



STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Stay up-to-date with what's going on and up and coming at our North Shore campuses in Queensland

Celebrating Students' Achievements!

On Sunday, November 5th, 2023, North Shore Coaching College hosted its Annual Award Presentation, which was a tremendous success. More than 60 students and their family members attended the event, during which each student was presented with a trophy in recognition of their hard work and achievements in various fields.

The event featured speeches from our National Managing Director, Mr. Anson Mak, and Queensland State Principal, Mrs. Amy Tan, both of whom delivered inspiring messages. In addition, four of our successful students shared their learning journeys at North Shore, while the winners of the Greg Smith Writing Competition brought their stories to life with their recitals.

North Shore Coaching College is committed to providing high-quality education and support to its students, and the Annual Award Presentation is just one of the many ways in which we recognize and celebrate the hard work and dedication of our students. The college looks forward to hosting more successful events in the future and continuing to help its students achieve their goals.

[Click to view more photos from our 2023 Annual Award Presentation.](#)



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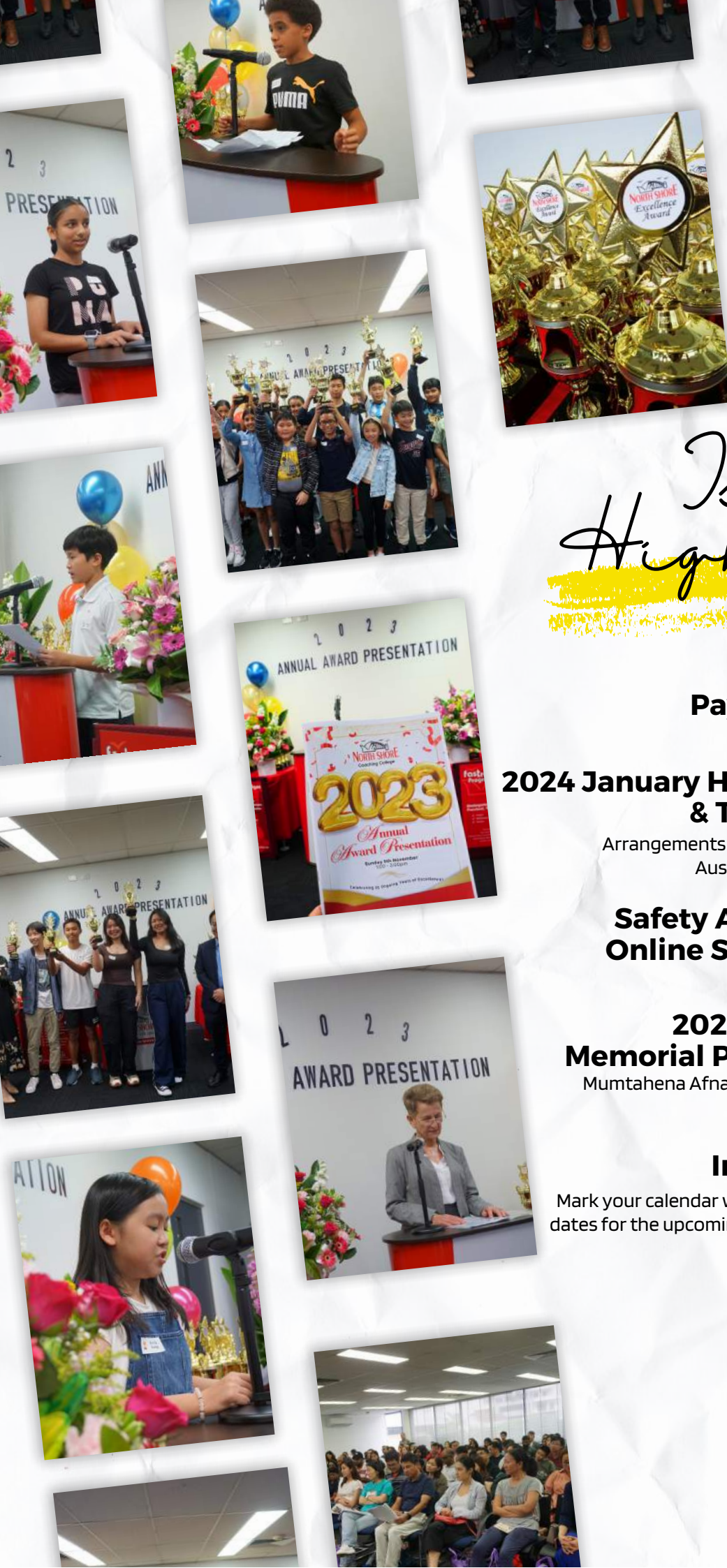
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Our payment options have changed!

