Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term Three! Hard to believe we are already in the second half of the year. If you had a chance to have some time off I hope it was relaxing and pleasurable. Already having spoken to a number of students they have told me about their many exciting and varied experiences in the holidays. Mind you, there is nothing like just taking it easy at home either! Term Three is generally acknowledged as one of the busiest terms, with major events such as our Athletics Carnival, Obstacle-a-thon, School Fair and School Concert coming up before you know it.

As I mentioned in last term’s newsletter the merit selection process for 3B’s new teacher has been completed. Miss Stephanie De Palo was the successful candidate and she is extremely excited about commencing in Week 3 with 3B. We are confident that Miss De Palo will be a great fit to Normanhurst and I have a feeling the students and parents alike will think she’s wonderful! Having said that, I would like to formally thank Mrs Janelle Duncan who has done a magnificent job on 3B for Term Two.

Some sad staffing news – Mrs Jenny Duggan, who has worked at Normanhurst for fourteen years, has decided to take long service leave with a view to retirement. We will be very sad to see Jenny go, as in her role as ESL and now EAL/D teacher she has had a major role in helping so many students from a variety of classes whose first language is not English. We obviously wish her well as she enters a new phase of her life. The good news is we welcome back Mrs Veldon for two days a week. As a well-timed coincidence, she will be fulfilling Jenny Duggan’s role for the rest of the year.

Education Week is Week Three. Normanhurst’s Open Day will be held on Tuesday, 29th July. We will be having classes K-2 (and 2/3N) open from 10:20am until recess, some school performances held during an extended recess and classes 3-6 open from 11:40am to 12:20pm. Really looking forward to seeing you all here! More details next week.

Our Annual Athletics Carnival is to be held next Thursday, 24th July at Waitara Oval. It is being organised by the sensational Mr Barling, so we know it will be a great day. The two big
differences with our school and other “regular” schools are that firstly all students K-6 are included (many schools have only 3-6). Secondly it is not a carnival where children participate in one or two races/events and spend most of the day sitting. Children are active and are involved in over a dozen events during the day.

David Beggs

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

Ashleigh D – red  Damien K - red

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

Samuel E KIJ  Hamish T  2/3N
Oliver P KIJ  Caitlin D  2/3N
Daniel S KS  Hannah P  3B
Summer W KS  Nichols V  3B
Nicholas H 1H  Timothy S  4N
Cassidy Mc 1H  Paloma R  4N
Kaitlyn S 1S  Jaroen A  4/5D
Sophie P 1S  Eryn T  4/5D
Chloe P 1/2M  William W  5/6B
Cameron R 1/2M  Phoenix A  5/6B
Bridget L 2P  Lilla-Rose B  5/6G
Charlotte E 2P  Eddy W  5/6G
Jasmine H Library

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

Thank you once again for your kind cooperation.

Vern Barling

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.

SoCcer

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In what was a very evenly matched contest, the Red Team was tested defensively with Joey, Joel, Phillip and Eric again working together well to thwart the opposition’s attacking plays. Coupled with some great work in goal by Eddie they ensured no easy breakthrough for John Purchase. In attack Normanhurst made several forays up the wing thanks to some fantastic interplay between Damien and Charlie. The midfielders again got through a power of work with Morris and Nick directing the play and making some incisive passes. An own goal by John Purchase after sustained pressure and a brilliant strike by Zac saw Normanhurst secure the win, 2 - 1.

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The Blue Team put in another big effort with gutsy performances by Daniel, Josh, Abigail and Justin in defence. Jamie in the sweeper role was again a workhorse in both defence and attack. Annalise put in a strong performance in the middle of the park and she worked together well with Tom and Cameron to penetrate John Purchase’s defence on a number of occasions. Kathy played her strongest game this week and made some sparkling runs up front. She and William were both unlucky not to score on a number of occasions. The team showed great spirit despite going down, 4 – 0.

Keep up the great teamwork.

Jason Cull

NETBALL

On Friday 27th June we played against John Purchase Public School. We had a lot of players away from both teams which required some shuffling. Thanks to Georgina L who played up in the A team. She was a valuable player and coped very well with the higher skill and speed required at A level.

Also thanks to Tayla N who stepped in to our B team. Tayla’s speed and skill was much appreciated by the team.

Unfortunately we had no wins on the day but it is difficult with players missing and others playing in different positions. All the girls played very well under the circumstances.

