



# *On The Grapevine*

## **A quality education in a caring, innovative environment**

*January 2016 (Issue 1)*

### ***Welcome***

A warm welcome to all our new families joining our school community in 2016 and greetings to our returning families.

Our onsite OOSH (Outside School Hours Care) is open from 6:30am to 6pm. Registration is free. Forms are available at the office or contact the service on 0475 823785.

A teacher is on duty in the playground from 8:30am each morning. Parents should use the OOSH service if they need to drop their child at school before this time.

### ***Classes***

Students are currently in their year groups. Assessments are being completed and classes will be finalised over the next week.

Our kindy students start formal classes on Wednesday 3 February. Preschool classes commence next week.

### ***Parent Teacher Meetings***

Come along and meet your child's teacher, hear about class routines, the plans for the year.

**For students in K-2** – meet the teachers on Wednesday 17 February at 8:15am in Mrs Brown's classroom in Block D

**For students in Primary** - meet the teachers on Thursday 18 February in Miss O'Flaherty's classroom in Block B.

### ***Playground***

It is very exciting to see the progress of the nature playground area which we expect to be completed and open in the next few weeks. The students are enjoying checking the progress against the plans displayed on the Office doors and COLA wall.

### ***Assembly***

Whole school assembly is held at 2pm to 2:25pm every second Thursday in the school hall. Our first assembly for 2016 is on Thursday 4 February. All community members are welcome.

### ***Skoolbag app***

Parents and carers are encouraged to instal the Skoolbag app on your Smartphone.

Reminders, alerts and newsletters are posted here. You can even send an electronic absence note. Instructions for installing the app are posted around the school, available from the office or [www.skoolbag.com.au](http://www.skoolbag.com.au)

### ***Uniform shop***

Our P&C run Uniform shop will be open next week on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 8:30am to 9:00am. Cash or cheque only.

After that the shop will open as usual on Monday and Friday mornings 8:30 to 9am.

## Canteen

Canteen will be closed in term 1 while a management team is formed. Anyone interested in volunteering to be a member of the team should contact our P&C President, Suzanne Barber [repscommunity@gmail.com](mailto:repscommunity@gmail.com) or phone 0400 474797.

*Keryn Hinchcliffe*

Principal

29 January 2016

3 Feb	Kindergarten students start
4 Feb	Assembly 2pm
17 Feb	Meet the Teacher K-2... 8:15am
18 Feb	Meet the Teacher Primary... 8:15am
19 Feb	Swimming carnival for competent swimmers

## High School next year?

Application forms are available at the office for  
Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School  
GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM

HIGHER ABILITY SELECTION TEST on THURSDAY 24 MARCH 2016

Applications must be submitted by 16 March 2016.

*Lesley Coker*

## PRIMARY MUSIC INSTITUTE

Instrumental Music Lessons – Small Group And Private



### Keyboard And Guitar Lessons At Your School

- Enrol TODAY – via PMI's website OR enrolment forms available from the school front office
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – typically during the school day
- Only \$13.50 per child per small group lesson (typically 3-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons also available (\$32.50 per child for 30 minutes)
- Learning plan for all students via "PMI Stars" program – structured objectives with progress visibility
- PMI teachers supply keyboards and textbooks for keyboard lessons
- Ten minutes per day of practice at home is all that is required to see improvement!
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination
- Limited spaces are available so please enrol ASAP

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