North Shore Coaching College has introduced new and more user-friendly payment options to simplify the payment process for parents.

In addition to **cash and credit card payments in person**, we now accept **BPAY payments**. If you prefer to pay over the phone, we will send you a secure link to your mobile and/or email, where you can enter your credit card details yourself. This replaces the previous method of staff obtaining credit card details over the phone, ensuring the security of your information.

Please keep in mind that enrolments will only be confirmed once payment has cleared, regardless of the payment method used. Hence, we encourage you to take advantage of these new convenient payment methods and avoid waiting until the last minute to re-enroll.



By BPAY online

Billers Code and unique reference can be found at the bottom of your 'Statement of Accounts'

NEW



By Credit Card via secure link sent to your mobile and email (valid for 2 hours)

NEW



By Cash or Credit Card over counter

Kindly note that the deadline for our early bird discount has changed. Complete payment by **1 December 2023** to receive the \$30 discount.



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Enrol to 2024 Term 1!

**TERM DATES:
20 JANUARY TO
28 MARCH, 2024**

**PAY IN PERSON,
VIA SECURE LINK OR BPAY
BY 8 DECEMBER 2023!**

IMPORTANT!

**THE DEADLINE FOR EARLY BIRD HAS CHANGED!
PAY BY 1 DECEMBER TO RECEIVE THE \$30 DISCOUNT.**

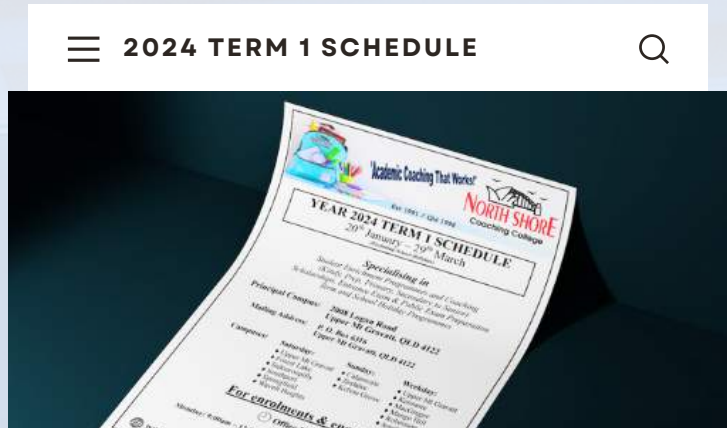
DO NOT USE BPAY IF:

- You are paying for more than one child, or
- You want to make changes to your enrolment (change sessions/subjects)

*Availability of sessions is limited and assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.
To guarantee your child's spot, be sure to re-enrol before the end of the term.*



2024 JAN HOLIDAY & TERM 1 PROGRAM SCHEDULES



Program Dates:

- **Week 1:** 8 - 12 January, 2024
- **Week 2:** 15 - 19 January, 2024

Headstart programs covering English, Maths, Thinking Skills & Writing workshops for **Prep to Grade 12**.

Don't miss our **NAPLAN preparation workshops** for students in **Year 3, 5, 7 and 9**. Primary students will be given important tips and pointers to help them conquer the often dreaded writing component.

Academic Selection Entry Practice Test Workshop is also running for **Year 5 and 6 students** preparing to sit for scholarship tests this year.

This will be the last chance for Year 6 students to participate our practice test workshops, so make the most of this last opportunity!

[View Online](#)

Term Dates:

20 January - 28 March, 2024

Term Programs for Kindy to Year 12, and additional classes including:

- **Creative Writers** for Prep to Year 2
- **Future Writers** for Year 3 and up
- **Exam Trial Test Class** for Year 6, and more!



Please note:

Due to public holidays on **Australia Day** and **Easter Friday**, please note the following arrangements for Friday classes in Week 1 and 10.

For Upper Mount Gravatt students:

Friday classes will be brought forward to the Monday of that week. *Class times remain the same.*

- From 26 January to **22 January**
- From 29 March to **25 March**

For Kenmore students:

Please contact Yagnesh regarding arrangements for Kenmore campus.

