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Kathy K and Mr Beggs
The following students were proud recipients of Striver badges last week.

Kathy K (second badge) Claire K
Zoe H Bradley M
Angus O Bronte L
Nick S

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

Mitchell B KIJ Hamish T 2/3N
Joanna C KIJ Charlotte D 2/3N
Ben W KS Kai K 3B
Elissa U KS Ryan B 3B
Mimi X 1H Emma F 4N
Rudy B 1H Joshua W 4N
Kaitlyn S 1S Phillip M 4/5D
Ansh P 1S Lauren W 4/5D
Tom L 1/2M Emily T 5/6B
Yana I 1/2M Angus O 5/6B
Lukas H 2P Brooklyn H 5/6G
Sophie C 2P Zac O 5/6G
Ethan B Library
Alex P Library
Ansh P EAL/D

ATTENTION BOOK COVERERS

Did you help out Mrs Bryant last year with book covering over the school holiday period? If so she would like those books returned as soon as possible. These resources are needed now for students to use.

Thank you

HARMONY DAY

Friday 21st March 2014

The SRC are organising an event to celebrate Harmony Day on Friday 21st March, 2014.

Students are invited to wear national costume or dress in country flag colours and bring a gold coin donation. We will be celebrating the diverse cultures and nationalities that make up our school community and reflecting on the importance of respect and understanding of cultural diversity.

Parents and students are invited to visit the website http://www.harmony.gov.au/ for more information, resources and fun activities.

Mrs Grimmond, Mrs Shorey and the SRC.

BEECROFT ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all competitors who swam in our annual Beecroft Zone Swimming Carnival at the Olympic Aquatic Centre. It was wonderful to see so many children swimming and trying very hard in each of the four strokes. I would also like to thank the parents who attended the carnival. Your continued support by cheering or transporting students is very much appreciated. Normanhurst Public School has a wonderful supportive spirit.

Well done to the following students who represented our school at the Carnival.

James Y  Charlie B  Nick W
Joel P Bradley M Archie H
Jonah H Charlotte D Kathryn D
Phoenix A Georgina L Tessa O
Sophie M Mikayla P Ella C
Emily T Kaitlyn P Kathy K
Stephanie M Alex P Timothy S
Damien M Phillip M Jessica D

Charlie B and Phoenix A are now going to the Regional Swimming Carnival.

We wish you all the very best of Normanhurst P.S. luck for future swimming events. We were proudly cheering those red and blue colours on Monday.

You can obtain more information about up and coming sports events by clicking on the Beecroft Zone Website. I will be adding additional information throughout the year for the three Beecroft Zone Carnivals and PSSA events, including soccer and netball which will be held in Terms 2 and 3. You can head to the website by clicking on:

1. Normanhurst Public School website
2. Click the tab Curriculum and Activities
3. Click the tab Sports and Physical Activities
4. Beecroft Zone Website

I look forward to the Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals where we know each house will work hard for their points. With Cross Country this
term, it is time to dust off the trainers to get ready for our endurance training commencing this week.

Vern Barling

Zone Swimming Team minus Phoenix A and Nick W who were swimming for our school at the time this was taken.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book Club order forms (Issue #2) have been distributed. Payment by Cheque to Scholastic Australia or Credit Card payments (online or phone – follow the instructions on the order form). Please do not send CASH. Orders close Friday 21st March. All orders to be sent to the school office by that date.

PRIMARY BOYS HIP HOP WORKSHOP

The Arts Initiatives Primary Boys Hip Hop Workshops have been developed in response to a large demand for dance experiences for boys in Years 4-6. These workshops are an excellent opportunity for primary boys with talent and skills in hip hop to develop in this art form. They also assist in the development of social interaction, personal development and engagement in school activities.

Year 4-6 Thursday 1st May and Friday 2nd May 2014 – 9.10am-2.00pm at Beats 905 Studios, 40 Milton Street, Ashfield 2131.

Cost - $44.00 for the two day workshop. This does not include student travel to and from the workshop, accommodation or meals.

For more information, please see Mrs Bryant.

Mrs Bryant

BAND NEWS

Band Camp

Just a reminder to get your forms in for Band Camp by the end of this week, as we need to let Vision Valley know numbers for catering and activities.

Training Band parents, camp is a great opportunity for the children to get some intensive tutoring and rehearsal practice, as well as having lots of fun. The concert on the Sunday morning is always a great demonstration of how much they learn on the weekend, so we would encourage all band members to come.

Parent Band Roster

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NOOOSH NEWS

Thank you to all who attended the March NOOOSH Committee meeting. We are farewelling our wonderful Coordinator, Ellen Simons at the end of this month. Ellen is taking six months maternity leave and we wish her and her family all the happiness with the imminent arrival of their new baby. Ellen will be missed by the centre and the level of professionalism and quality of care she provides for our children.

