We have had Helen Tunney and Brenton Chapman conducting our External Review this week. Brenton is the Principal of Monash Primary School and Helen is the Principal of Elizabeth East Primary School. They have both stepped out of their schools to conduct our review.

They have spoken with all teachers, most of our SSO’s, students, parents and visited all classes. They have analysed the many data sets we have: NAPLAN, PAT R and PAT M, attendance etc. They have visited our web site and looked at the reports generated by partnership and school. This has given them a lot of information about how Northfield operates.

They have been focusing their observations on the following four aspects of Northfield:

1. **Progress on Numeracy and Literacy:** How effective our existing policies and practice are in tracking and monitoring student growth, including our students who are high achievers.
2. **Effective Intervention Process:** How effective our Support and Intervention practices are in every class. Are our practices effective in achieving student growth?
3. **Whole School Improvement Cycles:** How teachers analyse individual data to inform their practice and how does this analysis link with our site improvement agenda.
4. **Leading the Pedagogical Shift:** What whole school processes support teaching and learning in every class ensuring all students succeed?

Helen and Brenton will write up a report which will highlight our outstanding practice. We will also be given directions which will lead us to whole school improvement. This report will be shared with staff and our community. It will direct our work over the next four years. Families will be able to find a copy of the report on our web site.

The review process is an opportunity for us to showcase our outstanding practice and articulate our work. It is also an opportunity for us to be reflective and improve the way we do things. The focus for all of our work is improvement and growth for every child at Northfield.

I would like to thank our amazing staff and students who worked with Helen and Brenton and the many families who took time out of their busy day to meet with the external review team.

*Donna Beaney*
A Safety Message From Donna

Northfield has a very clear grievance policy. Staff are currently reviewing this policy and constructing a flow chart that clearly explains what to do if a student, parent or staff member has a grievance. As soon as we have completed this work we will send it home to all families. If you do have any feedback it would be greatly appreciated.

Some of the important expectations are to ensure you see a member of leadership if you have a grievance that concerns another student or member of our community. Do not approach the child or parent yourself. It is important that all of our community is safe at all times. I would like to thank families who have spoken to us about something they have seen or heard that troubles them. In addition we have been contacted by SAPOL to share the following information with our community:

A message from SAPOL
If you witness a person behaving suspiciously in or around the school, Police do not recommend you confront the person because you may expose yourself to physical danger or it may result in your property being damaged.
Alternatively, police recommend you obtain a detailed description of the person and/or a vehicle registration number if applicable and report the matter to the police via 000 in an emergency or 131 444 for police assistance. Police will follow up the information you have provided and take appropriate action where necessary.
Further safety information can be found at https://www.police.sa.gov.au/your-safety

Our children watch and learn from the adults in their community. Thank you for modelling safe behaviour and positively contributing to our wonderful school.

Donna

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Hi Everyone,

Week 4, Premier’s Reading Challenge has begun for 2016.

Your child’s teacher has all the information and the form to record the books students read for the challenge. Please encourage your child / children to read the books and have them signed off by you or their teacher.

Junior Primary teachers will manage the forms for their classes and Middle/Upper class teachers manage the challenge in various other ways.

September is the finish of the challenge so there’s plenty of time. Good Luck and happy reading!

Bye for now

Jan Hegarty

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Vice-Captains - Areeb & Jazmyne
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Captains - Danhil & Massa
Vice-Captains - Victor & Grace
Junior Captains - Ali & Hannah

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Wednesday 6 April

- The alarming statistics
- Are we becoming desensitized?
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- How parents can guide children and teens

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