Dear Parents,

As I mentioned last week with ANZAC Day this year it was very close to the end of the school holidays, so we had a small ceremony last Thursday rather than our regular school assembly. Thank you to Mrs Grimmond who organised this. Our school leaders did an admirable job on this solemn occasion and our students were aware of the seriousness of the assembly and acted accordingly. I have to especially congratulate Daniel T. who played The National Anthem, The Last Post and Reveille. Absolutely wonderful Daniel – real “hairs on the back of your neck” stuff.

On Monday students 3-6 saw the performance “The Human Race” and it was a fun way to reinforce the message that we are all different and to appreciate each other’s differences. A quick message about payment. We try to chase up students in the days leading up to an event and place reminders in the newsletters frequently. We accept payments even on the very last day (many schools do not as it is difficult to organise cheques at such short notice). Sometimes when able we even phone parents. There were a number of students who hadn’t paid so we could not contact parents on this occasion.

On Thursday is our Mothers’ Day Stall, coordinated by Mrs Mansfield and Mrs Howison and manned (womaned?) by a loyal group of parents. Thank you for your hard work so far. I believe we have had a lot of items come in so thank you also to the community for supporting this activity. The Mothers’ Day Stall will be held in the Library on Thursday. The joy you see on the faces of the students, clutching their precious gift, means so much.

Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the National Assessment, Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be conducted for Years Three and Five students. At Normanhurst we of course want the children to do well but still treat it as an everyday activity that virtually every child in Australia in those grades do. There is no need for students to be overly anxious about it. It would of course be a good idea if students had their usual good breakfast so they can start the days well.
Finally, finally we were able to conduct the Cross Country today! I have said this before but I have never been to a school where the Cross Country is a K-6 event. I absolutely love it! It reinforces to me that we are a K-6 school and we are all in it together. Thanks again to all the parents who brought in oranges, and thanks again to Mr Norman and Mrs Jackson for organising the carnival.

Congratulations to our netball team who yesterday played Thornleigh West in a knockout competition. The girls worked really well together and it showed on the court. Results later in this newsletter. Thanks to Ms Prince who coaches the girls so well.

Speaking of sport, PSSA commences this week. Two soccer and two netball teams travel to other schools to compete on a weekly basis. Good luck all teams concerned – I know you will represent Normanhurst Public School proudly.

Happy Mothers’ Day to all the mums out there for Sunday. Hope you get spoiled!

David Beggs

There were no Striver badges or Merit Certificates awarded last week due to the ANZAC Assembly.

SPECIAL PHOTO NOTE

The Photo Note that was sent home on Monday about a special school activity, relates to Mother’s Day. If you would like your child to be part of this activity, please return the note to the class teacher by tomorrow morning.

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome back to Term 2. It is getting cold so our delicious homemade Beef Lasagne is coming back to Wednesdays. Small - $4.00 and large - $5.00.

We are looking for helpers on the following days:-

Friday 16th May, Wednesday 21st May, Wednesday 28th May and Friday 30th May.

If you can help, even for just a few hours please contact Alex canteen@npspandc.com or 9989 8775. Thank you

Alexandra
Canteen Manager

NETBALL KNOCKOUT COMPETITION

HUGE congratulations to our Normanhurst A Netball team. The girls won their first netball knockout game against Thornleigh West Public School with a final score of 21-9.

They blew away their nervous first game jitters to play an impressive, flowing game and now move onto the second round in a few weeks time.

Ms Prince

P&C NEWS

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Is It That Time Already………??

I find it hard to believe I am writing this already one week into Term 2, I swear I just packed away the Christmas lights but the fireplace has already been getting a workout and winter uniforms are back in vogue.

The early weeks of this Term will be busy for the P&C with several events on the calendar. We kick off with the Mother’s Day stall this Thursday, followed by our Bunnings Cake Stall on Saturday 17th May and finally the ever popular Trivia Night on Saturday 24th May. There will be further information on each of these events elsewhere in the newsletter and it would be great to see as many of you lending a hand as are able.

P&C Meeting – 12th May

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 12th May in the school staffroom at 8.00pm. All welcome!!

Agenda
1. Minutes of previous meeting
2. Report of Officers
3. Agenda items
4. Other business

I look forward to seeing you there.

Scott Veale
ENTERTAINMENT BOOK FUNDRAISER

Last week you all would have received the new Sydney/Sydney North 2014/2015 Entertainment™ Book for your consideration.

All book orders are now due. Please make sure that your child brings in any orders, and return any unsold books to school by this Friday.

Thank you to those who have already made a purchase – 20% of each book sold is returned directly back to our school.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL REMINDER

Thank you to all the wonderful families that have already donated so generously to this year’s Mother’s Day Stall.

Thank you also to all the parents who have volunteered to assist us in organising this event.

Items will be on sale on Thursday 8th May. Each child will have the opportunity to purchase something special. Prices will range between $1.00 and $6.00.

Please send your child to school on Thursday with a bag to place their goodies in and also their money. Please label your child’s bag and wallet so we don’t have any lost gifts!

Wishing all Mums a very Happy Mother’s Day

Christine Mansfield and Christine Howison

Calling ALL bakers and cake makers

This year on Saturday 17th of May we will be holding a cake stall at Bunnings Thornleigh from 9am.

For this event we will require as many baked goods as NPS can muster. We are hoping to sell a variety of baked goods, from cakes and cupcakes to muffins and biscuits!

We will be accepting all those yummy contributions (ingredients clearly labelled please) delivered to the office or canteen on Friday the 16th of May 2014.

Cake boxes will be available at the school office from Monday the 13th of May to make transporting your contributions a little easier.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact Amanda Dougall (sadougall@optusnet.com.au) or Emma Veale (emmv77@optusnet.com.au)

Thank you!

NPS CHOIRS & HUMMY MUMMIES

On Sunday 1st June at 3.00pm in the school hall, the Normanhurst Public School Junior and Senior Choirs and the Hummy Mummies singing group (made up mostly of mothers from NPS) will be performing a concert to raise funds for the school.

Ticket order forms will be sent home with your child today and can be returned to the school office.

We would like to thank Mandy Pollard for her organising this special event.

MOVIES

Parents Trivia Night
Saturday 24th May – 7.00pm
Tickets $15 per head

Trivia, networking, music, dancing, prizes… FUN!

Register your team, or just yourself and we’ll find you one! We have Grease Lightning, The Matrix, The Great Gatsby, Austin Powers and more…..

Prize donations for the Silent Auction are needed and volunteer helpers for the night would be great.

Email lisa.christy@sap.com or text 0404811409 to register your team, or for any queries

Direct deposit payment to:
NPS P&C BSB: 032084 Acct # 691588
Please mark TEAM NAME & SURNAME