

Norton Summit School



From the Principal's Desk

December 2023

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Year 6 Students

Brocan Summer	Kayla	Lucy	Piper
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Thank You and Good Luck

Thank you also to every parent who has supported the school in some way. The support from parents through classroom support, donations, committees, lunches, special events etc. has certainly been appreciated by staff and students.

Particular mention must also go to our dedicated and hard working Governing Council who have steered us in a positive direction throughout the year.

Governing Council Members

Ben Bradley	Lian Hill	Jacqui Leopardi
Ali Begg	Nadia Bobaly	Jo Cranwell
Thanh Phan	Tanya Frohloff	

A message of Thanks

What a truly wonderful year it has been for me as the Principal of this amazing school. I am in a very privileged and fortunate position in which I have daily opportunities to connect with all students, teachers and our broader community. Being a small school leader gives me this tremendous opportunity to deeply connect with the school, its culture, and take a genuine place within the community. For this, I am extremely proud and grateful!

This year's unofficial community theme of 'Welcome Back' has truly lived up to its name, after several years of managing COVID. It has been a wonderful opportunity for our community to really come together and be a regular part of what makes our school such a great place to live, grow and learn.

This year we have provided an abundance of learning opportunities for all students as well as a variety of parent workshops, open classroom sessions, volunteering opportunities, community events and programs run by our Parents and Friends Committee and the local Community Centre, allowing us all the chance to connect on a regular basis. To quote a comment made to me by a grandparent last year 'We really do punch above our weight as a small school in what we offer every child'. As Principal, I am extremely proud of this statement.

Family Farewells

In addition to farewelling our students, we also have 5 families who will no longer have any children attending our school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank these families for the contribution they have made to our school over many years. In fact, some of these families have been associated with the school for over 11 years.

The Alexander Family:

Kayla, Mitchell, Kirstie and Bryce (10 Years)

The Babi family:

Summer and John (1 Year)

The Johanson family:

Piper, Jackson, Michelle and Steve (11 Years)

The Purtle family:

Lucy, Elly, Jo and Jeremy (9 Years)

The Thomas family:

Florence, Sarah and Matthew (5 Years)

Heysen Citizenship Awards

Congratulations to **Piper Johanson** who was awarded both the Heysen Citizenship and Mayo Community Awards for her outstanding contribution to the school community. Piper led by example and gave back to our school in a variety of ways, particularly running her own Op Shop program throughout the year. She was awarded the Heysen Citizenship Award at our End of Year Celebration. Piper received a certificate and a medal from the Hon. Josh Teague Member for Heysen.

2024 Day Structure Change

In consultation with staff, surrounding schools, and endorsement from Governing Council we will be restructuring the look of our daily timetable to better meet the needs of our students by optimising their learning experiences. The below timetable illustrates changes in lesson and break structures that will be trialed in Term 1 using the current school day beginning at 8:30am and concluding at 3:20pm, as well as the same amount of face to face teaching time. We will seek feedback and provide further communication to the community in the new year.

Before School- 8:30-8:50

Ready to Learn- 8:50-8:55

Lesson 1- 8:55-9:45

Lesson 2- 9:45-10:40 (Including sneaky snack time)

Lesson 3- 10:40-11:35

Eating time- 11:35-11:45

Play (Break 1)- 11:45-12:15

Lesson 4- 12:15-1:05

Lesson 5- 1:05-2:00

Play (Break 2) 2:00-2:30

Lesson 6- 2:30-3:20

Term Dates - 2024

- Term 1:** Monday 29 January — Friday 12 April
Term 2: Monday 29 April — Friday 5 July
Term 3: Monday 22 July — Friday 27 September
Term 4: Monday 14 October — Friday 13 December

My final thank you goes to our dedicated staff who have provided high quality education in a caring and supportive environment. The knowledge, experience and skills of our staff have contributed to the outstanding achievements of our students in their academic, sporting, social and emotional development.

A huge thank you and farewell (for now) to Natalie Haddock who will be teaching at Kersbrook Primary in 2024. We also say thank you and goodbye to both Caitlyn Ogilvie and Brittany Shelton as OSHC Directors.

Staff Members 2023

Stavroula Raptis - Yr. R/1 Teacher
 Tania Abela - Yr. R/1 & Spanish Teacher
 Debby Kuerschner - Yr. 2/3 Teacher
 Andrew Smith- Yr. 2/3 Teacher
 Lauren Medley– Yr. 2/3 Teacher
 Natalie Haddock - Yr. 54//6 Teacher
 Barry Costar - Yr. 4/5/6 Teacher
 Sally Abernethy- Library & SSO
 Tanya Frohloff - Admin Officer
 Caitlyn Ogilvie - OSHC Director
 Brittany Shelton- OSHC Director
 Jade Brawley– OSHC
 John Cairns - Grounds Person
 Shaun Barber- Principal



Key School Dates - Term 1 - 2024

Wk.	Date	Event
1	Mon. 29 Jan.	First Day of School
2	Tues. 5 Feb.	Acquaintance Night Governing Council AGM 7.00 - 9.00pm
	Wed. 6 Feb	Yr 6 Aquatics
6	Fri. 8 March	Sports Day
7	Mon. 11 March	Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
7-8	Wed. 13-Mon.25th March	NAPLAN
9	Fri. 29 March	Easter Friday
10	Mon. 1 April	Easter Monday
	Wed. 3-Thurs. 4 April	School Interviews (T.B.C.)
11	Mon. 8-Thurs. 11 April	School Interviews (T.B.C.)
	Fri. 12 April	Last day of school term

A Holiday Message from Staff

The staff of Norton Summit P.S. wish all families a safe, relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break.

School resumes on Monday 29th January 2024
 We look forward to seeing you then.

Student books will be distributed to students by class teachers during the first few days of school.

Staff will be at school on
 Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th January.

Regards - NSPS Staff

Class Structures / Teachers for 2024

Junior Primary	R-1	Mrs Abela Ms Raptis	Monday & Tuesday Wednesday - Friday
Middle Primary	Yr. 2/3	Mrs Kuerschner Mr Smith	Monday - Thursday Friday
Upper Primary	Yr. 4/5/6	Ms Sophie Drago	Monday - Friday
Specialist Teachers	Spanish and The Arts– Mrs Abela		Health/PE– Mr Barber