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# Normanhurst News

The weekly newsletter of Normanhurst Boys High School

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## From the Principal

On behalf of Normanhurst Boys' High School I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all students, staff and parents/carers to the 2008 school year. I especially want to make a warm welcome to our school community to all new students in Year 7 and other enrolments in Years 8-11. We will endeavour to ensure that your association with NBHS will be both enjoyable and educationally beneficial.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome also to the following new members of staff:

Mrs Louise Venczel our new Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts, Ms Lissette Laurel in ESL, Georgina Meakin in PDHPE, Mrs Angela Ellen in HSIE and Mr Stephen Rutherford in English. I am also pleased to report that Mr Stephen Russell has been appointed to the English staff replacing Mrs Stavert. Mr Tim Lawson will be assisting us until a permanent Mathematics/Science teacher is appointed.

We look forward to working with them, knowing they will all make a valuable contribution to the education of our students.

2007 was the ninth year of our selective intakes to sit for the HSC. We had some outstanding results. A total of 114 sat for the HSC in 2007. Seven students were placed in the top all rounders list for receiving a Band 6 in their 10 best units and will be presented with their awards at the Premier's Awards ceremony in early February. These students were: Joshua Chalkley, Tomoyuki Hachigo, Shahab Pathan, Mathew Samson, Vladimir Vukic, Isuru Wanasinghe and Jason Wong. We received 220 mentions in the merit list for students obtaining a Band 6 (the highest) in a subject, which was up from 2006. Overall 80% of results were in the top two bands, again up from 2006. In addition Curtis Hwang was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state in Japanese Continuers. Overall the students performed well and they are to be congratulated. Four students received a Macquarie University Preferred Admissions Scheme award and the vast majority of students received their first choice for university entry.

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week our 14<sup>th</sup> annual Year 7 camp was held at the Pennant Hills Scout Camp. Organised as usual by the Year 7 adviser – Ms Levy for 2008 – and ably assisted by many other staff it was another resounding success.

The purpose of the camp is to provide a smooth introduction to high school for our new Year 7s. Year 7, supported by staff and 35 outstanding Year 11 Peer Support Leaders were involved in a whole range of activities involving team building exercises and "getting to know you" exercises. On the Wednesday evening our traditional Year 7 dinner was held, which provided those present the opportunity to mix with other parents and to check up on their son. This was followed by presentations by a number of speakers including; Mrs Straw, Peter Clark (Year 12, 2007), Mr Price (P&C President) and Mr Spoor.

Special thanks to Ms Levy and to all those others who assisted by staying overnight: Mr Miller; Mr Ridley; Mr Pico and to Mrs Moreton for organising all the Peer Support activities and to all of those who supported the camp in any manner. Thanks also to Mr Rumbelow, Mr Boyle, Mr Pettit, Mrs Moreton, Mr Gow, Mrs Kostantopoulos, Mrs Barbeler, Mr Copping, Mrs Packham, Mr Wall, Mr Bennett, Dr Hooper, Mrs Black, Mrs Ramsay, Mrs Cooksey and Mr Russell for their catering and cooking of the early breakfast and/or their general support.

I once again draw your attention to our website [www.normanhurb-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.normanhurb-h.schools.nsw.edu.au). We have provided a lot of information on the website including such things as the calendar, which we will attempt to update every fortnight, as well as access to a whole range of school policies.

In accordance with privacy regulations any parent/carer who does not wish to have their son's photograph or name placed on the website is asked to let me know either by mail or email.

Again this year, we plan to make greater use of the students' education email address and will be emailing more information to students where appropriate. Ultimately we hope to be emailing the newsletter (which also appears on the school website) in an attempt to minimise costs and assist in reducing negative environmental impact.

All new parents and parents who have been with us for some time are reminded that they are not to drive their students into the school grounds past the visitor car park area, as it makes it difficult for entry and exit by staff and commercial vehicles. Your assistance is appreciated. Please consider using Jasmine Street for dropping off your son in the mornings. **Do not** drop your son off, at or near the blind bend in Fraser

Road.

The school swimming carnival will be held at the Hornsby Aquatic Centre next Monday. All students are expected to be in attendance and at the venue by 8.30am. We are looking forward to another highly successful day.

As always we look forward to another year of working together in providing students with the opportunity to achieve to their ability.

**F Johnson**  
**Principal (Acting)**

## MUSIC NEWS

Welcome back to all our musos – we hope you had a great holiday and did lots of practice!! 2008 will be a busy year with the Musical and the China Tour but there will still be time to have FEST and our usual musical evenings. We are also hoping to get more outside gigs for the smaller ensembles.

### 2007 HSC MUSIC STUDENTS

Our students in last years' HSC performed very well with seven top bands altogether across the three courses which was very clever of them. Lincoln Pang will be pursuing his musical studies in the Bachelor of Music (Performance) at Sydney University (Conservatorium).

