**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Dear Parents,

I was delighted to attend the Beecroft Zone Swimming Carnival last Monday. It was held at Homebush, which as you know is a fantastic venue and it would have been an absolute thrill for the students to swim in such a world famous pool. Once again Normanhurst students shone with their efforts, many making vast improvements on their times at our own school carnival. The behaviour of our students (and their parents!) was fabulous, with many showing great sportsmanship to students from their own and even other schools. Thanks to all the parents who attended, and a big thank you to Mr Curran who managed the team. He has a more extensive report later in the newsletter.

From time to time we would like your views on a range of topics to help our school self-evaluation process. Included in this newsletter is a small survey about school culture. If you could take the time to complete it and return it to the office we would be most appreciative.

On Monday, Expressions of Interest (EOI) will be sent out to families of students in Year 6 going into Year 7 for 2014 (yes, it seems to get earlier and earlier!). On this EOI it gives a lot of information and states what your local high school is. Please do not “shoot the messenger” as the school written on the EOI is based on the Department’s maps and into which school’s catchment your home address falls. If you do not wish your child to attend the local school, there is a section to complete requesting a non-local placement. Please return the EOI to the school by Friday, 22nd March.

Last Monday envelopes were sent home regarding school photos which are to be conducted on Wednesday, 20th March. I have contracted a different company, Advanced Life, for this year’s photos and I would appreciate your feedback once we have them about how you feel the service, value and quality compared with previous years.

David Beggs

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit certificate at assembly last week.

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Angus K 2N  Ben N  1/6C
Vivienne H 3V  Sam P  1/6C
Angus L 3V  Sandra G  ESL
Owen P  Library
William W  Library

P&C NEWS

Visit the P&C website  www.npspandc.com
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Diary dates

10th March  Working Bee – Years 2 & 4
11th March  P&C Meeting – all welcome
17th March  Family Fun Day – all welcome
23rd March  Bunnings BBQ -volunteers needed

P&C Fundraising Contribution

Forms for the P&C Fundraising Contribution for 2013 will be distributed to each family’s eldest child next week. In its first year in 2012 the scheme provided a significant boost to the P&C’s fundraising efforts and I am hopeful that the response to this new fundraising initiative is once again a positive one. Note that this is distinct from the school’s voluntary contribution and will be used to help achieve the P&C’s goals for 2013.

P&C Meeting – Monday 11th March –  8.00pm in the staffroom.

1. Minutes of previous meeting
2. Report of Officers
3. Agenda items
   - McGrath Hornsby Sponsorship Proposal
   - Parking review
4. Other business

Scott Veale

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Monday 4th March, 23 students from the mighty Normanhurst Public School ventured to the Olympic Aquatic Centre, Homebush. As always the students that represented our great school demonstrated great sportsperson ship, boundless levels of effort and outstanding behaviour. A couple of students finished in the top five for their events including:

- Nick W - 50m freestyle
- Caitlin Y – 50m freestyle and 50m breaststroke

We have one student that gained selection for Beecroft Zone Swimming Squad in the Sydney North Area Swimming Carnival on Monday 18th March at the Olympic Aquatic Centre in Homebush. This student is Phoenix A (4/5J) who will be competing in the 50m freestyle following her first placing. We wish Phoenix all the luck in the world and we will keep you updated on her progress.

A special thanks to all the parents that came along to support their children and for transporting students to and from the event.

Greg Curran

CONCERT BAND PARENT ROSTER

Thursday 7th March  7.20am – 8.30am
Kristy Grattan

Monday 11th March  12.55pm – 1.50pm
Jenny Turner

Thursday 14th March  7.20am – 8.30am
Lisa Balian

Training band will also start rehearsals starting Monday before school but an email will be going out to all parents.

Robyn

BAND WORKSHOP

Please remember the band workshop is on this weekend. The children need to bring their music, instrument, music stand if they have one and a bottle of water. A healthy afternoon tea will be supplied.

Concert band students will need to arrive at the hall at 1.50pm and remain at school until 5pm.

Training band students will need to arrive at the hall at 2.30pm and remain at the school until 5pm.

Please collect your children from the hall at 5pm.

NPS Band Committee
BAND CAMP

Thanks to all who have returned forms and paid for band camp. All are due by March 15th. We need some volunteers for various jobs for the camp. We need a volunteer to pick up and drive the truck from school to camp on Friday 3rd May and also to drive the truck from camp to school and back to Avis on Sunday 5th May. Some volunteers to pack the truck on Friday morning from 7.30am and also to unload on Sunday afternoon would also be great.

Thank you all – looking forward to a great camp.

Catherine Timmins
Band Camp Coordinator
0404 071 236

WORKING BEE

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

Meeting point will be the vegetable plot (behind the staffroom.

We will refurbish the vegetable plot and do some mulching, weeding and a general tidy up – weather permitting. 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 on the day so that you are covered for insurance purposes. If steady rain – the back up day is Sunday 7th April. Rain showers we'll work around – so bring light wet weather gear just in case.

Louise Courtney
P&C Grounds Coordinator
0409 742 204

NOOSH EXCURSION

In the first week of March, Hornsby Berowra Eagles together with AFL NSW will be running an open day for children in the Active After School Care program to come and have a go at AFL. The afternoon will be free to all children.

The goal of the AASC program and the reason for its existence is to encourage children to participate in sport. Each child in the AASC should have the opportunity to transition to a local club for ongoing participation in organised sport.

The activities will be run by the AASC staff with the assistance of our staff, and will consist of inflatable castle games, activities and skill development.

The excursion details are:

Date: Wednesday 20th Match 2013
Location: Rolf Park, Hornsby Heights
Transport: Hire bus departing school at 3.30pm returning at 6.00pm. Alternatively you can pick your child up between 4.00pm and 5.25pm from the venue.
Cost: No cost
Closing date: 5th March 2013

Forms can be picked up from the NOOSH rooms. Any further information can be obtained from Ellen Simons at NOOSH.

READING WITH YOUR CHILD AT HOME

When your children see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help kids with reading. There are also many helpful hints regarding writing, spelling, talking and listening skills.

Find out more:

POSITION VACANT Pennant Hills Pub. Sch.

Expressions of interest are invited for the position of Canteen Manager at Pennant Hills Public School. The role is a 3 days a week position. The Manager is responsible for overseeing the daily operations of the Canteen, leading a team of enthusiastic volunteer parent helpers and is supported by the P&C Canteen Committee. For a duty statement and more information please contact Sarah Allen pandcpresident@gmail.com