Dear Parents,

The Year Six Farewell was held last Monday night, and what a night it was! The “Arabian Nights” theme was a great success! The children had a terrific night, with delicious food, super dancing and lovely presentations. My sincere thanks to Mrs Jovanovic, Mrs Hudson and all the Year Five parents who did an amazing job in decorating the hall and helping throughout the night. It went like clockwork. Mrs Grimmond’s always excellent visual presentation went down so well. There were a few tears here and there (from the parents, of course) but the hall was buzzing with happiness even after the formal part of the evening was long finished.

Congratulations to Lucy V, Ella C, Mikala K, Claire K, Lames L-W, Hannah P, Cameron A and Sienna F who earned Striver Badges this past week, and remember to hang on to your Strivers as they will continue to be counted next year.

A reminder that Year 1 to 6 students commence next year on Wednesday, 28th January. Kindergarten students “officially” start on Monday, 2nd February but have already been notified the time and date of their Best Start interview to take place the week before. I have included in this newsletter a draft calendar for Term One 2015. Please understand that it is a draft, and there may be changes that need to be made in the New Year.

Thanks to my wonderful staff who have been a tower of strength and support in 2014. They are a super team of people to work with and their care and concern for Normanhurst students is on show every single day. My thanks to staff who are leaving us at the end of the year – Miss Derriman and Mrs Holdway. Our thanks to you for your hard work for the students of Normanhurst. It has been greatly appreciated. I mentioned a few weeks ago that Jo Robinson was also leaving us – not for greener pastures, just for different pastures. Again we wish her all the very best.

Thank you also to our awesome parents, who continue to support the school so well. I’ve said it so often, but close relationships between school and home reflect in the levels of children’s effort and achievement. This has never been so evident than this past week, with such good will and support during our revamped Christmas Concert and the Year Six Farewell.

And to our wonderful students. Have a fun, relaxing, exciting and most importantly SAFE holiday. You have all worked so hard this year and should be proud of everything you have achieved. Next year is shaping up as our best year ever!

A reminder that our NOOSH will be having vacation care from 12th January 2015. If you need any more information please call NOOSH on 9489 0178.

Have a great holiday, a fantastic Christmas and an incredible 2015.

David Beggs
BECOME AN ETHICS TEACHER AT NORMANHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL

With the exciting prospect of starting ethics classes in 2015 there is still an opportunity to offer to volunteer for a teaching role – the on boarding process consists of an interview, background checks and formal training so if you are interested you are best to apply now.

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 ethics classes starting in Term 1 2015. The classes teach children how 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 age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials. For more information about the role and to volunteer, go to http://www.primaryethics.com.au

OUR ALUMNI

Our former Normanhurst Public School students continue to perform well at Normanhurst Boys High School. Congratulations to Brandon Velleley and Daniel Pivetta in Year 8, who both received a Gold Merit at their recent Presentation Night.
As Year 6 leave Normanhurst Public School and head off to High School they leave us with some special memories.

Ruby A – Coming to school and finding my name tag with Miss Townley. Going to Asquith Girls High School.

Sophia H – My favourite memories have to be all of the camps – Band Camp, Milson Island, Canberra and ZooSnooze. Going to Turramurra High School.

Bethany H – My friends, all the camps, Year 6 Mini Fete and Education Week. Going to Turramurra High School.


Sophie Mc – Going canoeing at Milson Island, we got to do lots of fun games and got really muddy. Going to St. Leo’s College.

Flynn M – Year 6 Mini Fete, Education Week Concert, becoming Vice School Captain, Milson Island and ZooSnooze. Going to Loreto Normanhurst.
**Abby M** – My best memory was going to Milson Island. Going to Turramurra High School.

**Erika M** – Skiing for the first time in Canberra and going canoeing on Milson Island. Going to Turramurra High School.

**Paris N** – Year 6 Mini Fete and meeting cool best friends. Going to Mount St. Benedict College.

**Tessa O** – Milson Island and ZooSnooze. Going to Turramurra High School.

**Emily T** – Milson Island. Going to Turramurra High School.

**Amiira W** – Travelling to Canberra. Going to Cheltenham Girls High School.

**Cameron A** – In Year 5 when I got a Mohawk and nearly all the teachers liked it.... Going to Turramurra High School.

**Syarief D** – The water fight after the Mini Fete. Going to Turramurra High School.

**Ethan F** – The water fight after the Mini Fete. Going to Normanhurst Boys High School.

**Archie H** – The water fight after our Year 6 Mini fete, on the top quad with Mr Barling and Mrs Grimmond leading it, because it was a very hot day. Going to Barker College.

**James L-W** – Moving up through the grades. Going to Turramurra High School.

**Benjamin M** – Canberra, Milson Island and friends. Going to Pennant Hills High School.

**Bradley M** – Breaking my collarbone. Going to Turramurra High School.

**Jeremiah M** – CARES. Going to Turramurra High School.

**Ali N** – Milson Island. Going to St. Leo’s College.
Angus O - My first day (I have no recollection). Going to Turramurra High School.

Kai S – School camp. Going to Turramurra High School.

Thomas S – When we went to ZooSnooze and Mr Barling’s phone went off all night. Going to Turramurra High School.

Cameron S – Mini Fete. Going to Turramurra High School.

Daniel T – Canberra karaoke night. Going to Oakhill College.

Ben T – All the friends I have made. Going to Turramurra High School.

Nicholas W – When Eddy and I were walking down to the sport shed with Mr Barling’s keys that he told us not to touch or we might set off the lockdown siren. I was joking about pressing the button when we heard a siren sound so we hid in the sport shed. About a minute later a police car came down the road with its siren on! Going to The King’s School.

Edward W – One day Nick and I went down to the sports shed to get some sports equipment. We had Mr Barling’s special keys with us and before we left he told us to be very careful or we might set off the lockdown alarm. Nick started joking around with the keys when we heard a siren behind us. We ran into the sports shed and hid and about a minute later we saw a police car go past with its siren on. We felt like idiots. Going to Turramurra High School.

William W – When Mr Cull said I could be on the soccer team the first year I was at Normanhurst. Going to St. Leo’s College.

Shakib Z – Meeting my friends. Going to Gosford High School.

Remember to keep ‘STRIVING’