Dear Parents,

I am writing this newsletter having just seen our matinee performance at the school hall. The children have been very excited and eager to perform for their parents, and this was evident in their performance. It was a fabulous event, and I’m sure the night concert at Normanhurst Boys High tonight will be equally awesome. I have to specially mention one of our students – Daniel T. Daniel has assisted in the choreography of a number of other classes and his own class, 4/5J. Daniel, we thank you for your invaluable input and the proof was in the pudding with great performances.

Just on the performance at Normanhurst Boys High tonight. Please ensure students have small bag with a bottle of water and a small book or game to go on with while in the holding rooms (no electronic devices please). Please enter through the Fraser Rd entrance and drop your children off at the COLA area behind the hall. This will also be the area you will be able to pick your child up from. See map enclosed with this newsletter.

Years Five and Six have returned triumphantly from a wonderful Canberra trip. It was a terrific few days and I’m sure parents have already heard many stories about our adventures! I have been away with more school groups than I care to remember, and this has to rank up there with the best I’ve been on. Our bus drivers remarked frequently how sensible the children were and what a great attitude they had. Every piece of ski gear was returned to the motel which, apparently, is a rarity. Thanks again to Mr Barling and Miss Gray who worked so hard for the kids, and a special thank you to Mrs Grimmond, whose superb organisation ensured the smooth running of the trip. I daresay students and teachers had a lengthy sleep Friday evening! The motel is forwarding a pile of “lost” items to the school, so if something of yours has gone missing, it may still make its way back to you.

This Monday, 26th August it is the last of our Kindergarten Open Mornings from 9:15am to 10:45am. Once again I would ask if you are

### Notes sent home this week
- Swimming Program – Yrs 2-6
- Christmas Raffle hampers – whole school
- Vacation Care Program for NOOSH
- NSW PSSA Girls Touch Knock-out – selected students

## PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

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aware of any new parents wishing to come up and have a look around the school please make them aware of this date. Our Kindergarten Orientation Day will be held later this year in early November.

Today was the first of the two Beecroft Zone Athletics Carnival days. Today was the field events and the heats of the 800m. Next Wednesday is the track events. I know that we are all very busy, but thank you to those parents who were able to drive students to the venue today. It was much appreciated.

David Beggs

SPORT MUFITI DAY
Supporting the Year 6 Farewell

Thursday 22nd August

Wear your favourite sports team colours or outfit for a gold coin donation

P&C NEWS

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http://www.facebook.com/NormanhurstPublicPC

Date | Event | Class/Year
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25th Aug | Working Bee | Kindy & Yr 3
30th Aug | Obstacle-a-thon/Fathers’ Day breakfast | Dads vs Kids!
7th Sept | Election Day BBQ & Cake Stall | Volunteers and Bakers needed
14th Sept | Parent’s Trivia Night | All welcome

Reminder – Fathers’ Day Breakfast/Obstacle-a-thon

With a little over a week until the Fathers’ Day/Obstacle-a-thon extravaganza, a reminder that we will be opening the course from 8.00am until the bell for children to challenge their Dads (or Granddads)! Only those children with their Dad present will be allowed on the course at this time and please ensure your child has returned their Obstacle-a-thon form prior to this day. The P&C will be providing tea and coffee and there will be muffins, fruit and juices available for purchase. We will not be doing a full BBQ like we have in previous years so make sure your children (and Dad) have had breakfast before they come. The normal Obstacle-a-thon events will continue over the rest of the day so everyone will still get a chance to challenge the course.

Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall

Volunteers have started trickling in for our big fundraising event but we need many more. If you are able to help please return your volunteer form to the office or email me president@npspandc.com with your preferred time. I will provide more information on how to return goodies for the cake stall closer to the day.

Boxes for the Cake Stall goodies can be collected from the school office.

Scott Veale

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BAND NEWS

Important Band information for next week.

We have a busy few weeks ahead.

Children will need their band uniforms for next weekend’s Band festival. This consists of black pants (black dance pants for the girls is acceptable, no tracksuit pants or jeans please), black socks (important as blue or white look dreadful on stage), red hair ribbons for the girls, shiny black school shoes and their band shirt.

Training Band and any Concert Band students who need a band shirt, please place your order by Thursday if you are emailing it or alternatively go to the clothing pool this Friday. Leigh has kindly measured the Training Band children so she has the sizes sorted! Thank you Leigh. So all you need to do is place your order. She has allowed room to grow like a good Mummy does. Shirts are $25 and payment can be made to P&C Clothing account or to the band account. Please include your family name in your payment.

The email is clothingpool@npspandc.com to place online orders. Just advise you need a band
shirt and your child’s name. Please include size if they are in the Concert Band.

