

Trivia Night

Friday 12th August 6:00pm

Parent Information Session RC

Thursday 18th August
9:30am – 10:30am

Student Free Day

Friday 19th August

End of Term 3

Thursday 15th September 3:00pm

SSG Day Friday 16th September

No Buses

2022 Term Dates

Term 1:

1st February to 7th April

Term 2:

26th April to 24th June

Term 3:

11th July to 16th September

Term 4:

3rd October to 20th 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

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to start of Term 3! I am pleased to report that our students have settled in well and are happy to be with their teachers and friends again.

Staffing

Northern School for Autism is still experiencing significant staff shortages across all of the workforces within the school community.

With COVID-19 and other illnesses still impacting Victoria, we remain acutely aware of the continued workforce pressures that we are facing going into Term 3 at Northern School for Autism. Our staff are showing tremendous flexibility in adapting to the day-to-day changes. I thank you in advance for your understanding and patience as we adapt to the changing circumstances.

Rapid Antigen Tests

The Victorian Government is providing up to three further deliveries of rapid antigen tests (RATs) to schools in Terms 3 and 4, 2022.

Child Safety and Wellbeing at Northern School for Autism: Information for Families and the School Community

On Wednesday 13th July all staff participated in training to be made aware of the new Child Safe Standards which will further strengthen child safety in the school. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Northern School for Autism is reviewing and updating our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards. These will be available to view on the school's website, and at the school's front office in the next few weeks.

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures, and practices.

Pamela Mathieson

Principal

Fundraising Update

Fundraising for State Schools' Relief

A few times a year, we hold a small fundraiser to raise money for State Schools' Relief, who not only provide school uniform for many of our students but also provide I-pads to some of our students who do not have one and need one for communication purposes. They have recently just provided 8 more of these.

With our recent Dress-up Day and Sockables fundraiser, we raised around \$800 to pass on to SSR, as our thank you for their support of our school.

Andrea Wallace

Assistant Principal

Pop Up Covid Vax Hubs

The City of Whittlesea, in partnership with DPV Health, have organised Covid Vax Pop up Clinics at the following locations over the coming two weeks:

Thursday 28 July

Kirrip Community Centre – 135 De Rossi Blvd Wollert
3.30pm-7.30pm

Tuesday 26 July

Mill Park Library – 394 Plenty Rd Mill Park
11.30am-4.30pm

Doses:

Children 5-11

Adults 12+ - 1st 2nd and 3rd dose

Adults 30+ - 4th dose

** Walk in's only – no bookings required.

SCIENCE CORNER



**The human thighbones
are as strong as
concrete.**

Room 9

Room 9 has had a fantastic year so far! In Term 1 the students greatly enjoyed going on weekly Gymnastics excursions at Macleod YMCA, where they had fun exploring a new environment, running around the exciting space, jumping on the trampolines and inflatable slide ramp, and playing on the various gym equipment! We have also enjoyed the Science incursions in our Multipurpose Room where the students sat and watched earth and space projections on the walls and ceiling of the portable inflatable dome, and greatly enjoyed the chemical science experiments with a lot of sensory aspects - especially liking the dry ice foam bubble experiments! Weekly trips to the STEAM building have shown a lot of student interest in the immersive experiences of the VR (Virtual Reality) room, construction using structured lego sets and interactive Math and English activities on the touchscreen Smart TV. Art, cooking, Music, the 'Attention Autism' program, and movement based sessions such as the 'Astronaut Program' have also been some of the favourite activities amongst our students! We are looking forward to our swimming excursions that will start this term, and are excited for the learning, development and fun that our classroom members will have during the rest of the year! ☺

NB1

The students in NB1 have had an exciting year so far. We like to work cooperatively and enjoy social games and cooking together. During weekly cooking sessions, students have explored healthy options for breakfast and lunch and made delicious recipes. In the STEAM building, students have worked together to investigate building with magnetic blocks and use OSMO to practise manipulating shapes.

Our students love to get out and about and have been going on local walks to Bundoora Square, completing scavenger hunts to buy our cooking ingredients and choosing yummy treats to share. It is also lots of fun to visit Norris Bank Parklands, where we play on the equipment and investigate the water play zone. In Semester 1, students also visited the Melbourne Zoo and are looking forward to exploring more of Melbourne's amazing facilities and travelling on public transport this term.

Lalor Room 7's Semester 1 Wrap Up!

Wow, the first semester has flown by and what a lot of engaging activities we have been involved in! In amongst our daily routines we took on the extra responsibility of sorting, checking off and distributing the school's Coles Order. This involved working as a team to coordinate each part of the process. As the semester progressed students gained confidence in the task at hand and were able to complete their part with greater efficiency.

Our excursion to Blackwood was a great highlight of the semester; with many students still talking about the day well after the event! On this day students were definitely encouraged to leave their comfort zone at some point during an activity and it was awesome to see their smiles when they achieved something that they first thought may have been too difficult!

Another day trip was to the IMAX Theatre and Melbourne Museum. After learning about Phar Lap the students were able to view the exhibition and even hold a replica of Phar Lap's heart! (A whopping 6.35kg!)

Other highlights of the semester were the Wild Action incursion where we had the opportunity to learn about some scary and not so scary animals! (Once again encouraged to leave our comfort zone as we touched and held some of these animals!)

And lastly we wanted to share some pics of our visit to the Epping Bowling Alley. This outing was engaging and lots of fun!

Now, to look forward to next semester's learning journey!



The Speech Pathology team at NSA play a key role in supporting our students' communication at school. We have also helped to transfer these skills into the community in line with the schoolwide Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) goals of:

1. Students will have an individual functional communication system across all teaching sessions.
2. In 2022, every student at Northern School for Autism will participate in an excursion program and practice their skills in unfamiliar environments.

To do this, Speech Pathologists work with classroom teams to ensure that students are developing important skills that are required to participate and communicate in the community. These skills include supporting students to transition to different places with their communication books/devices, making Aided Language Displays for specific activities/excursions and modelling language and the use of AAC (Augmentative and Alternative Communication) in the community. We are committed to supporting and advocating for communication accessibility, so that all students at NSA are provided with the tools to be successful and active participants at school as well as in the community.

– Alessandra Oliva
Speech Pathology Team





TRIVIA NIGHT INFO

- **EFTPOS AVAILABLE AND CASH ACCEPTED ON THE NIGHT**
 - **DONATIONS ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED, THANK YOU**
 - **FRESHLY COOKED AT SCHOOL AND AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE:**
 - Souvlaki, Chicken or Lamb \$12 EACH**
 - Dolmades, Veg or Meat 3 FOR \$7**
- Pre-orders for Souvlaki or Dolmades can be taken – please contact Reservoir office to place your order**
- **RAFFLE TICKETS WILL SHORTLY BE SENT HOME AT \$2 EACH – A BOOK OF 10 TICKETS WILL GO HOME TO EACH FAMILY**
 - RAFFLE PRIZE: A signed and framed Carlton jumper**
 - Drawn at 9.30pm on the night**
 - **THERE WILL BE 3 OR 4 LIVE AUCTIONS ON THE NIGHT, including art work completed by students, a gold watch and a football Medallion Club voucher**
 - **TABLES ARE STILL AVAILABLE AND SOME SINGLE TICKETS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE – tables of 8, seats \$20 each**