Term 1 Week 2  4th February 2015

FEBRUARY

Thursday 5  Assembly – 11.30am
Monday 9  P&C Meeting – 8.00pm in the Staffroom
Thursday 12  Assembly – 11.30am
Tuesday 17  Parent Information Evening Special Food Day – Pancakes
Thursday 19  Assembly – 11.30am
Thursday 26  Swimming Carnival

MARCH

Tuesday 3  Zone Swimming Carnival
Thursday 5  Assembly – 11.30am
Thursday 12  Selective Schools Test Assembly – 11.30am

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Once again welcome back to 2015, and a special welcome to any new students and families who have commenced at Normanhurst this year. Believe me, you have arrived in a community that is positive, supportive, happy and full of life!

2015 classes have commenced with 13 mainstream classes. The teachers and I have put a lot of thought and time into the formation of classes, trying to determine the most appropriate placement for each child. I’m sure whoever your child’s teacher or classmates are, they will have a brilliant year. Once again, classes for 2015 are:

K/1M Miss Moore
1S Mrs Shorey
1/2VJ Mrs Veldon and Mrs Duncan (Mrs Veldon Mon-Thurs and Mrs Duncan Friday)
2P Miss Prince
2/3N Mrs Newton
3D Miss De Palo
3/4G Mrs Grimmond
4K Mrs Khoo
5N Mr Norman
5/6C Mr Cull
6B Mr Barling

The staff at Normanhurst is only too happy to help you with any information you may require or discuss any issues. Generally, if you are inquiring about your child’s learning, the classroom teacher is the best person to go to. If the inquiry is broader, then it may be more appropriate to speak with one of our Assistant Principals. Mr Sheridan supervises Kindergarten and Year One, Mrs Newton Years 2 and 3 and Mr Barling Years 4-6. Of course, whole school matters or other matters of a sensitive nature I am available. Please make an appointment with the office if you wish to discuss any issues.

I forgot to tell you about another member of staff moving on. Mick Smith has mowed the lawns and done many other jobs for a number of years at Normanhurst. Right now Mick is probably on an island in the Philippines, sipping a cool drink...
and watching the waves roll in. Half his luck! We thank Mick for the superb job he did at Normanhurst and we will miss his laid-back sense of humour immensely. We have recently engaged the services of Mr Don Moreton to do this job.

Which leads me to a massive thank you. In Mick’s absence over the holidays, I’m sure you noticed all the bark and branches accumulating in every nook and cranny. A number of families took it upon themselves to do an impromptu clean up over the weekend and the grounds look fantastic. To the Mitchell, Courtney, Gill, Orlovich, Kemmis, Kavanagh, King, Dougall and Veale families – thank you so much for your hard work. You have done a brilliant job. To our new families to Normanhurst – this is what I mean when I say how much our community have a passion and commitment to the school.

Our Parent Information Evening is on Tuesday, 17th February. A note about this event will be coming home this week. This is a great opportunity to have a general chat and meet your child’s teacher. The partnership with parents and the school is an invaluable one, and this event is hopefully the beginning of a long and fruitful relationship.

Just a quick word on safety around the school. I think we all agree that the safety of children is one of the most important issues in society. Please take extreme care in parking legally around the school, use the pathways rather than the driveway when entering and exiting the school with your children and generally be on the alert when you are in and around the school. I am down the front of the school most afternoons. I have said this many times before – I would much rather wait down the front a few extra minutes with students than have their parent do something risky (or illegal) to pick them up right on the bell. A reminder that the staff car park is not to be used by parents during the hours 8.00am and 3.30pm.

David Beggs

Congratulations Sienna F. who received her Striver badge late last year.

CHESS CLUB

Chess coaching for students at Normanhurst Public School is held on Wednesdays from 12.50pm to 1.50pm each week. Lessons are run by a Sydney Academy of Chess instructor. Term 1 lessons commence on 4th February in the school Library and it is never too late to join! Learning and playing chess helps children develop their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment.

Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chessboard or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and a weekly fun tournament with end of term prizes. Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop. Students also have the opportunity to participate in an end of year Normanhurst Public School Chess Tournament. Chess coaching is open to all students within the school and there is a cost involved each term.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can pick up an enrolment form from the school office or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

Michelle Pogainis

BAND NEWS

Concert Band commenced for 2015 last Monday.

Parent Band Roster

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KINDERGARTEN AND YEAR 1 SPORT

In term one students will work in teams to participate in sport activities. These activities will focus on the fundamental movement skills of skipping, hopping, jumping, running etc.

We would love 1-2 parents each week to help us. If you are available on a Friday morning between 9.00am and 10.00am please meet us on the lower quad. Thank you.

Jenny Jackson

CLASS PARENTS

It is a new year, and we are looking for a bunch of enthusiastic people to be Class Parents. If
Hello everyone!

