Dear Parents,

Now, I don’t want to put too much pressure on him, but this Friday our school captain Eddy will be going to the ABC Centre in Ultimo to compete in the NSW Final of the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. It has been an amazing effort by Eddy to get this far and we are immensely proud of him. He will be competing with the best of the best – and there’s a reason for that. Eddy is simply one of the best public speakers I have heard in my many, many (many!) years in schools. All power to you Eddy.

Last Monday night was the Annual General Meeting of the Normanhurst Public School P&C Association. Our P&C do so much to help the students of Normanhurst and we appreciate all they do. My sincere thanks to outgoing President Scott Veale who has stepped down from his role after three years in the position. You have done a great job Scott, and the partnership shared by the parents and the school has never been stronger under your leadership. My thanks also to outgoing committee members Scott Bartholomew (Fundraising), Lisa Christy (Social) and Louise Courtney (Grounds) for the wonderful contribution they have made to our school.

Office bearers for the coming year in the P&C are included in the President’s Report a little later in the newsletter. You will notice one significant thing – currently there is no President. Yes, it is a job which carries a certain degree of responsibility, but it is also one which is very rewarding. As mentioned above, the great thing about Normanhurst Public School’s P&C is that parents and staff are a real team, who work really well together and have a laugh along the way. If you are interested in this position please come to the next P&C meeting on December 8th.

A brief ceremony was conducted yesterday for Remembrance Day. While solemn and sad, it is important that our students understand and acknowledge the importance of these days and the impact it has had on modern Australia. Lest We Forget.

Very soon Year Five students will need to start thinking about nominations for school leaders for 2015. Last year there was quite a small cohort of students and every nomination got on the ballot form. If we have a significantly increased number of nominations this year due to the size
of the grade, we may have to put some additional steps in the process. Above all, I want the process to be as fair as possible.

David Beggs

The following students were proud recipients of Striver badges at our last assembly.

Sophie M. – red  Nick S. – red
Dakota A. – red  Archie H. – red
Ethan F. – blue  Charlotte S - blue

Congratulations to the following students who received a Merit Certificate at our last assembly.

Joanna C  KIJ  Alyssa J  2/3N
Samuel E-K  KIJ  Brenton T  2/3N
Johntay S  KS  Nathan H  3D
Linden R  KS  Abbi M  3D
Jeremy H  1H  Vivienne H  4N
Milly H  1H  Annie P  4N
Ibrahim A  1S  Mikayla P  4/5D
Rose C  1S  Maddy G  4/5D
Cameron R  1/2M  Claire K  5/6B
Busby T  1/2M  James L-W  5/6B
Karen M  2P  Tessa O  5/6G
Maximus L  2P  Tom S  5/6G
Jonah H  Computers
Leon W  Computers
Ulysses C  EAL/D

Year 6 Mini Fete

Each year the Year 6 students hold a Mini Fete at school to raise money to buy a gift for the school. This year our fete will be on Thursday 20th November. The success of the fete depends largely on the contributions made by the whole school community.

We welcome donations for our White Elephant stall – pre-loved books and toys (in good condition only) can be brought to the 5/6G classroom from now on. Also any donations for prizes would be very much appreciated.

We invite any bakers out there to donate a plate of food/cakes. This stall has always been popular in previous years thanks to our generous families. (All donations to the staffroom on the day of the fete please).

Year 6 will be having a sausage sizzle using pre-orders. Order forms were sent home with your child yesterday and need to be returned by Monday 17th November.

Colouring competitions need to be returned by Monday 17th November.

Start saving your pocket money to spend at the Mini Fete and make it a fun filled day for everyone.

ETHICS CLASSES

Time to Act! – Become an Ethics Teacher at Normanhurst Public School

Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don’t attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes. We need volunteers to teach classes starting in Term 1 2015.

However in order to meet this target teachers will need to have been interviewed, back ground checked and to have participated in formal training, so please don’t delay in submitting your application.

The classes teach children to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgement, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives. Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials. For more information about the role and to volunteer, please go to http://www.primaryethics.com.au

Chris Mansfield
Ethics Coordinator

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Orders are due back on Monday 24th November. Remember NO CASH. Payment can be made by cheque for with a credit card online. Follow the instructions on the order form.
CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2014

A reminder to students interested in competing in the Chess Championship 2014 that entries close on Friday 21st November. Students do not need to be a member of the Chess Club to enter but some knowledge of playing chess is necessary. 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 or from me.

The tournament will be held on Tuesday 25th November starting at 10.00am. The venue for the tournament will be the NPS NOOSH building. We are looking forward to an interesting and fun day.