In the meantime we are seeking a Relief Coordinator. Sophie Barrett has kindly accepted higher duties at the centre until a more permanent Coordinator is appointed. We are presently advertising in a number of newspapers and online. Mr Beggs, Ellen and I will be the interviewing panel to ensure we get the best person for the job.

As a reminder, if you are permanently changing the days in which you require care, please ensure you put this in writing. Over the phone changes will only be considered temporary. You can do this via email to the attention of the Coordinator normanhurstoosh@optusnet.com.au or by the “Change Days Request” form located in the centre near the parents sign book. This will
ensure there is clear communication about attendance.

The April Vacation Care program is available. You can view this on our website http://npsnoosh.wordpress.com/vacation-care/ or obtain a copy from the school office. The program looks fantastic and caters for all age groups who attend the centre. To enrol please complete the Booking Form and return to the NOOSH Coordinator.

The Vacation Care Program summary is:-

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The next Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 7th April at 6.15pm in the NOOSH centre. I encourage you to attend and have input into how the NOOSH centre is managed.

Paula Bourke
President

Pancake Day Wrap Up

Thank you to all those who supported our little canteen by purchasing pancakes last week. The day was a huge success and after over 780 pancakes were consumed we managed to raise over $800.

A big thanks to the support crew – teachers, parents, students and office staff. A special mention to Alex, Jeanette, Stacey and Emma.

Amanda

P&C NEWS

www.npspandc.com
http://www.facebook.com/NormanhurstPublicPC

P&C Meeting – 10th March

Solid attendance again at last night’s meeting and I thank everyone who made the effort. We spent a bit of time looking at our calendar and have finalised dates for all our major events, so mark the following in your diary!

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As you can see we already have a fairly busy schedule, particularly with the resurrection of our Spring Fair. I am confident though that if we all pull together we can make each and every event a success.

P&C Fundraising Contribution

Forms for the P&C Fundraising Contribution for 2014 will be distributed to each family’s eldest child early next week. The first two years of the scheme have provided a significant boost to the P&C’s fundraising efforts and I am hopeful that the response to this fundraising initiative is once again a positive one. Note that this is distinct from the school’s voluntary contribution and will be used to help achieve the P&C’s goals for 2014.

Don’t forget our new menu which is included in this newsletter. You can also access the menu via the school and P&C websites.

We are looking for helpers on 2 days in March. Please let us know if you can help out for a few hours.

14th March  Christine H/Christine M/Liezela P (11-1.30)
17th March  Denise P
19th March  Emma V
21st March  Annette/Heather (11-1.30)/??
24th March  Monica S
26th March  ??
28th March  Louise H/Jenii H/Phaedra P (11-1.30)
31st March  Jasmine

Thanking you all
Alex – 9989 8775
Come One, Come All

Do not forget the P&C in conjunction with our fabulous teachers will be hosting our Family Fun Day on Sunday afternoon, 2.00-4.00pm on the back oval. Bring some afternoon tea, spread out your picnic rug and join in all the fun. Further details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Parenting Workshops

The Northern Sydney Local Health District has sent me their Term 1 and 2 programs of workshops/seminars. They cover topics such as “Bully Busting”, “Resilient Kids” and “Transition to High School”. If anyone has any interest in receiving more information on these and probably organising a particular workshop please let me know and I will forward on some details.

Scott Veale

PRINTER CARTRIDGES

An IT clean-up has been performed and we are holding a number of Ink Cartridges that the school can no longer use. Before these get thrown away if anyone can use any of the following cartridges, please phone the school office to have them put aside. Free to a good home!

Cannon 307 Black  
Cannon 307 Magenta  
Cannon 397 Cyan  
HP CB504A – black  
HP LaserJet 13X (Q2613X)  
Q2612A (compatible with HP1010

The following are compatible with HP1600, 2600, 2605, 1015, 1017, Cannon LBP-5000 and LBP-5100.

Q6003A- CI Magenta  
Q6001A-CI Cyan  
Q6002A-CI Yellow

COMMUNITY NEWS

UTS Whizzkids Workshops -22nd/23rd March

Limited spaces are now available for your child to take part in our fun and inspiring enrichment programs. Each full day workshop will allow your child to participate in a range of learning activities proven to be successful in elevating both their interest and ability. Workshops are held across Literacy, Numeracy, Science, H.S.I.E and Creative Arts subjects. A full list of workshop sessions, presenter profiles, timetables and registration details can be found on their website www.inspirationeducation.com.au

PRAYER GROUP

NPS Prayer Group is meeting this Thursday 13th March to pray for the school, children and staff. We are an interdenominational Christian group and we would love you to join us from 9.00-9.30am 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 dpivetta@optusnet.com.au. We look forward to seeing you there.

STEWART HOUSE

The collection is tomorrow morning. Any last minute bags can be left on the steps outside the uniform shop by 9.00am.