



THE Normanhurst News

The weekly newsletter of Normanhurst Boys High School

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From the Principal

As we reach the half-way mark of Term 1, there has been much activity on a number of fronts in the school and a number of key events scheduled for the next few weeks. As reported in last week's newsletter, we are starting to get a clearer picture of what to expect from the Australian Government's funding of the BER (Building the Education Revolution) program. I had a lengthy meeting this week with the school's assets manager who outlined the schedule of works that the school can reasonably expect to have completed. I hope to be able to outline more details for parents at next week's P&C meeting.



Reverend Bill Crews visits our school

Our special guest of honour at this week's assembly was the Reverend Bill Crews, head of the Exodus Foundation, a wonderful organisation that helps disadvantaged members of society. In his address to the assembly, Reverend Crews thanked the students of NBHS for their contributions towards the Christmas Food Appeal that was run at the end of last year. He also spoke about raising awareness of the impact that the financial crisis may be having on families and encouraged students to do what they could to help the needy. His message was a powerful one and I am sure resonated strongly with the boys. A particular thank you goes to Mr Briefrel, our Head Teacher English who coordinated Reverend Crews' visit.



Rev Bill Crews addresses the school assembly

Important days ahead for Year 12

Thank you to the many parents who attended the Year 12 parent/teacher interviews on Monday night and for the many positive comments that I received about the feedback that you received from your sons' teachers. Half-yearly exams are only a couple of weeks away and Year 12 should by now have started their revision schedules leading up to these exams. I will be meeting with each of the boys during the first part of next term to review their performance in these exams and discuss their progress as they move into the second half of their HSC courses.

Year 9 Heading North

Our Year 9 students depart on Monday on the Northern Explorer excursion, a trip that has developed in recent years into a wonderful learning opportunity. The boys will travel to the Hunter Valley, Port Stephens, Port Macquarie, Raymond Terrace and Wauchope.

Many thanks to Mr Rumbelow for his organisation and to the team of teachers who will be giving up so much of their time to supervise the excursion. I look forward to hearing glowing reports when the boys return next Thursday.

Success in Sport

We had 7 teams successful in reaching the zone finals of the summer sport competition this week and I am delighted to be able to congratulate our 15's Basketball, 15's Tennis and 14A's Cricket teams who all recorded impressive wins in their respective finals. Congratulations also, to our 1st's Water Polo team, 15A Cricket, 14's Tennis and our 1st's Basketball team who reached the finals but unfortunately weren't able to secure victory against some very formidable opposition. Our thanks to the coaches of all of these teams for guiding them to this level of their competitions.

Congratulations

Last week I wrote about the success of Year 12 student Martin McCarthy in the zone final of the Lions Youth of the Year Competition. I am delighted to report that on Monday night of this week, Martin was successful in the District final and will now go on to compete in the next level of the competition to be held this Friday night. I have no doubt that he will continue to be a wonderful ambassador for our school in this very prestigious competition.

Two of our Year 9 students Joshua Andrews and Nicholas Hurden have been selected to be part of the Space Odyssey Project, a student run initiative at Tara Anglican School for Girls in conjunction with Oxford University and the CSIRO. Students in the project will be working along side astronomers from Oxford University and the CSIRO observing the 'Cosmic Corkscrew'.

Clean Up Day

Last Friday, a large group of students under the very capable leadership of our Head Teacher Science, Mr Doug Steed, took part in Clean Up Australia Day, moving around the school grounds collecting as much rubbish as they could. By the end of the afternoon, a sizable pile of rubbish had been collected and disposed of and the school was left looking much the better for their work.



Normo boys cleaning up their corner of Australia



1st Grade Basketball in action in the Finals

Kind regards

Jeff Bruce
Principal

P & C NEWS

Class Lists

These are being distributed to the current Year 7-11 groups.

Next Important Dates:

1. **Next Tuesday 10 March General Meeting – starts at 8:00 pm**

- Standard Agenda (Principal's Report / P&C Business)
- Student Accident Insurance Scheme
- 2009-10 plans

2. **Term 1 Working Bee (postponed from this weekend for a fortnight) – now on Sat 21 March. An information /nomination form will be distributed through school**

Pevlin Price
P&C President

YEAR 7 IMMUNISATION PROGRAM 2009

Dear Year 7 Parent/Guardian

Year 7 students have received information packages regarding the immunisation program that is currently taking place in schools. Our school will have the first round of injections on Friday March 20 and the second round will take place on Monday September 21.

Could you please carefully read the information contained in the packages.

Students can have the Hepatitis B vaccine (two doses)

and/or Chicken Pox (one dose) vaccine.

Dose one of the hepatitis B vaccine and the Chicken Pox vaccine will be given in round one and dose two of the Hepatitis B vaccines will be given in round two of the program.

If you wish to have your son involved in the program you must complete the appropriate permission form(s) and return it (them) to school via your son by Monday 16 March.

Please ensure that all completed leaflets are returned to school intact and placed in the return box located outside Mr Johnson's office.

