JUNE

Monday  9    Queen's Birthday holiday
Thursday 12  Public Speaking Final in hall
Sunday 15  Working Bee Yrs K,3,6
Monday 16    Scholastic Orders due back
Monday 23    Dance Festival Glen St Theatre – 5.00pm-6.30pm
Tuesday 24    Pyjama Day
Wednesday 25    Dance festival Glen St Theatre – 7.30pm-9.00pm
Thursday 26    Kindy 2015 Open Morning
Friday 27    Last Day Term 2

JULY

Monday 14    Staff Development Day
Tuesday 15    1st Day Term 3
Wednesday 23    O.C. Test
Thursday 24    Athletics Carnival – Mark Taylor Oval Waitara

Notes sent home this week
Glen St Theatre – Dance Group only

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Being such a short term, it will be time very soon when I start reading the student reports teachers have written. As you may be aware, the new English syllabus is being implemented this year, with the Mathematics syllabus due for implementation in 2015. The Department of Education and Communities (DEC) is currently reviewing their own policies regarding assessment and reporting. In this time they have recommended that for English this semester schools have one overall grade rather than split into the previous strands of Reading, Writing and Talking and Listening as per the old syllabus. Because of this, I have asked teachers to outline a more comprehensive summary of a child's performance in their English comments.

Mrs Mandy Pollard does a fabulous job with our junior choir at Normanhurst. She also runs an adult choir called The Hummy Mummies. They have a lot of fun (which is the whole idea) and last weekend they performed a fantastic concert last Sunday with the junior and senior choir. They raised over $1700 towards rostrums (tiered platforms) for the school choirs. It was another wonderful community event, and once again thanks to Mandy for all her hard work in putting it together.

If you have been watching the news, you would have noticed that in the last month or so there have been a number of children knocked down by cars in school zones. Out the front of our school I believe things are going fairly smoothly, but it is Fraser Rd where there have been recent difficulties. As I have said numerous times, the safest way to exit the school is by Normanhurst Rd. I am virtually always out the front of an afternoon, and know a lot of parents’ cars. Leave it five to ten minutes after the bell and there is never a problem to stop and have your child walk down to you without you even having to get out of the car. Rangers were around the school today, and I have asked Stan to direct them to Fraser Rd as well when they visit our school.

On Wednesday 11th June we have organised for arborists to come to the school and do a thorough inspection of the trees and identify any which need removal. We have frequently done this throughout the years as a matter of course.
but this is a more formal assessment under new guidelines from the DEC.

**David Beggs**

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

Erika M. - Red Bailey C. Rebecca K.

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

Mikala K  KIJ  Alyssa J  2/3N
Adie H  KIJ  Amy L  2/3N
Berry F  KS  Nicole N  3B
Ulysses C  KS  Leon W  3B
Nicholas H  1H  Molly V  4N
Sam T  1H  Angus L  4N
Sophie P  1S  Janelle D  4/5D
Libby P  1S  Rahul S  4/5D
Mahlia-Mai H  1/2M Georgina L  5/6B
Michael F  1/2M Morris W  5/6B
Olivia U  2P  Ali N  5/6G
Maximus L  2P  Abby M  5/6G
Georgia O  Library
Mikala K  Library

**PARENT ONLINE PAYMENT**

Just a reminder about the Parent Online Payment facility that is now available for payment of school related payments. The “$Make a Payment” tab on our school website is only to be used for school based expenses such as voluntary school contributions, excursions, textbooks etc.

NPS has a different bank account number. It is not to be used for payments to Band, P&C, Uniform Shop or Canteen.

The following accounts are to be used for those purposes.

**Band:** BSB 032-189 A/C 134999

**P&C:** BSB 032-084 A/C 691588

**Uniform Shop:** BSB 032-044 A/C 376129

**APOLOGY**

In last week’s newsletter we congratulated our Under 10 Girls for winning the Championship at the Zone Cross Country. I left out one of the team members.

Congratulations again to Phoenix A, Alexandra P, Stephanie Mc, Cate F and Ellen B.

**Editor**

**MULTICULTURAL PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Classes in Years 3-6 have begun to select their topics for the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition and present their speeches in class. Opportunities will be presented in class this week and next week for students to prepare a speech. The speeches are to be of the following lengths.

- **3 minutes in length for students in Years 3 or 4**
- **4 minutes in length for students in Years 5 and 6**

The students are being guided in the skills of public speaking and the components of matter, manner and method and how to confidently deliver a speech.

