Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome to new and returning families to the 2017 school year. Thanks for the wonderful way in which you have supported your children for their commencement to the school year. The children look fabulous in their uniforms and are eager to do their best. The joy in unpacking resources on the first day was most evident as well. Our school’s Vision for Learning ‘Every student, Every day, Thinking, Learning and Achieving Together’ is already evident in all classrooms. High standards and expectations are a given.

The strong foundation that last week’s 4 Student Free Days provide for staff, ensures that we are ready to go from Day 1.

I would like to acknowledge the generosity of our P&C’s Uniform Convenor, Desi H and Uniform Shop support, Helen C, for their dedication to ensure that the children were decked out in their best school gear. Parent volunteers’ assistance on the week prior to school commencement was also appreciated and helped to share the load.

As you know staffing is determined using the same formula for all Queensland State Schools, which is officially confirmed after Day 8 enrolment numbers are received. Our Day 4 enrolments for Prep-Year 6 are 255.

Arrival and Departures
We aim to provide a safe and secure environment for our students to learn and play. For the safety of our students, I would like to remind parents to please drive carefully in the streets around our school. Please also be considerate of our neighbours at drop off and pick up times by ensuring your vehicle is not parked across driveways.

Drop off in our main driveway around the ‘tear drop’ grassed area is available before school each morning, but the car park is for staff parking only. The school gates are closed at 2:30pm each afternoon for the safety of our students who are all leaving at the same time. Please note the driveway is not to be used as a walkway. Our paths on both sides of the driveway provide a safer option to enter and exit from our school.

Are Your Contact Details up to Date?
Pleases ensure that all of your details are up to date. This includes email addresses. If changes need to be made please contact Sue Guymer, at the office so that we can assist in putting new information into place so that should we need to contact you, or if your child is sick, they are not placed under additional stress of worrying that we cannot get in touch with you.

Carol Scriven
Principal
School News

Parent Information Evening

You are invited and encouraged to attend an information session on Thursday evening, 2 February, when teachers will share with you some important information about class routines, procedures and curriculum for this year.

**When:** Thursday 2 February

**Time:** 6:00 – 6:45pm

6:45 – 7:30pm

**Where:** Your child’s classroom

The two session times will have exactly the same content, to allow parents to attend more than one session for each of their children.

Our staff is committed to improving learning outcomes for all students and we believe for this to happen, we must work in close partnership with parents.

Please note that this evening is not an opportunity to discuss your child’s needs or progress so far this year. Teachers are available at any time during the year to discuss any issues relating to your child’s education at a mutually convenient time. Formal parent/teacher interviews will be held later this term.

I look forward to seeing everyone next Thursday.

School Day - SCHOOL HOURS

Arrival at school: Between 8:15am and 8:30am preferred. Children sit on the stage in the quadrangle and wait for the 8:30am music to continue the day.

- School Commences 8:50 am
- First Break 11:00 am - 11:45 am
- Second Session 11:45am
- Second Break 1:15pm - 1:45 pm
- Third Session 1:45pm
- School Dismissal 3:00 pm

Student Banking

Welcome back Northgate Savers!

Student banking will commence next Wednesday, 1 Feb and weekly thereafter.

To our new Prep families, look out for our information packs which should have come home with your child this week.

Don’t forget to check out this year’s great new rewards!

Megan and Silvana
School Banking Co-ordinators

WOW !! Look at our New Playground

Mrs Jago teaching the children how to use the new equipment safely.

The children love the new equipment.

Thanks to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund for the grant that we received for this much needed upgrade to occur.
Dear Northgate School Community

Welcome to 2017! There are great things in store for another great year at Northgate State School.

AGM - Annual General Meeting
Northgate State School library on Monday 13th February from 7pm until 7.30pm.
A general meeting will be held immediately following the AGM.

Each year at the AGM, the executive roles are declared open and nominations for the new year received. These roles are:
• President
• Vice President (at least one)
• Secretary
• Treasurer

In addition to those roles, we have sub-committees and official roles for:
• Tuckshop – rostering, ordering, cooking, volunteering
• Uniforms – volunteering
• Parent rep coordinator – communication between P&C and class reps
• Social media – keeping the page up to date with news and events
• Fundraising – always a team effort at Northgate, with event coordination being allocated per event/fundraiser.

