Dear Parents,

Our AFL players competed in the Paul Kelly Cup last Thursday. They looked resplendent in their Normanhurst sport shirts and Ms Prince reports to me that their behaviour was immaculate, only matched by their enthusiasm. More information about this later in the newsletter. Thanks too to Ms Prince who coached and took the children to the venue. One of the many things that makes our school such a special place is that there is always a member of staff willing to put up their hand to do something extra to give the children additional experiences.

Continuing with the sport theme, our best swimmers are heading to Homebush on Monday 10th March to compete in the Beecroft Zone Swimming Carnival. We wish them all the very best. It is so exciting for the children to be at an Olympic venue and see their times displayed on the board just as Thorpe, O'Neill, Hackett and Trickett have done before them. It can really spur them on to personal best times. Thanks to Mrs Alison Binet who is acting as team manager and Mr Barling who will be with the students at the pool.

Congratulations to William W. who has been selected to represent Beecroft Zone at the Sydney North Regional Tennis Trials. Congratulations and best of luck William!

Some exciting news - Normanhurst Public School was fortunate to be picked to host an NRMA Science and Road Safety Day on Tuesday, 25th March. During the day students will be watching a fabulous science presentation, completing fun activities in their booklets and working with their teacher focusing on the road safety message. The children will also receive a free gift on the day. In the afternoon parents will be invited to the hall to view a presentation at 2:15pm. There is no cost to the students.

A separate note will be distributed this week regarding Parent Teacher Interviews which will commence the week starting 31st March (Week 10 in Educationland). This is a great opportunity to discuss your child one on one with the class teacher. Telling us all about them and what helps them is invaluable to the teachers.

Looking forward to the Family Fun Day on Sunday March 16 from 2pm to 4pm. For those of you who haven’t been to one before, it is an afternoon of games and a pleasant picnic-like atmosphere where families can get together and enjoy themselves with the staff and students.

Just some forward notice that our school photos will be conducted on Monday, 7th April (last week of school). These are the class, individual and family photos – group photos will be held on another day later in the year.

David Beggs
The following students were proud recipients of Striver badges last week.

Emma F.    Luke J.    Miles W.
Daniel H.   Lily P.    Alana K.
Ben M.      Annabel C.  Annie P.

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

Annemieke T KIJ    Hugo T    2/3N
John P KIJ    Caitlin D  2/3N
Grace M KS    Nick S    3B
Aleksander Z KS    HeIdi M    3B
Dakota A 1H    Shana F    4N
Carl C 1H    Gabriel M    4N
Terrene N 1S    Jamie O    4/5D
Libby P 1S    Jessica T    4/5D
Zoya H 1/2M    Charlie B    5/6B
Cameron R 1/2M    Claire K    5/6B
Amelie B 2P    Jeremiah M    5/6G
Darcy M 2P    Kieran H    5/6G
Justin w Library    Hugo B    Library

**READING TUTOR PROGRAM**

NPS is fortunate to be able to provide an intensive reading program for those children who need it. For the program to operate, we need volunteers who can spare 1 or 2 hours per week. Volunteer tutors will follow a step-by-step reading program, working with individual children. Training is provided to all tutors prior to the program commencing. If you can spare 1 hour a week this is a fantastic way to really make a difference to a child’s education. Any parents, grandparents or community members would be welcomed. Please leave your details with the office if you would like to volunteer.

Michelle Pogainis
Learning and Support Teacher

**STEWART HOUSE COLLECTION**

Each year 1,800 public school children in need go to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

Money raised from the clothing collection greatly assists in this program. **Please fill the bags sent home today and return by Wednesday 12th March. Bags can be left on the steps outside the Uniform Shop door.**

**P&C NEWS**

[Link to www.npspandc.com](http://www.npspandc.com)
[Link to facebook.com/NormanhurstPublicPC](http://facebook.com/NormanhurstPublicPC)

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**P&C Meeting – 10th March**

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

**Agenda**

1. Minutes of previous meeting
2. Reports of Officers
3. Agenda items
   - Fundraising 2014 – finalise dates for major events
   - Mathletics subscription
4. Other business

I look forward to seeing you there.

Scott Veale

**AFL REPORT**

Last Thursday our AFL team, made up of boys and girls in Year 5 and 6 participated in the Paul Kelly Cup at Cherrybrook Oval. It was a fun and competitive day and everyone enjoyed playing all positions on the field. We won the first game against St. Agatha’s and lost by small margins for the other three games. Well done to all the team members. It is great to see Normanhurst with a keen AFL contingent.

Katrina Prince
BAND NEWS

Parent Band Roster

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THANK YOU

As some of you may be aware several NPS Mums walked/ran in the Coastrek event raising funds for the Fred Hollows Foundation over the weekend. Thank you to the many NPS families who supported us with donations and well wishes, we could not have completed it without you.

Congratulations to Alison Kenyon, Anastasia Jovanovic, Lucie Leslie, Michelle Fitzpatrick and Jenni Hanlon. I feel very proud to have walked beside these amazing women.

Emma Veale