Dear Parents,

Monday night was the Northern Sydney Dance Festival, and what a festival it was! Students from many different schools performed and it was an awesome night. I have been to hundreds of these events over the years with different schools and with my own kids, and the standard here is very high. Which brings me to our dancers. The word that came to my mind instantly when I was watching them was “precision”. They were so, so good, getting one of the biggest cheers of the night. Congratulations to each and every one of the dancers. You nailed it guys! Thanks to Miss Moore who has worked so hard with the students and thanks to Mrs Bryant (who got them off to such a great start in Term 1) who was there on Monday night as well.

It was remiss of me last week not to mention Phoenix A. Phoenix does so many amazing things it is hard to keep up! She was the only Normanhurst student who went to the Regional Cross Country Carnival at Gosford Racecourse two weeks ago, which is an incredible effort. Phoenix came 18th out of the 70 students who competed – and remember, these are the best cross country runners from the whole region. Hundreds and hundreds of schools. So to be in the top twenty in that sort of company is truly awesome.

The merit selection process for 3B’s new teacher has been completed and a successful candidate has been selected. They will commence in Week 3 next term as they have prior commitments for the first two weeks. They are very excited to be starting on 3B! More details to follow next term.

Just on more staffing news – as I mentioned before, we welcome back Mrs Veldon next term for two days a week. She is very much looking forward to seeing everyone again, and if you ask her, I’m sure she has a photo or two of her son Hudson to show you!

Education is littered with initials and acronyms – even when you are involved it is hard to keep up! Schools offer programs to help students whose first language is not English. It was previously known as ESL (English as a Second Language). The name has now been updated to EAL/D (English as an Alternate Language/Dialect). This new terminology encompasses Aboriginal students who have
learnt other native languages. The support for these students currently remains the same.
Finally, all the best to you and your families over the school holidays. If you have a chance to have some time off in the next two weeks, I hope it will be a happy and relaxing occasion.

Students resume on Tuesday, 15th July.

David Beggs

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

Alex V.               Jessica T.
Taylah R.             Nicholas H.

A special mention must go to the Citizens of the Month for June 2014.

Adie H               KIJ    Charlotte D    2/3N
Grace Mc             KS     Nathan H       3B
Carl C               1H     Shana F        4N
Lachlan D            1S     Lachlan D      4/5D
Busby T              1/2M   Angus O        5/6B
Ethan B              2P     Kathy K        5/6G

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

Grace H             KIJ    Charlotte D    2/3N
Jayden P            KIJ    Luke J        2/3N
Elissa U            KS     Matthew F      3B
Hailey W            KS     Heidi M        3B
Rudy B              1H     Alex P        4N
Saxon M             1H     Sienna F       4N
Darci L             1S     Justin W      4/5D
Jennifer S          1S     Ashlyn M      4/5D
Tom L               1/2M   Eric H        5/6B
Erin R              1/2M   Bradley M     5/6B
Virginia R          2P     Tessa O       5/6G
Sophie C            2P     Emily T       5/6G
Nicholas W Computers
Oliver P Computers
Jack T EAL/D
Johntay S EAL/D
Shiva R EAL/D

PSSA SPORT

Friday of last week, Normanhurst Public School PSSA soccer teams again ventured to Normanhurst Oval, this time to take on Epping Public School. In their penultimate game of the term both teams gave their all and were justly rewarded.

The Red Team had another close tussle and once again the backs and midfield combined well to create a solid attacking platform. Despite being unable to break through in the first half the Red Team didn't give up. Fans once again witnessed determined defence characterised by strong clearances from Joel, Phillip and Daniel, who put in stellar performances, along with some great runs and set up plays by Bradley and Charlie in the midfield. The forwards again worked tirelessly, Nick G, Archie and Zac, in particular, and they were rewarded for their efforts late in the second half when Nick W latched on to an overhead pass from Joey to volley home a winner. It was a hard fought and well-earned win, 1-0.

The Blue Team put in a confident and resolute display to record their first win of the season. Eric, Abigail, Annalise and Josh laboured tirelessly at the back, as did Jamie in the sweeper role, and their determined team effort saw them set up plenty of chances, one of which was brilliantly converted by Tom in the second half. Kathy once again played strongly in the midfield as did Harry and Daniel R. Tom and William put together some great attacking runs up front. Cameron made some excellent breaks on the wing which helped pave the way for the win. The team displayed great discipline, sportsmanship and skill in the 1-0 victory.

Keep up the excellent teamwork and fantastic effort.

Jason Cull

Last Friday the girls played against Epping Public School. We started out in the drizzling rain, then it poured and finally the sun came out by half time.

Again both teams played so well. The A Team won 25-9 and the B Team were defeated by Epping, 7-2. They were only one goal behind at half time so it was an exciting match to watch.
Thanks to the parents who attended and helped. It is always appreciated.

Congratulations to the Players of the Week;

Sophia H for the A Team and Lilla-Rose B for the B Team.

This week we play against John Purchase at Greenway Oval, Cherrybrook.

