Northern School for Autism

“Learning for Life”

Jacana Campus Ph: 9309 6258

From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back
I hope everyone enjoyed the mid-year break. I know lots of people escaped Melbourne’s cold and travelled north but for the rest of us it was a nice opportunity to rug up indoors and have a good rest. Thanks to the staff and leadership team who came into work over the break to prepare for term 3.

SSG Week & New Reports
SSG will take place in week 3 of this term – notices will be sent home by your child’s teacher in the very near future. Thanks to the teachers for so competently using the new reporting system – we hope the parents/carers love the new look reports as much as we do. The new reports include much more information in a far more explicit manner and are beautifully formatted. Thanks Sue Johnston, Pamela Mathieson and Toan Truong for your very hard work and the long hours on this project. Thanks to the leadership team who spent a lot of time in the break reading student reports – we appreciate your commitment to the students and teachers.

Whole School Conference – Friday 20th July
Thank you to Pamela Mathieson for organising this years’ whole school staff conference. The speaker will be Sue Larkey – a former teacher of children with autism. It was the first time everyone has come together as a community this year – there will be 145 attendees from 160 staff members. Thanks to those staff members who do not normally work on Friday who will be coming along to hear Sue Larkey’s presentation. Thanks to parents/carers for keeping your child at home on this day to provide this professional learning opportunity for the teachers, aides and therapists.

Student Illness
Thanks to parents and carers for keeping sick children at home. This really helps stop spread infection and keeps everyone else in the community well. We appreciate your cooperation and support.

OHS Audit
Congratulations to Denise Clarke who oversaw a successful OHS audit at the end of term 2. Denise worked very long hours to ensure the school was compliant with all the Department requirements. Thanks to Lyndall Steele and Jan Kirby who have also committed huge amounts of time to improving OHS at Lalor and Preston Campuses. On behalf of the community - thank you for making every campus of NSA safer for everyone.

Principal
Anna Rigoni

Jacana:
Campus Principal
Corinne Pupillo

Assistant Principal
Sue Johnston
**Capital Works**
The car-park works at Jacana are almost completely finished and what a difference they will make to safety, number of parking spaces and the appearance of the school. Thanks to Corinne Pupillo for coordinating this project. The playground at Lalor is also nearly complete but was held up due to rock. Both projects ran a few days behind due to the rain but overall an excellent outcome has been reached. Thanks to Graeme Hemphill who opened up Lalor everyday at 7am and also coordinated the renovation of Room 12 over the break. Thanks to Rob Marsh for overseeing the renovation of the student toilet block at Jacana which is also complete and for assisting Corinne with the VCAL kitchen works which are still underway. These projects will make a big positive difference to the learning environment for our students.

**Hairdresser specializing in services for children who have ASD**
The Autism Inspiration Clinic’s Cristie Bowler is brilliant at connecting with children with A.S.D and developing a trust between herself & the child with a slow introduction to the hair cut process. Cristie incorporates fun and education to the child regarding hair cutting, allowing the child understanding that the hair doesn’t hurt when cut, grows back, and can be an enjoyable experience. Cristie has extensive experience in working and interacting with people who have an ASD in both her hairdressing career and her personal life. Cristie is currently completing a short course at The Autism Teaching Institute to attain a professionally recognized certificate in understanding ASD. Cristie can be contacted through the Autism Inspiration Clinic on (03) 9449 9559

I wish everyone a successful, safe and happy Term 3.
Family Support Meetings
Term 3 dates have been organised for the Family Support Meetings. We would love to see some new families at these meetings. Please join us to learn more about ASD and assist us with planning for 2013. We would love to hear your ideas about how we can improve the sessions so that they meet the needs of our families.

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Anna Rigoni
Principal
NORTHERN SCHOOL FOR AUTISM
SHOPPING SPREE BUS TOUR!!!!

...Sick and tired of not enough "TIME OUT" just for you...Well here’s that "YOU TIME" you have all been waiting for! ...Yes that’s right ladies here comes a day JUST FOR YOU AND ONLY YOU!

Hi everyone my name is Lisa Sette – fundraising co-ordinator at Northern School for Autism Jacana campus. Please join me on a fun-filled FRENZY spending day! We will be visiting great outlets where you can SAVE UP TO 70 % OFF RETAIL PRICES!

TOUR INCLUDES: 11 outlets and a 2 course lunch at The Croxton Park Hotel with a glass of wine, soft drink and tea/coffee. Also throughout the day on the bus there will be raffles, prizes, giveaways, refreshments and nibblies too!!!

OUR PROFIT WILL BE THE 10 % COMMISSION ON OUR TOTAL SALES FOR THE ENTIRE DAY!!!

