Dear Parents,

Once again welcome back to 2013, and a special welcome to any new students and families who have commenced at Normanhurst this year. Speaking with a number of parents, they say there is a sense of excitement this year. I feel it too!

I mentioned in the short bulletin sent out last Friday that the 2013 classes have commenced with 13 mainstream classes, one up from last year. The teachers and I have put a lot of thought and time into the formation of classes, trying to find the most appropriate placement for each child. I’m sure whoever your child’s teacher or classmates are, they will have a brilliant year. Once again, classes for 2013 are:

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Kindergarten parents would have received some information about the Best Start Program being conducted with students this week. This is a statewide program assessing some of the skills of Kindergarten students so we are best able to cater for a child’s needs right from the beginning of school.

The staff at Normanhurst are only too happy to help you with any information you may require or discuss any issues. Generally, if you are inquiring about your child’s learning, the classroom teacher is the best person to go to. If the inquiry is more broad, then it may be more appropriate to speak with our Assistant Principals. Mr Sheridan supervises Kindergarten and Year One, Mrs Newton Years 2 and 3 and Mr Barling Years 4-6. Of course, whole school matters or other matters of a sensitive nature I am available. Please make an appointment with the office if you wish to discuss any issues.

Our Parent Information Evening is on Tuesday, 19th February at 6:30pm for parents of children in KS, KIJ, KB, 1H, 1S, 1/6C, 2P and 2N concluding at 7:10pm. Parents of students in 3V, 3/4G, 4C, 4/5J, 5/6B and 6G are invited from 7:20pm until 8pm. Information sessions will be conducted in individual classrooms. They are a great opportunity to find out what is going on in the classroom/grade and ask any questions you may
have. It is difficult for the teachers to talk with parents individually at this time, so if you do have any questions specifically relating to your child it would best to make an alternate appointment with the classroom teacher.

David Beggs

NOOSH NEWS
Welcome back to a new year at NOOSH. I hope you have had a chance to meet our lovely new coordinator Ellen Simons. Ellen has had a great deal of experience in childcare and is very excited about her new role at NPS.

The first Committee meeting for this year will be held at 6.15pm on Tuesday 19th February 2013 up at the NOOSH building. This meeting is open to all parents of children who attend NOOSH and is a great opportunity for you to raise any issues or make any suggestions regarding the running of the centre. We try to keep the meeting to a maximum of one hour. Let's aim to make our children's time at NOOSH safe, fun and happy!

Lisa Balian

SCHOOL BANKING
Welcome back to 2013. School Banking has got off to a flying start with about 10 children making their first deposit for the year! This is a reminder that School Banking will now be on Monday mornings using a face-to-face approach. I will be setting up on the bottom quadrangle from 8.30am until the bell rings at 8.55am. Your child will now bring their bank books to me directly and “deposit” their money, receive their token and have their bank books given back to them straight away. There are new rewards this year. A parent pack outlining ways to help your child save plus how to open a new account will be given to all students K-2 today. Year 3-6 will receive their packs hopefully by the end of the week.

Simone Dimech from the Commonwealth Bank will be here next Monday 11th February. She will be able to answer any queries and open any account on the spot.

I look forward to seeing your child participating in the School Banking program soon.

Tanya Khoo
Teacher/School Banking Coordinator

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Welcome Back
Another year is upon us and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new families and hope those of you returning for another year found time for some well deserved R&R over the summer break. The NPS P&C Association has a long track record of providing support to our school through our fundraising initiatives and the hard work of our dedicated volunteers. We have set ourselves some ambitious goals for 2013 and I know I can count on all of you to help in whatever way you are able when called upon.

I would strongly encourage all newcomers and any families who have not yet been able, to attend our monthly P&C gatherings, volunteer for a BBQ or cake stall, stick your hand up for a spot on the canteen or bring your rake and gumboots to a working bee. It is through your active participation that we are able to help make our school the fantastic place that it is for our kids. Keep an eye on our facebook page, website and the newsletter for upcoming events.

And that brings us to………..

P&C Meeting – 11th February
Our first meeting for 2013 will be held on Monday 11th February in the school staffroom at 8.00pm. All welcome.

Agenda
1. Minutes of previous meeting
2. Report of officers
3. Agenda items
4. Other business

I look forward to seeing you there

Scott Veale
President

CANTEEN NEWS
A big welcome to all of our new and returning families for 2013.