Mr Johnson
Deputy Principal

YEAR 10 IMMUNISATION PROGRAM 2009

Dear Year 10 Parent/Guardian

Year 10 students have received an information package regarding the immunisation program that is currently taking place in schools.

Could you please carefully read the information contained in the package.

Students in Year 10 are able to receive the Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (dTpa) vaccine.

This vaccine will be provided to students on Friday March 20.

If you wish to have your son receive the vaccine you must complete the permission form and return it to school via your son by Monday 16 March.

Please ensure that the completed form is returned to school intact and placed in the return box located outside Mr Johnson's office.

Enquiries can be directed to Mr Johnson.

Mr Johnson
Deputy Principal

YOUNG AND OLD LIONS STILL ROARING

Congratulations once again to Martin McCarthy for his second success in as many weeks in the Lions Club Youth of the Year Quest. Thankfully two students could not be separated in what was reported as the best standard seen at the one level for many many years. Martin apparently answered the impromptu questions brilliantly and impressed both local member Mr Phil Ruddock and Mayor Cr Nick Berman during the dinner phase of the competition at the Dural Country Club. For the second week running Martin was named the winner of the public speaking section, and Mrs Fowell and the English faculty need to be congratulated for the manner in which our students are being prepared in this all important area (we are all aware of the wonderful success Graeme McIntyre has had in debating and public speaking). We wish Martin every success in Friday night's regional final at Castle Hill RSL club. Martin is up against two other finalists and we hope he can maintain the momentum in the rigorous one hour interview phase.

Normanhurst is not foreign to success in this competition. We had a State and NATIONAL winner of the YoTY competition in 1969. Mr Paul Gibbeson (6th

Form 1969) won a world trip after winning the national title. Mr Gibbeson flew back from America to be at our 50th celebration last year and to spend time with his sister Mrs Debbie Wilson, who taught mathematics on staff in the 1980's, and his nephew Sam, also an ex-student of NBHS of the 1990's. The lectern sometimes used on the assembly has a commemorative plaque honouring Mr Gibbeson's feat. (Mr K Rudd was a Qld winner of the Lions YoTY but he missed out on the national title!).

In a uniform update, my wife attended the competition in my absence last Monday and had forgotten how impressive the NBHS uniform is. She was hoping Martin would leave his blazer behind because she wants one!!!!!!!!! Go Martin!!!!!!

Mr G Ridley Yr 12 Adviser

14A CRICKET FINALS SUCCESS

This Wednesday, 4th March 2009, the Normanhurst 14A Cricket team played Epping in the summer sport finals. Bowling first, Taseen Rahman and Mark Wee opened the bowling for Normanhurst, with Taseen taking 2 important wickets and Epping in deep trouble.

The next ten overs were shared between Ben French and Parth Nathani who allowed Normanhurst to get the upper hand in the game by being miserly with giving away runs. Parth Nathani also got 2 wickets. At the 15 over mark, Epping were struggling at 4 wickets for only 41 runs. The energy was high at the Normo camp, with many students who had come to watch the Normanhurst team play, arriving from school during the drinks break.

During the beginning of the last 15 overs of the Epping innings, Epping tried to gain momentum, costing Normo a few expensive overs. However, the game changed when Alex Horn was given the ball. Bowling for the first time in the season, Alex got 2 crucial wickets, which included a difficult catch off his own bowling. The last four wickets of Epping fell with Mark Wee getting two wickets, and Alex Horn and Kartik getting a run out each. In 29.1 overs, Epping was all out for 81 runs.

The Normanhurst team had a steady start to their innings with Taseen Rahman and Alex Horn opening the batting. Our first wicket fell when Taseen got caught, the score at that stage being 1 wicket for 28 runs. The new batsman, Amar, formed a long partnership with Alex, nearing Normo to the target before Alex got run out on 32. Normo were cruising at this stage with only under 10 runs to get when Amar got run out trying to hurry up the inevitable. With 7 runs to go, Parth Nathani came in to do the honours. Normanhurst gained victory with the last 2 runs scored as byes.

The 14A team had a successful season with 7 wins and only 1 loss. The whole team contributed to our success but there were several performances that are worth a mention. Ben French hit two fifties this season and also took more than 10 wickets. Taseen Rahman and Parth Nathani also joined the more than 10 wickets club, both also scoring consistently in the season. Alex Horn performed extremely well throughout the season, but especially in the final, batting, bowling and fielding, earning the Man of the Match award for the final. Amar Subramanian also contributed with his fine batting and bowling, and his awesome slip catches (a screamer against Homebush that will forever remain in our

thoughts)! Special mention for; Shane Christie-David for taking 6 wickets in 2 matches with his Shane Warne style leg-spin, Devin for taking several catches that everyone else drops, Lahiru for his aggressive fielding, bowling and a match-saving batting performance against Homebush, Mark Wee for keeping the bowling tight and getting the vital wicket whenever the opposition seemed to get on top, Kartik for almost getting a hat-trick (we waited for that ball to come for 5 weeks!). An extra special mention for; Michael Frost for wicket keeping for us in the last 2 games, and Daniel Pehlivan for scoring for us, unable to play due to injury.

