Dear Parents,

Our school house captains were elected yesterday and will receive their badges at tomorrow’s assembly. Our school captains and vice captains attended a leadership camp at Vision Valley last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and they had a wonderful time interacting with other school leaders. A reminder that our school leaders for 2014 are:

Captains: Emily T. and Edward W.
Vice Captains: Flynn M. and Daniel T.
Prefects: Nick W, Abby M, Cameron A. and Sophie M.

Our office staff, Mrs Markham, Mrs Wagstaff and Mrs Thomson, do a fabulous job in the office, and if you have had any contact with them, you will know how helpful and friendly they are. One of their many jobs is to care for students who may present at sick bay. Since we have a few students at Normanhurst with special medical needs we have purchased a small camera so that office staff can monitor students in sick bay from the office if needed. It is only switched on if a student’s health needs are causing concern and the camera does not record.

A reminder that 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. I am looking forward to seeing all our wonderful parents on this evening. A reminder if you do have any questions specifically relating to your child it would best to make an alternate appointment with the classroom teacher.

Our first P&C meeting was conducted last Monday night. Our P&C do a fantastic job in supporting the school in many different ways – be it with community events, financial support or advice and collaboration on school initiatives. If you are a new parent, or even an experienced parent who would like to be involved, the P&C meet every second Monday of the month in the school staff room.

Teachers and students from Asquith Girls High came today to talk to the ladies of Years Five and Six. At this time of the year high schools are keen to disseminate information about their respective schools, so if you are unsure about where to send your child, be on the lookout for open nights and information flyers.

It hasn’t taken long but I must talk to you about traffic. Out the front of the school things seem to be moving fairly smoothly, but it is in Fraser Road that we are currently concerned. It is very narrow to get through for cars, and with people crossing the road with children it is doubly concerning. As you are aware, rangers regularly patrol Normanhurst Road and Fraser Road. Some parents have complained to me about being booked, but it is one’s own choice to park illegally.
Many times I have stated before – if it was me, I would tell my child to walk slowly down to the front of the school (where I am most afternoons) because around 3.05pm or 3.10pm there are plenty of spaces to pick up from without having to negotiate Fraser Road. I don’t mind waiting with the children an extra few minutes at all if I know they will be safe.

David Beggs

The following students received Striver badges at our last assembly.

Sienna P.  Mahlia-Mai H.
Cameron K.  Liam T.

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Certificates at assembly last week.

Alice H  KIJ  Hannah P  3B
Callum A  KIJ  Andrew C  3B
Berry P  KS  Paloma R  4N
Joshua P  KS  Jade L  4N
Ashleigh D  1H  Lachlan D  4/5D
Charlie G  1H  Ashlyn M  4/5D
Sophie P  1S  Charlie B  5/6B
Corey M  1S  Stephanie M  5/6B
Michael F  1/2M  Erika M  5/6G
Georgia O  1/2M  Anthony D  5/6G
Daniel H  2/3N  Chloe P  Library
Alana K  2/3N
Nicholas V  Computers

I have had a great response to my call for volunteers to take on the role of Class Parent for each class this year. We are still a few short though, so if any parents can assist with classes 1/2M, 1S and both the Year 6 classes. With several composite classes we are aiming to have a representative for each year in each class. 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 workload is not particularly arduous so if you think you would like to take it on please let me know via email president@npspandc.com

Facebook

Since its introduction in 2012 our facebook page has been a roaring success, we now have close to half our school families as “friends” and we continue to grow. I am several steps removed from “Gen Y” but I do believe that our page is a quick and easy way to disseminate information to our school community, promote what the P&C is doing and highlight the many wonderful things our children are achieving each day. If you have anything you think you would like us to publish up there, a great academic, artistic or sporting milestone, please let us know at committee@npspandc.com and our moderators will get it posted.

Scott Veale

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)

P&C Meeting – 10th February 2014

Our first P&C meeting for the year was held on Monday and it was great to see so many new faces in attendance. We have got big plans for the year so we will be calling for all the help we can muster.

The meeting was mostly devoted to mapping out a calendar of events for the year and brainstorming ideas for new ways to help us achieve our goals. I hope to have as many dates as I can fixed as soon as possible and will send out a P&C calendar to parents once that falls into place.

