Dear Parents,

Our NRMA Science and Safety Day was held yesterday, and from what I’ve been hearing from staff it was positively received by the students and the teachers. Thank you to the parents who attended the afternoon session and I hope you went away with some great ideas!

Yesterday was the Northern Sydney Region Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to Charlie B. who finished 17th overall in butterfly and Phoenix A. who finished 12th in freestyle and 6th in backstroke. When you think there are thousands and thousands of students in this region it really makes you realise how incredible an effort this is.

Year Six shirts were handed to students this week (and an extra large one to someone who shall remain nameless!). They look fabulous. Thanks to Mrs Grimmond who organised this order. I am very happy for the Year Six students to wear them on a Friday. I know other schools who leave it quite late in the year to do this, so it's great that our kids get to have theirs for most of the year.

A reminder for parents that next term in Week Three is the National Assessment, Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years Three and Five students. It is conducted every year and should not be a cause of too much anxiety in the household. While Normanhurst Public School does not advocate “teaching to the test”, in the weeks leading up to NAPLAN teachers will obviously go through some similar examples so students are aware of the format. More information will be forthcoming next week.

Monday week, April 7th, is our school Photo Day. I know our students will all have their beautiful school uniform that day, but just a reminder since students have been wearing their sports shoes lately due to cross-country training, on this day proper black school shoes please.

A disco has been organised by the Dance Group Thursday, 10th March. Because of this, in the last week of school we will have our assembly on Friday at 2pm. So this week, assembly at the usual Thursday time of 11:30am and the same the following week. But on Friday, 11th April, the last day of school for the term, assembly will be at 2pm.
Every now and again you get little reminders of changing times. Some students have brought in e-readers recently wondering if they are OK to use in the classroom. I am very happy to do anything that will encourage children to do their studies in a creative way, so I am very happy for them to be brought in – the Department calls it BYOD – “Bring your Own Device”, with the understanding that they are the responsibility of the student and they are not to be brought into the playground.

A reminder about traffic on Fraser Rd. Some parents have been trying to park or do a three point turn in the driveway of the staff car park on Fraser Rd. It is incredibly dangerous to do this at any time, but especially around 3pm when there are many families walking along the paths. Doing a small circuit around is not going to take too much time and will be far safer.

David Beggs

The following students were proud recipients of Striver badges at the last assembly.

Taj W.    Flynn M.
Amelia M.  Oliver H.
Nathan R.

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

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Linda Grimmond, Mrs Shorey and the SRC

GREEN TEAM NEWS

Our Green Team has been very industrious over the past few weeks. The children have turned soil, added our compost to it and planted a new crop of vegetables. Some of the plants include sweet potato, corn, spinach and capsicums with companion flowers to help our veggies grow and assist pollination.

We recently planted a fruit salad tree donated by Hornsby Council. It is a grafted citrus consisting of lemon, 2 varieties of orange and tangelo.

A new greenhouse is now in place which the children assembled with Miss Derriman’s help. This will be used to grow seedlings for our garden. Over the next few weeks the children will be shown how to correctly propagate our veggies from seed. Thanks to Mrs Grimmond for donating an outdoor table for the children to stand at and pot the seeds. As soon as this stormy weather passes we will be back out in our garden.

HARMONY DAY

The students were resplendent in their national dress and flag colours on Friday 21st March to celebrate Harmony Day. The COLA was decorated with the colourful flags beautifully prepared by students, showing many of the nationalities represented by the families at our school. As we joined together to sing the song “We are Australian" we acknowledged the diversity of cultural backgrounds that contribute towards making Australia such a rich and interesting country. Many thanks to all the teachers and students for supporting the event and the students from the SRC who helped organise and promote the day. Through the gold coin donations we raised $270 towards charity.
The canteen has been busy using our recent crops of tomato, basil, capsicum, parsley and rosemary in canteen lunches.

Any donations of seeds, seedlings are always welcome. Assistance with watering the garden over the holiday period is also appreciated. Let Ms Prince know if you are able to help with this. Any veggies ready for picking can be taken with you!

