Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term Four! As busy as the other terms are, Term Four is always a hectic one with all of those end-of-year activities, reports and planning for 2014 (did I just say 2014?). It is a term where we expect a lot from the students but the rewards are great.

One of the first activities for this term involves the senior choir. They will be performing at the Opera House on Monday, 14th October. I have heard them sing many times and can’t wait to hear all the schools together – it will sound amazing I’m sure. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fiona Hales for her fantastic conducting, Anne Ranieri for her assistance and Kate Kang for her wonderful piano playing. Your commitment and dedication to the students is admirable and much appreciated by the school community. Thanks also to the fabulous Mrs Newton who has, as usual, gone above and beyond the call of duty in her supervision of the students all year.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Just a reminder that the school community expects all students to be in appropriate school uniform, including shoes and hats. While we understand that at this time of the year it perhaps may not be ideal for parents of Year Six students to purchase brand new uniforms, families should endeavour to have correct clothing, including appropriate headwear and footwear.

We welcome Mr Norman to Normanhurst and wish him all the very best with 3V for the rest of this year. I know the students were excited to have him as their teacher and Mr Norman was very excited as well.

As you can imagine, planning for the following year is a challenging and sustained process. One of the many aspects of this planning is future enrolments. If you know of any families wishing to enrol at Normanhurst or others who may be leaving, please ask them to contact the school as soon as is convenient.

David Beggs

The following students received Striver Badges at our last assembly.

Tabitha T   Sienna F
Oscar P   Yumi V
Sean G   Emily T
Daniel O   Sophie M
Lucy H

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

Lachlan D   KIJ  Caitlin D   2N
David A   KIJ  Rebecca L   2N
Saxon M   KS  Emma F   3V
Charlotte S   KS  Miriam T   3V
Mimi X   KB  Mikayla P   3/4G
Cameron R   KB  Cate F   3/4G
Maximus L   1H  Jamie O   4C
Yana I   1H  Sharon J   4C
Charlotte E   1S  Emily T   4/5J
Ethan B   1S  Daniel T   4/5J
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.

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

NEWS FROM MOSAIC CLUB

Well done to all the children who participated in mosaic club last term. They had a lot of fun and designed and made fabulous coasters. Here are some of the finished ones, great work everyone!

Mosaic club will continue this term for children in year 5 and 6, on Tuesday lunchtimes for those children who have work to finish, and any new children who would like to join. The cost is $4 to cover the cost of the materials. If you are interested in joining, please come and see Ms Taylor or Mrs Spender.

NEWS FROM NOOSH

Just a reminder that Tuesday 15th October is the next NOOSH meeting at 6.15pm in the NOOSH building. All parents are welcome (and kids can come along as well). We would love to see some new faces.
Welcome back! We are collating our roster for Term 4. If you would like to know our availability please contact Emma on emmav77@optusnet.com.au

Our lovely helpers for the next few weeks are as follows. We are in need of a few helpers.

October 9th  Natalie S
October 11th Alison H/Emma S/Jeanette S  
(10-1)
October 14th  Wendy D
October 16th one person needed
October 18th  Heather K/Elle N(9-12)/ one person needed

Thank you
Alex
canteen@npspandc.com or 9989 8775

Respect is the focus of the Peer Support sessions this week. Through various activities the children will be identifying what it means to have respect and discuss ways they can demonstrate respect for others. By completing a maze comprising of scenarios, the children will need to select the correct way to respond to a situation, progressing through the maze and reaching the ‘Certificate of Respect’.

Encourage your child to discuss with you different people they respect and why. It is important to remind them that although we may not always agree or get along with people, we still need to respect them.