Dear Parents,

Perhaps you’ve noticed that there has been a police presence at Normanhurst in the last couple of weeks. This is a joint operation in conjunction with Hornsby Council to keep the streets around schools safe. You know that for quite some time I have been urging parents to park legally, with the dual advantage of avoiding fines and keeping our children safe. What really boggles my mind is motorists who would try to turn around in dangerous and high populated pedestrian areas when it would only take a minute or two to do so safely further down the road. I am advised that there will be more police patrols in the near future.

School photos have come to the school this week (finally!) and are currently being distributed. They look fabulous. This is the second year I have used Advanced Life Photographers so I would still like feedback about what you think of their service. You are the customers, so what you think is important.

Student reports will be distributed on Tuesday, 24th June. As I say to my own children, my concern is more for their level of effort. Sure, I want to know how they are travelling academically and if I can help them in any area, but if I know they are trying really hard to be the best they can be, that is what makes me happy.

You may hear your child mention the term “Reading Eggs” in the coming weeks. This is an online program, a bit like Mathletics, where students complete literacy activities. Normanhurst has taken up a special offer for the rest of the year to trial this program.

As I mentioned last week we are currently in the merit selection process for a classroom teacher for 3B, and the successful candidate will hopefully commence at the beginning of Term 3. In other staffing news we are delighted to hear Mrs Veldon will be returning next term for two days a week. Her role has not yet been determined.

Our fantastic Dance Group under the direction of Miss Moore will perform next week on Monday
and Wednesday at Glen St Theatre. I can’t wait to see them strut their stuff on the stage. Break a leg boys and girls!

Some breaking news. Four of our students – Alex P, Sienna F, Jasmine H and Eddy W, went to Hornsby South Public School yesterday to compete in the Zone Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. I am reliably informed all of our students did amazingly well. Eddy W was successful in winning the senior division! Congratulations Eddy! He will now go to the Regional Finals next month. Once again congratulations to all four speakers – getting up and speaking in front of a large group is a tough thing to do and very intimidating, and we are very proud of you all.

Dare I say it again – Go the Blues??

David Beggs

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

Kaitlyn P. – Red  Charlie B.

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

Annemieke T  KIJ  Angus K  2/3N
Mitchell B  KIJ  Daniel H  2/3N
Eloise O  KS  Jack P  3B
Ben W  KS  Oscar S  3B
David P 1H  Phoebe M-M  4N
Annabel C 1H  Joey T  4N
Lily F  1S  Josh P  4/5D
Ansh P  1S  Joshua P  4/5D
Busby T 1/2M  Ethan F  5/6B
Lia T 1/2M  James L-W  5/6B
Sandra G 2P  Eddy W  5/6G
Lola W  2P  Lilla-Rose B  5/6G
Charlotte D  Library
Brenton T  Library
Mikayla P  Computers

MULTICULTURAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Last Thursday we held the finals of the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition and all students spoke wonderfully in both the planned and impromptu sections.

Thank you to all students who spoke last Thursday and presented wonderful speeches. These speeches included concepts about harmony and respect of the many cultures in Australia and reinforced the important message about tolerance.

The following students spoke for 4 minutes in the Years 5 and 6 section:-


The following students spoke for 3 minutes in the Years 3 and 4 section:-

Ryan B (3B), Hannah P (3B), Kate D (2/3N), Hugo T (2/3N), Alex P (4N), Sienna F (4N).

Edward W won the Years 5 and 6 section with Jasmine H being runner-up.

Alex P won the Years 3 and 4 section with Sienna F being runner-up.

Edward, Jasmine, Alex and Sienna went on to represent our school at the Multicultural Public Speaking competition final at Hornsby South Public School yesterday. David has mentioned the result of this competition in his report.

Thank you to all the teachers who assisted me to prepare the students throughout the Public Speaking Program and our highly talented students.

Vern Barling

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We look forward to holding our Athletics Carnival on Thursday 24th July at Mark Taylor Oval in Waitara. All students from K-6 will travel by bus to and from the carnival and will be involved in a variety of athletic and novelty events.

The students will leave at 9.00am and return at 2.45pm. Students should wear their sports uniform, running shoes and a hat. They will also need to bring their packed recess and lunch with plenty of water. A permission note will be sent out this week. Payment for this excursion can be made using the Parent Online Payment or by cash/cheque to the class teacher.

