Week 9 27th March 2013

MARCH

Wednesday 27 Easter Scripture Service
Friday 29 Good Friday

APRIL

Monday 1 Easter Monday
Thursday 4 Band performance at Assembly
Monday 8 Parent/Teacher interviews
Tuesday 9 Parent/Teacher interviews
Wednesday 10 Parent/Teacher interviews
Thursday 11 Anzac Day ceremony
10.30am
School Disco
No Assembly
Friday 12 NPS Cross Country Carnival
at Loreto Normanhurst
Last day Term 1

MAY

Wednesday 1 School resumes Term 2
Friday 3 Band Camp – Vision Valley
Monday 13 P&C Meeting – 8.00pm
Friday 24 Walk to school day

Notes sent home this week
Reading Tutor Program – volunteers needed
Parent/Teacher interviews – all classes
NOOSH Vacation Care Survey – eldest child
Gymnastics note - whole school

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Our school has an allocation of three days per week for the Learning and Support Teacher (LAST). Currently this role is shared by Mrs Pogainis (2 days) and Mrs Khoo (1 day). Your children may have mentioned these teachers when talking to you about their day at school. The role of the LAST is to support students’ learning in the classroom. This might be in the form of team teaching, student withdrawal for short periods of time, conducting assessments or providing resources to assist the teacher in the classroom. It is a fluid and invaluable role based on need so

the teachers may only work with one particular class or students for a short period of time or as the need dictates.

It seems a little bit strange this year as Easter normally falls in the school holidays, but this year it does not. So we are having our small Easter break this weekend with the end of term a further two weeks away. Friday, 12th April is the last day of term which is also the Cross Country Carnival.

A bit of forward notice – this year the Department has allocated an extra Staff Development Day (pupil free day) for staff to work on the implementation of the new Australian Curriculum. This means that both Monday, 29th April and Tuesday, 30th April are Staff Development Days. Students will commence Term 2 on Wednesday, 1st May.

Recently some of our students attended dance camp and had a wonderful time. Coming up early next term is band camp, which I am sure many students are excited about as well. My understanding is that the Committee are still having difficulty finding someone to drive the truck to Vision Valley on Friday, 3rd May. Band parents, if you are able to assist, please let Mr Sheridan or Mrs Timmins know. It would be greatly appreciated.

Happy and safe Easter to all.

David Beggs

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

Taylah R KIJ Kai K 2N
Cameron K KIJ Kevin G 3V
Miles W KS Timothy S 3V
Lara A KS Alex V 3/4G
Lily F KB Lucy H 3/4G
Terrence N KB Daniel M 4C
Ruby K 1H Sharon J 4C
Damien K 1H Tessa O 4/5J
Lara U 1S Ben T 4/5J
During the carnival **8yrs and 9yrs will run together** and the **10yrs separately** and run a total of **2000 metres**. Also the **11 and 12 age groups run separately** and run a total of **3000 metres** for each age.

Before the carnival, I would like the students to **bring in an orange**, so as it may be cut up and distributed after each event. The students may start bringing in the oranges in week 10 (week beginning 1st April). If you can assist by handing out the oranges, please let me know by emailing the school office at normanhurst-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au. We really look forward to running at Loreto Secondary College on April 12th. It is wonderful to see students wanting to improve their health by running endurance events and also gaining strivers and certificates for their efforts. Mr Curran will be organising the carnival.

**BOOK CLUB**

Book Club order forms are being distributed this week. Payment by cheque to Scholastic Australia or credit card payment online or phone (follow the instructions on the order form). **Please do not send cash.** Orders close **Monday 8th April.**
Enquiries to Leanne Pardy 9484 5495 or pardys@optusnet.com.au.

Leanne Pardy

**VACATION CARE**

NOOSH is currently looking into the feasibility of setting up a vacation care program. Both Ellen and Elouise have been involved in vacation care programs in the past and are keen to get one going at Normanhurst, if there is enough interest. Please see the survey included in this newsletter. If you are interested, please complete and return the survey to Ellen up at NOOSH by **Friday 5th April**. Although it is unlikely that NOOSH will be able to offer vacation care in the upcoming April school holidays, if there is sufficient interest, it may be up and running in time for the winter school holiday break.

Lisa Balian
NOOSH Committee President
BAND ROSTER

Thursday 28th March  Concert –7.20am
Katherine Biden

Training – 1.55pm
Alison Hood

Monday 1st April  Public Holiday

Thursday 4th April  Concert – 7.20am
Tomomi Muir

Training – 1.55pm
Tram Nhan

Robyn

BAND CAMP

Hi Band Parents

We now have a volunteer for Sunday morning to drive the truck to camp (thanks Anthony Timmins). Thanks to all who have volunteered to help pack the truck on Friday morning – much appreciated. We still need someone to pick up and drive the truck to camp on Friday 3rd May – please let me know ASAP.

Catherine Timmins

CANTEEN NEWS

A big thank you to all of our volunteers who have helped out so far this term. It really does take an army – it is not only the volunteers at the shop front, but all those special people who have helped babysit pre-schoolers.

We are now looking at filling our Term 2 roster, so if you are able to get involved please get in contact with us. You will be provided with lunch and your child will be awarded house points for your time.

Thank you and Happy Easter
Alexandra – Canteen Manager
canteen@npspandc.com
9989 8775

BEECROFT CHERRYBROOK JUNIOR RUGBY UNION CLUB

We are still looking for players for the winter season for U9s, U10s, U11s, U13s and U15s. Competition for the U10s to the U15s is played on a Sunday while the U9s play on a Saturday. The current U9s and U10s will be touring NZ in 2014.

If you are interested in giving rugby union a try please contact the Registrar, Nicola Fynes-Clinton on 0439 904 457.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES – Hornsby Shire Council

Carrs Bush for Primary Schoolers – Tuesday 16th April – 10.00am start

Come on this special bush discovery walk tailored for the Primary school children (aged 6-9) to discover the magic of Carrs Bush in this large patch of endangered Turpentine Ironbark Forest. Children will engage with a guide to discover the secrets of the bush, participate in some activities and work out who lives there. At the end you can BYO picnic at Fagen Park. This is a FREE event but you must book on 9847 6832.

Holiday Storytime – Hornsby Library

Join in for stories, songs, craft and refreshments. Thursday 18th April – 10.00am-11.00am. Cost is a gold coin donation. Bookings essential. Enquiries 9847 6614

Rangers On The Run – Under the sea show – Hornsby Library

Explore the world of rock pools and the habits of sea creatures. A totally interactive show that allows children to hold and touch a large range of marine creatures under water and learn interesting facts about their habitats. Monday 22nd April – 10.00am-11.30am. Cost $9 – Ages 4-12. Payment at time of booking. No phone bookings. Enquiries 9847 6614.

JDs World of Magic – Magic Circus Show – Hornsby Library

Joel Howlett is back with his fabulous Magic Circus Show! Suitable for the whole family, the show consists of fun filled magic with plenty of opportunity for audience participation, juggling and a breathtaking display of skill on a Giraffe Unicycle. Wednesday 24th April – 2.00pm-2.50pm. Cost $9. Payment at time of booking. No phone bookings. Enquiries 9847 6614.

FUN DAY OUT WITH THE FAMILY

Sovereign Grace Church want you to join them at Normanhurst Boys High School this Friday – 29th March from 11.00am until 2.00pm. Free sausage sizzle, games, sports, crafts, face painting, a jumping castle and an Easter Egg hunt. Enquiries 0421 186 127.