Dear Parents,

Yesterday students from Normanhurst Boys High School came to the school to do some work with students from our school. Some spent time reading their original stories to our Kindergarten students and others performed circus skills for some of our older students. The students were amazed at the skills of the Normanhurst Boys! With the high school being so close, it is great to maintain strong links.

Education is always at its most effective when the school and community work together. We are so lucky at Normanhurst to have an open and positive relationship with our parents. It seems a long while now since we had our “formal” parent interviews in Term One, but please remember that if you would like to make an appointment to speak with your child’s classroom teacher at any time they are only too happy to accommodate your requests.

The first of our three Kindergarten Orientation Days starts next Tuesday. For the first two (the 12th and the 19th November) students and their parents will go straight to the classrooms to participate in activities organised by the Kindergarten teachers. On Tuesday, 26th November, after dropping their children off at the classrooms, parents will be asked to come to the hall for an information session with a number of presenters. Looking forward to seeing the “newbies” but also our more experienced parents.

As I mentioned in last week’s newsletter, we will be having a multi-purpose court built on the bottom playground courtesy of the P&C. This building work is to go ahead quite soon. I am told the estimated commencement time is November 18th. As you can imagine, this will cause some disruption as the bottom playground will be roped off, presumably until the end of the year. While this will cause a minor inconvenience for a few
weeks, it is a little bit of short term pain for a long term gain.

David Beggs

The following students received Striver Badges at our last assembly.

Georgina L. Arjuna K.
Tom L. Joel P.
Daniel R. William M.

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

Nicholas H KIJ Vivienne H 3V
Zoe H KIJ Luke M 3V
Matthew Z KS Stephanie M 3/4G
Lucy V KS James Y 3/4G
Mimi X KB Ellen B 4C
Nathan S KB Maddy G 4C
Damien K 1H Angus O 4/5J
Caillt B 1H Chloe Mc 4/5J
Zoya H 1S Aron W 5/6B
Robert D 1S Flynn M 5/6B
Lily A 2P Daniel O 6G
Ayden B 2P Andre L 6G
Jack B 2N Liam H Library
Luke J 2N Leonard K Library
William J Computers

P&C NEWS

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Annual General Meeting – 11th November 2013

Our AGM will be held on Monday 11th November at 8.00pm in the school staff room. At the AGM the current office holders will present their end of year reports. All positions are then declared vacant and nominations for the next year are sought. At this stage indications are that all current Committee members are willing to continue their roles but if you are interested in nominating for a position please let me know. The November P&C Meeting will be held immediately after the AGM.

AGM Agenda

Annual General Meeting
1. Open
2. Previous Meeting Minutes
3. End of Year Reports
4. Committee and Sub-Committee Elections
5. P&C Association New Members 2014
6. Next AGM – November 2014
7. Closure

November P&C Meeting

1. Minutes of previous meeting
2. Reports of Officers
3. Agenda Items
   - Voluntary Contribution 2013 – review and recommendation for 2014
4. Other business

Scott Veale

PEER SUPPORT

In this week’s final session of the Peer Support module Promoting Harmony the children will be creating a chatterbox, helping them reflect on what they have learned over the past 7 weeks. They will be reminded to reflect on their values and how they can demonstrate these to other people. Each peer Support group will have the opportunity to celebrate what they have learned and the new friendships and connections they have made.

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended the Book Parade and purchased books from the Book Fair. We raised over $500.00, which will go towards new resources for the library. Thank you also to those families who donated books to the library. These book are now available for students to borrow.

Over the next two weeks we will be stocktaking the library. This means that from next week students will be unable to borrow books from the library. If your child has finished reading their library book/s could all books please be returned to the library ASAP.

We are also looking for parent volunteers to help with stocktake. If you are free anytime between Monday and Thursday and can lend a hand with stocktaking books we would love to see you. The stocktake involves systematically removing all the books from the shelves so each resource’s barcode can be scanned and then returning the books to the shelves and arranging them in correct order. We also take this opportunity to clean the books, shelves, cull the collection and make repairs. So if you are available to help (and
don’t mind a bit of dust) please feel free to drop into the library and lend a hand.

Many thanks

Carolyn Spender
Teacher Librarian

The Band end of year concert is on this Friday, 8th November at 7.00pm. Children are to arrive at 6.45pm dressed in their full band uniform.

This is a great opportunity for 2014 Training Band to have more exposure to the band so please come and join us if your child is starting band next year.

A MASSIVE thank you to Julie Shannon and the volunteers that helped her at the Bunnings BBQ a few weeks back! They made approximately $1000.00 profit! We are so grateful for the massive effort put in. This money helps us to buy new instruments.

We are seeking volunteers for next year's committee. Please email npsbandinfo@gmail.com if you would like to help. We DESPERATELY need volunteers!

Parent Band Roster

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Anyone who can help out on the 14th November with Concert Band duty please contact me on 0414 912 382.

Robyn McKern

The working bees are a great informal way to meet new families or catch up with those you don’t often see. House points are awarded to all the children who attend. You need to bring your own (labelled) equipment, which can include the following: whipper snippers, bushman’s saws, wheelbarrows, rakes, blowers, mowers, secateurs, shovels, spades. Don’t forget your hats, gloves and water.

If you are not a P&C member you can become a member by paying $2.00 on the day so that you are covered for insurance purposes.

Louise Courtney
Ground Co-ordinator

Thornleigh Hillcrest Uniting Church is having a Market Day on Saturday 9th November from 8.30am-2.00pm. They are at 1 Paling Street, Thornleigh and pedestrian access is via 309-311 Pennant Hills Road (opposite Wells Street).

They will have a sausage sizzle, cakes, jams etc, international foods, devonshire teas, Christmas craft, plants, second hand treasures and books, games, woodcraft and entertainment.

Take Home a Big Brother or Big Sister

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students. These students arrive in February 2014 for 3, 5 or 10 month programs in Australia. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Finland, Canada, USA, Colombia, Mexico and Japan will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email sccaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501 to request our international students profiles, and capture the spirit family and friendship!