Dear Parents,

Once again welcome back to 2014, and a special welcome to any new students and families who have commenced at Normanhurst this year. Believe me, you have arrived in a community that is positive, supportive, happy and full of life!

2014 classes have commenced with 12 mainstream classes and our specialist class. The teachers and I have put a lot of thought and time into the formation of classes, trying to determine the most appropriate placement for each child. I'm sure whoever your child's teacher or classmates are, they will have a brilliant year. Once again, classes for 2014 are:

KS   Mr Sheridan
KIJ  Mrs Ironside and Mrs Jackson  
     (Mrs Ironside Mon-Thurs, Mrs Jackson Fridays)
1H   Mrs Holdway
1S   Mrs Shorey
1/2M Miss Moore
2P   Miss Prince
2/3N Mrs Newton
3B   Mrs Bryant
4N   Mr Norman
4/5D Miss Derriman
5/6B Mr Barling
5/6G Mrs Grimmond
2/5C Mr Cull

The staff at Normanhurst is only too happy to help you with any information you may require or discuss any issues. Generally, if you are inquiring about your child's learning, the classroom teacher is the best person to go to. If the inquiry is broader, then it may be more appropriate to speak with one of our Assistant Principals. Mr Sheridan supervises Kindergarten and Year One, Mrs Newton Years 2 and 3 and Mr Barling Years 4-6. Of course, whole school matters or other matters of a sensitive nature I am available. Please make an appointment with the office if you wish to discuss any issues.

Our Parent Information Evening is on Tuesday, 18th February at 6:30pm for parents of children in KS, KIJ, 1H, 1S, 1/2M, 2P and 2/5C concluding at 7:10pm. Parents of students in 2/3N, 3B, 4N, 4/5D, 5/6B and 5/6G are invited from 7:20pm until 8pm. Information sessions will be conducted in individual classrooms. They are a great opportunity to find out what is going on in the classroom/grade and ask any questions you may have. It is difficult for the teachers to talk with parents individually at this time, so if you do have any questions specifically relating to your child it would best to make an alternate appointment with the classroom teacher.

Just a final word on safety around the school. I think we all agree that the safety of children is one of the most important issues in society. Unfortunately over the school holidays we have heard stories of children in our local area, some of them toddlers, being hit by cars. Please take extreme care in parking around the school, use...
the pathways rather than the driveway when entering and exiting the school with your children and generally be on the alert when you are in and around the school. If we avoid just one accident it will be a great achievement.

David Beggs

Welcome Back

Well it’s off with the thongs and on with the school shoes and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new families and hope those of you returning for another year found time for some well deserved R&R over the summer break. The NPS P&C Association has a long track record of providing support to our school through our fundraising initiatives and the hard work of our dedicated volunteers. The new hard court installed over summer is a great example of what we are able to deliver to the school and our children when we all pitch in. We will again be setting ourselves some ambitious goals for 2014 and I know I can count on all of you to help in whatever way you are able when called upon.

I would strongly encourage all newcomers, and any families who have not yet been able, to attend our monthly P&C gatherings, volunteer for a BBQ or cake stall, stick your hand up for a spot on the canteen or bring your rake and gumboots to a working bee. It is through your active participation that we are able to help make our school the fantastic place that it is for our children. Keep an eye on our facebook pages, website and the newsletter for upcoming events.

And that brings us to ……..

P&C Meeting – 10th February

Our first meeting for 2014 will be held on Monday 10th February in the school staffroom at 8.00pm. All welcome!

Agenda

1. Minutes of previous meeting
2. Reports of Officers
3. Agenda items
4. Other business

I look forward to seeing you there.

Class Parents

Once again we are looking for volunteers to take on the role of Class Parent for each class this year. The job involves co-ordinating a class list with contact details for each family, liaising with the class teacher and the office to help disseminate information to parents, and organising a dinner for parents to get to know each other (the earlier the better for Kindy families). The workload is not particularly arduous so if you think you would like to take it on please let me know via email at president@npspandc.com

Scott Veale

CHESS COACHING

Chess coaching for students at Normanhurst Public School is held on Wednesdays from 12.50pm to 1.50pm each week in Mrs Holdway’s 1H classroom. Term 1 lessons commence on 12th February and it is never too late to join! Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment.

Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chessboard or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and a weekly fun tournament with end of term prizes. Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop. Students also have the opportunity to participate in an end of year Normanhurst Public School Chess Tournament.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can either pick up an enrolment form from the school office or from Mrs Holdway (1H), or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170,

Kim Holdway
Teacher/Chess Co-ordinator

CHOIR NEWS

Welcome to 2014.

Senior Choir

Years 3-6 will begin on Tuesday 11th February at 8.00am (Wk 3) in the school hall. The children
will be under the excellent tutelage of Fiona Hales. Mrs Newton will supervise the children during this time.

We have been informed that we have a placement in the concert at the Opera House this year in August. Congratulations to 2013 choir members for an excellent display of your singing skills which enabled us to be accepted again this year.

Junior Choir

Junior Choir for Years K-2 will begin Tuesday 11th February at 1.00pm to 1.30pm (Wk 3) in the school hall. The Choir Teacher will be Mandy Pollard. All children are welcome!

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Newton
Choir Co-ordinator

CANTEEN NEWS

A big welcome to all of our new and returning families for 2014. We are still looking to fill our roster for Term 1. If you can help, even for a few hours one day a term please contact Alex canteen@npspandc.com 9989 8775 or Emma emmav77@optusnet.com.au 0410 440 664.

You will note a few changes have been made to the menu which is included in this newsletter. We have made some small price increases and some items have been added/deleted from the menu.

Roster thus far

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Online Ordering – Canteen

We encourage all families to try our online ordering system. Just visit www.scamps.com.au Click on “Parents sign up” – our school ID is 2567963. Online ordering saves you time and also helps us keep our volunteer numbers to a minimum. Anytime you need assistance for canteen matters we are only too happy to help.

Thank you
Alexandra – Canteen manager
Amanda Dougall/Emma Veale – P&C Canteen Representatives

BAND NEWS

Welcome to Band in 2014! If you have not received any emails since school started, please send an email to npsbandinfo@gmail.com Also if you have not filled in a band form for 2014 please do so (form on band website) and leave in the band box up at the school office.

Upcoming dates for your diary.

Training Band “Intro to band” sessions:-

Thursday 6th Feb – lunch time, Mr Sheridan’s room unless you hear otherwise. No instruments required.

Thursday 13th Feb
Thursday 20th Feb not on due to swimming carnival
Thursday 27th Feb

Band Workshop Sunday 2nd March. Concert Band 2.00pm-5.00pm. Training Band 2.30pm-5.00pm (afternoon tea provided for students. This will take place within the school.

First Training Band rehearsal – Monday 3rd March at 7.30am

Band Camp 2nd to 4th May

Training Band parents please have uniforms fitted and organised for your child by the end of Term 2. See the clothing pool for details.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Golden Kangaroos Hornsby Concert Band are looking for beginner, intermediate and senior players to join their marching band, stage jazz band and other ensembles. For more information visit www.gks.org.au or contact the band at membership@goldenkangaroos.org.au or on 9868 3289.

Beecroft Cherrybrook Junior Rugby registration will be held at Thornleigh Marketplace from 10.00am to 2.00pm on the 8th February. They will also be having a Try Rugby Day for all ages on the 23rd February at Pennant Hills Oval No. 1 from 9.30am to 11.20am and you will be
able to register on this day as well. Please contact Nicola on 0439 904 457 if you have any questions.

**Kids Club** is back at Normanhurst Uniting Church from February 7th – 3.30pm to 6.00pm every Friday during school term. If you are in Year 3-6 feel free to come along. Kids Club will be full of fun games, lots of great friends and fantastic stories. With afternoon tea thrown in, just $3 per week. The first week is free.

**Hornsby Berowra Eagles** are wanting to hear from anyone wanting to play AFL. Boys and Girls ages 4-17. Information at hornsbyberowraeagles.com

**Pennant Hills Cherrybrook Stages** Junior Rugby League Club are conducting a Come and Try Clinic for boys and girls from U6’s to U12’s. Thursday 6th February at Greenway Oval No. 2 from 4.00pm-5.00pm.

**Normanhurst Netball Club** are holding registration on Friday 7th February 5.00pm-7.00pm and Saturday 8th February 9.00am-1.00pm at their Clubhouse in Harris Road, Normanhurst. More info at normonetball@gmail.com

**Normanhurst Eagles Football Club** registrations can be made at Normanhurst West Public School on Saturday 8th February 9.00am-1.00pm. U6’s onwards, boys, girls, ladies and gentlemen.