Dates to Remember

Children arrive from 8.40am

Brekky Club  Mondays and Wednesdays 8.15-8.45
Assemblies  Fridays – even weeks 2.30pm
Wednesdays  Pedal Prix practice 3.20pm-4pm
Friday nights  T Ball - Blue Lake Sport Park

Tues 5th April  School Photos
Wed 13th  ‘The Silly Scientist’
Thursday 14th  Wheel-a-thon
Friday 15th  Term 1 ends at 2.15pm

What is Autism

What is Autism Spectrum Disorder?

Autism Spectrum Australia describes autism as lifelong developmental disabilities with difficulties in social interaction, impaired communication, restricted and repetitive interests or behaviours, and sensory sensitivities. It can be a very disabling condition with many challenges for those affected, their families and friends. Autism condition is lifelong, but there can be improvement with therapy and support structures.

Autism spectrum disorders are diagnosed by looking at behavioural criteria. There is no medical testing available to diagnose these disorders.

A national survey showed an estimated 115,400 Australians (0.5%) had autism.

This was a 79% increase from the 64,400 in 2009.

ASD can be associated with intellectual disability, difficulties in motor coordination and attention, and physical health issues such as sleep and digestion problems. Some people with ASD are gifted in visual skills, music, maths and art.

For more information on Autism please follow the links:
https://www.autismspeaks.org/what-autism
http://www.autismsa.org.au

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The school students and the wider community are asked to wear extra blue in support of Autism Day on Friday 1st April.

AGM
Will now be held on
Wednesday
18th May
**Closing The Gap**

A number of students recently attended the CLOSE THE GAP DAY with Mrs Badenoch and Mrs Beck, which was held at Pangula Mannamurna the Aboriginal run Health Centre. Features of the day were a Health Expo, Football and Basketball clinics which included two team members of the Pioneers. The local Army Reserves were present to give students information on careers in the Army. Dallas was so impressed that he now wants to join the Army when he leaves school. The Jump Rope for Heart skipping group from Mil-Lel Primary School gave an excellent demonstration. The students said they really enjoyed the day, despite it being 35c, and learnt so much about making healthy choices with food and exercise and their overall wellbeing.

Porscha said she enjoyed doing CPR, under the guidance of Amy Reppin, nursing student from UNI SA.

*Kathy Beck*

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**Family Maths Challenge**

There are exactly nine 2 digit numbers which have two digits the same: 11,22,...99. How many 3 digit numbers have 2 digits the same?

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**School Photos**

Forms have been sent home for school photos which will be taken on Tuesday 5th April starting at 9am.

**PLEASE SEND YOUR FORM AND MONEY BACK ANYTIME BEFORE THE PHOTO DAY. YOU MUST HAVE THE CORRECT MONEY IN THE ENVELOPE. NO CHANGE WILL BE GIVEN.**

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**Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club is up and running in the ‘Unit’ on both Monday and Wednesday mornings. Your children will be served a selection of cereals, toasts and fruit along with a cup of hot milo. There is no charge. It is really important that all children have breakfast at the start of the school day. This sets the children up for good learning.

*Inna Tucker*
COME AND TRY HOCKEY!

About Tigers Hockey Club
Tigers Hockey Club has been Roarin’ since 1963 and have won a total of 80 Premierships across all teams during this time. 17 of those premierships have been won in the last 5 years.

Training
Training will be held every Monday night at the Lower South East Hockey Association, Blue Lake Sports Park at the following times:
U/13 Girls & Boys - 4:30pm to 5:30pm
U/15 Girls & Boys - 5:30pm to 6:30pm
Senior Women and Men - 6:30pm onwards.

Games
Games will be held on Friday night, Saturday or Sunday. Juniors will be play in the morning and Seniors in the afternoon. We are registered with the Office Of Sport and Recreation for the Primary School Voucher System.

If you are interested in playing/training or even just giving hockey a go, please contact Mathew Fenwick on 0408840330

Supporting Children’s Learning
The Tafe Education Support team is offering short courses to assist parents and caregivers to develop and encourage their child’s learning.
We have available for you to attend a variety of short courses designed to share with you specific skills to assist with supporting your child’s learning. These short courses are being run using video conference technology - allowing you to participate at a TAFE SA campus near you, and are facilitated by highly experienced educators.

Education Support Program - Creating better opportunities for our children to grow through inspired educators, supporting futures and strong communities.
For more information about short courses - or nationally accredited qualifications - contact the program at education@tafesa.edu.au

Harmony Day Celebrations
Last week our school was proudly represented at the Railway Lands for Harmony Day. Some of the Karen students performed a traditional cultural dance and a group of violinists performed pieces that they had learned in three weeks. Many thanks to Virginia Weekes who is an amazing volunteer at North school and supported the 9 students who played so well considering the short time line.
Well done everyone!!

Absences
Please remember to tell the school when your child is absent. This is a legal requirement that parents explain student absences and makes our job a lot easier. You can ring the Front Office; send a note or text 0400327509.
Students who are late to school must sign in at the Front Office and hand a note of explanation to their teacher.
Wheel-a-thon

A Wheel-a-thon Fundraiser is being planned for Week 11 this term. Sponsorship forms have been sent home. All students will receive an icy-pole and a certificate for their participation regardless if they raise any money or not. This year we are trying to raise money for a Volleyball net for our ‘Rage Cage’.

Names On Clothing

As the cooler weather sneaks up on us, the unnamed windcheaters come out!! Please would you ensure that all clothing is clearly named.

Term 2 Sport

At the moment we have only received 2 notices back for football. It would be a real shame if North could not fill both a football and netball side in the inter school competition. If you would like your child to participate in either football or netball please complete the slip below and return to the Front Office as soon as possible. We are also looking for parents to coach or umpire our teams. Unfortunately, No coach .... No play.

21 of our North students will be competing in this event at McNamara Park this Saturday. It would be fantastic if our school community could get behind our Pedal Prix teams and come along and support them.

** Gold Coin Entry**

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**TERM 2 SCHOOL SPORT**

Child’s name: __________________________ Year: ________ Class: ______________

Please register my child for ☐ Football ☐ Netball ☐ $5.00 first child ☐ $3.50 subsequent children/school card

 Experienced Yes/No

I am able to help Coach/Umpire ☐ Yes/No I have a current Police Check ☐ Yes/No

Parent Name: __________________________ Signature __________________________