PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Our Swimming Carnival was conducted last Thursday and, dare I say it, it all went “swimmingly”. The behaviour and sportsmanship displayed by our students was second to none. It was wonderful to see our students giving it 100%, whether they were near the front or near the back. The only way we ever fail is when we don’t try. Thanks to Mr Curran for organising the carnival and to the staff who worked so well together on the day. Thanks also to our supportive parents who attended. The Zone Carnival with be held on Monday, 4th March at Homebush and students will be notified this week if they have qualified.

Perhaps your children spoke of watching “Buddies 2” on Friday, which was a dramatic performance that tackled issues of bullying, resilience and self-worth. The performers had the audience captivated and conveyed some powerful messages to the children through humour, drama and song. The Hornsby Advocate was there so we may feature in an article in the near future.

I mentioned a few weeks ago that rangers have been patrolling the school, trying to enforce the parking restrictions in our area. Some parents have told me that other motorists are parking across residents’ driveways, which is an extremely dangerous and inconsiderate practice. If the rangers are out there, please direct their attention to those drivers who are putting the safety of children and adults in jeopardy.

Continuing in the safety theme, I would ask that if you come up to the school with a dog please make sure that it is under leash and supervised at all times. As cute and cuddly as they are, I have asked our students not to touch or pat other dogs in the interests of their safety.

From time to time parents bring in tasty goodies for their child’s class to celebrate a birthday or some other occasion, which is lovely. While Normanhurst, like any public school, is not technically a “nut free” school, we would obviously prefer it if items brought in did not contain nuts in consideration for students who have life-threatening allergies to nuts (anaphylaxis).

Classes 4C and 4G (of 3/4G) went to Gibberagong Environmental Centre last Monday and had, in their words, an “awesome” time bushwalking and learning about all sorts of things in National Parks. The Centre commented how fantastic the Normanhurst children were, and as
I’ve said before, we know that but it’s nice to hear someone else say it!

David Beggs

CLEAN UP NORMANHURST

This coming Sunday is Clean Up Australia Day. As a school we will be participating in this event by cleaning up rubbish within our school on Friday 1st March.

Each class will be assigned a particular area to clean up. The children are asked to bring gloves as a safety precaution and a plastic bag in which to deposit rubbish. The gloves can be gardening or disposable gloves.

Kathy Ironside

P&C NEWS

Visit the P&C website www.npsspandc.com
Follow us on facebook http://www.facebook.com/NormanhurstPublicPC

Diary dates

10th March Working Bee – Class TBA
11th March P&C Meeting – all welcome
17th March Family Fun Day – all welcome
23rd March Bunnings BBQ -volunteers needed

CLASS PARENTS

A big thank you to all those parents who have offered to be class parents for the year. The full list is as follows:

KS Amanda Dougall
KIJ Shelley Vines
KB Michelle Blackman
1H Caroline Maisano
1S Katrina Hadfield
2N Anastasia Jovanovic
2P Becky Dyer
3V Natalie Stewart
3/4G Michelle Fitzpatrick and Alexandria Mancera
4C Leigh Hudson and Becky Dyer
4/5J Kylie Thomas
5/6B Helena Bartholomew and Natasha Haeussler
6G Romaine Moss

BUNNINGS BBQ – March 23rd

Our first fundraising event is just under a month away and as yet we have not had anyone volunteer to coordinate the day. This is an important part of our fundraising program and we need your support. Years 1 and 5 have been earmarked for this so I will be asking those class parents to put the word out. In the meantime if you are willing and able please drop me a note at president@npsspandc.com

COASTREK 2013

As some of you may be aware there are several school parents taking on the challenge of Coastrek this Friday, raising money to restore sight through the Fred Hollows Foundation. Another fine example of our little school helping the broader community. Not only are you doing yourselves proud, you are setting a great example to the kids of NPS. Good luck!

Scott Veale

WORKING BEE

Years 2 and 4
Sunday 10th March
1.00pm to 4.00pm

Meeting point – Lower playground.

A reminder that our first working bee of the year is fast approaching.

We have a few things to do after the recent rains including refurbishing the vegetable plot in readiness for autumn planting and possibly commencing work on the new path.

We will also need to do some mulching, weeding and general tidying up. Some whipper snippering and mowing those spots where the ride on mower can’t go will also help keep the school looking its best.

House points will be awarded to all the children who attend.

You need to bring your own (labelled) equipment, which can include the following: whipper snippers, bushman’s saws, wheelbarrows, rakes, blowers, mowers, secateurs, shovels and spades. Don’t forget your hats, gloves and water.
If you are not a P&C member you can become a member by paying $2.00 on the day so that you are covered for insurance purposes.

If raining the back up day is Sunday 7th April.

Louise Courtney
P&C Grounds Coordinator.
0409 742 204

LOST

Last week at the Swimming Carnival a watch was lost. It has a flick wrist band and is blue in colour. The brand is “Clarks” It can be returned to Lachlan K in 6G.

NORMANHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Students in Year 1-6 are asked to begin wearing their sports shoes to school commencing Monday 4th March so we can begin training for the 2013 Cross Country Carnival. Good luck as we begin to build the number of laps and increase our endurance over the term. I am sure many students will receive strivers and certificates for their efforts. Students who turn 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 this year will also have an opportunity to represent the school at the Beecroft Zone Cross Country carnival on Wednesday 22nd May. Good luck everyone.

BEECROFT ZONE WEBSITE

Parents can access the Beecroft Zone website to get up to date information about sporting events in the Beecroft Zone. This includes carnivals and trials and general sports information. You cannot google the website but can access it through the Normanhurst Public School website.

Click on the Curriculum & Activities tab.
Click on Sports & Physical Activities tab.
Click on Beecroft Zone website tab.

Vern Barling

CHOIR NEWS

There are a few dates that people need to be aware of. They will be placed on the school calendar as the times get closer.

Argyle Concert

Ticket Bookings Open on Monday 2nd September at 9.00am.

Preliminary rehearsal is on Monday 9th September at a venue in the city – 9.30am-1.00pm.

Concert rehearsal (choir) on Monday 14th October – 12.30pm-4.00pm at the Opera House.

Evening Concert on Monday 14th October – 7.00pm-9.30pm at the Opera House.

Fiona

CANTEEN NEWS

We have a vacancy on Friday 22nd March. If you can help on this day or even for a few hours one day a term please contact Alex on canteen@npspandc.com or 9989 8775 or Emma on emmav77@optusnet.com.au or 0410 440 664. Lunch is provided and house points will be awarded.

Just a reminder that Lasagne is no longer on the menu. Don’t worry – it will return on our winter menu. Our Wednesday special is Beef or Vegetable pasta. Small size for $4.00 or large for $5.00. Also we encourage all families to try our online ordering system. Just visit www.scamps.com.au. Click on “Parents sign up”. Our school ID is 2567963. It is a really easy and convenient way to order your child’s lunch.

Alex
Canteen Manager

STEWART HOUSE

A reminder that Stewart House bags will be collected from the school on the morning of the 7th March. All bags can be left on the steps of the Uniform shop.

NPS PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer group is meeting this Friday 1st March to pray for the school, children and staff at NPS. We are an interdenominational Christian group and we would love you to join us from 9.30am in front of the canteen. Younger siblings welcome. For further information contact Caroline Maisano on 9945 1117 caroline,maisano@gmail.com, Louise Horgan on 9489 4671 Louise_horgan@hotmail.com or Denise Pivetta on 9489 4232 dpivetta@optusnet.com.au. We look forward to seeing you there.