[View Online](#)





Safety Announcement: Abiding by road rules

For the safety of all students, staff, and the general public, please make sure to abide by the road rules and signs when dropping off and picking up your child from our campuses. Always park only where it is legal, ensuring not to block access to any driveways.

In particular, families attending classes at Upper Mount Gravatt should take care to abide by the clearway and no stopping signs outside the campus.

Those who ignore these signs risk being fined and having your vehicle towed away.



Check Student Reports online!

Don't forget to **log in to the Student Portal** after your child's final lesson in **Week 10!**

Once logged in, select '**Term Report**' from the left-hand menu to view and download the reports created by your child's teachers.

North Shore highly recommends that families **download a copy of the reports** to their personal devices for offline viewing.

**Reports will only be available for students who have attended the majority of the term.*



Changes at Jindalee & Springfield



Ms. Debbie Chan will be bidding farewell to our Springfield and Jindalee Campuses as of 3rd and 4th December 2023 respectively. Thank you to Debbie for the passion and hard work she has contributed into North Shore over the years.

With that in mind, we are excited to welcome **Mr. Yagnesh Patel** to **Jindalee**, and **Ms. Mavis Wang** and **Ms. Yolanda Yuan** to our **Springfield** campus where they will be assisting parents, students and teachers.



An Elemental Save

by Mumtahena Afnan Zaara

Luna, a young elf girl with extraordinary powers, possessed the abilities of animal control, nature manipulation, and mind control. She was known far and wide for her compassion and bravery. Her mission was to save the Dragon Prince, who had been captured by an evil sorcerer, and she would not face this perilous journey alone.

Luna's friends, Vesper and Dalca, accompanied her on this epic quest. Vesper, a wise and skilled archer, possessed a keen sense of strategy. Dalca, on the other hand, was a gifted sorceress, capable of harnessing the ancient magic of the elements. Together, they formed an unbreakable bond of friendship and loyalty.

The first leg of their journey led them through the treacherous Forest of Peril. As they ventured deeper into the forest, they encountered a group of soldiers. These soldiers were on a mission to capture anyone who dared to rescue the Dragon Prince. With Luna's mind control abilities, she managed to convince the soldiers that they were simply travellers passing through, diverting their attention from their true purpose.

Continuing their way through the forest, they stumbled upon a mysterious troll guarding the path. The troll stopped them in their tracks, offering them a riddle to progress further, a test of their wit and wisdom. The riddle presented to them was, "You see a boat filled with people. It has not sunk, but when you look again, you don't see a single person on the boat. Why?" Luna, always quick-witted, answered the riddle correctly, saying, "Because every person on the boat is married." The troll, impressed by their intellect, let them pass unharmed.

After overcoming the troll's challenge, Luna, Vesper, and Dalca came face to face with the mighty Mega Guardian, a colossal creature standing in their path toward the Dragon Prince's rescue. It was a fearsome adversary, seemingly invincible. Luna tapped into her nature manipulation powers, calling upon the forces of the forest to aid them in battle. Vesper utilized her precise archery skills, while Dalca conjured elemental spells to weaken the guardian's defence.

With their combined efforts, they managed to find its weak spot and delivered a final blow that shattered the guardian into a million pieces. They now had a clear path to the Dragon Prince's prison.

After a long and arduous journey, they reached the Dragon Prince's lair. Luna used her animal control powers to calm the dragon and gain its trust. The dragon recognized Luna as a saviour and pledged its allegiance to her cause. Together, they set off to liberate the Dragon Prince. Upon freeing the prince, they witnessed the magnificent reunion between the Dragon Prince and his people. Overwhelmed with gratitude, the prince bestowed upon Luna, Vesper, and Dalca the highest honours, declaring them heroes of the land. The entire kingdom celebrated their victory with a grand feast, where tales of their courage and bravery were shared for generations to come.

In the end, Luna, Vesper, and Dalca's mission had succeeded. They had not only saved the Dragon Prince but also brought hope back to the realm. As lifelong friends, they continued to embark on new adventures, using their unique gifts to protect those in need and maintain the balance of their magical world.



WINNER OF THE 2023
GREG SMITH MEMORIAL PRIZE



THE GIANT'S CASTLE

by Rupkhata Deb

Rachel's terrified cries echoed through the enormous chamber, her voice barely audible in the presence of two massive giants who had seized her with their colossal, shaggy hands. As they dragged her inside, their scaly, green skin and cauliflower-like ears accentuated their imposing stature. With a resounding thud, Rachel found herself alone in a broad room within the giant's castle. The soft, warm afternoon sunlight filtered through a towering window, casting a gentle glow within the castle. A muddy trail extended towards the window, offering her a glimpse of birds gracefully returning to their nests in the distance.