It's a great time to come along and enjoy the many benefits of being a P&C member. Some of these include:
• getting to know other families in the school
• hearing the Principal's report at each meeting
• having a say in how P&C funds are allocated within the school
• contributing to discussions and assisting with decision making

We are looking forward to seeing familiar P&C members once again, and hopeful for many new faces on the committee this year. Whether you want to be involved a tiny bit behind the scenes, on the front line at everything, or somewhere in between, come along and be a part of a great group of community members!

Please find attached to this newsletter a member registration form for completion and return to the P & C box in the school office. We have also attached information about the P & C Association and what it does.

In a separate attachment to the newsletter you will find a call for Parent Representatives for each class. All the information about the position is contained in the flyer.

Join our Facebook Community

Our Facebook community is growing – join us today! The P&C has a closed page dedicated to Northgate families where we share information and updates and reminders – send a request to join and stay in the loop! https://www.facebook.com/groups/1558556331138511/

Nat, Sonia & the P&C Committee
Dear Northgate Families

WE NEED YOU!

Want to help make our great school community even better? Keen to make a real difference to your kids’ resources and learning environment? Do you have talents, skills or time to contribute? Every little bit counts – Join the P&C in 2017!

The Northgate P&C is passionate about our children and our community. We’re committed to every child’s learning outcomes and recognise the importance of open communication, quality resources and a physical environment where children reach their full potential. We work closely with our Principal and teachers to help the school achieve these goals.

Why join the P&C?
- When you join the P&C, you’ll be part of a wonderful support crew of parents, family and friends who are all working together for Northgate. If you’re new to the school, it’s a great way to meet other families and to quickly become part of our community.
- At the monthly P&C meetings, you’ll also hear first hand from the Principal about the school’s direction and have the chance to provide input into these discussions.
- As a member, you’ll also be able to nominate or vote for positions on the Executive Committee.
- The more families actively involved in the P&C, the more effective we can be!

Where and when does the P&C meet?
Meetings are held each month at 7pm the Northgate State School Library. We change the day each month (Mon-Thurs) to try to open the meeting up to as many people as possible.

If I get involved, how much time is required?
Have you ever been to a meeting where everyone is afraid of putting up their hand for fear of being lumped with all the work? That’s exactly the opposite of what the P&C tries to achieve. If we have an active P&C member base, tasks can be shared around the members so everyone has an opportunity to contribute a little, but no one is expected to do it all. A little bit of effort goes a very long way!

What kinds of roles or tasks are there?
In addition to the Executive Committee roles, there are opportunities for parents to help out in the uniform shop and the tuckshop (Heart Café), help write grant funding applications, coordinate or help out with fundraising activities (To date this includes things like Mother’s & Father’s day stalls, Entertainment Guides, fact-a-thon, discos etc.) and more.

The work we do is appreciated and fundamental to the development of a successful school community. We look forward to seeing you at the first AGM in 2017. Please complete the attached P&C membership form and return it to the P&C box in the Office or bring it to the Parent Information Evening on 2 February!

Yours sincerely
Natalie and Sonia and the Northgate P&C Executive
Application for P&C Membership for 2017
Northgate State School P&C Association
Please complete and return to the P&C Box in the school office

Name: .............................................................................................................................
Address: ............................................................................................................................
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Phone: ............................................................................................................................. Mobile: ............................................................
Email: ..............................................................................................................................

Membership: New / Renewal (please circle one)
I am a parent / caregiver / community member (over 18 years of age) at the school
(please circle one)
Child’s Name/s: .................................................. ..................................................
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I agree to be bound by the constitution of the P&C and by all valid resolutions passed by the
Association. I agree to work within the boundaries of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006. I
agree to be bound by Education Queensland’s Code of Conduct which includes the following:
• Personal Privacy – information obtained as a P&C representative MUST be considered
confidential and treated accordingly
• Courtesy, respect, dignity and fairness will be observed at all times
• Discrimination against any person will not be tolerated (refer Anti-Discrimination Act 1991)

I am interested in participating in the following P & C activities:
o Tuckshop o Fundraising
• Committee o Various Activities eg. Working bees, marketing/advertising

Signature: ........................................................................................................................
Date: ..............................................................................................................................

P&C Secretary Use
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