Dear Parents,

Last Friday was a terrific day. We had our Fathers’ Day breakfast and our Obstacle-a-thon. It was a great turnout for the breakfast, with a huge number of dads (and one or two mums!) having a go with their children on the Obstacle-a-thon. Thanks to our wonderful P & C who organised the breakfast, and particular thanks to Scott Bartholomew, who organised the Obstacle-a-thon. Scott did a tremendous amount of work for this event, and I would like to thank him on behalf of the school community. While I am saying thank yous, thanks to all the community members who have volunteered to work at the barbecue for Election Day this coming Saturday.

Good luck to our Concert Band and Training Band who will perform again this week on Friday night and Saturday respectively at Chatswood High School. You just get better and better with every performance!

I was delighted to get down to Greenway Park at Cherrybrook last week to watch the Zone Athletics Carnival. Behaviour, effort and attitude were all superb from Normanhurst. We had some very pleasing results, but I am going to mention someone who did not get a place. Charlie B, as you may know, is a talented and tenacious competitor. Charlie was in the final of the 800m race, and on one of the early turns took a tumble in high traffic. Other students, and many adults, may have got up slowly and limped to the side, knowing their chance had gone. Not Charlie. He bounced back up and managed to catch and pass many other students to finish mid-field. Charlie, you have a heart as big as Phar Lap. If that’s not a metaphor for life, I don’t know what is!

We have has unseasonably warm weather of late, and a number of students have asked when we are able to change to summer uniform. If you recall earlier in the year, we used Mother’s Day as our changeover time for winter uniform. I am happy to use Fathers’ Day as the changeover time for summer uniform. These two and a half weeks can be a transition time from winter to summer. At this time of change, I would like to stress that full school uniform is expected from the school and community.

Our school Spelling Bee finals were conducted last Thursday. If you have never been to a Spelling Bee, they can be quite stressful! The responses from the children under pressure always impresses me. Congratulations to Annie P, Alex P, Sienna F, Kaitlyn P, Connor T, Eric G, Phoenix A, Daniel T, Edward W, Denny J, Sean...
G and Isabel F for being the class representatives. As a result of the competition, Kaitlyn, Phoenix, Sean and Edward are now moving on to the Regional Final to be held at Cherrybrook Public School. Congratulations and good luck!

David Beggs

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit certificate at last week’s assembly.

Nicholas H KIJ  Shana F 3V
Lachlan S KIJ  Kevin G 3V
Rudy B KS  Rahul S 3/4G
Charlie G KS  Lilla-Rose B 3/4G
Lily F KB  Grace R 4C
Sienna B KB  Jamie O 4C
Courtney S 1H  William W 4/5J
Soraya H 1H  Amiira W 4/5J
Karen M 1S  Erika M 5/6B
Annie Z 1S  Caitlyn H 5/6B
Alana K 2P  Ella A 6G
Alyssa J 2P  Jack R 6G
Mia P 2N  Nathan S Library
Elliot Y 2N  Arjuna K ESL

The following students received Striver Badges in the last two weeks.

Charlotte E  Lachlan D
Amy K  Kaitlyn P
Archie H  Isaiah H
Katherine Z  Lilla-Rose B
Alex P  Ethan B
Ashleigh D  Amy L
Ruby A  Amy K-H

PEER SUPPORT

During Peer Support this week the children will look at the notion that what they choose to spend their time on often reflects the values they have. The activities will also assist them in identifying ways they care for themselves and others, developing their understanding that you are caring when you notice the feelings and needs of yourself and others.

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL PHOTOS

The extra school photographs that were taken on the 5th August 2013 are still on display in the school office. The last day for ordering these is Monday 16th September. Order envelopes are available from the school office.

P&C NEWS

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Fathers’ Day Breakfast/Obstacle-a-thon

What a fantastic morning last Friday under sunny skies as Dads took on their children on the “jumping castle on steroids” for our inaugural Fathers’ Day Obstacle-a-thon Challenge! An unbelievable turnout saw the queue stretching around the lower playground and the air was filled with laughter and squeals (and that was just the Dads!) Thanks to everyone who participated and made the morning such a success. And a big thank you to Emma Veale and Michelle Fitzpatrick (and Matty F) for their efforts running our breakfast stall, service with a smile as always.

