Dear Parents,

Currently our Parent/Teacher interviews are taking place. I hope you are finding them beneficial. As I mentioned earlier, it is a great time to tell the teacher all about your child. You are the expert on your child, and getting feedback from you about what their interests are, what motivates them and what areas we need to work on will be invaluable in ensuring the rest of the year continues to be a success.

Leaders off the field, Leaders on the field. I’m talking about Eddy W. and Nick W, two of our school leaders and two very skilled sportsmen. This week they line up for yet another sport - the Beecroft Zone AFL trials. All the very best boys, and keep that Normanhurst flag flying high.

Early next term Years 3-6 will be watching a performance at school called, “The Human Race” which is an anti-bullying presentation filled with fun and laughter. The notes will be going out shortly. Thanks to Mr Barling for organising this event. We are on the lookout for a similar presentation for K-2 students. The performance we engaged last year was K-6 but we felt it was pitched a bit above the Stage One students.

I mentioned in the newsletter last week about NAPLAN for Years Three and Five students. It will be held over three days – Tuesday 13th May will be Language Conventions and Writing, Wednesday 14th May will be Reading and Thursday 15th May is Numeracy. Friday 16th May is known as a “catch up” day where schools, if they are able, conduct testing of students who were absent for the previous tests. More extensive information for Years Three and Five parents will be sent home later this week.

A further reminder that Monday week, April 7th, is our school Photo Day. Please remember your usual beautiful uniform and black shoes.

An apology from last week. I think I wrote the Dance Group’s Disco was on the 10th March, which obviously has already passed us. I meant...
to say the 10th April (time going so fast again!).
This week is normal, but a further reminder that
in the final week (next week) the assembly will
be at 2pm on Friday 11th April rather than the
usual time due to the disco.

By the way, thanks to Mrs Wagstaff who has
spruced up the newsletter. Looks terrific!

David Beggs

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

Emily T. (red badge) Matthew F.
Chloe P Will J.
Keely B.

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

Mikala J KIJ Matthew A 2/3N
Samuel E KIJ Mia P 2/3N
Shiva R KS Kiera B 3B
Olivia D KS Ayden B 3B
Dakota A 1H Timothy S 4N
Carl C 1H Sienna F 4N
Ani K 1S Edward B 4/5D
Taj W 1S Eva H 4/5D
Lucy V 1/2M Daniel M 5/6B
Jan A 1/2M Rebecca K 5/6B
Christian B 2P Lilla-Rose B 5/6G
Zoe W 2P Archie H 5/6G

FROM THE CLASSROOM

Erin C – 4N

W Wattles flowers are fluffy and yellow like
little Samoyed puppies
A Always flowering in Spring and dropping
fluffy balls everywhere
T Tiny little buds sprout all over the plant,
in a springy way
T Ticklish little pompoms fly down on your
head and mess up your clothes
L Lively bright leaves shimmer when the
light hits them, and dance in the breeze
E Excellent little flowers I think so indeed!

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

A reminder that our Cross Country Carnival is on
Friday 11th April, 9.30am-12.30pm at Loreto
Secondary College, Normanhurst.

Please send an orange into school on
Wednesday 9th or Thursday 10th and place it in
the box in the office.

A bit of running each day leading up to the
carnival will help build endurance. Don’t forget
to stretch, warm up and cool down and drink
plenty of water. The carnival program will
appear in the newsletter next week.

Happy running!

Anthony Norman and Jenny Jackson
Carnival Organisers

P&C NEWS

P&C Meeting for April

A reminder that 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.

Agenda

1. Minutes of previous meeting
2. Reports of Officers
3. Agenda items
   • Update in Trivia Night, Cake
     Stall and Fair
4. Other business

Scott Veale
**BAND NEWS**

**Parent Band Roster**

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**WORKING BEE**

Sunday 6th April – 1.00pm – 4.00pm  
Years 1 and 5 – Lower playground, Fraser Rd

Yes it’s that time already – we will be working in the lower playground garden beds and surrounds.

House points are awarded to all the children who attend. Afternoon snack provided.

Please, please, please remember to bring your own (labelled) equipment. We will be moving lots of mulch and weeding, weeding, weeding … so don’t forget: whipper snippers, wheelbarrows, rakes, blowers, yard brooms, secateurs, shovels and spades. Don’t forget your hats, gloves and water.

The more wheelbarrows and shovels we have the easier it is to move the mulch.

If you are not a P&C member you can become a member by paying $2.00 on the day so that you are covered for insurance purposes.

This is a great opportunity to catch up, meet other parents and do a little bit to keep our children’s school looking great.

If raining/thunderstorms etc. (occasional showers don’t count), a backup day will be announced.

See you there!

Louise Courtney  
P&C Grounds Coordinator 0409 742 204

**MOTHERS DAY STALL**

This year’s Mother’s Day stall will be held on Thursday 8th May and we will be collecting donations from now until Friday 2nd May. Could you please wrap your items in clear cellophane so that the children can see what they are buying and all donations can be left in the marked tubs in the school office. Please, no used items (we have had used and out of date magazines donated in the past!) and we will be sending a detailed note out next week. If you have any enquiries, please contact either Christine Mansfield (0422 917 437) or Christine Howison (0401 013 945).