I just can’t believe it is the second week of school and the first for the Kindergarten. I am so pleased to be seeing the familiar faces again and now some new ones. If you just started school this year let me introduce myself, I’m Alexandra. I have been in this school for four years as a Mum and two years as the Canteen Manager. I love working in this beautiful school and sharing my days with the little ones, full of energy and happiness. I enjoy cooking healthy and nice food for our kids and staff and am always happy to meet new people, so please if we haven’t met already feel free to come to the canteen and have a cuppa with me.

If you don’t know what I look like…this is me☺

We started this year with our online ordering as the only way to place a lunch order. I know for some of you it can be difficult or maybe a bit of a challenge for many reasons. If you are one of those people, please come and see me as I am happy to listen to your concerns and help you through the process.

How to order: Please visit www.school24.com.au and click on ‘Register and create your account. Our school ID is 2567963.

I am also putting together the canteen volunteer roster for 2015. It is looking good, but there are still some places available. You can find a form included in this newsletter if you can spare some time to help out in the canteen.

I am looking forward to an excellent year. Have a great rest of the week.

Alexandra Mancera
Canteen Manager
canteen@npspandc.com
Canteen phone: 9989 8775

Is your child interested in being involved in the choir this year? We have two choirs at Normanhurst who have a lot of fun singing and performing throughout the year.

Our K-2 choir meets first half of lunch on Tuesday’s under the direction of Mrs Mandy Pollard supervised by Mrs Newton. The K-2 choir performs at many events during the year, such as school assemblies, open mornings, Education Week and end of year presentations.

The 3-6 choir meets at 8.00am on Tuesday mornings under the direction of Mrs Fiona Hales supervised by Mrs Newton. As well as featuring in the above events as well, they have been successful in being invited to perform at the Opera House with a mass choir on Tuesday evening 27th October. Organisers of the Opera House event state there is a limit of 36 students in this choir.

The first meeting for students in either choir is next Tuesday 10th November. If your child is interested please encourage them to come along. Choir will be held in the school hall.

Welcome to NOOSH

Welcome to all our new families who have joined NOOSH this year. We look forward to a fantastic 2015 with our Centre Director Kerri Wickenden, who has a great program full of fun activities for all children who attend.

We now have our electronic sign in/out available to parents. So come prepared with your ID and Username to be able to sign in/out your child/ren at the centre.

The holiday program was a huge success with many families giving positive feedback about the
activities. Well done to our NOOSH Staff for a successful program!

Enrolments

Unfortunately there are a number of families who have not finalised their enrolment at the centre. Due to legal requirements we are unable to accept any child/ren at the centre either casually or permanently if we do not have a finalised enrolment. The centre can be fined up to $2000 per child if we accept any children who do not have an enrolment.

Children who are not enrolled will be escorted to the School Administration Office where parents will be contacted to collect their child/ren.

If you are unsure about your enrolment please contact our Director, Kerri, to establish the status of your enrolment. If you believe you have finalised your enrolment, please forward your confirmation email to the centre stating your enrolment has been accepted, so any discrepancies can be worked through. Please refer to our website for the enrolment process www.normanhurststoshc.com.au

Paula Bourke
President

UNITING CHURCH KIDS CLUB

Good news! If you are in year’s three to six Kids’ Club is back at Normanhurst Uniting Church, Buckingham Avenue from 6th February. From 3.30pm-6.00pm every Friday afternoon during school term, Kids’ Club will be filled with fun games, lots of great friends and fantastic stories about an amazing God. With afternoon tea provided, just $3.00 each week is an absolute bargain. The first week in 2015 is free.

For more information contact the church’s Youth Minister, Graham Baldock on 0402 462 590.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

PIANO – free to a good home! We have a piano in one of our classrooms which we no longer use. It has been regularly tuned. If you would like it, please contact the school office on 9489 1152. You would need to arrange you own removalist.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Asquith Girls High School is hosting an Open Night for parents of Year five and six students on Monday 2nd March 2015. It will be held in the school hall, Stokes Avenue, Asquith from 6.00pm-8.00pm with a welcome BBQ commencing at 5.15pm.

Their 2016 Gifted and Talented Examination will be on Saturday 7th March. You can visit their website to download an application www.asquithgir-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Hornsby Council has organised Go4fun family fun day in partnership with the Health and other local services on Sunday 8th March at Westleigh. This FREE family fun day includes a range of sports and fun activities for the children 4-12 years and it is a good opportunity to meet other families.

Time: 9.00am-11.00am
Date: Sunday 8th march
Venue: Ruddock Park, Westleigh
Bring: Drinks, hats, chairs, snacks.

Normanhurst Eagles Football Club – registration is now open. To register in person or make any enquiries, we will be at Normanhurst West Public School on the 7th and 14th February from 9.00am to 1.00pm. Registration days will also include a FREE TRIAL including fun games for any kids who want to try before registering. We welcome players from under 6’s upwards. Girls, boys, ladies and gentlemen are all invited to play.

Visit www.normoeagles.com.au for online registration details or email us at enquiries@normoeagles.com.au or call Pierre on 0403 957 778 for any enquiries.