



THE Normanhurst News

The weekly newsletter of Normanhurst Boys High School

Celebrating 50 years of quality education for boys

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From the Principal

We are starting to receive information about the funding that will be available to us through the Commonwealth Government's Building the Economic Revolution (BER) program which is part of the economic stimulus package. The thrust of the program is to create jobs and although the fine detail is yet to arrive, we do know that the funding will cover the following: minor works, such as roof or sewer replacements or power upgrades; maintenance needs not being addressed by existing programs; and works to improve access for students with special needs.



One of the main challenges that we face is the urgency with which the program needs to be implemented. Effectively, we have been asked to submit our application by March 16 with the first round of the work needing to be completed by the end of June. That doesn't leave a lot of time! After consultation with our parent community we need to determine what our priority areas will be and I will discuss these further at the next P&C meeting on March 9. In the meantime, some possible areas that could fall under the guidelines of the package include upgrading of the toilets, the provision of additional shade areas in the school and extensive repainting of the school buildings.

Watch this space for more details as they become available.

Supporting Year 12

Next Monday night, March 2, we hold the first of the parent teacher interviews for the year. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents of Year 12 students to meet their son's teachers and to discuss progress as we move towards the half-way point of the HSC courses. I would urge as many parents as possible to attend this night which will be held in the school library commencing at 4pm. Please check with your sons that they have made appointments for you with their teachers.

Fees for Years 8-12

You will be receiving fee schedules by mail in the next few days and I would ask that you give this your urgent attention. Although our school receives funding from the State Government, the support our parents provide

through payment of the voluntary contributions is crucial in enabling us to maintain the many quality programs that the school offers.

Congratulations

Last Monday, two of our Year 12 students, Graeme McIntyre and Martin McCarthy competed in the Lions Club Youth of the Year Quest which was organised by the West Pennant Hills/Cherrybrook branch of the Lions Club. The Quest is a community project designed to encourage, foster and develop leadership qualities in young Australians. More than 2,000 people compete in the Quest each year, with winners making their way through zone, region, district, state and national finals.

Competing against students from other local high schools, our boys were outstanding, with Martin eventually being named as the winner. Martin will now go on to compete in the Regional Final.

Congratulations also, to all the teams that have been successful in reaching the finals of the zone summer competition. The following teams will play in the finals next week: 15A Cricket, 14A Cricket, 1st Basketball, 15s Basketball, 14s Tennis and the 1st Waterpolo. Good luck to all the boys in these teams and their coaches.



Kind regards
Jeff Bruce
Principal

MUSIC NEWS

Well done to our year nine and ten students in the Concert band who played the National Anthem for last weeks assembly with only half an hour's notice. This will be a regular occurrence from now on whenever there is a formal assembly in the hall. Different year groups within the band will take a turn.

We are also looking for any students who wish to perform at these assemblies – either a solo or ensemble item. Please let the music department know if you are interested – short works of about 2 -3 minutes are best.

ENSEMBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

So far 22 students have paid their annual ensemble contribution of \$50.YAY!!! Remember this should be placed in an envelope marked “ensemble contribution” and handed in to the front office as soon as possible. **The Stage Band fees for this term are set out below. If you are in stage band and you cannot afford both Stage Band fees and ensemble contribution then please just pay for Stage Band.**

EMAIL

Please remember to send your email addresses to the address below with the requested details. This will greatly assist us in our communications to you regarding the ensembles. **This includes students in the string ensemble.** The students' DET address will be used, as well as one, or both, parents. Could you either submit your email(s) in writing to the music staffroom, or email it to margaret.johnson15@det.nsw.edu.au . Please make sure you include the name of your son, his instrument, the ensemble that he is playing in and his year group, as well as your own name(s) of course. Once we start to send messages in this way we would encourage **students**, not just parents, to check their emails regularly. If any ensemble rehearsals are cancelled for some reason there will be an email to this effect.

STAGE BAND FEES

This information was handed out to the Stage Band members last Monday.

The Stage Band fees for term 1 are now due. There will be 8 sessions this term at \$4.00 a session. A total of \$32 should be placed in an envelope marked with your name and “Stage Band Fees” and then handed in to the front office ASAP.

Mrs. M. Johnson and Mrs. S Cousins

YEAR 9 VISUAL ARTS AND YEAR 9 PHOTOGRAPHIC AND DIGITAL MEDIA

The city of Sydney was host to thirty nine Normanhurst Boys last Friday 20th February.

We arrived at St Mary's Cathedral and craned our necks skyward to view the exterior Gothic features. In smaller groups we somberly experienced the magnitude of the interior space with its complex groin vaulted ceiling and stained glass windows.

Heading north students photographed city reflections and sketched the skyline and facades of buildings old and new.

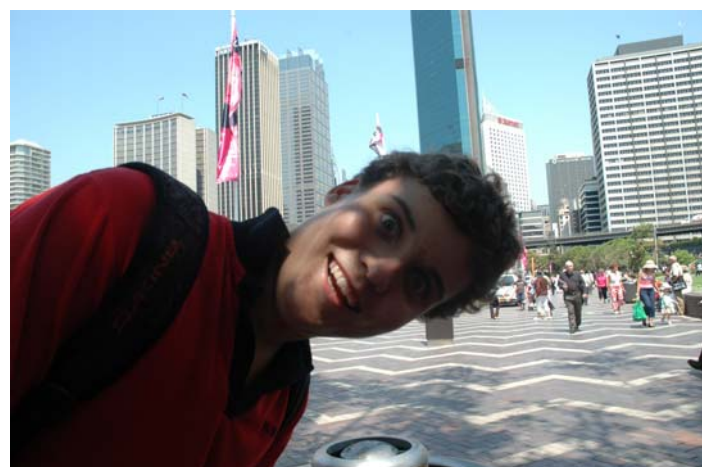
At the State Library we chuckled at bizarre videos and photos depicting Bondi Beach goers, taken by photographer and “Jitterbug” expert George Caddy during the 1940s.

The afternoon was spent at Circular Quay where students photographed and sketched the quaint shop fronts in George Street North against a backdrop of soaring skylines.

It was a pleasure to see our boys explore the city with such enthusiasm and on several occasions the general public commented on their impressive behaviour.

My thanks go to Mrs Venczel and Mrs Whalley for assisting us and all the staff that looked after our classes back at school.

Our luxury Clarke's coach returned us to school with plenty of visual inspiration for our drawing and photography projects this term.



Ms McDonald
Year 9 Visual Arts and PDM Teacher

YEAR TWELVE JERSEYS

Just a friendly reminder to all year twelve students, that jerseys are to be worn on **Wednesdays** only.

Mr Ridley

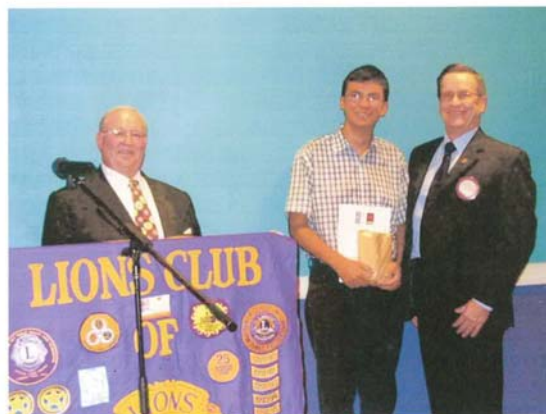
LIONS CLUB NATIONAL YOUTH OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook Lions Club hosted the area final of they YOTY competition last Sunday and Monday (night). Lions Clubs are charitable organisations that do wonderful work in the community (like raising funds for three buses donated to our neighbouring Clarke Road special school)

Their charter for the Youth Award is to encourage more young people to take an interest in leadership and the qualifier is to take an active and constructive role in the community.

This years standard was amazing, with exceptional candidates from Cheltenham Girls and Cherrybrook Technology High Schools. Graeme McIntyre and Martin McCarthy represented our school with distinction, with Martin being triumphant in what was an incredibly hard, and close, decision. The five candidates had two days of

rigorous interviews and presentations culminating in delivering prepared and impromptu speeches to some forty members and dinner guests. Graeme and Martin presented brilliantly with Graeme's chosen topic of "Random Acts of Kindness" and Martin discussing "Global Economic & Political effects of developed countries on the under-developed world", 20% of marks went to the public speaking phase whilst 20% from general knowledge and 60% for leadership and community involvement skills made up the demanding Sunday interview stages. In a forty five year first, Martin was not only deemed the overall winner but also won the public speaking section. I congratulate both our candidates for the manner in which they represented themselves, their families and our school. We wish Martin well for the district final next week at the Dural Country Club hosted by Hills District Lions.



Martin McCarthy 2009 competition winner

It was a great honour to witness such fine performances, and to introduce our lads to 'retired' teacher, Mr Ian Cavanagh, who served Normanhurst with distinction in the 70's and 80's. He is still proud of the fact that students wear our uniform, tie and blazer with pride and has counselled Martin to ensure he will wear his at the district final. Mr Cavanagh still keeps in touch with Normanhurst in his role as NSW School's liaison officer for the Australian Army Cadet Corps. What a mighty Lion!

**Mr Gavin Ridley
Year 12 Adviser 2009**

<i>-Normanhurst Boys' High School</i>			<i>Term 1, 2009</i>		
<i>Wk</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
6	2 Mar LST Meeting	3 Yr7 Teachers' Meeting	4	5 Formal Assembly Yrs 7/8/11/12 Zone Swimming	6 Yr7 Geography Field Study P&C Working Bee 7 Mar
	Yr12 P/T Night			Yr12 English Advanced	
7	9 Mar	10 Yr10 Geography Field Study	11	12 Formal Assembly Yrs 9/10/11/12 Yr10 Geography Field Study	13 Yr7 Maths Fun Day
		←—————Year 9—————→	Northern Explorer		
	Yr12 Economics Yr10 Mathematics	P&C Meeting Yr11 Mathematics	Yr8 Maths	Yr11 Business Studies	Yr11 Maths Ext1
8	16 Mar Yrs 7/8/9/10 French Inc Yr11 Geography Field Study	17 Yr7 BBQ	18	19 Selective Schools Test	20 Book Display (Nelson & Cambridge) Yr9 Commerce Field Study Yr7/10 Immunisation Yr7 Interim Reports issued
	←—————NO—————→ Yr10 Japanese Yr10 French	Yr11 Eng Ext1 issued	—————YEAR 12—————	—————ASSESSMENTS—————→	Yr11 Japanese

SPORTS RESULTS

GRADE		DATE:27/2/2009	ROUND No:Semi Finals
SPORT	OPPOSITION	WINNER	SCORE
1st CRICKET	4 vs 1-North Sydney	North Sydney	NH 71 vs NS 3/72
2nd CRICKET			
15A CRICKET	2 vs 3-Randwick	Normanhurst	NH 5/43 def Rw 40
14A CRICKET	1 vs 4-Homebush	Normanhurst	NH 57 def Hb 9/42
14B CRICKET	2 vs 3-Homebush	Homebush	HB 64 def NH 37
1st BASKETBALL	2 vs 3-Homebush	Normanhurst	61-49
2nd BASKETBALL	3 vs 2-Homebush	Draw	27-27 (Hb progress)
15S BASKETBALL	1 vs 4-Homebush	Normanhurst	31-13
14S BASKETBALL	1 vs 4-Epping	Epping	30-36
SNR BASEBALL	3 vs 2-Homebush	Homebush	3-8
JNR BASEBALL	3 vs 2-Homebush	Homebush	7-8
1st VOLLEYBALL	4 vs 1-Epping	Epping	0-2
2nd VOLLEYBALL			
15S VOLLEYBALL			
14S VOLLEYBALL	4 vs 1-Homebush	Homebush	1-2
1st TENNIS	3 vs 2-North Sydney	North Sydney	0-6
2nd TENNIS	4 vs 1-Epping	Epping	0-6
15S TENNIS	1 vs 4-Epping	Normanhurst	4-2
14S TENNIS	3 vs 2-Homebush	Normanhurst	5-1
Open OZ TAG			
15s OZ TAG			
1st WATERPOLO	2 vs 3-North Sydney	Normanhurst	6-2
15s WATERPOLO	2 vs 3-North Sydney	North Sydney	3-4
14s WATERPOLO			
OPEN FUTSAL			
15s FUTSAL			

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When & Where?

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Binh Nguyen on 9845 1224 or email thanhn@chw.edu.au,

Vanessa Shrewsbury on 9845 3015

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