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Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered. It is yet another fabulous way in which our community supports our school.

David Beggs

Congratulations to Yumi V on receiving her red Striver badge at our last assembly.

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

Heath A  KIJ  Ameek J  3D
Isabelle L  KIJ  Travis L  3D
Elise K  KS  Zoe W  3/4G
Jules H  KS  Alana K  3/4G
Kai U  K/1M  Lilya R  4K
Grace Mc  K/1M  Nicholas S  4K
Jasmin J  1S  Trent L  5N
Habib H  1S  Lauren W  5N
Joshua P  1/2VJ  Alex P  5/6C
Libby P  1/2VJ  Joel P  5/6C
Chloe L  2P  Ian A-M  6B
Miles W  2P  Jessie D  6B
Lily F  2/3N
Jayden Y  2/3N

PARENT ONLINE PAYMENT

A reminder that you can pay for school based expenses such as voluntary contributions, excursions textbooks etc., via the school website.

Go to the school website, make sure you are on the home page then click on '$Make a Payment' tab. Enter the required details and your done. An asterisk indicates mandatory fields.

This is not to be used for payments to P&C, Band, Uniform Shop or Canteen. They have different bank accounts.

SAFER INTERNET DAY 2015

Yesterday, Tuesday 10th February was Safer Internet Day!

The theme for 2015 is ‘Let’s create a better internet together’.

Students at school have been completing various Cyber safety activities to coincide with this international day. This year the focus is on the positive ways that students use technology and encouraging strategies to build respectful relationships and combat cyberbullying,

Visit http://www.saferinternetday.org or Cybersmart.com.au for more information, resources and ideas.

Alison Taylor
Computer Coordinator

DANCE

Do you like to dance? Then perhaps you might be interested in being part of the Dance Group this year. The Dance Group perform at a variety of events and represent Normanhurst with pride. Dance Groups gives you the chance to showcase your talents and be part of a wonderful team.

Auditions will be held next Wednesday 18th February in the Hall. Please come straight to the Hall after eating time at lunch. If you have jazz shoes you may bring them to the auditions.

Looking forward to another sensational year of dance at Normanhurst.

Miss Moore

OUR SCHOOL CANTEEN

Many NSW Public Schools provide a canteen service for their students. Fresh Tastes NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy requires all NSW government schools to provide a healthy, nutritious canteen menu.

Our canteen remains open due to the generosity of parents, grandparents and friends who volunteer to assist our paid Canteen Manager and we are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday for morning recess and lunch.

Each year the canteen will have two to four special lunch days which are usually based on a theme. These generally occur on a non-canteen day and are used to raise additional funds for
the canteen. The funds raised help us to continue to provide a pleasant working environment and healthy, homemade and nutritious food for our students.

Next week, **Tuesday 17th February**, we will be having our first Special Food Day for the year. Pancake Day! All ordering is to be online, as is our new policy for ordering lunches. As we have to notify numbers to our supplier it is important that we have a cut off time for orders. **Friday 13th February at 6.00pm is the deadline to order your pancakes.**

Online ordering is easy once you have set up your account – and if you are having any trouble accessing/setting up an account, please see Alex in the canteen and she will guide you through the process. Please visit www.school24.com.au to **register** using our school ID 2567963. Depending on the way you ‘top up’ your account it can take anywhere from a few hours to a couple of days for the money to reach your account, so please don’t leave setting up or adding money to your account till Friday as we would not want any little people missing out on their pancakes!

If you have any opportunity to help out in the canteen please do, not only will we love you for it, but the look on your little person’s face when they see you there is priceless.

Lastly, Emma, Alex and myself are always here to help with any questions/ideas/thoughts you may have in regards to the canteen, so please feel free to approach us in the playground.

© Emma and Amanda
Canteen Coordinators

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**CLASS PARENTS**

To all of those wonderful people who have nominated themselves to be class parents – thank you. We will be collecting information shortly to complete our class lists.

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Please contact Emma on classparent@npspandc.com.au if you have any questions.

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**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

**Turramurra High School** is hosting an **Open Afternoon** on Tuesday 24th February from 4.00pm to 6.45pm. Students will show visitors the rich variety of opportunities available at their high achieving school.

**Turramurra High School** – Year 6 students have the opportunity to sit the placement test for their Year seven gifted and talented class for
2016. This will take place on Friday 6th March – 9.30am to 2.000pm in the school’s Multi-Purpose Centre. There will only be one test date and pre-registration and prepayment is required. A test place cannot be guaranteed if you attempt to register on the day. For further information and application form go to www.turramurrahighschool.com.au

Pennant Hills High School is hosting an Open Night on Tuesday 3rd March. From 4.00pm to 7.30pm, students from all years will offer interactive experiences and performances, and conduct guided tours of the school, or if you prefer, you may take a self-guided tour. Information will be available about enrolment, and applicants can register for the Year seven 2016 Academically Selected Class test (applications available on PHHS website). The Principal, Geoff Wing and students will give a presentation at 7.00pm in the school hall.

The Golden Kangaroos (Hornsby Concert Band) is a local not for profit community band rehearsing at Beecroft Community Centre.

Are you interested in learning a musical? Kids – got a clash that means you can’t play in the school band this year? Parents – always wanted to learn but never had the opportunity before?

Their community band consists of beginner, intermediate and senior concert bands, marching band, stage/jazz band and a number of smaller ensembles. They welcome musicians of all ages and abilities. Rehearsals are in the evenings.

The beginner band will be starting at 6.00pm on Monday 16th February. No previous experience is required and instrument hire is available.

Ever wanted to march at ANZAC Day? The Centenary of ANZAC is a chance not to miss. Marching band rehearsals start on Sunday 22nd February. For more information visit www.gks.org.au, email membership@goldenkangaroos.org.au or phone Paul on 9868 3289.