From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Carers,

Open Day – Thank You
Open Day was a resounding success last Friday. Thanks to all the teachers who welcomed parents/grandparents/carers and friends to the school. Thank you to all our visitors who came to see the educational programs in action. Thank you to Cilla Pangbourne who organised lovely Photo Stories for each campus. This was a wonderful opportunity to share and celebrate teaching and learning at NSA.

Reservoir Campus
The building works at Reservoir are proceeding according to schedule despite the rainy weather. The school has established a working party which meets every Friday fortnight to plan for the transition to the new premises. There are many things to organise including removalists, phone systems, playgrounds, furniture, landscaping, networking, window coverings... And the list goes on! We are hoping that the big move will take place during the Easter Break next year or (if we are very lucky) the first week of term 1 in 2013! The countdown is now on and I can say that the move will occur within the next 12 months.

Professor Margot Prior—School Councillor

Professor Margot Prior is an academic, clinician, and researcher in the field of family and child development. Margot has worked in the field for more than 30 years, at Monash, La Trobe and Melbourne Universities. She has published seven books, more than 170 articles and was a pioneer of autism research.

Margot was a Founder of the Victorian Parenting Centre, and the Learning Difficulties Centre at the Royal Children's Hospital. She has also worked in Aboriginal mental health and in developing psychology programs in Vietnam.

Margot Prior has been a member of Northern School for Autism School Council for two years. This year we are sad to announce that Margot Prior is retiring from the school council. We would like to thank Margot for her wonderful support and advocacy as a councillor. From everyone at NSA we wish Margot all the best for the future.
Regional Autism Planning Team
NSA is a member of the Regional Autism Planning Team - RAPT. RAPT is made up of a group of key stakeholder groups from across the Northern Metropolitan Region including Early Intervention providers, the Department and other organisations such as AMAZE. The team met for the first time earlier this term. The first project is a partnership between a mainstream secondary school and NSA. The project will identify how to best meet the needs of students with autism enrolled in mainstream secondary settings. Thank you to Heather Kirkhope who is the project's NSA representative. We will keep you informed about the project's progress.

Parent/Carer Payments
Parent/carer invoices were sent out last week, thank you to everyone for making payments on your accounts. The funds directly resource the teaching and learning programs for your children.

Woolworth's EARN AND LEARN
Don't forget to collect stickers and fill in your sticker form for the Woolworth's Earn and Learn promotion. Thanks to everyone for supporting this fundraising drive.

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea
Thank you to Jan Kirby, Cilla Pangbourne, Deb Larbey and Carlee Toniolo for organising the Anti-Cancer Council – Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea last week. Staff made generous donations to support this excellent cause whilst enjoying a lovely social morning. The catering was magnificent. Thanks to all staff for supporting the event and the event organisers who did a marvellous job. Thanks to the admin’ teams and others for helping with the clearing up!

Swings at Lalor
The big swings were relocated to Lalor Campus last week. The students are enjoying having access to the swings again. The next addition to the Lalor Recreation area will be a fitness centre. This will be installed early in term 3. A new set of smaller swings has been installed at Preston Campus.

VCAL Kitchen Jacana
The old senior kitchen has been demolished to make way for a brand new VCAL kitchen. Plans and quotes are underway – thanks Rob for organising the demolition and to the Later Years’ and Middle Years’ Teams for being patient while this project takes place.

Thanks to the Parent/Carer Group at Preston Campus
Last week a group of dedicated volunteers helped Pamela make resources for classrooms—we very much appreciate your assistance. The teachers are very grateful for your help. A special thank you to Angie T who burnt discs in her own time for classrooms.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION
On Thursday June 7th there is teacher industrial action—STOP WORK - taking place. Depending upon the number of teachers that strike the school may have limited classrooms running. Please think about making alternative childcare arrangements on this day—further information will be sent home on Monday.