Katrina Prince

**DANCE CAMP**

We had a great time at Dance Camp. We learnt the dance styles contemporary, lyrical, jazz, hip hop and zumba over two days. We both had great fun, learnt many more moves and tricks and both made some new friends. The Teachers were very nice and we both would love to go again and we think you would enjoy it just as much.

Kaitlyn and Jessie

**Congratulations** to Bridget L, Olivia U, Bronte L, Elizabeth C, Siena P, Lara U, Kate D and Mia P who will be attending dance workshops at The Sydney Theatre Company. What a fantastic opportunity.

Mrs Bryant

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**P&C NEWS**

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

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**P&C Fundraising Contribution**

All our families should now have received the P&C Voluntary Contribution form. Response in just a week has been great and I would encourage all of you who are able to assist us where you can. If anyone did not receive their form please email me at president@npspandc.com and I will forward a copy to you.

**P&C Meeting**

With the end of Term 1 looming and several activities to be organised for early Term 2 we have decided to squeeze in an extra meeting to be held on Monday 7th April at 8.00pm in the staffroom as usual.

**Mothers Day Stall**

The ever popular Mothers Days Stall has been a continued success through the hard work of a dedicated band of volunteers. And so it is with some regret that Emma Separovich and her team have decided to hang up their gift wrapping aprons. I would like to thank Emma, her band of merry helpers and all who went before them for the great contribution they have made to the school.

But never fear the tradition will continue! I am pleased to announce that "The Christines" (Mrs Howison and Mansfield) have offered to take up the reins. They will be in touch with you shortly with further information. Thanks ladies!

Scott Veale

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**NPS SCHOOL DISCO**

**Thursday 10th April**

**School Hall**

**Show US You Can Dance!**

Hosted by the NPS Performing Arts Group

**$4 entry fee**

Great prizes to be won
**BAND NEWS**

**Parent Band Roster**

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**ENTERTAINMENT BOOK FUNDRAISER**

The brand new 2014/2015 Entertainment™ Book features many of Sydney’s best restaurants, cafés, hotel accommodation, attractions and activities. Books are filled with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers that your family can enjoy until June 2015.

20% from each book sold is rebated directly back to our school so take as many orders as you can from your work colleagues, friends or relatives.


Thank you

Amanda and Emma
sadougall@optusnet.com.au

emmav77@optusnet.com.au

**WORKING BEE**

**Sunday 6th April – 1.00pm-4.00pm – Years 1 and 5**

Hello to all Normanhurst PS families and a warm welcome to those new families who have joined our lovely school community.

To keep our school grounds looking terrific the P&C has three working bees scheduled this year so please mark these in you diaries/calendars.

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Regular reminders will be sent out during the year and you can also find the information on the P&C Facebook page. The working bees are a great informal way to meet new families or catch up with those you don’t often see.

P.S. This will be my last year in the Grounds Coordinator role – if you are interested please approach me at the working bees throughout the year or at the P&C meetings and I can let you know what is involved.

Louise Courtney
P&C Grounds Coordinator

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

The Australian Red Cross Mobile Blood Service is visiting Hornsby War Memorial Hall on Tuesday 8th April, 9.00am-1.30pm. If you haven’t already made an appointment to give blood, you can make an appointment online or call us on 13 14 95.

1 in 3 Australians will need blood, but only 1 in 30 donates. Donated blood helps cancer patients, people with blood disorders, mothers-to-be and newborn babies, as well as trauma and surgical patients.

NorthConnex Community Information Sessions will be held as follows:

**Wednesday 26th March**
Pennant Hills Golf Club
Corner Copeland Rd & Burns Rd South
Beechworth
7pm – 9pm

**Thursday 27th March**
Hornsby RSL
4 High Street Hornsby
7pm-9pm

**Thursday 3rd April**
Pennant Hills Golf Club
Corner Copeland Rd & Burns Rd South
Beechworth
7pm-9pm

**Saturday 5th April**
Pennant Hills Community Centre
Corner Yarrara Rd & Ramsay Rd
Pennant Hills
2pm-4pm

**GLASSES**

If you or your child has lost a pair of brown framed glasses please see the office staff.