From the Principal

Dear Norris Road Community,

NAPLAN Preparation
I would like to extend a huge thank you to our Year 3 and 5 teachers and students who have worked hard to prepare themselves for the upcoming NAPLAN tests. While we acknowledge that NAPLAN is a point-in-time test and the work we do every day in classes is the best preparation, it is important to be familiar with this particular genre of testing. Understanding what to do and how to do it, not only takes the mystery out of testing, it can also serve to reduce some anxiety.

I encourage all students to take part. NAPLAN will take place next term, Week 4 (9-11 May).

Pick Up and Drop Off
We appreciate that there are issues with parking both in Greenore Street and Pritchard Place. I will be meeting with Cr Amanda Cooper in April to talk further and the P&C are trying to gather enough support to help drive some possible changes too. Please be mindful of your behaviour in these areas, particularly during times of frustration.

Before School Supervision
Next term we will be trialling supervision of students in the hall before school. The bell will be rung later, to allow teachers the preparation time before school and doors to classrooms will open at 8:25a.m. NOT 8:15a.m.

Students will bring themselves (and bags) to the hall from 8.10 a.m., where they will be supervised. Parents and carers can just drop and go.

Everyday Counts
Attendance is sitting at 95.1% 😊. Thank you for your commitment to the education of our children.

A breakdown of attendance for the term is recorded below:

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Happy Easter
Celebration of Learning

I had the pleasure of reading the Year 5 NAPLAN practice writing pieces and I am so proud of all of our students’ efforts. Particular mention in this newsletter goes to Emma, Kaitlyn, Kaewa and Leon whose writing demonstrates some of the skill that only good writers possess. A skill that I enjoy as I read a good book and one I know I don’t possess myself. Below are some of my favourite parts of their stories that captured my attention. All four said they love reading, and it shows -

Emma:  
*Sobbing and sweating, I ran towards the stream and swooped up Quicktail. I waded aimlessly across the stream and touched the other end when my legs gave way and the current pulled me into the Spotted Forest....*

Kaitlyn:  
*...Jane opened the box full with wonder and curiosity. “A pencil?” Her smile turned into a frown. “This is no ordinary pencil, Jane. This one is special...If you treat it right.”*

Kaewa:  
*...She frowned, then plastered a fake smile on her face. “Hurry up,” she moaned but no matter how many times the camera flashed it did not stop. The game was on outside and she had to stay inside...*

Leon:  
*“He Huh” panted Shiro as he leaped over the river of gleaming stones. “I’m going to be late!” he thought to himself. As he entered a tiny hut which seemed to be getting hotter with every step closer...*

Point for Reflection

A farmer had an old dog. One day his dog fell into a dry well. At first, the farmer was at a loss as to what to do. The dog was probably also at a loss as to what to do.

The farmer thought, "It's an old dog. Why don’t I put an end to its misery? He could either starve to death, or I could bury the dog and cover up the well at the same time."

So the farmer started shovelling the dirt into the well. At first, the dog barked furiously and the farmer felt sad but continued filling up the hole. Then came absolute silence. The farmer suddenly saw the dog wagging his tail and kicking dirt into the well. The dog would just shake off the dirt that came on him and then get on top of the pile. The old dog eventually "rode" the pile of new dirt to the top.

Question: Do you allow yourself to be buried under the clutter of life, or do you shake off all the dirt, get on top of the situation, and use the dirt as part of your experience?


Shannon Lusk
Principal
**Leaving at the end of Term 1...**
If you are leaving our school at the end of this term, please notify the office by calling 3261 0777.

**ANZAC DAY SERVICE**
Our Anzac Day Service will be held on 21 April starting at 9:00 a.m. in the hall. Parents who are members of the armed services are invited to contact us if they would like to attend as our special guests. Please email cfost5@eq.edu.au

**Lost Property**
We will be displaying the lost property in the undercover area near the Tuckshop on Wednesday 29 March. Any unnamed and unclaimed lost property will be given to charity during the holidays.

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**2018 PREP INFORMATION MORNING**

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**CURRICULUM CORNER**

**Australian Curriculum: Critical and Creative Thinking Part 2**

One of the four inter-related elements of Critical and Creative Thinking is **Inquiring** - identifying, exploring and organising information and ideas. This element involves students developing inquiry skills.

Students

- pose questions, eg. in Maths a Prep student could ask “How can I tell the difference between a rectangle, triangle and a square?”
- identify and clarify information and ideas, eg. in History a Year 2 student would ask, “How did people live 100 years ago and what is the same or different about how we live today?”
- organise and process information, eg. in English, when examining persuasive texts, a Year 3 or 4 student would seek to differentiate between fact and opinion and identify key language features.

