Week 6  13th November 2013

**NOVEMBER**

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| Thursday | 14    | Peer Support  
ZooSnooZ – Year 4                         |
| Friday  | 15    | Swimming Yrs 2-6  
ZooSnooZ – Year 4                          |
| Tuesday | 19    | Kindy Orientation 2014 – 9.15am  
NOOSH A.G.M. – 6.15pm                       |
| Thursday | 21    | Year 6 Mini Fete                           |
| Friday  | 22    | Final Swimming Yrs 2-6                    |
| Sunday  | 24    | Working Bee – Yr 1 plus others            |
| Monday  | 25    | DigiEd - Year 6                           |
| Tuesday | 26    | Chess Championships in NOOSH building  
Kindy Orientation 2014-9.15am              |
| Wednesday | 27   | Helper Morning Tea                        |

**DECEMBER**

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| Wednesday | 4     | High School Orientation  
Carols Night - P&C BBQ at school  
Christmas Church Service           |
| Monday  | 9     | P&C Meeting – 8.00pm                       |
| Tuesday | 10    | Presentation Day  
Yrs 3-6 at 9.30am  
Yrs K-2 at 11.30am               |
| Tuesday | 17    | Year 6 Farewell                           |
| Wednesday | 18   | Last Day for students                     |
| Thursday | 19    | Staff Development Day                      |
| Friday  | 20    | Staff Development Day                      |

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Dear Parents,

Our Band Concert last Friday night was terrific. It is incredible to see how much the children have improved over the last six months. Thanks to Mr Sismey, our conductor, and the Band Committee who have done an outstanding job, and I believe there may be one or two positions opening up on the committee for next year. Get in quickly! A massive thanks to Mr Stephen Sheridan for all he does for the band. He may consider himself to be just a “roadie” but to the parents and students he is way, way more than that. You are a gem Mr Sheridan!

The building work for the new multi-purpose court on the lower playground will commence, I’m told, on Monday 18th November (weather permitting). We are confident that this will mean the students will be able to use it from Day One next year. Once again my thanks to the P&C for supporting this initiative.

Speaking of the P&C, the Annual General Meeting was held last Monday and the office bearers and committee leaders for 2014 were elected. Congratulations to Scott Veale as President, Joe Maisano as Secretary and Yemi Oluwi as Treasurer. A comprehensive list of the committee leaders are included in the P&C Report. Since coming to Normanhurst, I have had a very positive partnership with our P&C, to the betterment of the whole school community. I thank the P&C Executive for their support in 2013 and look forward to even better things in 2014.

The first of our Kindergarten Orientation Days took place yesterday. Soggy yet enthusiastic, the 2014 Kindergarten students spent the morning doing lots of fun activities. Next Tuesday is another similar session, while on Tuesday 26th November parents will move to the hall for an information session.

One of the most difficult representative teams for kids to get into would have to be cricket. You have to be at the top of your game for a relatively short amount of time to impress the selectors. Well, Eddie W. has done just that. He has been selected to represent Beecroft in the Beecroft/Ryde/Hornsby/Kuring-gai trials for the Regional team. If you think that’s a mouthful, you’re right! Awesome effort and all the best Eddie in your next trials.
We have been doing Maths Olympiad for a number of years now, guided by the talented Mr Barling. This is an activity where identified students in Years Five and Six complete maths problems in competition with other schools. This year, Normanhurst finished in the top 25% of teams across Australasia. What a phenomenal effort!

I will be taking some leave as of next Tuesday and will return Wednesday, 4th December. Mr Barling will relieve as principal and Ms Kate Clarke-Brisot will take 5/6B. In this time I will still be at Kindergarten Orientation Day on the 26th and the Helpers Morning Tea on the 27th.

David Beggs

The following students received Striver Badges at our last assembly.

Mikayla P  James Y
Chris O  Shana F
Corey M  Jack K
Liam H

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

Taylah R  KIJ  Charlotte D  2N
Libby P  KIJ  Kai K  2N
Saxon M  KS  Alex P  3V
Sophie P  KS  Howard Y  3V
Corey M  KB  Phillip M  3/4G
Nikita A  KB  Bardia S  3/4G
Chloe P  1H  Claire K  4C
Luke R  1H  Benjamin K  4C
Jaanvi K  1S  James L-W  4/5J
Lara U  1S  Tessa O  4/5J
Nathan H  2P  Caitlin Y  5/6B
Leon W  2P  Bradley M  5/6B
Alex P  Library  Payton M  6G
Angus L  Library  Emily B  6G
Cate F  Computer

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was held on Monday night and in a hotly contested race the 2013 committee was returned unopposed. This year’s committee is:

President – Scott Veale
Secretary – Joe Maisano
Treasurer – Yemi Oluwi
Fundraising – Scott Bartholomew
Social – Lisa Christy
Grounds - Louise Courtney
Clothing – Leigh Hudson, Lucie Leslie
Canteen – Amanda Dougall, Emma Veale

At the November meeting held immediately after the AGM it was agreed that we would continue with our P&C Fundraising Contribution scheme in 2014 after another positive result this year.