Class Parents

Roster for February

14th Feb  Christine H/Christine M/Elle P
17th Feb  Denise P
19th Feb  vacant
21st Feb  Annette/Heather (11-1.30)/vacant
24th Feb  Monica S
26th Feb  vacant
28th Feb  Louise H/Phaedra P (11-1.30)/Romaine

Thank you
Alexandra – Canteen Manager
CANTEEEN SPECIAL FOOD DAY
Pancake Day
Tuesday 4th March 2014

More details and a pre-order form to come in the following weeks!

NPS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Normanhurst Public School Annual Swimming carnival is fast approaching. The permission note has been handed out and we feel very privileged to hold our carnival at such a wonderful venue. We will leave NPS at approximately 9.05am and travel by bus. If you are taking your child, payment must still be made due to the costs in participating at Knox Grammar School.

Knox has also advised the following in regards to parking. Knox Grammar School cannot provide parking. Limited on street parking is available nearby. Parking located at the Wahroonga village is within walking distance. Parking is also available on the Pacific Highway after 12 noon. Both Wahroonga and Warrawee train stations are within walking distance. If unauthorised parking occurs at Knox Grammar School these cars may be stickered, clamped or fined.

All students in Year 2-6 will be attending. There are events in each of the four strokes. At the same time, students who feel less confident can swim in the 25 metre events. The students turning 8,9,10,11 or 12 this year can choose to swim in either the 50m for freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly OR the 25m events for freestyle and breaststroke. The students must swim in either the 50m or the 25m for a stroke. They cannot swim in both. We simply do not have the time. Any students wishing to swim in the all age 100m freestyle may also do so. There will be some opportunity for weaker swimmers to use the small pool for novelties after 12.30pm. Any students in Year 2 turning 7 this year can swim in 50m events if they are confident, however they cannot attend the Beecroft Zone Carnival.

Students turning 8,9,10,11 or 12 this year will have an opportunity to represent Normanhurst Public School at the Beecroft Zone Swimming Carnival to be held on Monday 10th March if their times are within the qualifying times.

The students need to come prepared with their swimmers, towel, a packed recess and lunch. The vending machines will not be available. It is easier if swimmers are worn underneath to save time changing. Students with shoulder length hair are asked to wear a swim cap.

We wish all swimmers the best of luck as you strive for success!

Vern Barling

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Yesterday, ahead of the Swimming carnival, House meetings were held to elect Captains and Vice Captains.

The new representatives are:-
Acacia  
Captains – Sophia H and Bradley M  
Vice Captains – Ruby A and William W

Banksia  
Captains – Tessa O and Angus O  
Vice Captains – Bethany H and Ali N

Eucalypt  
Captains – Erika M and Archie H  
Vice Captains – Paris N and Cameron S

Waratah  
Captains – Chloe Mc and Jeremiah M  
Vice Captains – Rebecca K and Nick G

BAND NEWS

Training and Concert Band Parents

Thank you to those who have replied to the email indicating their preferred day for band supervision duty.

If you have not received the email (and it hasn’t gone to junk mail) please let Denise know at dpivetta@optusnet.com.au.

Concert Band parents, we are very short of people to cover Monday lunchtimes. It is only one hour, once a term to help our children get the most out of their band rehearsals, so if you can possibly manage a Monday slot, let me know – it would be much appreciated.

YEARS 2-4 DANCE

The NSW Public Schools Year 2-4 State Dance Days have been developed in response to a large demand for dance experiences for students in
Year 2-4. This workshop is an excellent opportunity for students with talent and skills in dance to develop in this art form. **Applications for 2014 are now open.**

**Date & Time:**

**Years 2-3 only** – Monday 31st March 2014 –
Session 1 – 9.30am to 12 midday OR Session 2 –
1.00pm to 3.30pm

**Year 4 only** – Tuesday 1st April 2014 – Session 1 –
9.30am to 2.00pm

**Venue** – Sydney Dance Company Studios, Pier 4, Hickson Road, Walsh Bay

**Cost** - Year 2-3 - $51.00 incl GST
Year 4 - $64.00 incl GST

The cost does not include students travel to and from the workshop, accommodation or meals.

Please see Mrs Bryant for the permission note and further information.

Mrs Bryant

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**SCHOOL BANKING**

Don’t forget that **Monday morning** is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit to the **bottom quadrangle** and see Mrs Khoo.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued saving behaviour.