The complexity of inquiry skills continues to increase with Year 6 students being required to probe for causes and consequences (eg. of the campaign for Federation in History studies) and analyse, condense and combine relevant information from multiple sources (eg. sourcing online texts, digital texts and books to compiling a Geography report about migration.)
STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS
We have been talking at our weekly meetings about how we can improve our school. Discussions have been around seating, bookshelves and books for the library. Conversation will continue at the next meeting.

Last week, we had our third week of interschool sport. All of us love going to sport. It has been very hot so don’t forget to put sunscreen on and take a water bottle and most importantly don’t forget your HAT!

Reminder that next Wednesday will be the school Disco, run by the P & C. The theme is SUPER HEROS. If you do not have a costume, don’t worry you can easily put a costume together from things around the house.

Lastly and sadly, we would like to congratulate and thank Mrs Berridge who is leaving our school today after 28 years of being a Teacher Aide. We are very sad and will miss her so much. She is great at her job and we are sad to see her leave. Have a wonderful retirement and thank you again for everything you have done for the students of Norris Road State School.

The School Captains interviewed Mrs Berridge last week in the Library and here are her responses.

- When did you start at Norris Road? - Approx. 28 years ago.
- What classes do you work with? - All year levels.
- What do you like best about Norris Road? - The students and staff are wonderful to work with.
- What do you enjoy doing outside of school? - Camping, holidays and cruising.
- What is your favourite subject? - Maths.
- What was your first job? - Working in an office as a Secretary and Accounts Payable.
- Who or what was your inspiration growing up? - My inspiration was Dawn Fraser – setting out goals.
- What is your fondest memory of Norris Road? - All the wonderful students and all the great staff.
- What will you miss about Norris Road? - Students, staff and all the great conversations that I have had.
- What are your plans for the future? - Travel, visiting family and spending time with my husband, family and friends.

Easter Eggs for Students
Please do not give out Easter Eggs at school.
Due to RED Food Day Restrictions we cannot allow unhealthy foods unless they fall in one of eight designated days throughout the year.
FREE MICROSOFT OFFICE 2016 FOR STUDENTS
All Qld state school students can now download multiple free copies of the latest Microsoft Office to their personal home computers and mobile devices. With Office 2016, students will have access to the latest version of Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Onenote and more. Students will need to use their school email address to sign in. The subscription lasts for as long as they are a Qld state school student.

To download Office 2016 to a PC or Mac, visit portal.office.com, log in using your school email address, click through to install and follow the on-screen process. For tablets and smartphones, download from the app store and sign in with your school email address. Detailed instructions are available at education.qld.gov.au/office2016.

FROM CHAPPY RELL
Thank you
Thank you to everyone who wore orange and supported our gold coin donation on the Day of Action Against Bullying last week. We raised $650.

Uniforms
We have a lot of new families joining our school. For some, it is difficult to meet the expense of all new uniforms. The Chaplaincy Service and the school office often help out with some of our second-hand uniforms. Our supplies, especially in the smaller sizes and in shoes, are running low. If your children have outgrown their uniforms please bring them in for us to pass on to others.

Craft Club
The Year 3 craft club is meeting at 1st break on Wednesdays. Please let me know if you are interested in helping or in donating craft materials (eg. cardboard tubes, old wrapping paper, contact, coloured card, textas).

Cheers, Chappy Rell

Maturity is when you live your life by your commitments, not by your feelings. – Rick Warren

SPORT

Forms for District Trials
Anyone attending District Trials must fill out the following forms
Permission / Consent Forms
Student Details/ Medical History
Sport Project Consent Form

These forms must be signed by the Principal, and then it is the responsibility of the student to take them to the District Trials. The only exception is Cross Country and Athletics, where it will be the school’s responsibility to take the forms to the trials.

Interschool Sport for Years 4/5/6- last summer sport fixture for Term 1 – this Friday 24 March.
Summer Sports – Terms 1 and 4 – Cricket, Softball/ Tee-ball, Touch Football.
Sport will be played four Fridays per term. Students must have the following items each week – hat, sunscreen, waterbottle, NO jewellery. Students may also like to bring a towel to sit on and an umbrella for shade.

Winter Sport
Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 should think about which sport they would like to do in Terms 2 and 3 – Winter Sports are Netball, Rugby League and Soccer. The students will be asked to choose a sport in Week 1 of Term 2.