As fatigue began to take over, Rachel drifted into a dream, envisioning her escape from this imposing fortress. Her mind raced with ideas, from growing wings like a bird to stealthily climbing out from the tower windows with spider legs. However, her thoughts were abruptly interrupted by the loud thumping of a giant's footsteps overhead.

Frustrated by the ceaseless noise, Rachel was relieved to notice that the door was slightly ajar. She cautiously ventured into the hallway, where numerous giants of varying sizes gathered around a massive table. With everyone preoccupied, Rachel's eyes fell upon an enormous chicken wing, the sight of which made her stomach growl with hunger.

Her last meal had been at home, which was a hearty breakfast the previous morning. Realising that she might miss her chance to seize the chicken wing, she tiptoed into another room in order to find a maneuver so that she wouldn't be caught stealing the chicken wing. Suddenly, Rachel found herself in a cramped, chaotic space, where giants were struggling to fit through the small doorways. Perplexed by their odd architecture, Rachel made her way further inside and was awed by the immense scale of everything around her.



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Countless tables, desks, and oversized stationery populated the room. As Rachel explored, her curiosity was piqued, and she eavesdropped on a classroom discussion about potions and spells. The lesson was dull, and Rachel decided it was time to continue her escape. However, as she was about to leave, an unfortunate event occurred. A flask of strange, purple liquid fell, shattered, and spilled onto Rachel, some of which she accidentally ingested.

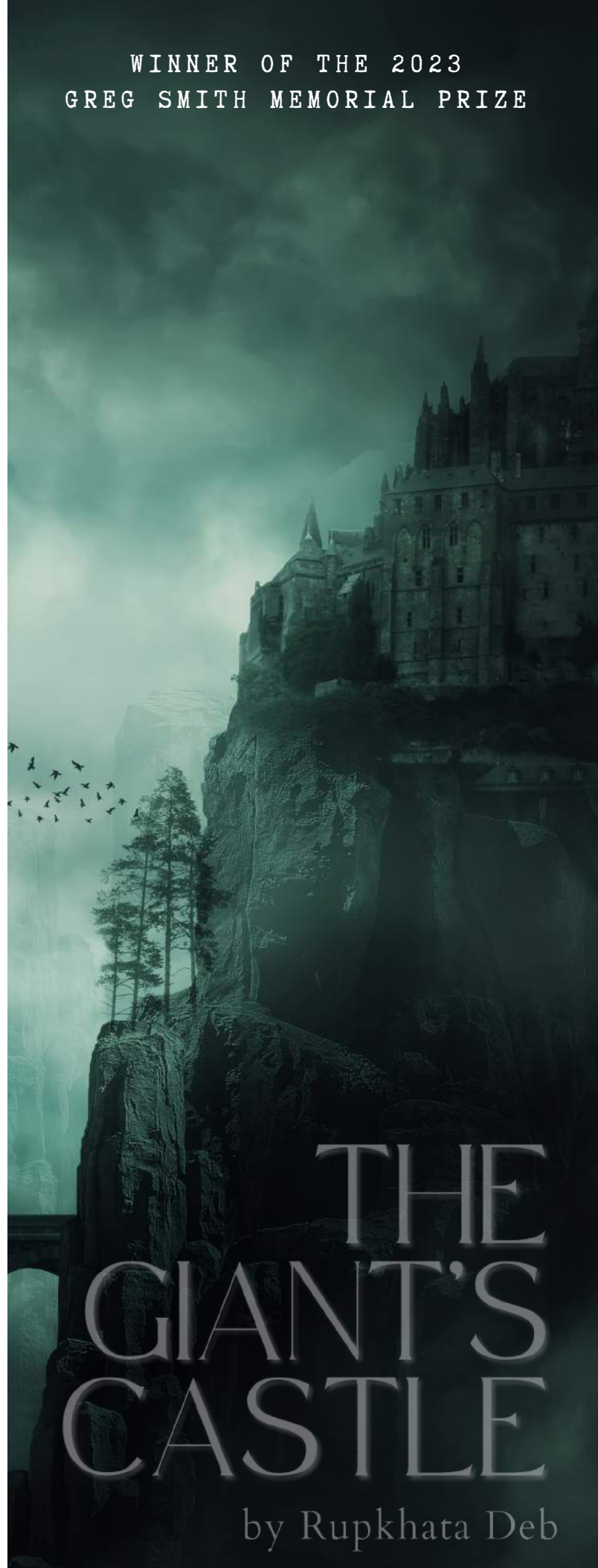
To her astonishment, Rachel felt a transformation taking place. Unbeknownst to her, she had developed wings. With newfound determination, she flew out of the classroom and into the grand hallway. Overjoyed, she exclaimed, "I have wings now, and I shall escape this horrid place and go home!"

