# **NEWSLETTER**

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#### PRINCIPAL REPORT.

Dear North families.

What a huge term it's been with so many good things happening at North School.

Here are just some of them!

The excitement of having our Refurbishment completed and the gardens, rooms and covered areas handed to us.

Our wonderful Festival of Music Choir performances recently at the Festival Theatre and at the Murray Bridge Town Hall.

The achievement of our Pedal Prix team competing in a number of races from the Bend to Murray Bridge and Victoria Park and their ride across the Bridge at the Opening on Sunday.

The various band performances- including our own instrumental students and the high School band which included old scholars – across the term.

The Book Week and NAIDOC Week activities.

The Reception classes' Sports Day last week.



## Upcoming Events

For more events see planner

**28th September**Assembly

29th September

Last Day of Term 3 Early Dismissal 2:10pm

# Reading is our School Priority

Every child attending North School is expected to read aloud to an adult every day.





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# More important information

There are two significant outcomes that are becoming increasingly effective this term, they are the result of hard work by our staff. They are in one sense, low key, but are benefitting our children greatly:

One is our morning routines where at 8.50am each class has a morning circle to share a fun or thoughtful activity to set up the day. We are seeing a calmer start to each day across the school, students are ready for learning and there is a reduction in lateness to school.

The second activity having impact is the increased alignment of our daily phonics and Spelling activities. We are seeing tremendous growth in students' reading ability and confidence in all classes and it is being helped by the fine grained intervention strategies that are catching students up before they get too far behind. An example of this is the approx 80% growth in students achieving the Standard of Educational Achievement in the Year 1 Phonics Skills Check test. It is an exciting time to be in North school!

A couple of requests to families

The wearing of school uniform is an expectation for our students, recently we have seen an increase in students not in uniform. They are available for purchase in the front office during school hours.

A suitable broad brimmed hat is also required term 4 for all outside activity, you can purchase these from the front office for \$8. A hoodie or baseball cap is not acceptable.



# Notes From North

#### **School Times**

Please be reminded that school is unsupervised before 8:30am.We ask that students do not arrive before this time.

#### **Head Lice**

Please remember to check your child's hair for headlice and treat them before sending them to school.

#### **UNIFORM**

Just a reminder of our school uniform policy. All students need to be in school uniform.

Lost property is located in the bins near the library.

Please name all items.

#### **School Zones**

Reminder It's 25km/h when children are present



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#### Pokemon Cards

For some time Pokemon cards have been appearing at school, the recent increase in trading of cards and theft is causing distress to students with the result that Pokemon cards or similar cards that can be traded are now banned at school.

#### NO Pupil Free day;

The first day of Term 4 is on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October, Can parents note there is a Pupil Free day on Monday of Week 4 – the 6<sup>th</sup> of November.

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#### **Primary Schools Festival Of Music**

Twenty six of our students performed on stage at the Adelaide Festival Theatre as part of the Public Primary Schools Festival of Music.The students were Ella, Zade, Ruby, Shaynaya, Cameron, Avah, Saja, Jetta, Indiana, Sylius, Hannah, Bella, Rikki-Lea, Svanna, India, Chloe, Shana, Seth, Harper, Hayden, Zaranie, Saah, Jasmyn, Madi, Alysah and Jacob.

The Primary Schools Festival of Music, an official state icon, and custodian of an iconic South Australian tradition, engages our students in artistic excellence, cultural diversity and social inclusion through performance in Music and the Arts.

This year we commissioned Paul Jarman to compose a set of four songs entitled "World of Tomorrow". In this rapidly evolving modern world, it is hard to imagine that less than two hundred years ago there was no electricity, no running water or central heating and cooling. We lived without antibiotics and medicines. Cars, trucks, buses and planes were not yet invented. There were no telephones, let alone smart phones. While most of these differences have improved our lives, some haven't. Many of these differences are greatly influencing our lives. Are we heading the right way?

The technology challenges of our changing world form the theme of our four-part song cycle for the 2023 Festival of Music, "World of Tomorrow".

During the concerts there were a number of Guest Artists from public primary and secondary schools, other choir items that presented different musical genre, and two pieces that specifically showcased the talents of the orchestra.

It was a spectacular event that our students and staff enjoyed being a part of.

Photos are available for purchase via this link; <a href="https://www.tmphotography.com.au/festival-of-music-2023/96697461">https://www.tmphotography.com.au/festival-of-music-2023/96697461</a>

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<b>MBNS</b>	Term 3	<b>Planner</b>
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WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
1	24/7 Student Free Day	25/7 First Day of Term 3	26/7	27/7	28/7	29/7-30/7
2	31/7 NAIDOC Week	1/8	2/8	3/8	4/8	5/8-6/8 Pedal Prix
3	7/8 Dentist Visit	8/8 Governing Council	9/8	10/8	11/8	12/8-13/8
4	14/8	15/8	16/8	17/8	18/7 Anti-Bullying Day	19/8-20/8
5	21/8 Book Week	22/8 Book Week Parade	23/8 Adare Camp	24/8 Adare Camp	25/8 Adare Camp	26/8-27/8
6	28/8	29/8	30/8	31/8	1/9	2/9-3/9
7	4/9	5/9	6/9	7/9	8/9 Royal Adelaide Show Day School Closure	9/9-10/9
8	11/9 Student Free Day Staff Training	12/9 Governing Council	13/9 Book Fair	14/9 Book Fair R U OK?	15/9 Book Fair	16/9-17/9
9	18/9 Year 6 students Parent Conference @ MBHS	19/9	20/9 Adelaide Festival of Music	21/9 Year 6 students Parent Conference @ MBHS	22/9 Reception Sports Day	23/9-24/9
10	25/9	26/9 Year 6 students Parent Conference @ MBHS	27/9	28/9 Assembly	29/9 Last Day of Term 3 Early Dismissal 2:10pm	30/9-1/10



### Before School, After School, Student Free Day or Vacation Care Programs

We offer quality care with fun activities, friendships, games, arts, crafts, great food and special events all in a comfortable home like environment at competitive prices.









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