Dear parents and community members,

Week 3 of Term 3 has commenced and it’s lovely to see how engaged, on-task and committed the students are to their learning. I would like to congratulate each and every student for their work ethic and also on their punctuality. Every minute counts, especially in our morning sessions as this is peak learning time.

Tomorrow afternoon at 2:00pm, we have Mr Michael Post (middle schooling H.O.D) from Mirani High School coming to speak with our Year 6/7 students about their transition to high school. Parents are most welcome to attend to find out more information, ask questions and meet Mr Post.

This Thursday and Friday, I will be attending the annual QASSP (Queensland Association of State School Principals) Conference in Brisbane. This is a great opportunity for me to further improve on my leadership capabilities and am thoroughly looking forward to meeting other principals from Queensland to network and share success stories of our schools. Carolyn Nilsson will be teaching for the 2 days that I am away.

The theme of the conference is Leadership DNA - The essence of school leadership doesn’t change. It’s in our DNA. We change our ways of working through strong relationships, a vision for the future and a clear improvement agenda. This conference challenges delegates to reflect on their current approach to leadership and further enhance their toolkit for the future.
**Whitsunday Voices**

Both students and staff had a wonderful time at Whitsunday Voices on Friday of Week 1. It was fabulous to see how engaged the students were and how enthusiastic they were to find books written by the authors that we met. The school did purchase some new books by the authors and they will be available to borrow from the library in upcoming weeks.

**Responsible Behaviour at North Eton State School.**

North Eton State School is committed to providing a safe, respectful and disciplined learning environment for students and staff. We have high standards and expectations of behavior so that the learning and teaching in our school can be effective and students can participate positively within our school community.

North Eton State School identifies the following school rules to teach and promote our high standards of responsible behavior:

- Be Safe
- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful

Congratulations to all students for their exceptional behavior and ability to recall our 3 major rules.

**New Student!**

Next Monday, we are gaining a new student in Year 1! Cooper Johnstone will be joining us as his family is moving into the area and we are looking forward to his arrival. This will bring our enrolment up to 10! We have hit the double digits!

**In the classroom - English**

P-2 students have been learning all about Mallard ducks through narrative and informative texts. They have been reading the narrative “Make way for Ducklings” and comparing it to information about Mallard ducks from the Internet. Through these texts, not only have they been able to learn some facts about Mallard ducks, but also investigate the differences in language features and structure of the two genres.

Students in Grades 6 and 7 have been investigating literary texts through the analysis of diary extracts and letters set in earlier times. They have been examining language features and how authors convey time and place through careful use of words and phrases. For their assessment item, students will be required to use this knowledge and understanding to write a letter to the future.

Enjoy your week

*Geraldine*
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Anthony - For excellent comprehension of informative texts.

LEADERSHIP AWARD

Abbey - For consistently wearing her badge.
Bridget - Mioow Magic 400
20 emerald words

Alannah - Mioow Magic 400
20 emerald words

Amelia - Mioow
Orange sight words
Our Grade one and two students have been learning how to write informative sentences. Well done Amelia, Anthony, Bridget and Alannah.

Mallard ducks lay 8 eggs. Mallard ducks leave their babies behind when they go group. Mallard ducks teach their babies to swim.

Great informative sentences Amelia! You have written some great facts about Mallard ducks.

Mallard ducks can lay eight eggs. Mallard ducks teach their babies to dive. Mallard ducks build their nest in grassy places.

Great informative sentences Anthony! Your facts are very interesting.

Mallard ducks boys have the green necks and the girls have brown spots.

Fantastic informative sentences Bridget!

Mallard ducks have many predators.
On Friday we went and saw authors of books. First we saw Chris Morphew, he writes Zac Power books. It was funny at Whitsunday Voices. After Chris Morphew we went to see Morris Gleitzman. I thought that he would have been a bit better than what he was. For his book Loyal Creatures we got to choose the cover. It was quite fun. After Morris Gleitzman, Jasmine, Abbey, Ethan and I went to see Andy Wright. Andy was amazing and he told us about Tuirri Tuirri, which means behave. He taught us about New Zealand and the North and South Island and looking for a big fish with a hook. He was my favourite author, so was Jacqueline Harvey, she was awesome. She told us about going to Japan with her class. Japan has heaps of different vending machines like ones that sell smokes, underwear beers and lots of other things. The book that she showed us was Alice Miranda, it looks girly but Jacqueline said that is for boys too. After seeing her, we met up with the little kids and then went back to school.

By Liam

On Friday 18th, my classmates and I went to Mackay Anglican School for Whitsunday Voices. First we saw Chris Morphew, the author of the Zac Power books and the Phoenix Files. He was very funny.