The volunteer roster for Term 1 has been printed today and is enclosed with this newsletter. We still have a few spots available, or if you prefer we have monthly spots still available for the 4th Monday, 1st Wednesday, 3rd Wednesday and 5th Wednesday of each month. If you can help, even for a few hours one day a term, please contact Alex (canteen@npspandc.com or 9989 8775) or

Visit the P&C website www.npspandc.com
Emma (emmav77@optusnet.com.au or 0410 440 664). Lunch is provided and house points will be awarded.

From next week our Wednesday special will be Beef or Vegetable Pasta. Small at $4.00 and Large at $5.00. This will replace the Lasagne.

Later on this term we will be holding a “Canteen Open Day”. New families and anyone else wishing to know a little more about the canteen can come in and see the canteen in operation. Details to follow shortly. You can also access a copy of the latest menu from our website – www.npspandc.com

Also, we encourage all families to try our online ordering system. Just visit www.scamps.com.au and click on “Parents sign up” – our school ID is 2567963.

Thank you
Alexandra – Canteen Manager
Amanda Dougall/Emma Veale – P&C Canteen Representatives

CHESS COACHING

Chess coaching for students at Normanhurst Public School is held on Wednesdays from 12.50pm – 1.50pm in the Library. Term 1 lessons will commence on 13th February, 2013 and it is never too late to join! Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and a weekly fun tournament with end-of-term prizes. Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If you child is interested in taking part, you can either pick up an enrolment form from the school office or from Mrs Holdway (1H), or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

Kim Holdway
Teacher/Chess Coordinator

STEWART HOUSE

Stewart House bags will be distributed later this month so start cleaning out the cupboards and wardrobes of those unwanted clothes. All donations of clothing help the Smith Family. Last year clothing donations helped the Smith Family raise $19,352.50.

KIDS CLUB

Good news if you are in years 3-6 Kids Club is back at Normanhurst Uniting Church this week. From 3.30pm to 6.00pm every Friday afternoon during school term, Kids Club will be filled with fun games, lots of great friends and fantastic stories about an amazing God. With afternoon tea thrown in, just $3.00 each week is an absolute bargain. BUT……our first week in 2013 is FREE. For more information contact the church’s Youth Minister, Graham Baldock on 0402 462 590.

See you Friday!!!!

HORNSBY CHILD AND FAMILY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE (CAMHS)

Seminar for Parents – Term 1, 2013

PARENTING ANXIOUS CHILDREN

A seminar for parents of children aged 4-10 yrs discussing:

Thursday 14th March – 11.30am-1.30pm

The nature of anxiety and the different ways it may present in children, risk factors and potential implications for parents and children, as well as identification of practical strategies and resources to assist.

- The seminar will be facilitated by CAMHS staff (which includes Psychologists, Social Workers & family therapists).
- The seminar will be run at Hillview Community Health Centre, 1334 Pacific Highway Turramurra. Entry via Boyd Ave. Please allow enough time for parking and arrive 10 minutes before the registered start time. Unfortunately, we cannot provide childcare facilities.
- The seminar is available to families who live on or have children attending preschool or school in the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai local government area.
- The cost of the seminar if $10.00 but there will be no charge for concession card holders.
- Registration is essential as groups fill quickly.
- To confirm your place please call CAMHS on 9477 9190.
- Participants will be asked to complete feedback forms.
- The service reserves the right to postpone or cancel seminars in the case of insufficient registrations.
NORMANHURST EAGLES FOOTBALL CLUB
Registration for 2013 now open

Under 6’s and upwards boys and girls welcome to join. Come and have some fun! Register this Sunday 10th February at Thornleigh Oval between the hours of 10.00am and 3.00pm. Visit www.normoeagles.com.au for online registration details or email us at enquiries@normoeagles.com.au or call Scott on 0417 222 062 for any enquiries. Grading for Under 8 Blues to Under 16’s this Sunday at Thornleigh Oval (please see website for details).

PLAY RUGBY LEAGUE AND HAVE FUN

Asquith Magpies are looking for junior players. If you have a child who would like to play, our registration day is on 9th February at Asquith Leagues Club, Alexandria Parade, Waitara between 10.00am and 3.00pm (or at a later date at the Club reception). New players need to provide an original birth certificate or passport. Our fees are free for Under 6 and $60.00 for ages 7-12.