Suddenly, a nearby giant sensed her presence and swiftly sought out to capture her. With agility, Rachel evaded the giant's grasp and darted out of the window. On her way to freedom, she couldn't resist grabbing the massive chicken wing and devoured it greedily. Leaving only the bones on the plate as a parting gift for the giants, Rachel flew far, far away from the ancient castle that would haunt her memory until the end of time.

The sun shone brilliantly on the morning horizon as Rachel soared over a dense, lush canopy of trees. Her spirit soared as she left the Giant's Castle behind. However, her journey took an unexpected turn when a weathered cottage appeared on the horizon. Rachel gracefully touched down and intrigued by the peculiar-looking cottage, she strolled towards it. Knocking on the cottage door, an elderly woman soon appeared.

"Well, what brings you here, young woman?" the elderly woman inquired kindly, her eyes shining like stars.

"It's a long story, if you care to hear it," Rachel replied, brimming with tales of her daring escape from the Giant's Castle.



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Heartstrings

by Yasiru Wijesooriya

What good are my creations, imbued with the fervent longing of my soul, if there are none but the whisper of the wind to hear their ballad?

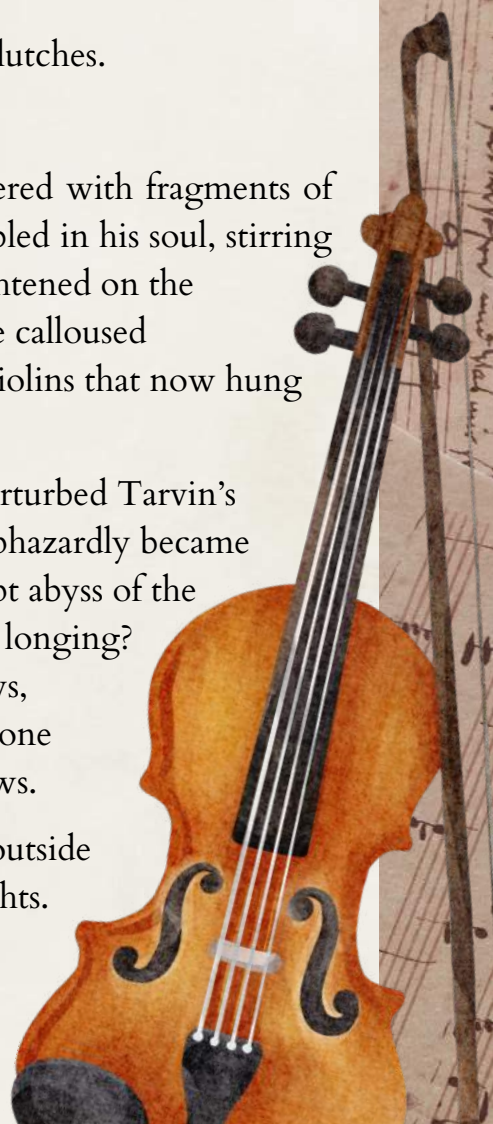
Like an irrepressible vortex, memories pooled into Tarvin's mind - a budding violinist plucking dolefully to a small crowd, a young man searching fruitlessly for the melody that would ring throughout his chorus. All that changed when she waltzed into his life, beaming with a contagious joy that was impossible not to return. Gazing longingly at his wife, Tarvin wanted nothing more than to embrace her, yet he stood silently by the lamplight, immovable and distant. She sang with him. She laughed with him. She loved him—

Then she was gone. Her voice silenced by death's unforgiving clutches.

Abruptly, he gasped, eyes flaring open to a cluttered room littered with fragments of wood and half-finished works. The weight of her absence trembled in his soul, stirring an unshakable remorse he suppressed each day. Tarvin's grip tightened on the caramel violin, its smooth, polished surface a stark contrast to the calloused disposition of his hands, plagued by years of chiselling away at violins that now hung listlessly from the walls — a constant reminder of his solitude.

