Dear Parents,

The last week of term is upon us and it has been, as all first terms are, an extremely busy one. The students settled down into their 2014 classes very quickly and have had a happy, rewarding, positive term. Term Two will be busy as well, especially since it is only nine weeks long. Before you know it there will be talk of half yearly reports!

Some new signs are being installed around the school to make it easier for visitors to find where they need to go. The signs are in school colours with a modern look about them, enhancing the look of the school and catching the eye.

I mentioned last week that Nick W. and Eddy W. were doing sensationally well in AFL trials. They have even gone a step further since my last report by being selected to represent the Northern Sydney Region at the State Trials! They only chose twenty-two students out of 130 to do this, and two of them from Normanhurst! Brilliant work boys.

The weather this week has suddenly been a little chillier and our thoughts have turned to winter uniform. I am happy for students to commence Term Two in their winter uniform, but if conditions are still quite warm we will use the first two weeks as a transition period and have the “official” commencement of winter school uniform commencing Week Three (the day after Mothers’ Day).

Even in the last week of school, things are still happening. Tomorrow (Thursday) we have the disco in the hall to support the dance group. Students are permitted to come in mufti – which for our new parents, means they are permitted to come in regular clothes rather than school uniform. Still sunsafe clothes and appropriate footwear mind you, but mufti all the same.

Friday we have the Cross Country. It is forecast to rain on Friday, so if we are prevented by having it because of the weather we will need to make an alternate day early next term. We will try to let you know as soon as possible if we make this decision, but if it is raining please ensure your son or daughter is prepared to have a normal school day if we have to postpone the
carnival. Thanks to Mr Norman and Mrs Jackson who have worked very hard to organise this event.

**Happy holidays to all. A reminder that the first day back for students K-6 is Tuesday, 29th April.**

**David Beggs**

The following students were proud recipients of Strivers badges last week.

James L-W.  Ibrahim A.
Sophie C.  Kate D.

Congratulations to our Citizen of the Month recipients for March.

Annemieke T  KIJ  Angus K  2/3N
Linden R  KS  Rebecca L  3B
Ashleigh D  1H  Lauren W  4N
Taj W  1S  Poasa T  4/5D
Zoya H  1/2M  Chloe M  5/6B
Darcy M  2P  Jessie D  5/6G

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

Billie H  KIJ  Caitlin B  2/3N
Atticus H  KIJ  Ian G  2/3N
Johtay S  KS  Aydan K  3B
Brooke C  KS  Breanna S  3B
Charlotte S  1H  Lisa M  4N
Jack K  1H  Tayla N  4N
Emily B  1S  Bardia S  4/5D
Matthew Z  1S  Grace R  4/5D
Erin R  1/2M  Phoenix A  5/6B
Jack L-S  1/2M  Sharon J  5/6B
Yumi V  2P  Flynn M  5/6G
Robert D  2P  Cameron A  5/6G

**CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL**

The carnival will commence at 9.40am. The order of events is as follows:-

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Students race in the age they are turning (or have turned) this year. Students placed in the first five positions in the 8,9,10,11 and 12 year age groups will be invited to represent the school at the Zone Cross Country Carnival to be held at Fagan Park, Galston on Wednesday 21st May.

House points will be awarded throughout the carnival for such things as participation, places and cheering.

A reminder that students must wear sunscreen, a hat, their sport uniform and suitable running shoes (no spikes). They should also bring water and a small packed recess. If needed, asthma puffers should also be taken to the oval.

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to help for the morning. Please meet Anthony Norman on the Loreto Normanhurst Sport Oval (located at the back of the school) at around 9.00am. Your help is most appreciated.

Please remember to send in oranges this week. They can be handed in at the school office. We look forward to a terrific carnival. Thank you for your continued support and we hope to see you there on Friday!

In the event of rain on Friday the carnival will be postponed to early Term 2.

**Anthony Norman and Jenny Jackson**

Carnival Organisers

**SCHOOL DISCO**

Show us you can dance!
Tomorrow – 10th April

The Normanhurst Public School’s Dance Group invite all students to attend a School Disco in the hall tomorrow.