Parking at Lalor
Northern School for Autism will be installing Enter and Exit signs at the North and South access points of the school. We will also be installing a No Parking sign to indicate to parents, staff and contractors, not to park in the Lalor School driveway and that busses are the only exception. Staff have been advised that they can park in the Peter Lalor car park; on street parking is also permitted near the school, providing they are not blocking or parked directly across from a driveway. Thank you all for your cooperation by adhering to the guidelines and keeping the neighbourhood safe and happy.

Anna Rigoni
Principal
Jacana News

Family Support Meetings
Our last meeting for term 2 is in a fortnight please join Deb Munt for a presentation on her role here at NSA and how she can support your family.

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Fundraising News
The next fundraising event will be the special lunch order day planned for Thursday June 21st. An order form will be sent home closer to the date.

The Shopping Tour is back by popular demand! Please mark this date in your diary – Sunday 28th October

Donation
Raymond McMahon Medical Centre (Endeavour Hills) has made a kind donation of $114.80 to the Jacana Campus. It is anticipated that the funds will go towards the purchasing of bike helmets for the bike education program. A special thank you to Mercedes Gonzalez for facilitation the fundraising for NSA.

Front Entrance Works
Some minor works will commence next week in preparation for the school holidays. Please see Corinne if you have any questions or concerns about the contractors on site during this time.

Open Day
Although the weather was quite bad last Friday, it did not deter families from helping to celebrate Education Week. Thank you to the families who visited the classrooms on this day to see the educational programs in action. There was a slide show during morning tea which is now playing on the screen in the front reception. If you did not get the opportunity to drop in last week, please take a few minutes to watch the slide show next time you visit the campus. It’s a great celebration of all the educational programs we do here at NSA. Thank you to the staff for welcoming the families in to the classrooms.

Enrolments for 2013
Deb Munt (Student Engagement & Wellbeing Co-ordinator) has been busy with school tours for prospective students and their families. We are in the process of making plans for the new enrolments which will include accessing our unused classroom spaces.

Corinne Pupillo
Campus Principal
The children in room 12 are engaged in a variety of activities throughout the day.
Early Years B
Room 5 – Out and About in the community

Aiden Lee at swimming

Thomas at Jack Roper Reserve

Stefani shopping for cooking items

Ali riding his bike at school

Roshan in the playground at Jack Roper Reserve

Cephas playing with Benson
Students from the Middle Years Sub School are currently enjoying an enriching and exciting swimming program. It’s been so great to see the enjoyment and excitement students express when going on our weekly swimming excursions. A huge thank-you to all Middle Years Staff for their support of the program, by either attending the swim classes or running alternative engaging teaching and learning programs back at school for those who have chosen not to attend. A very special thank you also goes out to our wonderful parent helpers. It’s been a wonderful success and a great opportunity for those students.

Elizabeth Smith (Middle Years Sub School Leader)
We are enjoying going shopping and using the self serve check out to promote independence.

We encourage recycling within the school. We take out the recycling bins and the organic bins every week.

During PE we use the exercise equipment to improve our strength and fitness.

We have been labelling our emotions in Health.

Happy       Angry       Tired
On behalf of the staff and students a big “Thank you” To Nicole Davis And Judy Moon

Nicole has been making resources for the school and Judy has been spending a day a week in the library getting all the books sorted and organised.

We really appreciate all your help!
A survey completed by teachers in term 4 2011 showed that 21% of students at the Jacana Campus use the Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) to communicate. NSA organized PECS Basic Training to be held at the Jacana Campus on May 5th and 19th 2012, and thirty four staff and parents attended.

PECS can be used by students who have no or limited speech, or speech that is difficult to understand. It is an augmentative and alternative form of communication (AAC). PECS assist students to initiate expressive communication, and it has also been successful in facilitating language development.

Here are our Entry A students in action...
All New Cheer-Ability Cheerleading Program

In 2012, Cheer Factor All Stars will be introducing a new program for kids and young adults with Special Needs. Cheerleading classes will incorporate Cheer, Pom Dance, Basic stunts, Fun, Fitness and a chance to perform at local Cheerleading Competitions and special events.

Be a part of Australia's fastest growing sport and show us your spirit.

For more information call Cheer Factor All Stars. Taking Enrolments from December 2011

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Wednesday 5pm - 5:45pm