

Important Dates

Curriculum Day
Friday 20th August
(Student Free Day)

School Photos, New
Dates: Wed, Sept 1st
& Thurs Sept 2nd (catch-up)

2021 Term Dates

Term 3: 12th July to
16th September

Term 4: 4th October to
16th December

Uniform Shop RC

Monday 2:45pm – 3:45pm
Tuesday 8:30am – 9:30am
Thursday 2:45pm – 3:45pm

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I hope you and your family are keeping safe and well. I would like to acknowledge the ongoing commitment and hard work from families and staff to support home learning as we see through lockdown 6.0. I would like to acknowledge all the staff at Northern School for Autism who are working under immense pressure to cater for onsite students and students working remotely. Students who are working onsite may have to work with students from other classrooms as we need to give teachers time to provide lessons on remote learning.

One of the most heart-breaking aspects of lockdowns have been the number of school events that have been either postponed or cancelled altogether. This recently affected Book Week celebrations and the Reservoir Concert.

If your child is learning onsite, under no circumstances can they attend if they are displaying cold or flu like symptoms.

Thank you for your patience as we work through this challenging time.

Skoolbag App

I would encourage all parents to download the Skoolbag App. Parents will be able to access information from the school quickly if they have this App.

Curriculum Day

There will be a Curriculum Day on the 20th August. On this day all staff will be engaging in professional development.

Parent Opinion Survey

The 2021 The Parent Opinion Survey is now available for parents to complete via the ORIMA platform. This survey is designed to obtain the views of parents/caregivers on what we do well and how we can improve. The 2021 Parent Opinion Survey collection period began on Wednesday 11th August and continues for three weeks, closing on Friday 3rd September. The survey is estimated to take 15-20 minutes to complete. Randomly selected parents will be able undertake the survey on a secure portal with the login link and details sent to parents via email by Mindy. The online survey is available in many different languages, with parents given the opportunity to access their preferred language. For further information on the Parent Opinion Survey please do not hesitate to contact myself. Remember to voice your say, your say matters!!

Northern School for Autism Newsletter

From the Principal, continued....

eSmart

Northern School for Autism is an eSmart School. This is an initiative of the Alannah & Madeline Foundation to help teachers, librarians and the greater community to best manage cyber risks, bullying and cyber bullying issues so students feel safer and supported. It is a Framework that sits across the entire community – teachers, students, parents and the library community. eSmart Schools is a long-term change program designed to educate, track, monitor and prevent bullying and cyber bullying. eSmart Schools and Libraries are tailor-made and designed to effect change in that specific environment. eSmart Schools also supports schools and libraries to embrace the benefits of technology while reducing childrens' exposure to cyber risks, such as cyber bullying, online sexual predation, sexting, identity theft and fraud. I would encourage families to monitor the sites their child is accessing when using a computer or iPad.

Pamela Mathieson
Principal



Northern School for Autism
Your school photography day has been rescheduled to:
Wednesday, 1st September 2021
ORDER ONLINE AT WWW.SCHOOLPIX.COM.AU
Orders close Monday 6th of September
Sibling orders must be placed prior to 8am on photo day.

If you already placed an order you don't need to do anything. It will be processed and delivered once photography is complete.
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Room 10 having fun at swimming.

Room 10 have started swimming at Reservoir Leisure Centre and have had a wonderful time. They are learning safe entry into the water, floating on their backs and they have been using the pool noodles as 'horses'.

Room 21

Room 21 has been continuing to play and work together in a friendly and enjoyable way over the last few weeks.

We have been keeping things competitive but playful each morning with a game of 'UNO Flip'. We have also been working with Sarah to plan and prepare snacks and meals. This week we made popcorn with melted butter. YUM!

Finally we have been practising our dance routine vigorously to be ready for our big 2021 concert performance.

LC11

Students in LC11 have settled well back into their learning routine from the snap lockdown 5.0. This term, the students have participated in multiple learning programs, such as Karate, woodwork and Coles order distribution.

The students enjoyed going back to the Karate centre to learn from the coach and practice their stability, mobility, and stamina. So far, the students have learnt a number of self-defence skills, such as dodging, blocking, punching and kicking.

Also, the students have started participating in the woodwork sessions, in which they crafted different wooden structures. The students were able to follow the instructions to build the wooden crafts.

The students have made fried rice, vegetable soup, vegetable Bolognese, and pumpkin soup in the cooking sessions. The students enjoyed cutting the vegetable into smaller pieces and the carrot and zucchini to make the soup easy to drink.

~ News from Early Years A ~

All the students in EYA are continuing to build their confidence and skills across all curriculum areas.

It has been an exciting term for the students as they have been participating in many activities within our school and out in the community.

Staff continue to provide their students with a range of opportunities to participate in activities and develop their skills further.

Some classes are taking the bus to go shopping at the supermarket. They get to practise skills such as traveling safely and walking within the group. They are also practising using money in functional situations by buying things for their cooking sessions and afternoon tea.

Another event our whole school celebrated was the NAIDOC (Aboriginal Week), where students participated in sessions such as Art and Craft and created Aboriginal collage flags, decorating boomerangs, learning about Australian animals and cooking food items.

With the Olympic Games currently running, the students are involved in a variety of 'Olympic Events' where they have to participate using sport equipment and running tracks, making flags of all the countries and creating their own pretend Olympic Flame.

This Term the swimming program is running for Rooms 1 to 7. Students have the opportunity to learn about water safety and the basic skills of swimming under the supervision of their team staff as well as qualified swimming instructors. We are hopeful that they will be able to continue this program for the remainder of the year!

It is pleasing to see all our parents, students and staff collaborating with a positive attitude to achieve the best of our students in all aspects of our Curriculum.

Dina Milides | Leading Teacher – EYA

Occupational Therapy at the Reservoir Campus

Occupational Therapy in Education focusses on supporting students to participate in school activities to the best of their ability. This may involve providing sensory support, fine motor skills, gross motor skills and life skills. At Reservoir we have 6 OTs working at the campus and 1 OT at Norris Bank. Sarah, Jess, Rebekah, Allie, Siena and Michelle work with the Reservoir cohort while Pavi visits the Norris Bank students.

Sarah has been involved in purchasing and distributing new bikes so that students can learn riding skills. She has found training wheels and bike handles so that students can learn in a graded way and work towards independent riding. She also runs a bike maintenance group to teach skills such as pumping up tyres and replacing bike chains.

All OT's run fitness programs to boost body awareness and general fitness. Skipping, yoga and group games are included as motivating activities. Fine motor skills are always included in the daily schedule to support mark making, colouring, writing and everyday tasks such as dressing and eating. Fun with Food has been very popular.

This semester there is a focus on self-care at Reservoir. OTs are supporting with dressing, shoelace tying, hand washing and teeth brushing. We want our students to take care of themselves and enjoy their time at school and in the community.