Kim Holdway
Chess Coordinator

BAND NEWS

Don’t forget our band concert this Friday 14th November starting at 6.30pm in the school hall. The concert will feature the beautiful and invigorating music of our training, concert and ensemble bands. Please have your little musos arrive at 6.15pm for set up, and bring along their music.

Due to hot weather forecast, dress code for players is MUFTI.

Parent Band Roster

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P&C NEWS

Annual General Meeting – 10th November 2014

On Monday the NPS P&C Association held its Annual General Meeting, a chance for us to recap the year gone by and elect the office holders for 2015. The full reports of office holders can be found on the P&C website. The 2015 committee is:

- **President**: Vacant
- **Secretary**: Jo Maisano
- **Treasurer**: Yemi Oluwi
- **Fundraising/Social**: Amanda Dougall, Emma Veale
- **Grounds**: Vacant
- **Clothing**: Leigh Hudson (VP), Lucie Leslie assisted by Christine M and Ansam Juma
- **Canteen**: Amanda Dougall (VP), Emma Veale

Thanks to all who have put their hand up to help continue our work. We have combined the fundraising and social positions to reflect the large degree of overlap there, the idea being that subcommittees will be designated to run the various fundraising events. The two Vice President positions required under the Constitution that had previously been designated for the Fundraising and Social coordinators have now been aligned with The Canteen and Clothing Pool to acknowledge the key role they play in our operations.

As you can see we are yet to fill two key positions, **President** and **Grounds**

SMALL BUSINESS ON FACEBOOK

Did you know that the P&C have a Facebook page? We regularly send out school information which we hope you find relevant and the odd photo of the Kindy ducks! We are happy to share anything NPS related so please get in touch if there is something happening in your classroom you would like to share.

Next week – starting 17th November we will be doing a spotlight on NPS Small Business. Simply like our page [www.facebook.com/NormanhurstPublicPC](http://www.facebook.com/NormanhurstPublicPC) and send your small business information via a personal message along with any discounts or special offers you can offer our NPS families and we will promote it for you throughout the week.

www.npspandc.com
http://www.facebook.com/NormanhurstPublicPC
Coordinator. I will leave it to Louise to bang the drum for her role but for my part I would encourage all of you to give some thought to whether you have the drive and energy to steer the P&C on to bigger and better things. Feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss the role and just what it requires, and as I have stated before I will still be around next year to lend advice or provide a sympathetic ear when required.

And So A Fond Farewell……

As you all know this has been my final year as President and it is with some regret but a fair amount of pride that I prepare to pass the baton. I’d hope that I leave the good ship Normo in at least a little better shape than when I first took the helm.

I would like to thank all our Committee members this year who have given their time, dedication and enthusiasm to ensure the Normanhurst P&C Association continues to work towards our main goal, a better school for our children. And to the outgoing members, Louise, Lisa and Scott, thank you for all you have done over these last several years. I would also like to thank all those parents, staff and friends of the school who continue to make our lives easier by stepping up when needed to bake cakes, weed gardens, grill sausages and do everything it takes to make Normanhurst such a great little school.

Thank you to everyone who has supported me, advised me, encouraged me and generally made me welcome over the past three years. A particular thank you to our excellent Principal, David Beggs, who has helped foster a strong and successful partnership between the school and the P&C. And to my successor, and I know you’re out there somewhere, I wish you all the best.

If you’ll indulge me for a second I am reminded of the analogy of the duck on the pond, who appears serene and calm on the surface but is paddling like crazy underwater just to stay afloat. I’ll admit there have been times when I have felt like that duck. My final and greatest thanks goes to my wonderful wife Emma, whose support, encouragement and hard work managed to keep me paddling through it all.

Stay classy Normo!

Scott Veale
President (Retd.)

Our School Grounds need you…and your organisational skills!

Grounds Coordinator position vacant.

You will have read elsewhere in the newsletter that my time as Ground Coordinator for the P&C has come to a close after three years of gathering worker bees for those little grounds maintenance jobs that always need doing.

It has been a great opportunity to meet new families and catch up with our regulars at numerous working bees during this time.

I am thankful to all, both big and small, who turned out in all weathers, in good humour and enthusiasm to do work at our school – there is certain camaraderie that comes with all that weeding, pruning, planting, mulching, drain cleaning as well as special projects such as equipment painting, path building and boat installation.

The highlights for 2014 included sourcing and installing our new boats and securing funding from the P&C for the new playground equipment (coming soon) for the senior children to provide another opportunity for fun play and exercise. The decision to make these purchases made all of the weed pulling and mulch moving worthwhile.

Keeping the school grounds looking good is a joint effort between the school and the P&C and our volunteer families. The work the P&C does in the grounds enables the school to direct its own scarce resources to other parts of the school and we don’t have to mow the grass!