Last but not least, on behalf of the 14As team, I would like to thank Dr. Hooper for his coaching and guidance that got us to where we are. Your hard work is really appreciated. Can't wait for the next season!!!

By Parth Nathani (member of 14A team)

SYDNEY NORTH SWIMMING – WELL DONE!

Following their success at the Zone Swimming Carnival this week, at which Normanhurst Boys placed a close 3rd, the following students have been selected to compete in the Sydney North Swimming Carnival later this month: Malcolm Ramsay; Jonathan Ramsay; Anthony Brett; Joshua Attard; Adam Hall; Gabriel Low; Jonathan Chan; Jason Corbett; and Jordan Cheung.

Congratulations to these boys and to all those who represented Normanhurst Boys at the Zone Carnival.

**Mr D Rodgie
Sports Coordinator**

SCHOOLS TRIATHLON SUCCESS

Five Yr 12 students performed in the NSW schools triathlon at Penrith Lakes this week. Jonathan Akers and Malcolm Ramsay participated in the demanding individual event on Wednesday and Ben Lyttle, Lachlan McIntosh and Michael Robertson in the teams on Thursday. Amazingly some 700 teams entered. 2000 students "enjoyed" the two day event, as if you could

enjoy a 750m swim, 15km bike ride and 5km run. Jonathan, competing for the second year, did a personal best whilst Malcolm was placed in the top fifty having been seventh after the swim leg. Incredibly he turned up in the afternoon for a Zone waterpolo grand final, scoring the first two goals and doubling up again at the zone swimming carnival, with seconds and thirds in the finals. Our new team performed well above expectation on the Thursday, being placed 46th overall. An outstanding effort considering their inexperience. Ben swam, Lachlan was on the bike and Michael hit the road run. Congratulations once again to all these lads. Year 12 does it again!

Mr G Ridley Yr 12 Adviser

URGENT: CANTEEN HELP REQUIRED

We desperately need more help to keep the canteen open!

The two paid managers Chris and Anne need your help to keep the canteen operational and at low cost to your sons. If we do not get more volunteer mums or dads, then we will need to employ more paid staff which will need to be offset by increasing the prices on the items your sons buy.

Please seriously consider assisting - even if only one day. The following dates are the most crucial:-

- # 1st, 2nd & 5th Mondays of each month
- # 1st & 4th Tuesday of each month
- # 5th Thursday of each month
- # Thursday 9th April
- # Friday 8th May
- # Thursday 9th July

If you can help out, please phone Chris and Anne on 9489 4122.

Elizabeth Moor for the Canteen Committee

SPORTS RESULTS – SUMMER SPORT GRAND FINALS

GRADE		DATE:4/3/2009	ROUND No:Grand Finals
SPORT	OPPOSITION	WINNER	SCORE
15A CRICKET	2 vs 1-North Sydney	North Sydney	NS 4/65 def NH 64
14A CRICKET	1 vs 2-Epping	Normanhurst	Nh 3/72 def Epp 71
1st BASKETBALL	2 vs 1-North Sydney	North Sydney	41-78
15S BASKETBALL	1 vs 2-Ashfield	Normanhurst	44-30
15S TENNIS	1 vs 3-Homebush	Normanhurst	6-0
14S TENNIS	3 vs 1-North Sydney	North Sydney	0-6
1st WATERPOLO	2 vs 1-Homebush	Homebush	3-17

Normanhurst Boys' High School			Term 1, 2009		
Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	9 Mar	10 Yr10 Geography Field Study	11 Yr7/Yr11 leaders Peer Support	12 Formal Assembly Yrs 7/11/12 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 P&C Working Bee 21 Mar
		← NO	← YEAR 12	← ASSESSMENTS	
	Yr10 Japanese Yr10 French	Yr11 Eng Ext1 issued			Yr11 Japanese
9	23 Mar	24	25 Half-yearly Exams Lake Burrendong	26	27
		← Yr12			
		← Yr11		← Yr8 Bungarra	
	Sydney North Swimming				
	Yr10 Visual Design			Yr7 Maths Yr9 Maths	
10	30 Mar	31	1 Apr Half-yearly Exams	2	3
	← Streamwatch testing (P1/2) Yr10 Teachers' Meeting	← Yr12			Yrs9/10 French Exc
	Yr11 Legal Studies	Yr8 Art/Science Exc Streamwatch testing (P5/6) Yr11 Study Skills			Yr10 Photo Dig Media
11	6 Apr Mufti Day	7 Yr9 Teachers' Meeting	8	9 Formal Assembly Yrs 8/9/10 END TERM 1	10 GOOD FRIDAY
	← CHS	Swimming →			
		Yr11 English Ext1 Yr10 Visual Design			

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