Dear Parents,

I knew it was going to be fabulous – and it certainly didn’t disappoint! The Senior Choir performed at the Opera House last Monday and did so brilliantly. The audience was captivated by the angelic tones of the hundreds of students. Testament to the adage “the show must go on” was that many of our students soldiered on despite an unwell child near them in the second half of the show. It was a very long day for the kids (and the adults!) which started by catching the train to the city at 10:30am. While travelling on the train, there was an announcement which came through, stating how beautifully behaved the students were! The announcer could see us through the cameras and obviously felt he had to say something! Thanks again to Mrs Newton, who along with Mrs Hales, Mrs Ranieri and Mrs Pivetta, accompanied the children to their performance. Mrs Hales did a magnificent job preparing the students for the concert.

It sounds very strange to be speaking about 2015 at this point in the year, but parents wishing to apply for their 2013 Year Five child to complete the Selective High School Test may commence the process this week. Parents are able to go to the website www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement to apply. A note is also going home this week asking parents to return an “intention to apply” slip so the school is aware of their application.

National Assessment in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) results have been sent to all parents of Year 3 and 5 students. These were meant to be available in the last week of last term, but an error with the printing prevented an earlier release. Normanhurst Public School did extremely well, scoring well above the state average in all areas. Different people have different views on this testing regime, but one positive of NAPLAN is that it enables us to look at trends and any areas of concern we may not have identified and put plans in place to address them.
We have already had a few extremely warm days, which is a timely reminder of our important sun safety guidelines. Students are asked to play in the shade if they do not have a hat and encouraged to drink plenty of fluids during the day (water is best). If temperatures get to those uncomfortable levels, we will activate our “Extreme Weather” roster which keeps students off the playground, just as we do in high storm/wind conditions.

David Beggs

The following students received Striver Badges at our last assembly.

Lucy V   Cate F
Cassidy M   Emily B
Jack M

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

Rose C   KIJ   Chris O   3V
Ibrahim A   KIJ   Shana F   3V
Darci L   KS   Poasa T   3/4G
Isaac S   KS   Eva   3/4G
Terrence N   KB   Annalise W   4C
Kaitlyn S   KB   Isabella S   4C
Zayne M   1H   Ali N   4/5J
Sandra G   1H   Tessa O   4/5J
Liam H   1S   Thomas S   5/6B
Bridget L   1S   Sophie M   5/6B
Elizabeth C   2P   Blaze P   6G
Kate D   2P   Nick V   6G
Caitlin D   2N   Sandra G   ESL
Matthew A-M   2N

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book Club catalogues (Issue #7) were distributed last week. Payment by cheque to Scholastic Australia or Credit Card payments (online or phone – follow the instructions on the order form). Please do not send cash. Orders close Monday 21st October.

A new book club co-ordinator will be needed for next year. If you are interested in taking over this volunteer role I would love to hear from you. It requires a few hours twice a term and having access to the internet is essential. The school benefits from book club by receiving lots of new books for the library and resources for the classroom.

Enquiries to Leanne Pardy (M) 0423 343 894 (H) 9484 5495 (email) pardys@optusnet.com.au

PEER SUPPORT

In this week’s Peer Support session the children will be looking at rights, how we as individuals have rights and so do other people. Activities will also remind the children that although they may find themselves in difficult or awkward positions, they still need to remember to do the right thing.

Discuss with your child a situation you were in that was potentially difficult or awkward and explain the decision you made and why it was the right thing to do.

P&C NEWS

www.npspandc.com
http://www.facebook.com/NormanhurstPublicPC

P&C Meeting – 21.10.13 – 8.00pm – Staffroom

Agenda

1. Minutes of previous meeting
2. Reports of Officers
3. Agenda items
   • Discussion of proposed playground improvements including provision for installation of a hard court on the lower playground, as well as additional equipment and seating for the seniors. We will be voting on allocating a substantial budget to these so if you would like your say I would encourage you to attend.
   • Initial discussion of improvements to hall seating and risers for the stage for band/choir use.
4. Other business

I am unfortunately unable to attend the meeting. Joe Maisano will chair in my absence.

