Dear Parents,

Last Friday I had the privilege of sitting in the audience and listening to the state finalists of the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. As you can imagine, all twelve speakers were outstanding. And our own Eddy W. was right up there with the best of them. As it turned out, Eddy did not win, but trying as hard as I can not to be biased, he must have gone extremely close. Forget about the rehearsed speech – try receiving a topic unseen eg. “It’s Time to Get Serious”, getting five minutes to prepare and then delivering a two minute speech to an audience of a couple of hundred people. Any volunteers? It would be tricky for the most seasoned of public speakers. Eddy, congratulations on such an incredible effort.

Next Wednesday 26th November is our Parent Helpers Morning Tea. We have had an enormous amount of people help our school this year, and we appreciate it so very much. We have had so many parents respond that we will be moving the Morning Tea to the Hall rather than the staffroom because we don’t think we’ll all fit. Which is a pleasant problem to have! So remember – hall rather than staffroom next Wednesday.

Not that it has happened, but just a reminder that smoking is not permitted in any Departmental buildings or grounds. The same applies to alcohol consumption during school hours and any school function at which students are present.

Year Six are having their Mini-Fete tomorrow, Thursday 20th November. It is a mufti day so students may wear casual clothes, as long as they have closed-in shoes and their shoulders are covered so they are sun safe. Year Six have raised money for a lot of great things over the years, from our bell to the noticeboards around the school. As well as being a lot of fun, the teachers do a lot of work with the students around running a stall, profit and loss, working as a team etc. – so it’s also a valuable learning experience.

You may have heard of the tragic accident earlier this year when a school child was killed by a falling tree branch at a school. Since then the Department of Education and Communities has commenced an extensive program to have trees inspected and trimmed/removed. Our trees have been inspected and work will commence next Tuesday, 25th November for four days. While only one tree needs full removal (i
previously had trees inspected regularly) there are many, many branches which have been identified as requiring trimming. It will be noisy. Certain areas may be blocked off for a period of time. It may be temporarily inconvenient. The company is happy to work with the school but still it will be a significant disruption. My apologies now! In the end it will be a small price to pay for our peace of mind.

David Beggs

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

Janelle D. – blue  Edward B. – blue
Kathy K. – green  Lai T. – blue
Jessie D. – blue

The following students were awarded Citizen of the Month certificates for October.

Haile M  KIJ  Carl A  2/3N
Grace H  KIJ  Lara U  2/3N
Hailey W  KS  Melanie H  3D
Daniel S  KS  Leon W  3D
Charlie G  1H  Erin C  4N
Carl C  1H  Miriam T  4N
Nikita A  1S  Jessica T  4/5D
Lily F  1S  Rahul S  4/5D
Erin R  1/2M  Bradley M  5/6B
Zoya H  1/2M  Daniel M  5/6B
Zoe W  2P  Ben M  5/6G
Sophie C  2P  Cameron A  5/6G
Will D  2/5C
William H  2/5C

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

Haile M  KIJ  Carl A  2/3N
Grace H  KIJ  Lara U  2/3N
Hailey W  KS  Melanie H  3D
Daniel S  KS  Leon W  3D
Charlie G  1H  Erin C  4N
Carl C  1H  Miriam T  4N
Nikita A  1S  Jessica T  4/5D
Lily F  1S  Rahul S  4/5D
Erin R  1/2M  Bradley M  5/6B
Zoya H  1/2M  Daniel M  5/6B
Zoe W  2P  Ben M  5/6G
Sophie C  2P  Cameron A  5/6G
Will D  2/5C
William H  2/5C

SWIMMING

This Friday is the last swimming day for students and parents are encouraged to go along to the Loreto Pool to see their child’s progress. Certificates will be given out and a voucher giving a free lesson to any new enrolment at AquaBliss. Year Five and Six will have a make-up swimming day on the 28th November to cover the lesson they missed whilst on camp.

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Book Parade and Book Week competitions this year. It was great to see so many wonderful costumes and smiling faces. Earlier this year we held a book fair and from the money raised we bought a lovely, new rug for the Library and a subscription to World Book e-books.

We currently subscribe to World Book Online and you can access the e-books through the World Book iPad app or through the website http://www.worldbookonline.com. To access the encyclopaedias and books you will need to enter in the NPS log-in IS and password.

Log-in ID:  nps
Password:  worldbook

Next week will be the last week students will be able to borrow books from the Library for 2014. Please start checking your child’s bookshelves, bags etc. for any library books and return them to the school Library.

Thank you for your support.

Carolyn Spender
Teacher/Librarian
Congratulations to all students who completed the 2014 NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge. This year we had 176 students complete the Challenge, which is a wonderful achievement. The NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge certificates will be distributed to students this week.

Congratulations to the following students who received a ‘Gold Award’ for completing the challenge for four years:

Ryan B 3D  Luke J 2/3N
Kiera B-S 3D  Amelia M 3D
Jamison C 3D  Helen M 3D
Charlotte D 2/3N  Annie P 4N
Kate D 2/3N  Mia P 2/3N
Matthew F 3D  Malinsa R 2/3N
Michael F 1/2M  Hugo T 2/3N
Eric G 5/6B  Brenton T 2/3N
Ian G 2/3N  Nicholas V 3D
Jonah H 2/3N  Aaron W 4/5D
Isaac H 3D

The 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge will open in March next year. For details go to the website https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

Thank you
Carolyn Spender

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.

Scott Veale

BAND NEWS

Parent Band Roster

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NPS PRAYER GROUP

Normanhurst Public School Prayer Group – Normanhurst Public School Prayer group is meeting on Thursday 27th November 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.

Scott Veale
from 9-9.30 at the seats in front of the school canteen. Younger siblings welcome. For further details please contact Caroline Maisano on 9945 1117 caroline.maisano@gmail.com, Louise Horgan on 9489 4671 Louise_horgan@hotmail.com or Denise Pivetta on 9489 4232 or dpivetta@optusnet.com.au. We look forward to seeing you there.

THE SALVATION ARMY

Please help the Salvos brighten the lives of children whose families are struggling this Christmas

It’s that time of the year again when out-of-work parents are faced with the impossible task of providing gifts as well as food for their children.

The good news is that with your help, struggling families can experience the joy of Christmas giving! It puts a smile on children’s faces and restores a sense of connectedness and hope to Australian families doing it tough.

The Salvation Army would be grateful if your donations of NEW toys could be delivered to their premises at 29 Burdett Street, Hornsby on or before Friday 12th December 2014. Should you require a driver to collect the gifts or donations of food, please do not hesitate to telephone Judith at the Salvation Army on 9477 1133 to arrange a pick-up date and time.