The suffocating workshop embodied a sombre ambience that perturbed Tarvin's restless soul. A palpable despair hung in the air. Tools strewn haphazardly became lost artefacts in the dim candlelight, falling victim to the unkempt abyss of the floor, drifting, forgotten, overlooked. What knew they of man's longing? Wintry draughts blew relentlessly through cracks in the windows, rousing waves of sawdust that enveloped Tarvin in a shroud. A lone gecko, triggered by the onslaught of dust, darted into the shadows.

Oblivious to the room's unruly state, Tarvin sighed; the village outside glittered with its shimmering stalls, bustling streets and pastel lights. Desperation and demur conflicted in his thoughts. Despite his wariness, he yearned to play again, but how could he, knowing she wouldn't be there to finish the song?



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As the pale moon shifted higher into the ebony sky, all sounds – the unabating thrum of crickets, the arrhythmic chipping of wood in his hands – merged into a single incessant cacophony that resonated in his mind. The frigid air cut deep into his skin, mimicking the sensation that ached his heart.

Tarvin caught his reflection in the misty surface of a windowpane. Tousled silver hair framed the man's gaunt countenance, yet beneath the dark crescents of his eyes and dry tears there was a vehement sense of yearning. Blowing softly through the open chimney, a faint breeze rubbed against the sea of violins lining the walls, producing a gentle symphony that seemed to still the night. Resting his unfinished work delicately upon a birch countertop, Tarvin strode toward an auburn violin strung above the mantel, raised it from its hook, and bowed it gently.

London. Paris. Tokyo. Rome. With each strum, he recalled one more magical place where he and his lover had performed, their hearts ablaze, their bodies swaying in tandem.

His heart pulsed with the same unwavering love it had all those years ago. Tears streamed unbidden from his eyes.

Like a smouldering ember, the music stirred inside of him, casting a soft glow that grew brighter with each note, awakening the dormant light within.

*When the final curtains fall on my stage, I will weep.
Not because my life is ending, but because I will finally
be reunited with you, our souls intertwined for eternity.*

I love you, Maria.

It may well have been his imagination, some fantasy he conjured to satisfy his desire

But.

He could have sworn he heard the words echoed back.



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Good Student Awards



Reward yourself for all the hard work you've put in by exchanging your good student awards for a trophy at the office!

Good Student Awards do not 'expire' and can be used as long as they have been awarded to the same student.



Small Trophy 8 awards



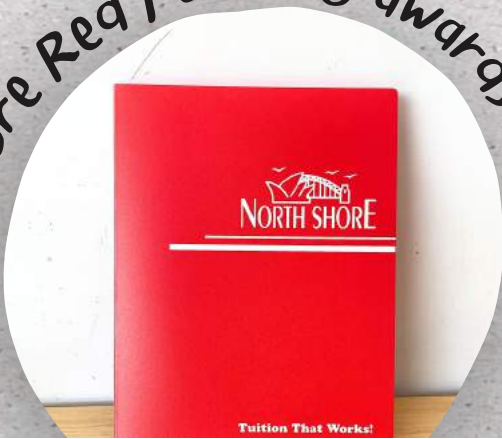
Medium Trophy 12 awards



Large Trophy 20 awards



North Shore Bag 5 awards



North Shore Red Folder 5 awards



KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMME

North Shore offers a **tailored Kindy Programme** designed specifically for **children aged 3 to 4.5 years** in preparation for Prep.

Classes are held from **9:30am - 12:30pm on Weekdays** and led by experienced and qualified teachers.



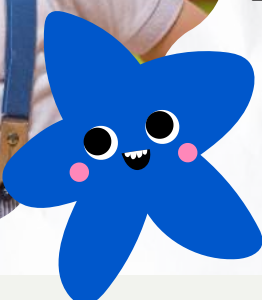
OUR PROGRAM FEATURES:

- Classroom based learning with small group activities. ✓
- Tailored curriculum covering Basic Reading, Maths and Phonetics. ✓
- Encouragement of healthy attitudes and positive social behaviour. ✓

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IMPORTANT DATES



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

DECEMBER 2023

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LAST DAY OF EARLY BIRD!



JANUARY 2024

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KEY

-  Last week of Term 4, 2023
-  Office Closed
-  2024 January Holiday Program
-  First week of Term 1, 2024

