Week 4  21st May 2014

MAY

Friday 23  Walk Safely to School Day
Saturday 24  Trivia Night
Monday 26  C.A.R.E.S - Years 5 and 6
Tuesday 27  C.A.R.E.S. – Years 5 and 6
           Kindy 2015 Open Morning

JUNE

Sunday 1  Special Concert - Hummy Mummies and NPS Choirs – 3.00pm
Monday 9  Queen’s Birthday holiday
Thursday 12  Public Speaking Final in hall
Sunday 15  Working Bee Yrs K,3,6
Tuesday 24  Pyjama Day
Thursday 26  Kindy 2015 Open Morning
Friday 27  Last Day Term 2

JULY

Monday 14  Staff Development Day
Tuesday 15  Ist Day Term 3

Notes sent home this week
None

Dear Parents,

Our new Parent Online Payments (POP) system is up and running. As I mentioned before, parents will be able to make credit card payments via the school’s website once this is up and running. You will see a link on the homepage that says “Make a Payment” and then take it from there. For those of you wishing to have more information than the brochure handed out last week, go to the school website, click on “Our School” and then go to “Parent Online Payments”. Please be aware that payments for the Clothing Pool, Canteen, NOOSH, Band or any P&C related payments cannot be made via POP. Clothing Pool, Canteen, NOOSH, Band and the P&C have different bank accounts to the school account.

Today was the Beecroft Zone Cross Country at Fagan Park, Galston. Nearly forty students from Normanhurst competed in either the 2km (Junior) or 3km (Senior) races. I’m sure all the students did themselves and their school proud. Thanks to Mr Norman and Miss Derriman who accompanied the children and thanks so much to the parents who drove the students to and from the venue. Can’t wait to hear all the results.

Speaking of sport, our netball team played Galston in the second round of the schools’ knockout. This time we had the home ground advantage. It was an extremely close game (extremely!) and the game was once again played in excellent spirit, which is the most important thing of all. Result later in the newsletter. Thanks to Ms Prince for her great coaching and refereeing and thanks also to our parents who come along each time to support the girls.

This week is our Book Fair. Students and their parents will be able to purchase books today, tomorrow and Friday. Often there is a great variety and it is usually really good value – so bring your money with you! As much as we are surrounded by technology, kids are still very enthusiastic about books and we as adults still need to foster that interest for pleasure and

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Normanhurst Public School has high levels of attendance, which we are very proud of. A reminder to parents on returning their child to school from an absence, could you please provide a written dated note to the class teacher explaining the reasons for their absence. If no note is forthcoming in seven days, teachers must mark this absence as “Unexplained”. Each term a Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) checks our rolls and highlights any absences causing concern or patterns of absences. It is left then for either the school to follow up or, in more extreme cases, have a meeting with the HSLO.

Looking forward to the Trivia Night on Saturday. I’m sure this year will be a teachers’ table victory! Thanks to the P&C for their organisation of this event – everyone gets into the spirit of the evening which makes it a really fun night!

David Beggs

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

Yana I.     Hannah P.
Charlotte S.

Congratulations to our Citizen of the Month recipients for April.

Joanna C  KIJ     Matthew F  3B
Hailey W  KS      Sienna F  4N
David P   1H       Nicholas W  4/5D
Liam T    1S       Ruby A   5/6B
Lia T     1/2M     Nicholas W  5/6G
Cody L    2P
Lara U    2/3N

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

Joanna C  KIJ     Chelsea S  2/3N
Jacob H   KIJ     Malinsa R  2/3N
Olivia D  KS      Melanie H  3B
Aleksander Z KS    Jamison C  3B
Jack K    1H       Jack T   4N
Annabel K 1H     Ella C    4N
Nikita A  1S       Travis L  4/5D
Taylah R  1S       Luke L   4/5D
Kaysha F  1/2M    Stephanie Mc 5/6B
Luke R    1/2M     Eric G    5/6B
Jayden Y  2P       Jessie D  5/6G
Annie Z   2P       Abigail B 5/6G
Darcy M   Library

PSSA SPORT

SOCCER

On Friday of last week, a beautiful autumn afternoon, Normanhurst Public School PSSA soccer teams journeyed to North Epping Oval to face off against North Epping Public School. In their second PSSA game of the year both teams were out to do their best.

The Red Team started out well with some menacing runs up the wing by Charlie and some slick ball skills from William. There were strong tackles and clearances by Joel, Bradley, Phillip and Damien, and at half time the score was nil all. After Normanhurst sent players forward in effort to get the breakthrough, North Epping capitalised with some effective counterattack and put away two quick goals. Despite a determined effort from the Red Team right to the end, North Epping Public School prevailed 3-0.

The Blue team put in another sterling effort and showed great courage and teamwork. There were great contributions from Annalise, Eric and Jamie, along with Justin in goal. Tom played strongly in the midfield and was well supported by Cameron and Josh. Abigail again made some great dribbling runs up front, as did William who baffled opposition defence with his footwork on several occasions. Together the midfielders and forwards created some great scoring chances but just couldn’t convert and in the end they were unfortunate to go down 4-0.

Keep up the great teamwork and fair play.

