

Norton Summit School



From the Principal's Desk

December 2024

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Year 6 Students

Sophia Paige Pearl Hugo

Thank You and Good Luck

I would like to sincerely thank the many parents and members of the community who gave up their time to be on committees, supported the school's fundraising efforts and events, ran workshops, listened to students read, assisted with transport and supervision on school excursions. The level of support within our community truly speaks volumes of why small schools are fabulous and important.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank **John Howley** for putting together a fabulous magazine alongside **Sally Abernethy**. It is a wonderful keepsake to be shared.

Parents and Friends

Amy Cox Lian Hill Rhianna Baker
Kathryn McDonald Alice Bradley Ali Begg
Olivia James

Governing Council

Rino Rosa Lian Hill Jacqui Leopardi
Lauren Nayda Erica Holt Astrid Keating
Bianca Turner Tanya Frohloff Rhianna Baker

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 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.

As part of our ongoing learning journey we began the exciting process of 're-imagining' our school through the re-development of several learning spaces and changes to the day lesson structures with all students at the centre of our thinking.

Through research, resourcing, careful planning and consideration, we made the decision to have our Reception-Year 1 and Year 2-3 classes swap rooms. As part of this process the Computer Room was converted in to an additional learning space for our Junior Primary students to regularly participate in purposeful investigation, fine motor, and play based learning opportunities aligned to the Australian Curriculum and units of work being taught in the classroom. We also upgraded our technology across the school, with all middle and upper students having borrower access to laptops for research-based learning and the teaching of digital literacies aligned to the curriculum.

In consultation with staff, surrounding schools, and Governing Council we re-structured the look of our daily timetable to better meet the needs of our students by optimising their learning experiences with three lessons in the morning, play break 1, two lessons mid-afternoon, play break 2, and one lesson to complete the day. The feedback from staff, students, and the broader school community has been extremely positive.

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.

The Phan-Wright Family:

Pearl, Hazel, Thanh and Gavin (4.5 Years)

The Ullmer Family:

Paige, Oli, Amelia and Daniel (4 Years)

The Nance Family:

Maxton, Lily, Jordan, Crystal and Mason (3 Years)

The Lima-Agostini Family:

Daisy, Ava, Isabell, and Andre (4 Years)

The Hadden Family:

Zayne, Melanie and Andrew (1 Year)

Heysen and Mayo Citizenship Awards

Congratulations to **Sophia Rosa** and **Paige Ullmer** who were awarded both the Heysen Citizenship and Mayo Community Awards for their outstanding contribution to the school community. They have both led by example and given back to our school in a variety of ways including student led tours, SRC representation, and volunteering at both the Karra Watta Café and community Burger Night. Both girls were presented their Awards at our Spanish Fiesta Celebration.

Term Dates - 2025

- Term 1:** Tuesday 28 January — Friday 11 April
Term 2: Monday 28 April — Friday 4 July
Term 3: Monday 21 July — Friday 26 September
Term 4: Monday 13 October — Friday 12 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.

Whilst we say a huge thank you and goodbye to OSHC Co-Director **Zahraa Al-Mousawi** and Year 4-6 teacher **Phil Richardson** for their tireless and amazing work, we welcome back **Caitlyn Ogilvie** as a Reception-Year 1 teacher and **Natalie Haddock** who will be teaching the Year 4-6 class alongside **Barry Costar**.

Class Structures / Teachers for 2025

Junior Primary R-1	Miss Abela	Monday-Tuesday
	Ms Raptis	Wednesday - Friday
	Mrs Ogilvie	Monday-Thursday
Middle Primary 2-3	Mrs Kuerschner	Monday - Thursday
	Mr Smith	Friday
Upper Primary 4-5-6	Mrs Haddock	Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday
	Mr Costar	Wednesday
Specialist Teachers	Miss Abela (Spanish & The Arts)	
	Mr Barber (Health/PE)	
Business Manager	TBC	
SSO Librarian/Class Support	Sally Abernethy	
OSHC Director	Jade Brawley	
OSHC Educator	Faith Kyakulaga	
Groundsperson	John Cairns-	
Principal	Shaun Barber	

Key School Dates - Term 1 - 2025

Wk.	Date	Event
1	Tues. 28 Jan.	First Day of School
2	Wed. 5 Feb	Yr 6 Aquatics
3	Tues. 11 Feb.	Acquaintance Night Governing Council AGM 7.00 - 9.00pm
5	Mon. 24 Feb.	Pupil Free Day
7	Mon. 10 March	Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
7-8	12th-24th March	NAPLAN
8	Fri. 21 March	Sports Day
10	Mon 31 Mar- Thurs. 3 April	School Interviews (T.B.C.)
11	Mon. 7-Thurs. 10 April	School Interviews (T.B.C.)
	Fri. 11 April	Last day of school term

Thank you and Farewell to our 2IC

We also say a sad farewell to **Tanya Frohloff** who has been the face of our school over the past 18 years. Tanya has won the Business Manager position at Keithcott Farm Primary School for 2025.

Words cannot describe the incredible impact she has instilled across generations of families during her time by simply being her generous and hardworking self. The legacy that Tanya will leave will be felt for many years to come. She is a highly valued and respected member of our staff and school community and will be sorely missed.



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 Tuesday 28th January 2025
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
Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th January.

Regards - NSPS Staff