Dear Parents,

Included in this newsletter is information about Parent online Payments (POP). From Tuesday, 20th May, parents are able to make credit card payments via the school’s website. You will see a link on the homepage that says “Make a Payment” and then off you go. For those of you wishing to have more information than the included brochure gives you, go to the school website, click on “Our School” and then go to “Parent Online Payments”.

It was remiss of me last week to tell you how wonderful it was to watch the Training and Concert Bands play at the end of Band Camp two Sundays ago. They have improved so much in a short space of time. Thanks again to Natalie Stewart and the Band Committee for organising this great experience. As I said to the parents, learning an instrument is hard. It takes commitment and persistence – two qualities invaluable to us all, but two qualities that will stand children in good stead for the future. The rewards are great – you get instant feedback and the knowledge you are improving all the time.

Congratulations to William W. who was in Newcastle all last week competing in the State Tennis Championships. William did brilliantly and his team, the Sydney North Team, came second in the overall championships. A fabulous effort. William just missed out on being selected for the State team. Well done William – I’m sure the experience you had was a memorable one.

We had traffic rangers patrolling our school last week and I believe that some parents unfortunately were booked. As I have said many times before, arriving at school a few minutes later can often mean the difference between finding no room and being tempted to break traffic regulations and having a clear space to pick up your most precious asset safely. When it is raining I ask the students to stand with me near the KS classroom so we are dry and can still see parents’ cars.

David Beggs
The following students were proud recipients of Striver badges at our last assembly.

Erin R.    Zac O.
Ben T.    David P.
Congratulations to the following students who received a Merit Certificate at our last assembly.

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Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two students are well underway to completing their PRC Reading Challenge and are enjoying reading with their primary buddy classes.

The NSW PRC is another great way for students to ‘connect to reading’ and it is not too late to start. All students have to do is log on to the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge website using their school username and password. All instructions and booklists are available on the website and reading records can be completed online. Students have until the end of August to complete the challenge.

Happy reading
Carolyn Spender
Teacher/Librarian

CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

This time around we were blessed with beautiful weather for our school cross country at Loreto Normanhurst.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in the day, those parents who enthusiastically stepped in when needed to help, to the staff who all worked together to assist in the day and to the students who put in a huge effort to participate.

Mr Norman has already sent home letters to those students selected to represent our school at the Zone Carnival on Wednesday 21st May. Please return those permission notes as soon as you can. The very best of luck to the students running on that day.

Congratulations to everyone who ran in a race and to those students who kept going, despite wanting to give up. Well done! House points have been awarded to all students who went in a race and extra points to the students who placed in each age group. Extra points were awarded for excellent cheering and for behaviour on the morning. The winning house
for the carnival will be announced at our next assembly.

Race results for students with final place positions are posted outside the office and ribbons will be awarded to those students at our next school assembly on Thursday 15th May at 11.30am in the school hall. Parents are most welcome to attend.

**Junior School Cross Country results (approx. 2km race).**

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**Senior School Cross Country results (approx. 3km race).**

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**Jenny Jackson and Anthony Norman**

**PSSA NEWS**

**SOCcer**

On Friday last week, Normanhurst Public School PSSA soccer teams travelled to Pennant Hills Oval to face Beecroft Public School. In their first PSSA game of the year our players came out with all guns firing.

The Red Team showed some excellent skills on the ball, stringing together some nice passes and moving quickly up and down the ground at times with Brad’s throw-ins and Eddie’s long kicks. All the backs and midfielders worked tirelessly, Zac and Charlie played particularly well, and Eric put in a great performance to pick up player of the week. Unfortunately, it wasn’t our day and Beecroft were victorious, 3-0.

The Blue Team put in a brilliant effort with an outstanding performance by Rahul in goal to claim player of the week. Annalise played strongly in the midfield and was supported well by Cameron and Daniel. William made a number of breaks up front, as did Abigail, and both were unlucky not to score. The team showed great sportsmanship despite going down 2-0.

It looks like a promising season ahead. Keep up the fantastic teamwork.

**Jason Cull**

**Netball**

Last Friday the A and B netball teams played their first PSSA game for the season against Beecroft Public School at Pennant Hills Park. The results were, A Team defeated Beecroft 19-6 and the B Team lost 1-31.

It was the first time the B Team had ever played. Nearly all the girls are new to netball and are still learning the game. A fantastic effort was put in by them and I am sure the next few weeks will be a steep learning curve for this great group of sportswomen!! Keep up the great effort girls.

Players of the week were Emily T for A Team and Bethany H for the B Team.

Our A Team will be playing the 2nd round of their knockout next Monday at school at 9.45am against Galston Public School. We wish them all the best of luck.

All the best to Sophie Mc and Abby M who will be attending the Zone Netball Trials at Dural this Thursday afternoon.

**Katrina Prince**

**Green Team News**

Green Team have been very busy the last few weeks making newspaper pots, sowing seeds, making new garden beds, sowing potatoes and planting seedlings. Some of our seeds have...
sprouted (radish, leeks, beans, peas and parsnip) and are growing well in the greenhouse.

The seedlings we have planted are spinach, kale, beetroot, parsley, thyme and rosemary. Next week we will harvesting the current crop of baby spinach for the canteen and the basil for making pesto.

It may be getting colder but our garden is flourishing. 2P even made cabbage butterflies out of plastic bags to keep the real cabbage butterflies from laying eggs on the kale.

Katrina Prince

P&C NEWS

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

Date       Event                Class/Year
17th May   Bunnings Cake Stall  Bakers wanted
24th May   Trivia Night         Lights, Camera, Action!

