

North Eton State School

Newsletter

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Week 2 | Wednesday 1st February, 2017



Dates to Remember

- ◆ Parade is every Friday.
- ◆ Library is every Wednesday. Please bring along a library bag.

08 February

P & C Meeting at 6pm

01 March

Principal's conference for Mrs Redman – 1/2/3 March. Miss Golding will have the class on Wednesday and Thursday. A supply teacher will have them on Friday.

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome to a new school year and to the first newsletter of the year. The North Eton SS newsletter will come to you every two weeks and will contain a variety of messages, news and information.

Introduction – New staff

Acting Principal

My name is Sue Redman and I am the acting principal at North Eton. I come most recently from Alligator Creek SS where I was Master Teacher for the last two years. Before that I have had a variety of jobs including Principal at Koumala, Woodstock and Stuart State Schools, Deputy Principal at The Willows and Annandale State Schools, HOC at Bucasia and Tieri SS and numerous class teaching roles from Prep - Yr 12 which have spanned 29 years of teaching experience.

I am very lucky to have a wonderful family who have fully supported me in every way. My husband of 25 years Steve, works in mining and visits me on weekends when he is not working. We have two children, Kate our oldest is a 23 year old registered nurse and is currently travelling and working in Canada. James is her younger brother who at 19 is working as a civil engineering intern in Christchurch until June. Steve and I often say that we are proud of raising independent and free spirited children who are confident to travel the world, however I sometimes wish they would restrict their travels to Australia!

So during the week I live at Hay Point with my two furry children, Mika – a very active 1 year old Border Collie and Shadow – a 13 year old and cranky Chihuahua.



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My Beliefs about Learning

My beliefs about learning stem mainly from the works of two prominent educators – John Hattie and Carol Dweck. John Hattie is the major contributor to the concept of Visible Learning.

In my classroom, Learning is Visible

1. I am actively engaged in and passionate about teaching and learning.
2. I provide students with multiple opportunities for learning based on surface and deep learning.
3. I know the learning intentions and success criteria of my lessons and I share these with the students.
4. I am open to learning and actively learn myself.
5. I have a warm and caring classroom climate in which errors are welcome.
6. I seek regular feedback from my students.
7. My students are actively involved in knowing about their learning (that is they are assessment capable).
8. I can identify progression in learning across multiple curricular levels in my student work and activities.
9. I have a wide range of teaching strategies in my day to day teaching repertoire.
10. I use evidence of learning to plan the next learning steps with students.

Carol Dweck's work focuses on mindsets and the concepts of having a growth mindset – where the belief is that intelligence or talent can be developed vs a fixed mindset where intelligence or talent is static.

More about learning and curriculum in later newsletters

Miss Amanda Golding

Amanda is the new part time teacher who will be taking the school on Wednesday . Her teaching areas are Science, Technology, Health and PE. Amanda's country placement was at Rolleston State School for 4 years where she taught multi age classes before having two children and returning to Mackay in 2014.

We also welcome back Mrs Paula Bell, Mrs Ruth Borg ,Mrs Lee-Anne Fisher, Mrs Leanne Clarke as well as our cleaner Bernie Agius.

Some Administration Details

Early Drop offs.

There is always a great deal to do when we arrive at school in the morning. As such, it would be appreciated if children are not dropped off before 8.00am. However I understand that it is quite a distance to town where some parents work and if students are dropped off before this time please ensure there is at least one car in the carpark. (My car is white and has "Sue" on the numberplate or sometimes I drive a black lancer.) This means there is a staff member available for supervision. Please make sure that children come to the classroom or office and find the staff member.

Food at school

It is important that children have a variety of healthy food in their lunchboxes. I would recommend fresh food such as sandwiches/wraps or salad, fruit and yogurt (not flavoured). Eggs, Nuts, carrot sticks etc are also great choices for lunches. Packaged food such as muesli bars, roll ups and the like need to be checked carefully as many of these have hidden sugars. One treat is acceptable - biscuits/cakes/chips but please avoid lollies and chocolate. Water is the best drink. Poppers and juices which are not 100% fruit also can have large amounts of sugar. Too much of these types of food can impact children's concentration and their ability to sit and complete tasks.

At school we make sure that children eat their "healthy food" - sandwich, fruit or salad first and then the treats after

As well as this when you are packing lunch – especially for little people pack as much food as you would give them at home in the time between 8.30 and 2.30. Don't overload the lunchbox because they often find it hard to make the choice what to eat.

P&C

P&C associations are a vital part of a school. They:

Promote the interest of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation.

Assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the school.

Encourage parent and community participation in curriculum and other educational issues in schools

As such we encourage all parents to become involved with our P&C at North Eton. We are presently looking for people to fill executive positions and run the tuckshop fortnightly.

The next P&C meeting is Wednesday Feb 8 at 6.00PM at the school.

Sue Redman