Dear Parents,

Last Monday Phoenix A, Kaitlyn P, Sean G and Eddie W. competed in the Premier’s Spelling Bee Regional Finals held at Cherrybrook Public School. If you have never been to one of these before, they are amazing to watch with over forty of the best spellers from a large number of schools spelling difficult words under pressure of elimination. All of our Normanhurst students did amazingly well, especially Phoenix A. who was runner-up in the Yr Three and Four Division! An incredible effort to come second in such super spelling company Phoenix.

It was a terrific night last Saturday at the Hats n’ Caps Trivia night organised by the P&C. It was a lot of fun (I particularly liked the team who called themselves "Who Wants to be a Milliner" – very clever!). The mighty teachers team called Thinking Caps did very well, but alas not quite as good as the Cat in the Hat winners. Thanks to Lisa Christy and all the P&C members who helped organise this great event.

Mrs Veldon is taking maternity leave at the end of this term. We wish her and her husband Andrew all the best with the upcoming newest addition to their family. We welcome Mr Anthony Norman who will be taking 3V for Term Four. Many parents would remember Mr Norman as the NOOSH Coordinator as early as last year when he was training to be a teacher. He is familiar with the staff, community, and most importantly the students and this will enable a smooth transition for 3V students.

Speaking of NOOSH, a reminder that they now offer vacation care, which is exciting for the kids and a welcome convenience for working families. There are still places available so please contact NOOSH on 9489 0718 if you are interested and want to know more about their exciting holiday program.

We understand that some parents wish their children to have a mobile phone with them, for example if they are catching buses or doing some other activity after school. While at school, there is really no need for students to have their phones with them as the school contacts parents if there are any medical or other concerns. It is strongly recommended that students hand in their phones to the office in the morning and collect them in the afternoon. That way we know phones are safe and secure. The school takes no responsibility if mobile phones kept in students’ bags are lost, broken, used or go missing.
A reminder again that the first day back for all students will be **Tuesday, 8th October**. Monday, 7th October is a public holiday as it is part of the October Long Weekend. This public holiday is usually in the middle of the school holidays but this year it is at the beginning of Term Four.

I know that every term seems busy, and time always seems to go so quickly, but as this term comes to a close I’ve been thinking about what we have packed into it – Athletics Carnival, Open Days, whole school concerts, Year Five and Six Canberra trip, Obstacle-a-thon, Life Education, Peer Support, band concerts and many, many other activities. Our fabulous students deserve a well-earned break. If you have any time off over the next couple of weeks, we wish you a happy and restful holiday.

**David Beggs**

As there was no assembly held last week there were no merit certificates or Strivers awarded.

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**P&C NEWS**

- [www.npspandc.com](http://www.npspandc.com)
- [http://www.facebook.com/NormanhurstPublicPC](http://www.facebook.com/NormanhurstPublicPC)

**Diary Dates:**

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**YEAR 6 MOCK ELECTION**

6G have been learning about Democracy this term and to enrich their understanding of the electoral process they ran a Mock Election to coincide with the Federal Election. Each class from Year 2 up was called an “electorate” and several “candidates” ran for election in each electorate. Most candidates were members of a “party” and we had two independents. Candidates went out into the school community promoting their “policies”, put up posters and prepared a 30 second commercial to show their electorate.

Well the voting happened and the following candidates have been elected to Parliament in the 6G House of Representatives:-

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**Linda Grimmond**

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**PEER SUPPORT**

This week in Peer Support the children will be participating in activities helping them to identify and accept differences in people. Children will also identify ways they can demonstrate being caring through their actions.

Discuss with your child the importance of accepting differences in other people. Perhaps take the time to identify and discuss the various differences people may have eg. appearance,
religion, culture, disabilities. Ask your child to share the qualities they appreciate in their friends.

GREEN TEAM NEWS

Last week we harvested more spinach as well as some kale and celery. We used these to make green smoothies which everyone LOVED! Our smoothies also contained coconut water, banana and green apple.

In case you would like to make one we used:

A small bunch of kale and spinach (remove woody stems).
A few sticks of celery including leaves
½ banana
½ green apple peeled
Coconut water to fill blender

Book Week Story Writing Competition

For all budding authors, if you enjoy writing stories then this competition is for you! To enter you will need to write a short science-fiction story to celebrate the Book Week theme ‘Read Across the Universe’. All entries are to be handed in to Mrs Spender by Tuesday 15th October. Please ensure your story is all your own work, edited and published neatly. There will be an overall K-2 winner and an overall 3-6 winner, so please do not forget to include your name and class on your entry.

Mrs Spender
Teacher/Librarian

BAND – BUNNINGS BBQ

Attention all band parents:
On Saturday 19th October the Band will be having its annual Bunnings BBQ. We would love your help – maybe you can come for an hour or two. No experience needed! I will be drawing up a roster shortly with 1 hour time slots from 9.00am to 3.00pm. Please contact me via mobile or email to let me know which time slot works best for you.

Thank you in advance – Julie Shannon 0468 871 320 – peterandjulieshannon@gmail.com

BAND NEWS

The Band Committee is looking for new volunteers for the 2014 Committee. It is a fun committee and it is not onerous. You will have Term 4 to have a hand over. There will be a number of positions available. Please contact Peter Harris at peter.harris@cognitive.com.au for further information.

If you have a child in the band ensemble they will be playing this Thursday as assembly at 11.30am in the hall if you would like to attend.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Normanhurst West P.S. Family Fun Day will be held on Sunday 27th October from 11.00am-3.30pm. All welcome. There will be rides, Stretch Hummer Joy Rides, Rainbow Pony Rides, Side Show Alley as well as food, drinks and lots of stalls to enjoy.

Hornsby Shire Council are running a lot of fun things for families over the school holiday break. Go to http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/my-lifestyle/events/school-holiday-activities for a full list of exciting things to do.

BOOK WEEK AT NPS 2013

In Term 4, week 3, we will be celebrating Children’s Book Week at our school by having a Book Character Parade and Book Fair. The parade will be held on Tuesday 22nd October 2013 and all students are to come dressed as their favourite book character or as something relating to this year’s Book Week theme ‘Read Across the Universe’. Prizes for dressing up and for competitions will be given out at the conclusion of the parade. Parents are also invited to view our parade and purchase books from the Book Fair, which will be held in the school Library during week 3.

Book Week Colouring Competition

All primary and infants students have been given the opportunity to enter the Book Week Colouring Competition. Competition entries are due back on Tuesday 15th October and are to be handed into the Library. Please see Mrs Spender if you need another copy of the colouring competition.