K-2’s disco will be held after recess, 11.30am-12.30pm, while 3-6’s will dance after lunch.
Entry to the disco will cost $4.00 per student with the money raised going towards the purchase of costumes for this year's Dance Festival.

Money will be collected by classroom teachers on the day.

As this is such a special day, all children will also be allowed to wear appropriate sun safe mufti clothes. Please make sure that suitable footwear is worn. No thongs or slip-on shoes. Your support in this fun and exciting fund raising event will be appreciated by all twenty four members of the 2014 Dance Group.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Mrs Bryant and Miss Moore

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**P&C NEWS**

www.npspandc.com

http://www.facebook.com/NormanhurstPublicPC

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**P&C Meeting – 7th April**

With the end of Term approaching (unbelievable!) we thought we should squeeze a quick meeting in so that we can come flying out of the blocks into a busy second Term.

The Social Committee had a quick meeting prior to the main event and settled on the key decisions for our much loved Trivia Night – this year’s theme “Movies!” Further information elsewhere in the newsletter; start getting your teams together and plan your costumes. It should prove once again to be a highlight on our calendar.

Amanda Dougall and Emma Veale have kindly offered to coordinate our Bunnings Cake Stall. More information closer to the date but needless to say we will be relying on all our great bakers to make the event a success.

And as mentioned “The Christines” will be taking on the much loved Mother’s Day Stall and will be looking for volunteers to assist in due course.

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**Family Fun Day**

I know several families have enquired about the Family Fun Day and whether we may be rescheduling. Having had a chat at the meeting last night it was decided that our calendar was already too full but I promise we will be back better that ever next year.

Scot Veale

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**BAND NEWS**

The band is selling their old drum kit minus cymbals to a good home for $70.00. Anybody interested in purchasing this can call in at the school office and the office staff will be able to let you view the kit. It is great bargain for somebody starting up.

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

We are starting to fill our roster for Term 2. 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.

Also we will be open for LUNCH ORDERS ONLY, this Friday 11th April. Most of the children will (hopefully) still be at the Cross Country Carnival at recess time.

Thank you
Alexandra
Canteen Manager
WORKING BEE WRAP

Our first working bee of 2014 and it rained (so much for intermittent showers), which put a bit of a dampener on things but a few hardy families turned out to do a bit of a tidy up in the lower playground. The weeds at least were easier to pull out and plenty of bark chip was spread around to keep the mud at bay.

A big thank you to the following eight families for finding the time on a damp Sunday afternoon to help out with equipment, energy and good humour: Courtney, Gill, King, Leslie, McArthur, Orlovich, Ramsay and Veale.

If you missed the attendance sheet please contact the School Office with your children’s details so they can be awarded their house points.

A pretty good effort for a small group, particularly as the rain persisted and it being a bit bedraggled we took an early mark and went home to get dry.

The next working bee is scheduled for 1st June – Kindergarten, Year 3 and 6.

Louise Courtney
P&C Grounds Coordinator

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NOOSH NEWS

It is the end of Term 1 and NOOSH is undergoing some huge changes. We are welcoming Benjamin Caswell to the team as our Relief Coordinator while Ellen is on maternity leave. Benjamin comes with glowing references from Hornsby Community Care Association and has many years’ experience as an OOSH staff member. Benjamin will make himself known to all the families who use NOOSH. We also thank Sophie Barrett for temporarily relieving as our centre Coordinator and she has done a fantastic job over the past few weeks.

A Big THANK YOU to Normanhurst Public School and the P&C for their generous donation of school uniforms. NOOSH now has an adequate supply of uniforms which can be loaned to children when accidents happen. We have also created a sickbay area and upgraded the level of first aid supplies to better accommodate children who injure themselves.

We say goodbye to our long serving Bookkeeper, Margaret Lyness. Margaret has been employed by NOOSH since 1998 and has decided after 16 years of service that it is time for a change. We wish Margaret all the best in her future endeavours.