Of course once the parents had cleared out it was over to the children as each class got their turn around the bouncing beast. This is our sixth (I think) year running this event and it doesn’t organise itself. A massive thank you again to Scott Bartholomew for not only arranging the day but also standing in the hot (Winter??) sun all day to supervise, a superb effort. Thank also to Helena for being our “official photographer”: look forward to seeing the pics.

Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall

The roster is full and thank you to all our volunteers, the day should be a roaring success. It is over to all you fantastic bakers now to furnish our cake stall with all manner of delicious goodies. Cakes, cupcakes, slices, scones, we
will accept any and all. Cake boxes are available for collection from the office and please label your wares clearly with all ingredients. Cakes etc. should preferably be dropped off to the stall on Saturday morning before 8.00am although if that is not possible the canteen will be able to accept them after lunchtime on Friday.

Scott Veale

LOST PROPERTY

Once again, we are asking you to please look at your children’s clothing and make sure their names are on everything. It is better to write their names in permanent marker on the article itself rather than on the tags, because tags can come off. You will need to check the names every so often to make sure they haven’t worn off.

As a matter of interest we have the following in lost property at the moment:

46 unnamed articles – jumpers, hats, pants.
21 named articles (which we will return to the owners).
13 lunch boxes/drink bottles
Assorted non uniform articles.

Thank you for your help in the matter.

School Office

A DAY OF ART

Well done to the following talented students who will be attending the Operation Art Day at Homebush. They will be experimenting with different types of media and art forms taught by experienced art teachers.

We wish them all the best and cannot wait until we see their artworks.

10th September
Karen 1S
Yumi 1S
Tom 1S
Lara 1S
Ian 2P
Liam 2N
Kiera 2N
Hamish 2N

12th September
Eva 3/4G
Lauren 3/4G
Maddy 4C

18th September
Erika 5/6B
Bradley 5/6B
Rebecca 4/5J

NOOSH NEWS

Please remember to book your children into Vacation care if you plan on using this service in the upcoming holidays. A reminder that there is an early bird special of $40 per child if you book and pay by Monday 9th September 2013. The daily fee otherwise if $43 per child. Please hand your enrolment/booking forms and money to Ellen or Sophie as soon as possible.

Also a reminder to parents with casual bookings for their child/ren, please give Ellen or Sophie 48 hours notice of your child’s intended date of attendance.

The next NOOSH Committee meeting is on next Tuesday 10th September at 6.15pm. All NOOSH parents welcome.

Lisa Balian

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING?

Find it on the WORLD BOOK WEB.

Go to: www.worldbookonline.com
Log In ID: nps
Password: worldbook

ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2013

A huge thank you to all students who represented our school last week for the Beecroft Zone Athletics Carnival. All students should be commended for their exemplary behaviour while participating at Greenway Park. We must congratulate all students who will receive a representative certificate during assembly next week.

The following students achieved results – Brad M, 4th in long jump, jumping 4.25 metres and Brooklyn H, 4th in shot put throwing 7.73 metres. To the students who ran the 100m – Stephanie M, 6th in her final and all the finalists of the 800m including Caitlin Y, Caitlyn H, Emily B, Jack R and an amazingly brave run by Charlie B, you should be so proud knowing that bigger and better things are coming your way in the future. We are all so proud of your determination and ability to forever strive. Congratulations everyone.

Vern Barling
Asquith Boys High School Community Fun Day - 8th September.

Raffles, music, stalls and entertainment and so much more. A great fun day for all the family.

AFL Family Fun Day

Come and join us and learn AFL skills by playing fun games with other families. Meet AFL accredited coaches and have an exciting and enjoyable family fun day! Bring along drinks, hats and sun protection, chairs and picnic blankets. Children under 16 must be supervised by an adult. There will be games, show bags with a football and information on local services, afternoon tea and picnic.

James Park, Low and Palmerston Roads, Hornsby. No cost involved. Bookings essential – Isabella on 0435 494 696 or email Tae.Kim@det.nsw.edu.au

School Holiday Fun at Asquith Leagues Club

Wednesday 25th September – Free kids bingo at 11.00am, $5 kids meals at 12noon then free Life of Pi movie at 1.00pm.

Wednesday 2nd October – Craft Day at 11.00am, $4 per child, bookings essential, $5 kids meals at 12noon, then free movie – Tad the Lost Explorer at 1.00pm.

For more information contact the club on 9487 1066.