Please ensure you are across the dates below:

**Monday 19th August** – normal rehearsal.
**Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st August** – Education week concerts (time for band students are outlined on the general school notice).
**Thursday 22nd August** – Training Band rehearsal at lunch, no Concert Band.

Week 7 – **Sunday 25th August** NSW School Band festival at UNSW, Training Band arrival time is **8.00am**, Concert Band arrival time is **11.15am**.
**Monday 26th August** – Concert Band rehearsal at lunch, no Training Band.
**Thursday 29th August** - normal rehearsals.

Week 8 – normal rehearsals (**Monday 2nd** and **Thursday 5th September**).
**Friday 6th** – North Shore Band Festival at Chatswood High School, Concert Band **5.00-7.00pm**.
**Saturday 7th September** – North Shore Band Festival at Chatswood High School, Training Band **1.00-2.00pm**

Week 9 – no Monday rehearsals, normal Thursday rehearsals (**12th September**).

Week 10 – normal rehearsals (**Monday 16th September** and **Thursday 19th September**).

Thank you for your support dear parents! It is full on! If you need any information call Simonie on 0412 645 597.

**NPS Band Committee**

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**NOOSH NEWS**

Could parents with casual bookings for their child/ren please give Ellen or Sophie **48 hours** notice of your child’s intended date of attendance. We understand that sometimes there may be circumstances beyond your control, but NOOSH has a duty to ensure adequate child/staff ratios, and this is very difficult to do when insufficient notice of a child’s attendance is given.

**Vacation Care** is running again this coming September/October holidays. Please find enclosed the program for the 2 weeks which includes some excellent excursion, excursions, and theme days. Please note that these holidays NOOSH is inviting non-school attending siblings from age 4 (by the end of July 2013) and up. There is also an early bird special of $40 per child if you book and pay by Monday 9th September 2013. The daily fee otherwise is $43 per child. Please hand your enrolment/booking forms and money into Ellen or Sophie as soon as possible.

**WORKING BEE**

**Kindergarten and Year 3 – Sunday 25th August** – 1.00pm-4.00pm

Meeting Point is lower playground (off Fraser Road). Yes it is that time already – we will be working in the lower playground garden beds and surrounds. House points are awarded to all children who attend.

**Please, please, please** remember to bring your own equipment. We will be digging over garden beds, moving lots of mulch and weeding, weeding, weeding….so don’t forget whipper snippers, wheelbarrows, rakes, blowers, secateurs, shovels and spades (all labelled). Also bring 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. A great opportunity to catch up, meet other parents and do a little bit to keep our children’s school looking great. If raining (occasional showers don’t count)..a backup day will be announced.

Louise Courtney
P&C Ground Coordinator.
0409 742 204

**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**

Last week to enter students reading records for the **2013 NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge**!

Students who have entered the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge need to have their reading record completed by 23rd August, 2013. Please log on to the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge website [https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html](https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html) to enter your reading record online.

Congratulation to Nicholas V and Stephanie M for completing the 2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge.

Carolyn Spender
PRC Coordinator

**NPS PRAYER GROUP**

NPS Prayer Group is meeting this Friday 23rd August to pray for the school, children and staff at
Normanhurst Public School. We are an interdenominational Christian group and we would love you to join us from 9.00-9.30am at the seats in front of the school canteen. Younger siblings welcome. For further details contact Caroline Maisano on 9945 1117 caroline.maisano@gmail.com Louise Horgan on 9489 4671 l louise_horgan@hotmail.com or Denise Pivetta on 9489 4232 or dpivetta@optusnet.com.au. We look forward to seeing you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

North Sydney Girls High School Open Morning

Wednesday 11th September 2013 from 9.30am to 11.30am. There will be an address by the Principal and tours of the school.

Free Dental Care

Northern Sydney Local Health District Oral Health Service provides free dental care to all children, less than 18 years old, who are eligible for Medicare and reside in the Local Health District. To access the service contact the dental call centre on 1300 789 404.

Hornsby Girls High School

Are holding a Multicultural Fair on Saturday 31st August from 11.00am to 4.00pm. All welcome.

Thornleigh West Public School

Are holding a Spring Fair on Saturday 24th August from 10.00am to 4.00pm. You can purchase armbands for 5 hours of unlimited rides and entry to the Kindifarm for $27.50 on flexischools.com.au (select Thornleigh West Public School) or email twpsspringfair2013@gmail.com

Asquith Boys High School Scholarships for 2014

Scholarship opportunities are being offered to acknowledge, encourage and extend students showing academic distinction or demonstrated excellence in creative and performing arts. For more information enquiries can be made to the Scholarship Coordinator Catherine Holder on 9477 3508.