PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents,

I am very much looking forward to Family Fun Day on Sunday from 2-4pm. It is another great opportunity to catch up with our “regulars” and also meet new families. Speaking with the P&C on Monday night, because of the outdoor nature of the event, unfortunately if there is inclement weather it will not proceed.

Our School Photo Day will be conducted next Wednesday, 20th March. Please remind your children to have their teeth sparkling, their hair brushed (for those of you fortunate enough to have hair) and usual perfect uniform. Please don’t confuse this with the following day, which is a mufti day for Harmony Day!

Some Year Six students will be sitting for the Selective High School Test on Thursday, 14th March. We wish them all the very best. These tests are not easy so well done to those students who are giving it a go.

Our school car park is not a very large place. We have fifteen spots for a staff of over twenty (more if you include NOOSH staff). On top of this we have taxis dropping some students in the morning and picking them up in the afternoon in quite a small area. We understand that early in the morning parents are dropping off their children to either NOOSH or band or some other activity, but after 8am there should be no other cars in the car park besides staff vehicles and taxis for students. There have been some near misses of late with unauthorised vehicles at these times, and we are concerned for the safety of staff and students.

A reminder to parents of Year 6 students that the Expressions of Interest forms for high schools are due back to us, the primary school, on or before Friday, 22nd March. Thanks to the parents who have already returned them. If you have any concerns or would like some assistance with the forms, please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

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

- Tyra M  KIJ   - Annie P  3V
- Liam T  KIJ   - Tayla N  3V
- Nathan R  KS   - Zaree P  3/4G
- Ashleigh D  KS   - Kaitlyn P  3/4G
- Ani K  KB   - Jasmine H  4C
- Sam T  KB   - Zac O  4C
- Ruby K  1H   - Shabib Z  4/5J
- Darcy M  1H   - Armita E  4/5J
- Mahlia-Mai H  1S   - Josh C  5/6B
- Yumi V  1S   - Chantel F  5/6B
- Leon W  2P   - Leonard K  6G
- Isaac H  2P   - Reese P  6G
- Jack B  2N
- Rebecca L  2N
- Annalise W  Library   - Sepanta S  ESL
- Natalie K  Library   - Pendar S  ESL

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the
traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. The SRC are organising a rainbow mufti day to celebrate Harmony Day on 21st March. We would love for the whole school to participate by each student choosing one particular colour of the rainbow and wearing as much of that colour as possible. Our aim is to group students in colours to make a school rainbow. This is a day of celebration and not a charity fundraiser so no coin donations are required.

Linda Grimmond, Jeanette Bendeich and the SRC

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Diary dates
17th March Family Fun Day – all welcome
23rd March Bunnings BBQ -volunteers needed

P&C Meeting

Monday night’s P&C meeting managed to cover a lot of ground and thanks to all who attended. We have approved funds for completion of the footpath around the lower playground and weather permitting, a team of hardy volunteers should have that completed this weekend. Many thanks to Adam K, Martin B and Paul S for making such great progress on the weekend to get us ready to pour.

We are still looking at options for enhancing the senior playground. Louise C presented costing on various equipment options and before we move forward the teachers are going to informally poll the students to see what they would like to see put in place. The P&C is happy to make a substantial commitment to this area but we need to make sure we are directing our funds in the right manner.

Come One, Come All

The P&C in conjunction with our fabulous teachers will be hosting our Family Fun Day on Sunday afternoon, 2-4pm on the back oval. Bring some afternoon tea, spread out your picnic rug and join in all the fun. Further details can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

A Couple of Reminders

I will be writing to Hornsby Council by months end to express our view on the success or otherwise of the additional timed parking that was provided mid last year. If anyone has any suggestions, criticisms or thoughts please pass them on via email, president@npspandc.com.

Bunnings BBQ

We are still looking for volunteers to help run our Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 23rd March, particularly for the 12.30-2.30pm and 2.30-4.30pm slots. Yes, Year 5 I am looking at you! Email to the usual address if you are able to help.

Scott Veale

BAND ROSTER

Thursday 14th March 7.25am - 8.30am
Lisa Balian (Concert)
12.55pm – 1.50pm
Michelle Fitzpatrick (Training)

Monday 18th March 7.25am – 8.30am
Rong/Jing Li (Training)
12.55pm – 1.50pm
Katrina Prince (Concert)

Thursday 21st March 7.25am – 8.30am
Anastasia Jovanovic (Concert)
12.55pm – 1.50pm
Colleen Young (Training)

Robyn

READING TUTOR PROGRAM – Volunteers Needed

Normanhurst Public School is fortunate to be able to provide an intensive reading program for those children who need it. For the program to operate we need volunteers who can spare 1 or 2 hours per week. Volunteer tutors will follow a step-by-step reading program, working with individual children. Training is provided to all tutors prior to the program commencing. If you can spare 1 hour a week this is a fantastic way to really make a difference to a child’s education. Any parents, grandparents or community members would be welcomed. Please leave your details with the school office if you would like to volunteer.

Michelle Pogainis
Learning & Support Teacher
WORKING BEE

Our first working bee of 2013 saw one of our biggest turnouts, which was terrific. In a few short hours we were able to refresh the vegetable garden ready for new plantings, spread much needed mulch in the lower playground, do some more weeding (a never ending job) and do foundation work for the new path of Fraser Road (with more work to come).

A big thank you to the following 14 families for finding the time around family activities to help out with equipment, energy and good humour. Brown, Burgess, Courtney, Dougall, Fitzpatrick, Jovanovic, Kenyon/Stubblings, King (2), Marine, McArthur, Renwick, Schuster and Veale. If you missed the attendance sheet please contact the school office with your children’s details so they can be awarded their house points.

The next working bee is scheduled for Term 2 – 26th May – Years 5 and 6.

Louise Courtney
P&C Grounds Coordinator

DANCERS

Another opportunity for talented dancers!

Nominations are now being accepted from students in Years 5 to 7 interested in attending the 2013 Junior State Dance Workshops.

The workshops will be held 8th-10th May at the Sydney Dance Company Studios at The Wharf, Pier 4, Hickson Road, Walsh Bay.

Please see Mrs Bryant for an application form.

All notes need to be returned to Mrs Bryant by Friday 29th March.

Linda Bryant