Students who are turning 8,9,10,11 and 12 this year may like to run in the 800m on the day which will be by nomination only.

The field events, sprints and 800m will have placings based on measured times, distances or heights. All students will run in age races and
those students turning 8,9,10,11 and 12 this year may qualify for the Zone Carnival on Wednesday 22nd August and Wednesday 29th August.

Students turning 8,9,10,11 and 12 this year will begin qualifying for field events over many lunchtimes throughout Term 3.

If you are able to assist on Thursday 24th July at the carnival your help would be greatly appreciated. Could you please indicate your preference on the return slip which is on the bottom of the Athletics Carnival permission note.

Thank you once again for your kind cooperation.

Vern Barling

Pyjama Day
“Close Your Eyes & Make a Wish!”

The SRC are organising a special fund-raiser for the Make a Wish Foundation.

Tuesday, 24th June is... PYJAMA DAY!

Students (and teachers) will be able to wear their comfy PJ’s ALL DAY, for a GOLD COIN DONATION. Teddy bears and pillows optional! So, no need to get dressed for school on Tuesday (that means EXTRA sleep in time!). Just head on off to school in your onesie or flanny PJ’s, slippers and dressing-gown! And don’t forget your GOLD COIN!

From the SRC

PSSA SPORT

SOCCER

Last Friday, Normanhurst Public School faced Cherrybrook Public School at Normanhurst Oval in a challenging afternoon for both our PSSA soccer teams.

The Red Team, once again missing key players with injury, made some encouraging breaks early on and challenged Cherrybrook in their half of the field. Charlie and Zac made some good runs and Nick G. played some nice passes forward from midfield. Cherrybrook ratcheted up the pressure though, and after several raids into our area, were awarded a penalty just before half time. Undetered, Daniel, Phillip and Joel in particular, played strongly at the back and together they managed to thwart most of Cherrybrook’s attacks. Cherrybrook once again found a way through our defence and ended up getting the win, 2-0.

The Blue Team put in another gutsy display, with Josh, Daniel and Jamie again working hard at the back to help out Rahul and Justin in goal. Tom was a shining light in the midfield, making some nice passes and dribbling runs, as well as tackling hard. He was again well supported by Abigail and Cameron. The forwards, William and Kathy in particular, ended up doing a lot of defensive work also, with Cherrybrook proving very strong offensively on the day. The Blue Team showed determination and great sportsmanship despite going down, 4-0.

Keep up the great team spirit.

Jason Cull

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P&C Meeting – 16th June

A quick meeting last night and my thanks to the hardy few that made the effort to attend. After a promising start we seem to be back to the same old faces at our meetings and I would encourage
all of you where possible to make the effort to join us and have your say in how the P&C is run. With some of handing over the reins at year end it is important we have willing and able bodies to take on the challenge.

With Term 2 now drawing to a close I think we can reflect on a very positive first half year for the P&C. And I hope to finish off the year in similar style with two of our major events, the Obstacle-a-thon and Spring Fair, still to come. And as we continue to look at ways to improve the students environment, I am happy to announce the boats are back! Yes after a lengthy search Louise has secured two new funships in school colours and I hope to have them installed in time for Term 3. I am sure the children will be pleased! We will be looking to allocate further funding for improvements to the senior playground at our next meeting so come and have your say.

Scott Veale

WORKING BEE

Our second working bee for the year and yes it was rather a chilly afternoon. The rain during the week helped with the weed pulling and an enthusiastic group was able to clean up a few more garden beds, lay more mulch and remove the boats. Unfortunately we didn’t have enough resources on hand to sort out the bank near the basketball court – so the liriopes are still waiting!

It was great to see some new faces from our Kindy families alongside a few experienced working bee-ers! A big thank you to the following 12 families for finding the time in busy weekends to do volunteer work for our school: Butler-Sargeant, Courtney, Cowan, Fitzpatrick, Ford, Hanlon, Hindmarsh, McCubbin, Papantoniou, Penrose, Ukovic and Walburn.

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

The next working bee is scheduled for Term 3 – date to be advised.

Louise Courtney