The Things We Do

These first few weeks and 2nd Term are always busy for families and the P&C, what with Mother’s Day, Band Camp, cake stalls and the many other demands on our time. We appreciate all the support we receive from our school community and I know the school does too. We have just completed final payment on the new hard-court and we have two new boats for the playground about to be delivered, a reminder that all your efforts produce these sorts of tangible outcomes for our children. And we are not done yet, with further improvements to the senior playground our next major goal. As always if you have any suggestions on where we could direct our efforts please drop me an email on president@npspandc.com or come along to a meeting!

Thank You!

A big thank you to Christine Mansfield and Christine Howison for their efforts coordinating a very successful Mother’s Day stall last Thursday. A quick straw poll of the children (the 3 in my house anyway) indicates it was enjoyed by all. Thanks also to all those Mums who helped out on the day.

Thank you as well to Emma Veale for her tireless efforts coordinating (and hand delivering) around 200 Entertainment™ Books to families, response from families has been great. Don’t forget if you do not wish to purchase the book please return it to school in the envelope provided.

On The Horizon

Don’t forget our cake stall is on this Saturday at Bunnings Thornleigh, followed by our Trivia Night on Saturday 24th May. Look for more information elsewhere in the newsletter.

Scott Veale

WORKING BEE

As the Hummy Mummies have a school fundraiser for the afternoon of the 1st June involving the Senior and Junior Choirs, the date for Term 2 working bee has been changed to Sunday 15th June, 1.00pm-4.00pm.

The date (24th August) for the Term 3 working bee (Years 2 and 4) will also be moved owing to potential band commitments over that weekend. A new date will be advised. I will send out regular reminders but please put a note in your diaries.

This will be my last year in the Ground 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 Ground Coordinator
Hello teams!

Thank you for contacting me to register your team for Trivia Night. We look like having record attendance this year (about 12 tables booked so far) so it will be a great night!

If you haven’t done so yet, would you please confirm your team name/theme/class or year and attendee numbers. We do have some smaller teams, and couple registrations – we always make sure all those registering are on a team (hopefully Year/Class aligned), and make full teams where possible.

I have also put the direct deposit details for payment on the advert opposite – please ensure you note “team name and trivia” when making the payment.

We have a few teams named so far – Young Guns, Fantasia, The Matrix, Austin Powers, Grease Lightning, The Great Gatsby, Harry Potter – looking forward to hearing more great themes!

Regarding the set up on the night – all tables will have a tablecloth and some trivia information – please feel free to dress your table up as you see fit, and of course you should bring nibbles and drinks.

The annual National Walk Safely to School day (WSTSD) – when all primary school children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school will be held throughout Australia on Friday 23rd May, 2014.

This is a great way for parents to encourage their children to walk to school whilst reinforcing safe pedestrian behaviour and also the health benefits of walking to school.

Why not get together with a group of friends and meet a short distance from the school and walk as a group. Students will be issued with a “Walk Safely to School Day” sticker on Thursday 22nd May so that they can proudly wear it on their walk to school on the Friday.

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

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 welcome, as are helpers for the night to set-up and pack-up.

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

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

Lisa Christy

Please try our online ordering system. Just visit www.scamps.com.au. Click on “Parents sign up” – our school ID is 2567963. It is a really easy convenient way to order your child’s lunch and we have now removed the 20c bag fee, so it is of no extra cost to you.

Thank you
Alexandra
Canteen Manager

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.

Thank you to those who have already made a purchase – 20% of each book sold is returned directly back to the school.
Calling ALL bakers and cake makers

On Saturday 17\textsuperscript{th} of May we will be holding our first cake stall at Bunnings Thornleigh.

In order to make this fundraising event successful we need your help! Cake boxes are now available from the school office.

Delicious cakes, muffins, slices and a variety of other baked goods will be on sale from 9.00am. In order for us to participate in this event Bunnings stipulate that we have to sell enough goodies for at least 3 hours!

We will be accepting all those yummy contributions (ingredients clearly labelled please) delivered to the office or canteen on Friday the 16\textsuperscript{th} of May 2014. Other delivery options such as delivering to Bunnings on Saturday morning or arranging pick up with Amanda from your house is possible.

NOT A BAKER – not a worry – we would love for you to lend us your time! Please contact either Amanda Dougall (sadougall@optusnet.com.au) or Emma Veale (emmv77@optusnet.com.au) to be allocated a timeslot.

In advance, once again – Thank you!

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

Now that the dust has settled, we are pleased to report that the Mother’s Day stall was a huge success. The children absolutely loved buying all those presents and couldn’t wait to spend all their money on their Mums. We were unsure how the photo booth was going to go, but it went very smoothly and it was great to see the children really getting involved.

We would like to thank all the families for their very kind donations. You were all very generous and the gifts were much appreciated.

Thank you also goes to Amanda D, Emma V, Jane P, Kathleen W, Andrea U, Emily Mc, Stuart H, Kerry S and all the staff for your help on the day. It would not have worked so well without your help. Also thank you to Mrs Spender for letting us use the Library for the day. All we can now say is roll on next year!

Christine Mansfield and Christine Howison

SCHOOL BANKING

Here are some of the great rewards your child can get by being involved in School Banking. I am in the bottom quad every Monday morning to accept your deposits.

Tanya Khoo

COMMUNITY NEWS

Aeon Ensemble is playing at Turramurra Uniting Church on Sunday 18\textsuperscript{th} May at 2.30pm. Tickets $20, $15 concession and children up to 14 years $10. Tickets available from Trybooking.com/EODC or phone 9498 2774 or at the door. An ex-student (1981/82) is part of this Ensemble.