School Cross Country – Wednesday 29 March (Week 10).
8.30 to 10.45: Grade 3 to 6 Cross Country (Run in age groups)
10.45 to 11.00: Break
11.00 to 12.30: Prep to Year 2 Cross Country (Run in Years)

DATE CLAIMER
Assessment Books – OVERDUE $15
Year 4 St Helena - $36 Due 31 March
Yr 2 Caboolture Historical Village - $25 – Due 20 April
Year 6 Camp Balance - $235 – Due 28 April

EASTER HAT PARADE
2.00 p.m. in Hall
Years 1 & 2 -
Tuesday 28 March
Prep -
Friday 31 March

Venues for Cross Country
Prep to Year 2 – Bill Mackay Oval
Years 3 – 6 – Vern O’Brien Oval
School Cross Country – The students who want to try out for the school team must be able to run the following distances on Cross Country day:

9 and 10 yrs (born 2008 and 2007) – 2km; 11 and 12 yrs (born 2006 and 2005) – 3km.

For those students who do not want to try out for the school team there will be a 500m option on Cross Country day. The students may run or walk the 500m option.

District Cross Country – The Bramble Bay District Cross Country will be held on Friday, 28 April, 2017. Students (9, 10, 11 and 12) who are placed in the top 6 (2km and 3km) at our school Cross Country will receive a letter inviting them to attend this event. All forms and the $12 fee must be returned to the school office by Friday 31 March (last day of Term 1). We have to send in our nominations early in Week 1, Term 2. If forms and fees are not given to the office by 31 March, we will not be able to nominate your child for this event.

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in Bramble Bay teams:-
- Rugby League – Dominic B/ Jacob W/ Tremayne H/ Riley J/ Remy W/ Alex T.
- Netball – Amalia R.

Years 3/4/5/6 Cross Country
Wednesday, 29 March, 2017
(WEEK 10, TERM 1) - 8.30 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.

Move to the Year 3 to 6 oval at 8.30 a.m. SHARP!!

- N.B. ALL 9, 10, 11, and 12 YEAR OLD STUDENTS WHO WANT TO RUN FOR THE SCHOOL TEAM AT THE BRAMBLE BAY TRIALS MUST PROVE THAT THEY CAN COMPLETE THE 3 KM (11/12 yrs) or 2KM (9/10 yrs) SCHOOL COURSE.
- Years 3 to 6 – RUN IN AGE GROUPS:

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<td>9 to 12 yrs – 2km (9/10), 3km (11/12) or 500m or both.</td>
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<td>(Every student is expected to enter 1 race (minimum) on 29 March.</td>
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<td>Students may run or walk in the 500m races. Students need to run in the longer races. Every competitor gets points for their house.)</td>
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(FINAL POINTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT PARADE).
P-2 CROSS COUNTRY WEDNESDAY 29 March 2017

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<td>Announce progress scores, war cries</td>
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<td>Pack up and return to normal eating areas for lunch.</td>
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Years 3 -6 – first session on Vern O’Brien oval
Whole school assembly – 3rd session

NOTES:

- Spectators are invited to come and support our Prep – Year 2’s during the Cross Country event.
- Runners will be required to wear shoes.
- Runners can wear their House shirts: Apollo (Green); Pegasus (Yellow); Zeus (Maroon).
- All runners will earn House points and receive a Participant or a Placegetter ribbon.
- 1:45 p.m. - Whole School Assembly when the Cross Country Shield will be presented to the winning House.
- Running Club is held on Monday afternoons to offer extra training to all runners. Children run the course during P.E. classes.

ARE YOU KEEPING INFORMED WITH WHAT’S HAPPENING AT NORRIS ROAD STATE SCHOOL?

The school informs parents about what is happening at the school by newsletter or email alerts

The school newsletter is available through the school website, QSchools app. and by email. If you do not have access to the internet a paper copy can be provided from the office. The QSchools app is currently available for Apple and Android devices. The app contains contact information, a news feed on school news and updates, calendar events, newsletters and tuckshop information.

Please email the office at admin@norroadss.eq.edu.au and request the newsletter by email if you are not currently receiving it.

PREPS GREEN THUMBS INCURSION
MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

In case of minor illnesses, please use discretion when deciding whether or not to send your child. A child who is unwell will not enjoy or benefit from school and may spread the illness to others. Children with infectious diseases must be excluded from the school for specified times.

Office staff can administer medication prescribed by a doctor only if a form is completed and the medication must be presented in its original packaging showing all details of dosage and times stated clearly on the labels. A record of all medication administered is strictly maintained. Class teachers do not administer medication.