There is also an impromptu section which involves a topic unknown to the students. The students will have 5 minutes to prepare either a one minute impromptu speech if in Years 3 and 4 or a two minute impromptu speech if in Years 5 and 6.

The school public speaking finals will be held next Thursday 12th June in the school hall during which selection will be made of our representatives.

**Vern Barling**

**DEBATING**

Normanhurst Public School will be holding debates again this year in the Premier’s Challenge Division and the Friendly competition. The students selected will be training for these competitions and we look forward to developing their skills in debating throughout Term 2 and 3.

**Vern Barling**
FRIENDLY DEBATING

Yesterday, some of our year 5 debaters, Kaitlyn P, Phoenix A, Sharon J and Emily T (Yr 5), went up against North Rocks Public School. The topic was ‘Fitness lessons should be compulsory in schools every day’.

We were on the affirmative side and put forward some convincing arguments. Kaitlyn opened the debate with great expression and projected her voice well. Emily fought back with powerful arguments and Phoenix concluded the debate on a strong note. All the while, Sharon was furiously writing rebuttals.

Although Normanhurst presented some good arguments, North Rocks was successful in convincing the adjudicator. Great effort girls for your very first debate, Normanhurst is proud.

PSSA SPORT

SOCCER

Friday of last week, Normanhurst Public School PSSA soccer teams took on Dural Public School at Greenway Park in Cherrybrook, in an afternoon that yielded mixed fortunes for our players.

The Red Team, missing key players after succumbing to injury, made some promising breaks early on and scored their first goal of the season thanks to a determined effort by William. The breakthrough came after some brilliant dribbling runs and set up passes from Charlie and Nick in midfield. Dural fought back strongly though and scored an equaliser just before half time. The second half was a tense tussle with both teams giving it everything. The backs worked tirelessly, Daniel, Eric, Joel and Phillip in particular, and provided a solid platform on which the midfield and forwards could build their attacks. The deadlock was broken just minutes from fulltime when Zac burst through the Dural defence and, after beating two defenders, shot wide of the goalkeeper to give Normanhurst the result, 2-1.

The Blue Team put in another determined effort, with Josh, Shakib, Eric and Jamie working hard at the back in support of Rahul and Justin in goal. Cameron was a standout in the midfield, making some great passes and dribbling runs. He was well supported by Abigail and Tom, who themselves put in promising displays, at times holding possession and controlling play. The forwards also worked tirelessly. William made a number of breaks up front, as did Kathy, and both were unlucky not to get the breakthrough. But in the end Dural proved too strong and were deserved winners on the day. The Blue Team showed great heart and team spirit despite going down, 4-0.

Keep up the fantastic teamwork and effort.

Jason Cull

NETBALL

This week the netball teams played Dural Public School.

The A Team had a hard fought game with all players putting in a great effort. Unfortunately the score did not reflect this effort and we were beaten by a better side 20-27. The player of the week for the A Team was Sophie Mc.

The B Team also saw themselves up against a great opposition but were very fortunate to come away this week with a well-deserved win, 9-6. The player of the week for the B Team was Georgina L.

Well done to both teams. Next week we will play against Roselea Public School.

Katrina Prince
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Orders are due back on Monday 16\textsuperscript{th} June. Please note NO CASH. Payment by credit card or online.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK™

We still have a handful of entertainment Books™ that have not been returned.

All book orders are now due. Please ensure your child brings in any orders and return any unsold books to school.

Thank you to those who have already made a purchase.

WORKING BEE

Sunday 15\textsuperscript{th} June, 1.00pm-4.00pm – Yrs K,3,6.

A quick reminder to mark this date in your diaries. In addition to the usual weeding, tidying and mulch laying we will be removing the wooden boats which sadly cannot be repaired (despite best endeavours to find a solution). New boats have been ordered and these should be arriving early in Term 3.

We have also been gifted some liriopes that need to be planted out in the embankment alongside the basketball court, which will help to stabilise this area.

Enjoy the long weekend and hopefully we will have some good working weather on the 15\textsuperscript{th}.

Louise Courtney
P&C Grounds Coordinator

BAND NEWS

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Asquith Boys High School is offering Creative Arts Stage Band Scholarships for students entering Year 7 in 2015. Applications close 3.00pm on 23\textsuperscript{rd} June 2014. Download the package at [www.asquithboys.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.asquithboys.schools.nsw.edu.au) or enquiries to Scholarship Coordinator, Catherine Holder: Catherine.holder2@det.nsw.edu.au.