The next author we saw was Morris Gleitzman. He is the author of many books like Boy Overboard, Lonely Creatures and many more.

The third author we saw was Andy Wright, who told us about the Hakka and the story of the Tuirri Tuirri. He is from New Zealand.

The last author we saw was Jacqueline Harvey and she is the author of “Alice Miranda”. My favourite author would have to be Andy Wright because he told us the story of Tuirri Tuirri. If your mother says “Tuirri Tuirri”, it means sit still, be quiet and behave and if you don’t, next time you go for a walk on the beach a sea serpent might come up from the depths and take you to the bottom of the ocean just like he did to Tuirri Tuirri.

By Ethan
Morris Gleitzman, Jacqueline Harvey, Andy Wright and Chris Morphew. These are 4 of the 14 outstanding authors who attended the Whitsunday Voices. On Friday 18th July, North Eton was lucky enough to experience the Whitsunday Voices. At the beginning of the festival the Preps - 2 enjoyed a hilarious session with Mandy Foot. The 6 & 7’s experienced an amusing performance from Chris Morphew. Chris Morphew is one of the authors of the well-known series Zac Power. He also is the creator of Pheonix Files, an exciting series about Lucas’s new life in Pheonix. After the first sessions North Eton had a quick lunch break and were ready to attend another session. The younger students then encountered Andy Wright. An engaging, amusing, incredible author who is from New Zealand. The older students saw Morris Gleitzman. Morris Gleitzman gave students an educational lesson about himself and how he chooses his characters and book covers. Quickly after the second session, North Eton had another lunch break. Andy Wright was the next impressive author that the older students saw. Andy Wright told the Maori legend of Tuirri Tuirri a disobedient god. The group of younger students enjoyed a humorous session with Jacqueline Harvey. She talked about her book series “Clementine-Rose”. A young girl who was adopted by a wealthy lady who owns a fancy hotel. In this series Clementine encounters many adventures. Another lunch break occurred after the 3rd session. Sadly it was time for the last session of the day. It was the older students turn to see Jacqueline Harvey. She told the students about the writing of another series, she writes Alice-Miranda. She specifically talked about the book Alice-Miranda in Japan. The younger students then had a session with Chris Morphew. It was time for North Eton to go home. After 3’oclock North Eton had arrived. Overall it was a great experience for all of North Eton. The Whitsunday Voices is a great experience for anyone. I am extremely thankful I was given this opportunity.

By Abbey
My name is Jasmine Peterson and I’m here to talk to you about my journey in Whitsunday Voices. Anthony, Ethan, Abbey, Bridget and I went with Mrs Fisher our teacher aide. Alannah, Liam, Amelia and Honor went with our Principal/Teacher Mrs Parkes. We went to Marian so we could follow Gargett, but we ended up following the wrong bus. We talked about the most randomness things like food then products on the car trips. After all the talking in the car we finally got there. I took Bridget and Honor to the toilet. Did you know they had sinks inside the toilets! I never knew that! The first author we saw was Chris Morphew, he was my favourite author. He talked about his first book Zac Power. Then he talked about Pheonix Files which sounded very interesting. After all that excitement, we had lunch and Abbey and I sat together. The second author we saw was Morris Gleitzman, he was okay. I thought he was funnier than what he performed. He is a great author but I just thought he was not the funniest. We had a second break and I ate a Hawaiian pizza. The second author we saw was my third favourite. I thought Andy Wright was okay not my favourite. My 2nd favourite was Jacqueline Harvey, she was so funny but the chairs were so uncomfortable. She talked about her school camp in Japan, it was so funny. After that big day we had to go home. I’m going to say that was a big day.

By Jasmine.
Save our Lantern Parade and Community Festival

It was with regret that the River Rock To Mountain Top Community Festival committee were unable to stage this year’s Lantern Parade. This has been reflected through the community with the committee receiving countless comments of disappointment at the event not being held.

The costs involved in staging this event are significant and unfortunately we were unsuccessful in securing sufficient funds through sponsorship and grant applications for the event to proceed. Over the past 7 years the festival has been very fortunate with funding and the committee are very hopeful that the event will be able to be held in the future. For the Lantern Parade and the Festival to continue to receive sponsorship and grants, we need to show community support for not just the Lantern Parade but all the events which come under the Festival banner.

We are desperately seeking community members to become involved in the planning, administration and funding of the Festival. The level of community support will determine the future of our Festival. The committee needs revitalising to ensure that new events and ways of promoting the Festival are introduced.

If you or someone you know has the desire to help promote our spectacular part of the world by working to ensure the future viability of the River Rock to Mountain Top Community Festival please contact Darlene West 49585194 or Wanda Bennett 49585030