From the Principal

Welcome to Term 4!

We have already set our goals for this term in relation to continuing to make this school the very best it can be for students, staff, parents and the community. Communication is a key part of these goals. To this end we will be focussing on using our website, Q Schools and our Facebook page increasingly to support our regular communications with parents relating to school matters, school events and students programs. If you have not already done so please consider liking the Nursery Rd Facebook page, the Xavier ECDP Facebook page and the Q Schools app and putting Nursery Rd School as a favourite. Only students whose parents and carers have given permission will be used in these communication pathways.

If we need your further permission for including your child in communications we will certainly gain this beyond the general permissions that you have supplied us. The first event requiring your specific permission for this term has already arisen. The Director Generals Office contacted me this week to inform us that our school has been identified as the special school to be included in a video being put together of "exemplary best practise to assist students to reach their fullest potential". The video material will be used at the Bi Annual State Principals Conference in February next year. This a great compliment to all in our school. Permission to be included in any footage gathered for the making of the short vignette video will need to be gained for each student. More information to assist parents/carers to make their decision around permission will be included with the letter attached to the permission form which will be sent home with your child next week.

Transport and Parking: during the term break we have put down new lines and identifiers for parking. The number of parent parking spaces has been increased, with the internal parking spots as designated and three additional parent (and visitor) parking spaces in the formal car park, at the Nursery Rd end. An overflow area for 2-3 parent pick up only has been created near the bus shed for PM use only. If using this area please be mindful of the conditions of parking here which is limited to pick up only, and in the area marked. Drop off and pick up use of the transport circular area is strictly only to occur after 9:00am and before 2:15pm. Parent, staff and visitor parking in the transport circular for circumstances other then drop off and pick up of students is not permitted. Please use the designated parent and visitor parking for meetings and other occasions. The transport circular provides access for delivery and for emergency vehicles as well as the school transport vehicles. Until we develop our transport and parking area further taxis will be using a couple of the parent parking spaces. We are aware of the incorrect double parking of some taxi drivers in the disability parking bay and on each occasion do speak to the driver. If parents notice anything unsafe in the car parking and transport area please bring it to the attention of staff on duty.

Refurbishment of the ECDP Asbestos Management and Campus closure 25/26th October

This program commenced a fortnight ago. There will be some restricted access on campus due to the building refurbishment program. Construction fencing defines these areas. As the buildings contain some asbestos the removal of this will occur on the weekend of October 25th and 26th. Northbuild will be abiding by all requirements in the management and removal of this material. As part of the Department of Education and Training requirements the entire campus, land and buildings is strictly out of bounds to everyone between 6:00pm Friday evening 24th October until Monday 27th at 5:00am. The pathway across the school used by community pedestrians and cyclists will be closed, from 6:00pm Friday 24th with no access permitted until 8:30am Monday 27th October. Signage near the construction site and at entry points will support the exclusion zone fencing.

In partnership - Shauna
My Future: My Life Information Session

On Monday the 3rd of November the school will be hosting an evening information session on the My Future: My Life initiative. My Future: My Life is a Queensland Government initiative providing funding assistance to young people with a disability in their final years of schooling (year 11-12 equivalent) to assist them to achieve the goals as outlined in their Senior Education and Training (SET) plan. In May this year, the program was extended to provide support to young people with a disability in their secondary schooling years (years 7-12) to:

- Explore all available options to assist them to have a smoother journey from school to meaningful adult life opportunities; and
- Develop the skills and knowledge that will empower them to make positive choices and have more control over their future.

Representatives from the My Future: My Life program will be talking about the financial assistance that is available to eligible students in years 11 and 12, and will also be obtaining any expressions of interest from families who wish to learn more about the planning process which is open to eligible students with a disability from years 7 to 12.

Young people in school, who meet the Disability Services eligibility have access to limited financial assistance as part of the initiative for example, the funding may be used to purchase equipment to assist them to undertake post-school sampling or work experience. All items requested must have a direct and tangible link to the goals the young person has identified in their SET plan or equivalent.

The extension to My Future: My Life strategy provides two additional types of supports available:

1. **Information and developmental sessions** - these sessions will provide innovative and creative ideas for assisting young people to transition more effectively from school.

2. **Transition Preparation** - One-off financial assistance is available for young people through this component and can be used for activities such as:
   - Assistance to develop a strategy for transition
   - Assistance to build the confidence and skills to take with them into the SET planning process
   - Assistance to build the capacity and skills in the family to assist with life after school

A letter inviting parents to attend this information session will be sent home this week for all students in equivalent grades 7-12. If you are unable to attend or would like more information contact My Future: My Life – Centacare Brisbane, phone 1300 697 526 or email: info.mflml@bne.centacare.net.au

From Claire Sheehan
Deputy Principal

Xavier CE Update

Dear Parents and Carers

I am pleased to remind parents that our hydrotherapy programs are back on now that the pool has been fixed. Hydrotherapy allows our students to continue their physical development in a low impact, safe environment while maintaining the principles of Conductive Education. Lynne’s class is swimming on Mondays, Libby’s is Tuesdays, and Anne, Sarah and Kelly’s classes are on Fridays.