A new Grounds Coordinator is needed to coordinate our working bees to make the best use of our volunteers’ time and effort and to oversee any special grounds projects that the P&C may decide to support. You too could have fun choosing new playground equipment!

Please consider taking on this role or if two are interested doing a job share – you don’t have to be an expert in grounds maintenance or gardening (I wasn’t and still aren’t) just enthusiastic and interested in ensuring our school is a great place to learn, work and play. I will do a handover manual to get you started!

The next P&C meeting is on Monday 8th December and it would be great to close the year out with a new Grounds Coordinator in
place (a new P&C President would be helpful too). I couldn’t have done this role without the support of my family, Scott and Elizabeth - my trusty working bee sidekicks, for whom I am blessed and truly grateful.

Happy gardening!

Louise Courtney

CANTEEN NEWS

It has been a great year in the canteen and it has been a real pleasure working in such a nice environment. This is my second year as Canteen Manager and for that I am grateful, as without you all that would not be possible.

We are very proud in the canteen to serve our kids delicious, home cooked meals. Did you know all of our burger patties, our winter lasagne and our chicken fried rice are hand made on the premises and are packed full of secret veggies?

We have a few spots on the 2014 roster left to fill in order to keep the canteen running smoothly and to provide the food that our kids deserve. It is a very busy and exciting time for all of us, so please help us to fill those last spots so there is no need for an urgent search at the last minute. Please contact me any time. I would be more than happy to find something that suits you. No experience necessary and I promise you don’t have to cook, believe it or not! We are very grateful for all of our volunteers and look forward to meeting some new faces. A special thanks to my lovely regular mini volunteers – Hannah D, Eleanor D, Emily K and Sophie V, they always fill my days with their gorgeous smiles. Because of them I can feel like a child again!

Until next time,
Alexandra Mancera
canteen@npspandc.com
9989 8775

The Roster for the remainder of 2014.

| Week 6 | Mon 10 Nov | Wendy D |
| Wed 12 Nov | Davina G |
| Fri 14 Nov | Christine M Nancy (10-1.20), Anna |

| Week 7 | Mon 17 Nov | Denise P |
| Wed 19 Nov | Natalie S |
| Fri 21 Nov | Annette P, Heather K, Moni S |

| Week 8 | Mon 24 Nov | 1 volunteer needed |
| Wed 26 Nov | Anna V |

FOREVER THRIVE

Now that the weather is warming up think about making your own frozen treats for an afternoon or after dinner treat. Commercial ice-blocks are often full of sugar, preservatives and artificial colours.

- Mango blended with coconut water.
- Frozen watermelon wedges with a paddle pop stick in them.
- Whole pieces of fruit frozen in grape juice.
- Frozen banana, covered in chocolate.
- Fruit mixed with yoghurt
- Banana and coconut milk

Give them a go and you will be surprised how yummy they are!

FREE TICKETS

The Lions Club of Bondi has generously donated to our school some tickets to the World Festival of Magic. This fantastic event will be held at the Hordern Pavilion, Moore Park Precinct this Saturday 15th November, 2014. There are tickets available for three sessions on that day – 11.00am, 1.30pm and 4.00pm.

The tickets will be limited to four per family and can be collected from the school office on a first in first served basis. We would like to thank the
Lions Club of Bondi for the donation of the tickets.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Hornsby Shire Library and Information Service is organising the launch of the popular Summer Reading Club. The Summer Reading Club is a national annual reading program designed to encourage school aged children to read and explore the amazing world of books over the summer school holidays in December and January. It will be held at Hornsby Library on the 4th December at 5.30pm with registration starting at 4.30pm.

To celebrate the launch, international award winning magician Joel Howlett will perform his brand new magic show “The Magical Adventure Found in Books” with lots of magic tricks, juggling and puppets.

For further enquiries, the Children's & Youth Services library staff can be contacted on 9847 6738 during business hours. The show is free and no booking is required.

Turramurra High School is holding their Twilight Christmas Markets on Thursday 4th December from 5.30pm to 8.30pm on their school grounds. Stunning jewellery, handmade cards and gift wrapping, delicious Christmas delicacies, French home wares, unique gifts, Arcadian Artists stalls and many more! Entry is via a gold coin donation.

SYDNEY YOUTH MUSICAL THEATRE

One of our students (Georgina L) is performing in the Rodgers & Hammerstein’s production of Cinderella which will be performed at Hornsby RSL. Performance dates are:-

- Thursday 20th November – 8.00pm
- Friday 21st November – 8.00pm
- Saturday 22nd November – 2.00pm & 8.00pm
- Sunday 23rd November – 2.00pm

Bookings phone 9477 7777
or
http://hornsbyrsl.iwannaticket.com.au