Congratulations to the players of the week. Georgina L, Erika M and Tayla N. We have three more games of the round and one wet weather make-up at this stage. This week we play Normanhurst West at Normanhurst Oval.

Katrina Prince

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome back to term 3. Thank you again to all those people who volunteer in the canteen, we really appreciate it.

Our helpers for the rest of July are:

16th July Davina G
18th July Annette P/Heather K
21st July Denise P
23rd July Emma V
25th July Louise H/Jenni H/Phaedra P
28th July Monica S
30th July Susan M

Many Thanks
Alexandra
canteen@npspandc.com / 9989 8775

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL CANTEEN

In order to have our canteen operating during the Athletics Carnival on Thursday 24th July at Mark Taylor Oval, we urgently need some volunteers! The canteen will be operating from 9.30am to approximately 1.30pm.

So get together and arrange to swap/mind toddlers or siblings in order to give us a hand for an hour or so. We are sure all those hungry little tummies (not to mention all the spectator tummies) will be very grateful!

Please email Amanda Dougall at sadougall@optusnet.com.au or Emma Veale at emmav77@optusnet.com.au with your contact details or fill in the slip below and return to the class teacher.

Name: ___________________________________
Contact No. ______________________________
Available: (please circle)
9.30am-10.30am 10.30am-11/30am
11.30am-12.30pm 12.30pm-1.30pm
Anytime

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Bakers/Soup Makers Needed

We are asking all families to help us cater for the Athletics Carnival Canteen by baking and soup making. Items can be left at the school office or brought straight to the oval on the morning of the 24th July.
Please ensure all containers are clearly labelled, so that they can be returned to you. Thank you, your help is much appreciated.

Emma and Amanda

**P&C NEWS**

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**P&C Meeting – 14th July**

Our July meeting was held last Monday night and many thanks to those who braved the winter chill to attend. The major item on the agenda was the proposed improvement to the senior playground. We seem to have been discussing this for a long time now and I would like to thank Louise Courtney for all her work in organising quotes for various possible configurations. I am pleased to say we have now agreed a budget for the works and will be proceeding, in close consultation with the school, to the planning and implementation stage. This will take some time but I am hopeful that by Term 4 we will have some great new equipment for the students to enjoy.

**Term 3 …..TERMAGEDDON**

As I mentioned in the final newsletter of Term 2, we have a busy period ahead of us and I know that all of our wonderful parents (and students) will be keen to muck in and help where they can to make each event a success. Scott Bartholomew has the Obstacle-a-thon well in hand and has organised the biggest and most challenging course yet. There are working bees to run and boats to install. And of course our Spring Fair which is shaping up to be a fantastic day. Look for more information on all the above from the various organisers in due course.

A Belated Thanks……

I forgot to pass on my thanks last Term to the band of merry helpers who helped me get out new boats safely stored at school ready for installation. So to Max L, Alex V, Nick V and Emma V, thanks for your muscles!

Scott Veale

**PARENT MESSAGE**

To the Normanhurst Public School community.

We would like to say thank you.

Just over a month ago, our two year old son suffered a stroke, leaving him completely paralysed down the right side of his body and without speech.

During the last month his recovery has been astonishing, he is now running, talking and on the road to recovery.

Our daughter started in KS this year, and we have been amazed by the support and love we have been shown by the NPS community. From an encouraging word, to a hug, to all the lovely meals that have been cooked for us, we say thank you. We are extremely grateful for the visits to the hospital, the play dates organised for our daughter and the beautiful cards made by all the kids in KS.

Thank you to all of the friends we have made in the short time since we joined the NPS community.

Many thanks

The McCubbin Family

**STEWART HOUSE COLLECTION**

Stewart House bags will be sent home next week, so please start collecting all the old unwanted clothes. The collection people will be here to collect on Thursday 31st July.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Hornsby Junior Touch** for boys and girls in the following grades – 9s, 11s, 13s, 15s and 17s commence on Wednesday 10th September and finish on Wednesday 26th November 2014. Register online or in person at Foxglove Oval, Mt Colah, Wednesday 30th July from 4.30pm-6.30pm or www.hornsby.mytouchfooty.com. Cost of the 10 week comp if $55.00 which includes a players shirt.
AFL Family Fun Day is on again on Sunday 24th August from 10.00am to 12.30pm at James Park, cnr of Low and Palmerston Roads, Hornsby. Book online at www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/childrenandfamilies
Children must be supervised by an adult.