M1 – M2 Tunnel Proposal

Louise Courtney provided a quick update on the current status of the proposed tunnel project. The tender process is due for completion soon and the Environmental Impact Statement will be undertaken shortly thereafter, after which we will have a more concrete idea of the design. On current information it appears the school will be unaffected, with all works underground and exhaust stacks unlikely to be close by, but we will monitor any developments and keep you informed. If you would like to be kept up to date with the project, more information can be found at http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects/projects/building_sydney_motorways/m2_f3/public_information.html

Christmas Carols BBQ

The P&C will once again be hosting a BBQ on Carols Night. If you are able to assist on the night with set-up or staffing the BBQ please let me know by email at president@npspandc.com. This is our last event for the year so if you haven’t had the chance to volunteer during the year I strongly urge you to come and join us, Santa hats compulsory!

Scott Veale
**YEAR 6 MINI FETE – NEXT WEEK**

Next Thursday, 21st of November is the Year 6 Mini Fete. The Year 6 students are busy planning and organising their fun, yummy, sporty and exciting activities for all the students to enjoy. There will also be the ever-popular Sausage Sizzle (please use the separate order form included in this newsletter – orders close Monday 18th November). There is also a fun colouring-in competition, with two fabulous designs to choose from. Enter as many times as you like – 20c per entry.

Students are advised to bring change in $1 & 50c denominations wherever possible and a plastic bag to take home their goodies! (The White Elephant has lots of bargains and pre-loved games, books and toys). Students should wear their sports uniform and remember their hat – many of the activities are outside.

Parent helpers are still needed to assist with the Sausage Sizzle: - please send a message with your name and contact details to Linda Grimmond if you are able to help on the day.

Linda Grimmond, Vern Barling and Year 6 students.

**CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2013**

A reminder to students interested in the Chess Championship 2013 that entries close on Friday 22nd November. Completed entry forms should be returned to Mrs Holdway. If you have not collected your entry form yet, and would like to attend, forms are available from the office and from Mrs Holdway. The tournament will be held on Tuesday 26th November starting at 9.00am. The venue for the tournament will now be the NPS NOOSH building. We are looking forward to an interesting and fun day.

Kim Holdway
Chess Co-ordinator

**NOOSH NEWS**

**NOOSH AGM**

The NOOSH AGM will be held next Tuesday 19th November 2013 at 6.15pm at the NOOSH premises. A short committee meeting will be held beforehand (last for 2013) followed by the AGM. As previously advised, the current President (myself) and Treasurer (Colleen Young) will not be standing for re-election. Please speak to Ellen if you are interested in filling these positions for 2014.

**AGM Agenda**
1. Open
2. Previous meeting minutes
3. Review of fees for 2014
4. End of year reports
5. Committee elections
6. New members
7. Closure

**Vacation Care**

Vacation Care will be running on the following dates for the Christmas holidays:-

Thursday 19th and Friday 20th December 2013
Monday 13th to Friday 17th January 2014
Monday 20th to Friday 24th January 2014
Tuesday 28th January 2014 (Staff Development Day)

The program and enrolment form is enclosed. Please hand your child/ren’s booking form in to Ellen or Sophie.

Lisa Balian

**BAND NEWS**

We are pleased to announce our 2014 Training Band!

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Would parents of the children listed please refer to the NPS Band website www.npsband.info to find a tutor for their child for next year. The tutors get booked up early so please call soon to book your child’s classes for Term 1.

Parents of 2014 band children, please consider volunteering for the band committee next year as most positions are vacating and without a committee we will not have a band! Please email the band email address which can be found on the website if you can help.

The children played beautifully at the end of year concert. A big thank you to Mr Sismey and Miss Harvey for conducting and teaching our children this year.

A special thank you to our ‘roadie’, Mr Sheridan. Without you we would not have our band program. Thank you for your tireless help, for all the extra hours you put in and for your dedication. We are also grateful to have such wonderful staff.

**NPS Band Committee**

**Parent Band Roster**

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If you are able to help with Monday morning on Training Band please text me on 0414 912 382.

Robyn McKern

**WORKING BEE**

**Reminder – Year 1 and other willing helpers**

Sunday 24th November - 9.00am to 12.30pm

Another little reminder for the last working bee of the year – we will be working around the lower quad (front of the Kindergarten rooms) in preparation for the Christmas festivities.

Please note the time change to the morning.

Louise Courtney
P&C Ground Co-ordinator

**FOR SALE**

Gold coloured Yamaha Bb student trumpet YTR1335
Well looked after in excellent condition.
Regularly serviced at Turramurra Music
$350
Trumpet stand also in excellent condition
$10
Contact either
John 0418 269 134
Ros 0417 676 917

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Normanhurst Boys High School are having a Twilight Christmas Shopping night on Thursday 14th November in their school hall from 5.00pm to 9.00pm. A perfect opportunity to beat the mad Christmas rush in a relaxed, entertaining atmosphere. Enter via Fraser Road.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

This month we have two days where we are in need of some helpers. Wednesday 27th Nov. (1 person) and Friday 29th Nov. (2 people).

If you can spare the full shift (9.00am-1.30pm) that would be great or (9.00am-11.30am) if you are only available for a few hours.

Thank you

Alex, Amanda and Emma
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emmav77@optusnet.com.au 0410 440 664