Katrina Prince

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We look forward to holding our Athletics Carnival on Thursday 24th July at Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara. All students from K-6 will travel by bus to Mark Taylor Oval and will be involved in a variety of athletic and novelty events. The students will leave at 9.00am and return at 2.45pm. The students should wear their sports uniform, running shoes and a hat. The students will also need to bring their packed recess and lunch with plenty of water.

Children turning 5,6 and 7 will gain placing cards and ribbons back at school in an assembly. At the same time, opportunities will be made available for students turning 8,9,10,11 or 12 this year to qualify for field events at school, over many lunch times throughout Term 3. The students who are turning 8,9,10, 11 or 12 this year may like to run in the 800m also 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 may qualify for the Zone Carnival if they turn 8,9,10,11 or 12 this year. The Zone Carnival is held on Wednesday 20th and Wednesday 27th August.

If you are able to assist on Thursday 24th July your help would be greatly appreciated. Could you please tick the box below if you are able to assist and then return the slip to me.

I __________________________ am able to assist at the Athletics Carnival on Thursday 24th July by:

○ Transporting Equipment
○ Timekeeping
○ Help with Novelties

Don’t forget to send in your permission slips and payment. You can also pay for this excursion via the Parent Online Payment system.

Thank you once again for your kind cooperation.

Vern Barling

DANCE GROUP

On Monday night our dance group performed at the Sydney North Dance Festival. What a tremendous effort by our girls and boys. Not only did they captivate the audience with their sensational dance moves and stylish costumes, but their behaviour backstage was impeccable. Normanhurst is extremely proud!

Our fabulous dance group is performing again tonight and they will surely shine as brightly as they did on Monday. Thank you to all the parents who have supported the dance group. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated. We couldn’t have done it without you.

Bridie Moore

PYJAMA DAY

Yesterday the children looked fantastic in the colourful PJ’s and the many varied onesies. You name an animal and its onesie was represented. Thank you to everyone who participated and we raised over $400 which will go to the ‘Make-A-Wish Foundation’.

P&C NEWS

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Busy Times Ahead

Our first P&C meeting for Term 3 will be held on 14th July (Vive La France!) and I would encourage as many parents as are able to attend. We will be looking to finalise our budget for further improvements to the senior playground, as well as getting updates on plans for our Spring Fair. With our Obstacle-a-
thon/Father’s Day double header as well in early September it promises to be a busy period for the P&C so we are calling for all hands on deck.

P&C Meeting – 14th July

Agenda
1. Minutes of previous meeting
2. Report by Officers
3. Agenda Items
   - Senior Playground Budget
4. Other Business

I look forward to seeing you there.

Scott Veale

ATTENTION YEAR 1,2 AND 3

Our good friends Oscar P (2P) and Jack P (3B) are having their last day at NPS this Friday. We thought we would say our farewells with a play at Ruddock Park straight after school. All welcome.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The books for Issue 4 have just arrived back and will be distributed this week. Thank you to Janice for doing the input for the ordering. As no parents have volunteered to take on this role we have had to split the job between Janice and the school office. The school gets good rewards from the Scholastic Program. If you would like to help out the school in some small way, please come and talk to Denise or Julie in the school office for more information about this role.

BAKERS NEEDED

Kindy, Year 1 and 2

Tomorrow, Thursday 26th June we are having a Kindergarten Open Morning to showcase our school to those families wanting to send their children to Normanhurst Public School in 2015.

We are asking K-2 families to help us cater for the Morning Tea on that day. Baked items can be left at the school office on that morning.

Thank you, your help is much appreciated!

Emma Veale and Amanda Dougall

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

The Sydney Olympic Park Team have heaps of school holiday activities such as archery, gymnastics, art, cooking, circus skills, Fizzics Science workshops, Solarus in Space Show and many more. More info at www.kidsinthepark.com.au

The Hornsby Gang Show is on commencing Friday 27th June. For session times go to www.gangshow.com

Kids Games sponsored by the combined churches of Thornleigh/Normanhurst is on again with games, sports, creative stuff and stories and lots of fun for boys and girls in Year 1-6. Monday 7th July to Friday 11th July. For registration forms contact Sue at sue@tcbc.org.au

Hornsby Shire Library and Information Service is organising a number of children’s activities over the July holidays. These include the exciting and fun performances ‘Captain Flash and the Fantastic Flying Machine’ and the ‘Wombat’s Wild Adventure’ and also the fabulous engaging circus show “You can do it, Circus Show” by the popular Em’s Entertainment Theatre. Additionally the exciting and educational presentation on dinosaurs ‘My Pet Dinosaur’ will also come to Hornsby Library and branches.

For further information and bookings, families should visit the Council’s website and follow the link to the Library’s holiday activities events.

GIVE BLOOD

The Australian Red Cross Mobile Blood Service is visiting Hornsby War Memorial Hall, 2 High Street, Hornsby on Tuesday 1st July 10.00am-3.00pm.

A great opportunity for you to help the Blood Bank gather supplies – so why not - ‘Roll Up Your Sleeves and Give Blood’