Jason Cull
**NETBALL**

Last Friday both our A and B PSSA netball teams played against Epping North. The girls all put in fantastic efforts and played their best but unfortunately we had no wins. Well done to Rebecca K and Kaitlyn P who were awarded players of the week.

Monday morning we were back in netball mode for our knockout game against Galston Public School. I was extremely proud of the unrelenting effort all girls put in throughout a very difficult game, especially during the second half. We came from four goals behind at half time to only one goal behind at full time. Final score was 9-10. It was so close! Unfortunately the knockout is over for us now but it was great to play on our home court with such a supportive crowd.

**Katrina Prince**

**THANK YOU FROM TREVOR**

Trevor (shown below) has been a resident at NPS for the last 15 years in the Year 6 classroom.

He recently spent an overnight stay at the Normanhurst Vet Practice.

Normanhurst Public School would like to thank the Normanhurst Vet Practice for their care and concern for our treasured pet.

He is now on the mend after their expert care.

**GREEN TEAM**

With such beautiful weather our garden is abundant in basil, baby spinach, chives and rocket. Monday was harvest day and to celebrate our harvest we made basil, chive and rocket pesto fresh from the garden and mixed it in with gluten free pasta. Everyone loved it! It’s so lovely picking produce in the sunshine and cooking it up outside on site.

The children loved the pesto so much that I have included the recipe below. We added rocket and chives instead of garlic and kept the pine nuts out but the recipe here includes pine nuts and garlic which you can omit if you choose.

We also gave a bag of spinach, rocket and basil to the canteen, so check out your canteen salads and burgers; they will have greens from the garden in them. The remainder of the basil will be made into pesto.

**Basil Pesto**

- 2 cloves of garlic
- Half a blender full of basil
- Handful of parmesan cheese
- ¼ cup pine nuts
- Drizzle of olive oil
- Water to liquefy as required
- Wiz it all up in the blender

**Katrina Prince**
**Cakes, Cakes and More Cakes**

We had a fantastic response from all our bakers and were inundated with all sort of delicious goodies for our inaugural Bunnings Cake Stall. With the sun shining in late autumn foot traffic was down (the BBQ guys were suffering as well) but our team of dedicated parents stuck it out and raised some great funds for the school.

A big thank you to all those who helped make the day a success. And of course a huge thank you to Amanda Dougall for her tireless efforts to put the whole thing together. Well done all!

**Hooray For Normowood!**

Don’t forget it is not too late to submit your team for our Trivia Night this Saturday, it promises to be another fantastic event. And keep an eye on our facebook page, we will be listing several of our key silent auction items, and we are happy to take bids in advance if you cannot be there on the night. Just email me on president@npspandc.com

**P&C Federation**

As has been widely reported in the press the Minister recently appointed an Administrator to the P&C Federation to attempt to resolve the factional disputes that have plagued its operation. A new leadership team is to be elected and we will be asked to participate in that process in due course. In the meantime the direct impact on our P&C is limited. If you would like any further information let me know and I will forward it on.

Scott Veale
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Turramurra High School** is holding an Open Morning on Friday 13th June from 9.00am to 11.00am. They invite parents to take this opportunity to come along and see their school in action.

Enjoy morning tea with the Principal and other key members of staff. Guided tour will commence at 9.00am. Enquiries www.turramurrahighschool.com.au

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**Australian Performing Arts Grammar School** has their Annual Open Day on Saturday 7th June from 11.00am-3.00pm at 255 Broadway, Glebe.

The 2014 Open Day will be an opportunity for students and parents to visit the school, view facilities, meet with key staff/students, enjoy some live performances and learn more on what APGS has to offer. More info at www.apgs.nsw.edu.au

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**Abbotsleigh** is holding a Literary Festival from Monday 2nd June to Wednesday 4th June. Visiting authors include Andy Griffiths, Emily Rodda, Gus Gordon, Katrina Roe and many many more. Tickets $7 per child per session. More info at www.abbotsleigh.nsw.edu.au/abblitfest

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**Saturday Night Awesome Primary Party** sponsored by Thornleigh Community Baptist Church is being held on Saturday 31st May – 6.00pm to 8.00pm. The theme is Weird and Wonderful Families and is for children in Years 3-6. For $5 you get fun, food, friends, games, prizes and special guests. Come dressed as someone from a weird or famous family (eg. TV family, Royal family etc). or come dressed in ORANGE.

Address: Activities Centre, cnr Duffy Ave and The Esplanade, Thornleigh. RSVP by 28th May to Mrs Sue Smith 9484 1868.

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**Oakhill College** is holding a Gala Day on Saturday 31st May on the school grounds between 9.00am and 4.00pm.

They will be running market stalls, rides and a variety of food vendors.

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**Hummy Mummies**

Vocal Ensemble
Featuring NPS Junior & Senior Choirs

**CONCERT**

Sunday 1st June - 3pm
Normanhurst Public School Hall

*Don’t Miss Out!*

For tickets: Return your order forms. More info at the school office or text 0448 332 323

Tickets: Adults $10 – School age children $3 – Seniors Concessions $5

Includes afternoon tea

Fundraising for Choir Rostrums – Please support your local talent – Enjoy an afternoon of singing – Musical Theatre – Classic Jazz – much, much more!