NOOSH is now entering a very exciting time. We are restructuring how the finances are managed by the Parent Committee and have engaged the services of Becklyn P/L who have 24 years OOSH experience. Further details about Becklyn can be found at www.becklyn.com.au. Whilst the Committee is working through this restructure there will inevitably be some teething problems. We ask that families who use NOOSH work with us and be patient while we finalise the new systems being put in place for next term.

Unfortunately NOOSH in its current position is very under resourced. The Committee is dedicated to improving the quality of our NOOSH centre; however we need parent support to do this. If any Normanhurst families are having a holiday clean up and would like to donate books, magazines, toys (in-door/out-door), board games or craft items we would be very appreciative.

On a positive note the Committee has approved the purchase of a number of big items which will assist in improving the quality of our centre. Some of these items include the installation of a commercial dishwasher, blinds for the windows and a carpet rug for the playroom. It is time to “Watch this Space” as NOOSH moves into a first class facility.

We look forward to seeing you at our Vacation Care program.

Paula Bourke
President

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UNIFORMS

There are quite a lot of our students who are missing jumpers or hats. Please check uniform items to see if any clothing has mistakenly come home in the wrong bag. Please take time over the holiday period to clearly label any uniform items where the names are fading. If your items are labelled it is easy for us to return them to the owner.
THE
Hummy Mummies

Vocal Ensemble Present
their Debut NPS Fundraising Concert

Featuring the school's Junior & Senior Choirs
Enjoy an afternoon of musical delights from Musical Theatre to Classic Jazz & much, much more!

CONCERT
Sunday 1st June - 3pm
Normanhurst Public School Hall

Ticket prices: Adults $10
School age children $5
Seniors Concession $6

Includes afternoon tea

Tickets on sale in Term 2
Further details to come or pre-sales email mandyspollard@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

Hornsby Child and Family Mental Health Service (CAMHS) are holding a seminar for parents on Thursday 5th June, 11.30am-1.30pm on the topic of Parenting Anxious Children. This seminar is for parents of children aged 4-10 years and will discuss the nature of anxiety and the different ways it may present in children, risk factors and potential implications for parents and children, as well as identification of practical strategies and resources to assist.

The seminar will be facilitated by CAMHS staff (which includes Psychologists, Social Workers and family therapists).

Normanhurst Public School

Is pleased to announce the **entertainment™** fundraiser!

We are excited to be offering parents the opportunity to purchase 2014|2015 Sydney & Sydney North Entertainment™ Memberships to help us raise funds.

This year you have a choice – to purchase the popular Entertainment™ Books or the brand new Entertainment™ Digital Membership, which puts the value of the Entertainment™ Book into your iPhone or Android smartphone!

The brand new 2014|2015 Entertainment Memberships feature many of the area’s best restaurants, cafés, hotel accommodation, attractions, and activities, and are packed with hundreds of **up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers**, valued at over $20,000 that your family can enjoy until June, 2015!

The best part is that for only **$70** you’ll be helping our fundraising, with **$14** from every Membership sold contributing. Please let your family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues know we are fundraising, as the more we sell, the more funds we raise!

**A copy of the Entertainment™ Book is going to be sent home with your child on 29 April 2014.**

*(If you do not wish to purchase the Entertainment™ Book, please simply return the Book)*


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If you do not have internet access please complete and return this form: **Please note Digital Memberships can only be purchased through the order link above**

Child’s Name: ________________________  Class: ___________________________________

I would like to order: __ x Sydney/ Sydney North @ $70 each (GST incl.)= $___________

Method of Payment:  ☐ Cash  ☐ Visa  ☐ MasterCard

Cardholder’s Name: ______________________________________   Signature: ______________________________

Card Number: __ __ __ __/__ __ __ __/__ __ __ __   Expiry Date: __ __/__ __   CVV:_______

Phone:  _______________________________   Email: __________________________________________________

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For those who do not wish to receive a Book: (Please return this form to the office by this Friday, the 11th of April)

- ☐ I am purchasing a Digital Membership; please do not send home the printed Book
- ☐ I do not wish to purchase a Book or Digital Membership; please do not send home the Book

CHILD’S NAME: ________________________  CLASS: ________________________