The outlets will be;
Toy worx, Cady stripes, 1999, Beaches, Brucesters, Fila, Classica, Home direct, Natio, Diamond cut, Sirocco

DATE: Sunday 28th October 2012     PICK UP TIME: 8.00am
PICK-UP ADDRESS: Kmart Campbellfield, Hume hwy (across from Hungry Jacks)
DROP-OFF: approx. 6.00pm     PRICE: $50 per person

***PLEASE EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST BY CONTACTING ME (LISA) ON 0403 737 410 BY AUGUST 28th 2012
FULL PAYMENT IS DUE BY: October 8th 2012

The tour also includes the following: *Luxury coach transport
* A friendly and informative hostess

SO DON'T MISS OUT!

TOGETHER WE WILL HAVE GREAT DAY!
Middle year - Room 14

Room 14 has had a very busy Term 2. Students have enjoyed different activities.

Ryan

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Adam

Zahraa

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John

Declan

Tobi
Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect)  
Positive Behaviour Support Workshop

A free, autism specific positive behaviour workshop for parents  
24th 25th & 26th July 9.30 am – 2.30pm
Glenroy Sports Club, Sewell Reserve, Glenroy Road, Glenroy 3046

Aspect Victoria is pleased to offer our highly successful three day autism specific Aspect Positive Behaviour Support workshop for parents of children and young people aged 6 and 25 years with an autism spectrum disorder in the northern suburbs of Melbourne.

Based on Aspect’s direct experience working with families, this workshop teaches parents how to use contemporary, evidence-based, autism specific positive behaviour support strategies at home with their children.

Aspect Positive Behaviour Support workshops have proven effectiveness

Since 2005, 1200 families have participated in Aspect Positive Behaviour Support workshops. An independent evaluation of the workshop program showed “evidence of an extremely significant decrease in challenging behaviours … and evidence of an extremely significant increase in parental self-efficacy following the 3-day workshop and again at the 4-6 week follow-up.”

Families participating in this workshop will:

- Develop best practice understanding of autism and how an autism spectrum disorder can contribute to challenging behaviours.
- Learn how to create an autism friendly environment at home.
- Learn how to write an autism specific behaviour support plan for one of their child’s behaviours.
- Learn how write a crisis plan and respond confidently when challenging behaviour occurs.
- Learn how to teach new skills to promote their child’s communication, emotional regulation or independence.

What participants say about Aspect Positive Behaviour Support workshops:

“Fantastic presentation. Very interactive & affirming & capacity building. Ideas not just discussed but taught how to follow through on.”

“Best information session on Autism I have been to, so much clarity about getting to the core behaviour, unpeeling onion, enjoyed all visuals. Thank you so much.”

“I have attended many workshops & seminars with my daughter to try & find answers to what we needed to know. This workshop has been the most informative ever.”

To be eligible for this workshop you must be the parent or carer of a child or young person aged between 6 and 25 years with a diagnosed autism spectrum disorder and you must live in the local government areas of Nilumbik, Banyule, Darebin, Hume, Moreland, Yarra or Whittlesea. Service providers working with participating families are encouraged to attend.

When  Three day workshop is on 24, 25 and 26 July 2012
Where  Glenroy Sports Club, Sewell Reserve, Glenroy Road, Glenroy 3046
Time  9.30am to 2.30pm each day
Cost  FREE
Register  Online at www.autismspectrum.org.au
Contact  Beth Sutcliffe at Aspect Victoria:
Phone: 03 9377 6600 or email bsutcliffe@autismspectrum.org.au

Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) is Australia’s largest not for profit autism specific service provider. Established in 1966, Aspect provides a wide range of services and support. In 2010 Aspect commenced operation in Victoria.

Aspect has been funded by the Department of Human Services to provide a range of positive behaviour support programs across Victoria.
PERFORMING ARTS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
(PACSN)

Contact “Jaz” Mob: 0407 348960 Email: info@jazj.com.au

Well our first Term of PACSN has flown and what a great time we have had. A huge thank you to our wonderful children and the support of their fantastic Parents, Guardians and Carers.

Donna sure gave us some cool dance moves, our Puppet Show was a hit and our Drum and Tambourine Dance was magical. Speaking of Magic where did our floating lights, sparkle Butterflies and floating clouds disappear too? Maybe we will find out in Term 3.

PACSN IS NOW WELCOMING FURTHER ENROLMENTS FOR CHILDREN IN TERM 3. PLEASE CONTACT “JAZ” BY EMAIL OR MOBILE AND JOIN THE FUN!

# Term 3 commences Monday 16th July to the 17th September. The classes are held at St Mary’s Anglican Parish Centre 9 O’Shannassy Street Sunbury (on the street side of the Village Green).

“MUSIC, SONG & DANCE MAKE YOU SMILE FROM THE OUTSIDE IN AND THE INSIDE OUT”

Jaz