Dear Parents,

Last week we held the Year 6 Mini-fete. The superb planning and organisation was evident in the amount raised. Year 6 managed to raise $3100 which will go towards a gift for the school. Thank you to Mrs Grimmond for her effort to coordinate this annual event. Year 6 continued their leadership from the Peer Support Program and the school and community thank you for being so mature, well organised and thoughtful the entire day. Congratulations Year 6 for your highly successful Mini-fete!

Yesterday was our final Kindergarten orientation. Mr Sheridan gave an informative presentation about the wonderful educational programs that students can expect here at Normanhurst Public School. Thank you to the parents who provided the morning tea, especially Emma Veale and Amanda Dougall for their coordination and efforts. Thank you ladies!

Our annual helpers morning tea was today. Mr Beggs was able to thank the parents and present Normanhurst Public School pens for their support and contributions which are so very much appreciated. Normanhurst Public School looks forward to the new Kindergarten parents joining our caring community and contributing to the help we love to receive.

Normanhurst Public School is always striving for success. Our ‘strivers’ are accumulated by students and the number collected will carry on into the following year. Badges are presented once 40 ‘Strivers’ are collected and this could be in the following year. I will be presenting eight ‘Striver’ badges tomorrow in assembly. The students who will receive ‘Strivers’ for their wonderful effort and achievements are Rose C, Milly H, Nick W, Isaac S, Riley M, Zoya H, Alyssa B, Emma B, Georgia O, Ansh P, Jaanvi K, Sophie P and Maximus L. Keep up all the great work and keep striving for success.

Mrs Holdway has organised our Chess Competition this year. We had a total of 22 competitors in the NOOSH rooms who were really thinking and planning through those tricky chess moves. The eventual winners were 1st - Tom S, 2nd - Timothy S and 3rd - Owen P. Also Ian AV was nominated as the best chess player in Year 4, Matthew AV in Year 2 and Michael F for Year 1. What an achievement considering the ages of these students. Thank you Mrs Holdway for coordinating this event.

Today our speeches were held for the 2014 leaders. They were conducted in our school hall. A total of 17 students from Year 5 all gave lovely speeches. The students in Years 2-6 will be voting on these very important positions. The leaders will be announced during Presentation Day along with the award recipients on Tuesday, 10th December. The boys who made speeches were Daniel T, Edward W, Cameron S, Ben T, Cameron A, Thomas S, Nick W, Kutay C and Ali N. The girls who made speeches after lunch were Sophie M, Flynn M, Chloe M, Ruby A, Chantel F, Tessa O, Emily T and Abby M. Best wishes to
these Year 5 students and good luck in the voting process.

Tomorrow we will be running through our Xmas Carols Concert after an early lunch. The Carols night will be held on Wednesday, 4th December. Once again, Mrs Bryant is coordinating this wonderful school and community event and no doubt it will be highly successful and fun filled. There will be a BBQ organised by Scott Veale, raffle tickets and lolly bags. Children are to arrive at 6:45pm with the concert commencing at 7:00pm on the lower quad.

One last note, could you please check for any library resources and books at home. Mrs Spender has completed her annual stocktake and if these books could be returned very shortly your support would be greatly appreciated.

Best wishes for the remainder of a busy Term 4.

Vern Barling –Relieving Principal

COMBINED SCRIPTURE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Next Wednesday 4th December the children who attend scripture will be having a combined service at Normanhurst Uniting Church, Buckingham Avenue, Normanhurst at 10.30am.

This year the scripture teachers would like to invite any parents of students attending to join in the celebration.

SWIMMING PROGRAM

Due to extreme weather conditions last Friday, the swimming program has been extended to week 9. Students are to bring their swimming gear as normal on Friday 6th December.

Year 4 make up day: Students will be making up for missed swimming lesson (due to ZoosnooZ) during week 10. The teachers will be sending a note home this week regarding the time and date of this lesson.

Greg Curran

BAND NEWS

Final Dates for the Year

Carols Night: Wednesday 4th December
Presentation Day: Tuesday 10th December
End of year McDonald’s Thornleigh Band Breakfast:  7.30am Thursday 12th December. Parents will also need to attend this event so that they can drive the children to school after the breakfast.

Important Instrument Information

We have arranged for all NPS owned instruments to have a full service over the Christmas holiday period. Therefore, could all instruments currently being hired out, please be placed in the instrument store room by the 11th December. If there is an urgent need to keep your instrument until January, please contact Alison Binet to discuss alternate arrangements.

Current hire agreements also need to be updated so if you intend on re hiring your child’s instrument please contact Alison ASAP to sign the 2014 agreement.

Instruments currently available for hire by the 2014 Training Band are as follows:-

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Could new Training Band parents please contact Alison Binet to discuss the hire arrangements. Ph. 0409 220 031.

Parent Band Roster

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NOOSH NEWS

NOOSH AGM Results

The NOOSH AGM was held last Tuesday 19th November 2013. The results of the Committee elections for 2014 were as follows:

President: Paula Bourke
Vice President: Kerry Sinclair
Treasurer: Cathy Aylmer
Secretary: Jo Schuster
Special Projects Officer: Colleen Young

A motion was also passed to increase NOOSH fees. These are now as follows:

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Morning: $8.50 (permanent) $11 (casual)
Afternoon: $15 (permanent) $18 (casual)

Please note that if sufficient notice of your casual booking is given, you may only be charged at the permanent rate,

Vacation Care

A reminder to get your forms in to Ellen or Sophie for vacation care. Early bird rates apply to bookings before 13th December 2013.

Lisa Balian

YEAR 5 CLASS DINNER

Please join us to thank Miss Bendeich and Mr Barling on a great year with Year 5! Bluegum Hotel, Wednesday 11th December at 7.00pm. Please RSVP to Kylie Thomas kylie.ann1971@gmail.com or 0433 385 274.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Invitations will be sent home with children next week.

WORKING BEE

Alas the sunny Sunday morning (24th Nov) worked against me and our turnout for this working bee was one of our smallest yet! A valiant effort was put in by the 6 families (6 adults and a smattering of children) who went about cleaning drains, trimming edges, whipper snippering, tidying up a couple a garden beds and planting some extra agapanthus. A special thanks to the Critchlow family for supplying the aggies and doing the planting.

A really big thank you to the following families for juggling their own activities and making time in the weekend with equipment, energy and good humour: Burgess, Courtney, Critchlow, Frank, Fraser and Ramsay. I am pretty sure my head count and attendance sheet are accurate but just in case I missed your name (and you perhaps) please contact the school office with your children’s details so they can be awarded the house points. This was our last working bee for the year and I would like to thank all of those families who have turned out during 2013 and helped keep our school grounds looking as good as possible and a pleasant place to learn, work and play.

Wishing you all the very best for the Season and the New Year.

Louise Courtney
P&C Grounds Coordinator