### ENSEMBLES

Concert Band, and the China Tour band will commence rehearsals again in Week 2. In Week 2 Concert Band will rehearse on **both** Thursday and Friday. Stage Band will commence in Week 3. Concert Band may be required to play at a Prefect Induction next Friday so it is important that everyone attends the rehearsal this Thursday.

ENSEMBLE	ROOM	DAY	TIME
CONCERT BAND	33	THURSDAY	7.30am
STAGE BAND	46	FRIDAY	7.30am
CHINA TOUR	46	THURSDAY	3.00pm – 4.00pm

The String Ensemble and Jazz Combo will probably commence rehearsals in week three – time TBA.

### YEAR 7 AND OTHER NEW STUDENTS

**There will be a meeting for all students who wish to join a musical ensemble on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at lunchtime. The meeting will be in the SoundHouse<sup>®</sup> (Room 41) which is next to the Music Staffroom on the ground floor of C Block. Ask your peer support leaders where this is if you are not sure.**

**You do not have to audition to get into the Concert Band but you must have been learning a band instrument for at least 1 year. The Stage Band and Jazz Combo are for more experienced players and are smaller ensembles. For the string**

**ensemble you need to play a stringed instrument such as violin, viola, 'cello or double bass.**

### GREASE

All the boys who were successful in gaining a place in the musical will hopefully have been preparing a song and a reading for the casting of principal characters. These auditions will be in week four so if you are trying for a lead part you need to sign up for an audition time on the notice board outside the music staffroom next week.

### CHINA TOUR

Hopefully any messages regarding China are reaching your emails but just in case you've missed any here is a summary of the last couple of weeks:

- It is probably time to organize a visit to the GP for advice on vaccinations and any medication you will need for the trip. Asthma and allergy forms will be sent home soon if relevant.
- Anyone who hasn't handed in the permission forms and medical advice please do so as soon as you can.
- We still need the travel insurance details for most students so if you've organized this please send in a copy of your certificate.
- Please keep the last two Sundays before our departure – 30<sup>th</sup> March and 6<sup>th</sup> April – free from 10.00am to 3.00pm free for our final rehearsals.
- There will be an information evening on the 12<sup>th</sup> March at the school for the benefit of everyone who is coming on the tour. More details regarding this will follow.

Looking forward to a very musical year!

**Mrs. M. Johnson and Mrs. S. Cousins**  
**Music Staff**

## CAREERS NEWS

On Sunday February 10, 2008, The NSW Police Force is hosting a Career Day at the NSW Police Academy, Goulburn, from 10am to 4pm. Guest speaker sessions will take place at 10.30am and 12.30pm, and tour of the College will be conducted on the day. For further information, phone 1800 222 122.

## CALENDAR DATES

Thurs 7 Feb	Year Assembly
Fri 8 Feb	Prefect Induction Yr12 Teachers' Meeting
Mon 11 Feb	Photographs for student ID cards, Yrs 7, 9 & 11 & new students
Tues 12 Feb	P&C Meeting
Wed 13 Feb	Yr7 Vaccinations
Thurs 14 Feb	Yr11 Geography Field Study
Fri 15 Feb	Yr11 U-Turn the Wheel

## CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome back to students, teachers and our volunteer helpers - we hope you have all had a restful

break. We welcome also all new students and wish you a happy association with the school.

The canteen is operated by the Canteen Committee which is part of the school P & C Association. It has a policy of providing healthy food at reasonable prices and is also able to provide major funds for the P & C to use for the benefit of all students.

We rely entirely on volunteer help from parents and are urgently in need of more help for the 2008 roster. The more helpers we have, the quicker the students are served. At this stage we still urgently need volunteers for the second and third Thursdays of the month. It is possible to help for only half a day. Any help is appreciated.

**Please call and have a chat with the canteen supervisors, Chris (Mon/Wed/Thurs) or Anne (Mon/Tue/Fri) to see how best you can help. The direct canteen phone number is 9489 4122 between the hours of 7.15am and 2.00pm.**

For the benefit of new students and parents, the following will provide helpful information for using the canteen:

- The canteen is open every day from 8.15am. We recommend students order lunch, either before class or by the end of recess. Lunch

bags are provided at the 'lunch order' window.

- **LIMIT OF 4 ITEMS PER PERSON:** Buy only for yourself - multiple buying for friends, with separate payments, only causes delays to other students in the queue.
- The **LUNCH ORDERS ONLY** line is only for ordering and collecting lunch orders. Payment is made at the time of ordering and the student given a numbered tag - this ensures quick collection at lunch time. Remember, ordering your lunch ensures you get what you want - when buying over the counter your food of choice may already be sold out!
- The canteen also sells a range of maths grid books, exercise books, music and A4 binder books. We also carry floppy discs, blank CDs and other stationery items.

A current price list is printed in this newsletter for your information.

**Chris and Anne**

**Please note: as a result of technical difficulties, this newsletter is limited in its content, more information will follow in future editions.**

## NORMANHURST BOYS HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN PRICE LIST – January 2008

### ROLLS

Chicken lettuce & mayo	\$2.80
Ham and salad	\$3.00
Roast beef and salad	\$3.00
Chicken and salad	\$3.00
Cheese and salad	\$3.00
Salad	\$2.80
Chicken and avocado	\$2.80
Chicken Caesar Roll	\$3.00
Mediterranean Beef Roll	\$3.00
<u>Extras</u>	
Beetroot, pineapple, cheese etc	.20

### SANDWICHES

Egg and lettuce	\$1.50
Chicken and avocado	\$2.80
Ham cheese and tomato	\$2.80
Roast beef cheese and tomato	\$2.80
Chicken and salad	\$3.00
Ham and salad	\$3.00
Roast beef and salad	\$3.00
Salad	\$2.50
Chicken lettuce and mayo	\$2.80

### WRAPS (with tabouli)

Chicken and salad	\$3.00
Ham and salad	\$3.00
Cheese and salad	\$3.00
Falafel and salad (order only)	\$3.00

Salad Box	\$2.50
Salad Box with Chicken/ham	\$3.00
Fruit Salad (seasonal)	\$2.20
Pasta Salad	\$2.00

### SUSHI

Chicken/Tuna or Vegetable	\$2.40
Wasabi	.10

### MILK

Dare (Mocha/Caramel/Expresso/Capuccino)	\$3.30
Moove Chocolate 250ml	\$1.20
Moove Wicked Choc/Choc 500ml	\$3.30
Oak (Choc/Straw/Vanilla Malt Iced Coffee)	\$3.00
Plain milk 1 Litre	\$2.00
Plain milk 600ml	\$1.50
Skim milk 600ml	\$1.60
Tea/coffee/hot chocolate	\$1.00
Up N Go (Straw/Choc/Banana)	\$2.00
Custard (600ml)	\$2.10
Sipahh Straws + 600ml plain milk	\$1.90

### CAKES

Banana Bread	\$1.50
Muffins	\$1.50
Finger Bun	\$1.50
Apple Pies	\$1.40
Chelsea Buns	\$1.70
Choc Chip Cookie	\$1.30

### ICE CREAMS

Frozen Yoghurt Bucket	\$1.30
Paddle Pops	\$1.20
Calippo,	\$0.80
Quelch Sticks	\$0.40
Juice Cups	\$0.50

### HOT FOOD AVAILABLE ALL YEAR

Chicken Burger	\$2.50
Chicken Burger and salad	\$3.00
Hamburger and salad	\$3.00
Chicken tenders	\$2.00
Doner Kebab (Tue/Thurs only)	\$3.00
Chicken tender wrap (Mon/Wed/Fri)	\$2.50
Cheese and Spinach triangle	\$2.70
Beef and Vegie Pastie	\$2.50
Sausages roll	\$2.20
Meat Pie	\$2.60
Potato Pie	\$2.60
Chicken & Vegie Pie	\$2.60
Pizza Rounda	\$1.60
Garlic Bread	\$1.00
Fantastic Noodles	\$2.00
Hot Meals	\$4.00
Hot Roast Beef & Gravy Rolls	\$2.80
Hot Chicken & Gravy Roll	\$2.80
Vegie Roll	\$2.50
Quiche	\$3.00
Spring Rolls	\$1.20

### AVAILABLE ON ORDER ONLY

Hot Chicken and Sweet Chilli Roll	\$2.60
Normo Burger or Vegie Normo Burger (with pattie, salad, beetroot, cheese and pineapple)	\$4.00
Vegie Burger	\$3.00
Hot Cheese Roll	\$1.80
Lasagne	\$3.50
Hot Ham & Cheese Roll	\$2.50

### HOT FOOD AVAILABLE ON SPECIAL DAYS

Nachos (beef or salsa)	\$2.50
Jacket Potatoes	\$2.50
Pasta in Bolognaise Sauce	\$2.00

### DRINKS

Berrie 100% Juice	
(Orange/Apple/Pineapple 300ml)	\$1.50
Daily Juice	
(Orange/Apple/Orange and Mango)	\$2.00
Fuze (Orange/Passionfruit and Lemon)	\$1.50
Water 500ml	\$1.00

### SNACKS

Focaccia (Ham and Cheese)	\$1.20
Red Rocks Chips	\$1.00
Doritos	\$1.00
Glucose Lollies	.70
Raisin toast (2 slices) before school only	.60