Self administered medication, such as Asthma Puffers and Epipens, requires special approval from the Principal under the following conditions:

- Consultation has occurred with the parent and student/s regarding arrangements for the self-administration of medications and self-management of health conditions and the risks associated with self-administration in a school setting.
- The student is responsible enough to undertake self-administration of medication at school.
- Students approved to carry their own medication should demonstrate practices of secure storage of medication that may potentially be harmful to other students and safe disposal of sharps equipment.

If a student requires medication at school, Parents/Guardians need to complete a Request to Administer Medication at School form available from the school office.

Medication, including over-the-counter medication such as paracetamol and alternative medicines, treatments or supplements, must be authorised by a medical practitioner before it can be administered to students.

Medication must be labelled and up to date (changes must be made on the label by the doctor). Supplies of medication must be delivered by parents/carers to the office. For safety reasons, students must not keep medication in their possession (asthma puffers are the exception).

PHONE MESSAGES

Messages for teachers during school hours will be taken by Administration Staff. Messages for students will be handled by the Administration Officer to save unnecessary disruption to classes.

Use of Mobile Phones & other Electronic Equipment by Students

Students are NOT to carry or use mobile phones while on the school campus. Students with mobile phones are to store these at the office on arrival and collect after 2.30 p.m. Electronic games / devices or MP3 Players are not to be brought to school.

Mobile phones are brought to school at the owner’s risk. No liability will be accepted by the school in the event of loss, theft or damage.
URGENT P&C MEETING

WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL AT 7PM

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE POSITION FOR 2017

We hope to see some new faces!

YOUR P&C Committee is an IMPORTANT part of YOUR children’s school community. As well as running the essential services of the Windmill Café and uniform shop, your P&C raises funds for extra resources and special projects to improve YOUR child’s learning experience. Last year we achieved the goal of installing air conditioning into all of YOUR children’s classrooms.

UPDATE: The AGM was held Wednesday 1st March (represented by ONLY 15, of the more than 400 families attending our school) and we still have main roles to be filled.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF WE DON’T GET THE SUPPORT?

We will NOT be able to offer the Café and uniform shop services. We will NOT be able to improve the SEP playspace. We will NOT be able to revamp and expand the Café. We will NOT be able to hold social events and activities such as Term Discos, Bush Dance, Fele, Mother’s Day/Father’s Day stalls, Rewards Day, etc. (ask your child if they’re happy for these NOT to happen).

Our P&C want to go into this new year with new ideas and energy to move the school forward and this can only happen with YOUR support.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month. You might have a certain expertise you can contribute. You might enjoy volunteering at social events. You might only be able to contribute one hour of your time per event, BUT the more volunteers we have, the less load it will be on all of us and the more we can achieve for YOUR child’s school.

We have target projects for this year and we can only achieve this with additional support from the parents.

Urgent meeting will be held on Wed 19th April at 7pm and we hope to see some new faces!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact: pandc@norroadss.eq.edu.au
FETE

Current Collections

- Empty glass jars / bottles (pasta sauce, spreads, coffee, etc)
- Items to fill the bottles (ie. wrapped lollies, small tots & novelty items)
- Years 4, 5 & 6 - please bring to your classroom these jars already filled.
- Assorted grocery items. Each class will be advised what their item will be.

STALLS STILL CONVENER/HELPERS

- Bottle stall
- Face painter
- Jumping castle/ animal zoo

This event is an important milestone for our school, we need everyone’s help to make it a success, so if you can spare any amount of time please contact your child's teacher or the cafe!

NEW UNIFORM SHOP DAYS

Wednesday Afternoon – 2.00 – 3.00 p.m.
Friday Morning – 8.00 – 9.00 a.m.

UNIFORM SHOP

- Sports packs available on Friday for $4

BANKING

- Two weeks left for students to get entries into our Junior & Senior Competition. The prize will be Zooper Dooper ice-blocks for the classes with the most banks.
- Our new Banking Co-ordinator is Bronwyn Nyland - thank you for your assistance.
Neighbour Day
Sunday 26th March 2017

Get to know your neighbour, say hi, share a cup of tea or come along to a local event.

Fitzgibbon Community Centre, Roghan Rd, Fitzgibbon
- 2pm - 4pm Afternoon tea, family friendly games and activities, face painting & music.

Proudly Supported by:

For more information contact Daniel on 3889 1244 danielc.gue@zandalee.org.au

CODING KIDS
Coding Kids is running a coding program at Strathpine Library during the Easter school holidays.

We will be running:
- Learn to code with Scratch for Years 2-6 students
- Learn to code with Python for Years 5-6 students.

Students will be building animations and computer games and in the process learn about computational and systems thinking.

Coding Kids works with 20 schools in South East Brisbane and has been featured in videos made by schools that we work with: