Term 3 Week 4 6th August 2014

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Notes sent home this week
Swimming Scheme – Year 2-6
ZoosnooZ – Year 4
Concert Ticket Order From – whole school

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Last night was the choir’s performance at The Opera House. There were absolutely spine-tingling musical performances from the combined choir and the other performers. Just brilliant! Congratulations to Fiona Hales who has done an amazing job with this choir and to our wonderful, wonderful Mrs Newton who has coordinated the students. Take a bow ladies, and particularly take a bow kids – you are incredible.

Perhaps you saw the article in last week’s Advocate about our mufti day and fundraising efforts for Alex McKinnon. Front page no less! Those “Rise for Alex” bands courtesy of Steve Clark have arrived and can be purchased from the school office for $2 each until sold. Thank you to the SRC students who gave up their recess and lunch times to sell the wristbands on Monday and Tuesday.

Information has come out this week about tickets to the School Concert. Please note that the matinee on Tuesday 26th August will be held in the school hall and the evening performance on Wednesday 27th August will be at Normanhurst Boys’ High School. We went to Normanhurst Boys’ last year for the first time, and despite the additional challenge of transporting props/equipment etc. it is capable of holding approximately 50% more people so we thought it was worth it to use it again this year. Having said that – there is still a limit of three tickets per family, and the matinee rarely sells out, so if you are able to go to the matinee it may be a better option for you.

There will be no assembly this Thursday due to the fact that a number of classes will be going to the Powerhouse Museum on this day. Speaking of assemblies – our apologies for last week’s assembly regarding ribbons. It did state in the newsletter that K-2 ribbons would be handed out. Due to time restrictions and Peer Support commencing immediately after assembly only the 70m and 100m ribbons were given out. Our sincere apologies if you did come up expecting the 200m and 800m ones as well. We want the kids to receive their ribbons as soon as possible, but we clearly were overreaching on this
occasion. We vow to be more accurate in the future.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the ICAS Computer Competition back in May. The results have come in and were very pleasing. Tim S, Maddy G, Kaitlyn P, Joshua S, Emily T and Nicholas S. all achieved a Credit. William W. achieved a merit award and Malinsa R. was awarded a Distinction, which was an incredible effort. Quite ironic that the Computer Test was done with paper and pencil!

David Beggs

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

Phoenix A – red  Tessa O – red
Charlotte E – red  Lilla-Rose B – red
Timothy S  Sera F
Jamison C  Daniel M
Sienna B

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

Alice H  KIJ  Alyssa J  2/3N
Callum A  KIJ  Jonah H  2/3N
Brooke C  KS  Bronte L  3B
Shiva R  KS  Jamison C  3B
Dakota A  1H  Jade L  4N
David P  1H  Cate F  4N
Matthew Z  1S  Eva H  4/5D
Terrence N  1S  Lachlan D  4/5D
Lucy V  1/2M  Daniel M  5/6B
Jan Aler  1/2M  Ethan F  5/6B
Robert D  2P  Anthony D  5/6G
Charlotte E  2P  Kathy K  5/6G
Matthew F  Library
Paloma R  Library
Maddy G  Computers
Hannah P  Computers

PEER SUPPORT

Owing to a number of classes being off on an excursion this week, we will not be having Peer Support this week. We are such a busy place.

Linda Grimmond

PSSA SPORT

NETBALL

Sadly it is getting towards the end of our netball season. Only two more games to play. This Friday we play Roselea at Pennant Hills Park and the following Friday we play Pennant Hills at Normanhurst Oval. Both games are wet weather make up games. I will be on leave for the final game, however the girls will be in the care of Miss De Palo who has a lot of netball experience.

I am thrilled to watch our girls improve and grow in their netball skills each week. Both teams are an absolute pleasure to coach. Last week West Pennant Hills had no umpire so some of our wonderful A’s stepped up to umpire the B’s. Thank to Sophie Mc, Tessa O and Flynn M for taking on the daunting job of umpiring a quarter each. They did extremely well and your enthusiasm was appreciated by both teams. Unfortunately neither team had a win.

Players of the week were Tessa O for the A’s and Emily T for the B’s. Well done girls!

Katrina Prince

SOCCER

Friday of last week Normanhurst Public School PSSA soccer teams took on West Pennant Hills at Normanhurst Oval, in an afternoon that yielded mixed fortunes for our players.

The Red Team had another close tussle and once again the backs and midfield combined well to create a solid attacking platform. Despite conceding early the Red Team didn’t give up. There was determined defence characterised by strong clearances from Joey, Zac, Joel and Eddie who put in a stellar performance. Morris again made some great runs and set up plays. Nick W and William played in different positions this game and both players revelled in their roles. The forwards and midfielders worked tirelessly, Nick G, Archie, Charlie and Bradley, in particular, and they were rewarded for their hard work when Charlie netted the equaliser. In the end it was a hard fought draw, 1-1.
The Blue Team put in another determined defensive display with Eric, Josh, Harry and Jamie again working hard at the back, as did Rahul and Justin in goal. Kathy once again played strongly in the midfield as did Annalise, Daniel and Tom. A standout on the day was Abigail who made some great clearances and passes out of midfield to link up well with the forwards. Annalise and William both made some promising breaks up front but couldn’t find a way through the defence. Shakib also played a blinding game and was unlucky not to get the breakthrough. The Blue Team showed their usual fighting spirit in the 1-0 loss.

Keep up the brilliant teamwork and effort.

Jason Cull

GREEN TEAM

Our keen gardeners have been busy over winter caring for seedlings, watering and mulching crops and sowing seeds ready for spring planting. We have a garden full of spinach, kale, beetroot, potatoes, beans, peas, radish and many herbs. We are looking forward to our next abundant harvest and celebration later in the term. The NOOSH garden beds are well underway and look fantastic, nearly ready for spring planting.

We would like to build a narrow garden bed running along the width of the cricket nets so if any parents have sleepers, bricks or anything that a garden bed border could be made from please let us know. The muscle to help build it would also be appreciated. At this stage there is too much dirt and straw from the NOOSH beds to start but any help with this upcoming project would be fantastic.

Katrina Prince

BAND NEWS

Band Uniforms

Can band members please check that they have band uniforms (band shirt and black trousers) and that they still fit. Training Band members will need new (or used) band shirts and Concert Band members need to check shirts and trousers still fit. Please donate any too-small band shirts to the clothing pool or a band friend. The clothing pool is open Friday mornings before school and is the place to find band shirts or get new ones ordered.

WORKING BEE

Sunday 10th August, 1.00pm-4.00pm – Years 2 and 4 plus other willing helpers. Meet in front of the canteen.

We will be working mainly around the hall, plus the boat installation (those handy with power tools are essential – tools need to have a fully charged battery pack as outside power is difficult to access).

House points are awarded to all children who attend. Afternoon snack is provided. Remember to bring your own labelled equipment including wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, yard brooms, secateurs and spades. The more wheelbarrows and shovels/spades we have the easier it is to move garden waste, mulch etc. Don’t forget your hats, gloves and water.

If you are not a P&C member you can become a member by paying $2.00 on the day so that you are covered for insurance purposes. See you there!

Louise Courtney
P&C Grounds Coordinator
0409 742 204

FREE TICKETS

We have been fortunate enough again this year to be given free tickets by the Rotary Club of Ryde to ‘Circus Quirkus’.

The performance dates are:

Sunday 31st August – Blacktown Workers Club – two shows – 11.00am and 2.00pm

Tuesday 2nd September – Horden Pavilion – 1.00pm (this is during school time).

We have a limited number of tickets to each performance. These will be issued on a first in, first served basis and are available from the school office. Please do not take tickets if you are uncertain of attending the performances.