Our teachers, staff and students are engaging in some very imaginative programs recently. Anne has begun incorporating wireless switches and the interactive whiteboard during her class’ Lying Task Series. Libby’s class has been getting involved with a sticky, gooey sensory and fine motor program. Sarah’s class have shown outstanding development in the field of switching and technology (especially Finnl!). Several of Kelly’s students have been practicing their emerging power wheelchair skills in the afternoon, with very pleasing results. Finally, Lynne’s class has been batting Bronwyn’s class in a weekly modified cricket game. Unfortunately for Lynne’s class, they have yet to win a match. Regardless, the opportunity to practice their physical skills and participate in an exciting team game is reward enough!
Our brilliant teacher Sarah Baynes got married over the holidays. We would all like to wish Sarah and her new husband Long a brilliant future together.

We also would like to wish Ronja all the best as she has decided that Term 3 will be her last at Nursery Road. Ronja was a highly valued member of our Conductive Education team and we wish her the very best for her future. Thank you Ronja. Replacing Ronja will be Nora, our conductor from our ECDP.

Our ECDP students that will be moving on to Prep next year will be experiencing a transition program this term. This will allow each of the students to visit next year’s learning environment, meet their new teaching staff, and get used to some of the routines that they will be experiencing. This is also a wonderful opportunity for our staff to share information and strategies with next year’s school staff to ensure that the Preppies will have a smooth transition in 2015.

Please remember that this Monday the 20th will be a pupil free day.

From Jeff Watts

From Senior Class

Senior School students have returned from an action-packed 3-day camp last week. Camp QLD, located at the beautiful Lake Moogerah, offered a huge range of activities for everyone to get involved in. On day one, a game of ‘slip and slide baseball’ to cool us down soon turned into an all-in water fight which everyone enjoyed. The students particularly loved sneaking up on the teachers and soaking them with water pistols and buckets. The students also chose to participate in activities like drumming, kayaking, outback art and a MasterChef pizza-making competition. At night, we all joined in a sing-a-long by the camp fire and roasted marshmallows. The ‘tumbling tower’ activity on the last day saw the students and teachers alike competing to balance on the highest stack of crates. Hayden was the student winner, managing to balance on 7 stacked crates while Chiara took out the title for teachers, standing a huge 13 crates high! Overall, it was a fantastic experience where students got the opportunity to challenge themselves and socialise with their friends.
ILLNESS
Some cases of diarrhoea and vomiting have been occurring across the campus, with a limited number of staff and students affected this week. This advice is given to assist you in the health management of your child. Individual advise will be given via class notes if need be.

School Transport

We remind all families that a prompt arrival of their son or daughter from 8.30am will ensure they are able to maximize their learning opportunities in their classroom. In situations where your son or daughter is late we ask that you visit the school office prior to entering your child’s classroom. The school program commences at 9.00am, therefore we ask families to minimise the disruption to the class by departing the classroom promptly, preferably by 8.50am.

School departure time is 2.55pm; any departure prior to this time needs to be communicated to the classroom teacher. From time to time situations arise where you are unexpectedly delayed and consequently unable to collect your son/daughter in a timely manner. If you are delayed we ask you to please contact the school office so we can ensure your son or daughter is appropriately supervised while waiting.

The school is serviced by Sunshine Buses, Black and White Taxis and Yellow Cabs who transport students to and from school in addition to families who chose to drive their child. It is the responsibility of families to notify your transport provider directly if your son/daughter will be absent from school. It is important to know that notifying the transport provider of your child’s absence does not result in the school being notified. Therefore it is important to let the office or classroom teacher know of your child’s absence, so rolls accurately reflect student attendance. Please phone 33086333 with the reason for absence.

Applications for transport to or from planned respite will need to be organised via the office at least 3 days prior to the respite start date either in writing or by phoning the office. Emergency respite dates may be organised by contacting the school office directly, however we remind families that the School Transport Department generally require a 24 hour period of time to process these requests.

If you are dissatisfied with any aspect of the transport service please contact the service providers directly. If you feel your concerns are not being addressed please contact either myself or the administration staff so we can work together to resolve the situation.

We remind all families arriving or leaving outside of the regular transport times to ensure you enter and exit the school grounds via the school office. It is a requirement on all Education Queensland Schools that all visitors entering and exiting the school grounds enter via the school office and where appropriate sign in or out using the school register.

We appreciate your continued cooperation in these matters to ensure the safety of all our students.

From Claire Sheehan
Deputy Principal

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“Sensory Movie Day” was created for families with special needs. This movie experience is a positive, non-judgemental experience. Children are free to try every seat, flap or stim, lighting stays on dim.

Fire exit doors are monitored for those escape artists. Please note that caregivers are responsible for their own children at all times. Children 2 years and under are free, companion cards are accepted.

Sensory screening food specials: $5 midi popcorn & drink combo
$3 coffee

Contact 07 3213 7100 or connections@fsg.org.au for more information.