Scott Veale

NOOSH NEEDS YOU!

The NOOSH committee will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 19th November 2013. If you are a parent who uses the NOOSH service, please come to this meeting. Please also consider volunteering for a role on the committee. The positions of President and Treasurer will be vacated by myself and Coleen Young this year. We need parents willing to step
up into these roles. Being a member of the committee is not particularly time consuming or difficult and it is a great way to ensure that our NOOSH service operates to the maximum benefit of our children. Because we have always been a parent-run committee, the cost per child has remained comparatively low. Please contribute a little of your time and ideas to keep it that way.

If you would like to know more about nominating for a position on the committee please register your interest for a position on the committee by speaking with Ellen and/or one of the committee members (Colleen Young, Jo Schuster or myself).

Lisa Balian

CANTEEN NEWS

We are collating our roster for Term 4. If you would like to know our availability please contact Emma on emmav77@optusnet.com.au.

We are in need of one other helper for THIS Friday (18/10), from 11.00am to 1.00pm. Please contact us if you can help.

And a huge thank you must go out to Mr Sheridan, who kindly helped out last Thursday serving cold drinks and ice creams to our hot little kids. As always, above and beyond the call of duty! We really underestimated how many little customers we would have.

Thank you
Alex
canteen@npspandc.com or 9989 8775

FREE TICKETS

The Lions Club of Bondi have generously donated to our school some tickets to the World Festival of Magic. This fantastic event will be held at the Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour on Saturday 9th November. There are tickets available for the 1.30pm show and the 4.00pm show on this day.

The tickets will be limited to four per family and can be collected from the school office on a first in first served basis. We would like to thank the Lions Club of Bondi for the donation of tickets.

More information regarding this event go to www.festivalofmagic.com.au

November 2013 from 8.30am-2.30pm. All Year 5 boys are invited to attend and experience a selection of subjects for a day, with exciting and interesting lessons prepared just for them. Applications close on Wednesday 30th October. Application forms are available from the school website www.asquithboy-h.school.nsw.edu.au or by calling the office on 9477 3508.

BAND – BUNNINGS BBQ

The Band will be having its Bunnings BBQ this Saturday 19th October from 8.30am-4.30pm at Thornleigh Bunnings. Any assistance will be appreciated. Come along and serve for an hour or come and buy a drink and a sausage! All proceeds to the School Band. Contact Julie Shannon 0468 871 320.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bowden Brae Retirement Village is holding a Fete on Saturday 26th October from 9.00am to 2.00pm. Special Craft Stalls featuring handmade goods created by Bowden Brae residents, wooden toys, white elephant stall, handmade cards, paper tole, face painting and book stall are just a few of the attractions.

Normanhurst West Public School Family Fun Day will be held on Sunday 27th October from 11.00am to 3.30pm. Attractions include 14 exciting rides, pony rides, stretch hummer joy rides, food and drink stalls and a side show alley. Pre-purchase unlimited ride tickets online and save $10. Go to www.flexischools.com.au and search for Normanhurst West PS.

A community seminar on Understanding Infertility with Angela Ferguson and Marilyn Young will be held at St. Mark’s Church (cnr Rosemount Ave and Warne St, Pennant Hills) on Saturday 26th October from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Cost is $5 with afternoon tea provided. For more information visit www.stmarks.com.au. Bookings required by Thursday 24th October. Telephone 9980 8012 or email office@stmarks.com.au

Kaitlyn P from 3/4G will be part of the children’s ensemble performing in the NUCMS production of Oklahoma and would love everyone from school to come along and enjoy the show. For booking details go to www.nucms.org or phone 9680 1442. See the advertisement displayed in this newsletter.