in regards to banking please come and see me in the P&C Kitchen in the Hall on Wednesday mornings until the 5th, then we will be in the Library.

If you have a free hour come and join us and help. Banking is a voluntary activity within the school and without the wonderful volunteering parents it would not be able to happen.

Looking forward to a wonderful year

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Uniform Shop Update

**Interschool Sports Shirts:** These are personalised shirts with your child's name and specially chosen number on the back. They are worn by Years 4-6 for Interschool Sports on a Friday and cost $40. If you would like to order one, please come and choose your number at the Uniform Shop to make sure the number you want is available.

**Performing Arts Shirts:** These are personalised shirts with your child's name on the back. They are worn by Choir members in Years 3-6 and Instrumental Band members in Years 4-6 and cost $40.

**School Jackets:** We offer a light weight zip up jacket with NORRIS ROAD STATE SCHOOL printed on the back as an alternative to our regular school jumper. We have samples in the Uniform Shop to look at and try on.

They cost $70 or $75 with your child's name on the back also.

Our Uniform Shop is open on a Wednesday afternoon from 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. and a Friday morning from 8.00 – 9.00 a.m.

All the above mentioned uniform items need to be ordered **by Friday 16 February 2018**. Please look out for the order forms which will be coming home with your child/children.

Thank you,
NRSS Uniform Shop

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**UNIFORM HOURS**

**Wednesday –**

2.00 – 3.00 p.m.

**Friday – 8.00 – 9.00 a.m.**

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**Back to school: Slow Down in 40 km/h School**

Please take care around schools and adhere to the speed limits which are in place.

The school zone speed limit is designed to ensure motorists have a greater chance to react if something unexpected happens.

Children are also impulsive, unpredictable and inexperienced, which is why motorists need to exercise caution in the vicinity of a school.

Speeding through school zones greatly increases the risk to pedestrians as the faster a vehicle is travelling, the longer it takes to stop and the greater the severity of impact.
FUNDING TO HELP KIDS PARTICIPATE IN CLUB SPORT

If your child is aged between 5 and 17 (inclusive), you may be eligible to claim $150 back on their club registration through a Queensland Government Get Started voucher!

It should be noted that vouchers are issued on a first come, first served basis; therefore there is no guarantee that an eligible child or young/person will obtain a voucher.

Get Started Vouchers applications opens on Wednesday 24 January 2018.

For further information on the Get Started Vouchers program, please refer to the website - www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthe.game/getstarted/.