



# THE Normanhurst News

**The weekly newsletter of Normanhurst Boys High School**

*Celebrating 50 years of quality boys' education*

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## From the Principal

Our school contribution to the *Clean Up Australia* campaign was undertaken last Friday with a large number of students and staff participating in a well organised clean up of our school grounds. The activities also included the removal of weeds and undergrowth in preparation for further planting of trees. Well done to all involved, especially Mr Steed, Mr Copping and Mr Pico.

The LOTE incursion (in-school excursion), held on Monday in the school hall for students in years 7 and 8, was very well received. It was very interesting for all in attendance to see the production, performed largely in French, in the school hall.

Congratulations to all the grade teams that reached the finals of the summer competition. Special congratulations to the 15 Years Tennis and the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Cricket teams on being the zone champions for the 2007-08 season. Thank you to all the students and coaches involved in the competition for their dedication and fine efforts over the season. I encourage all students to try out for grade teams in the winter competition which will be starting soon.

Sam Farrell of Year 10 has been selected for the very prestigious DET State Drama Ensemble. An excellent achievement Sam!

Last Friday a group of Year 9 students participated in a Barista training program in the city. This initiative is in its second year of development, and these boys will eventually take over responsibility for Café Warren. They are currently being trained and mentored by the Year 10 barista students, who did such an outstanding job last year.

Our school is currently in the process of changing our computer setup to the Remote Management System for the Northern Sydney Region. This is a very complex process requiring a large amount of reconfiguring of computers and related resources. The process is progressing very well due in no small part to the outstanding work by our school IT personnel led by Mr Lockwood, who has worked on this project solidly since October last year. There may be some short term issues during the changeover period, but there will be many long term benefits for the school in adopting this system. The co-operation of students and staff during the changeover has been appreciated greatly.

Please note that only exact money is to be presented when making all payments to the front office. It is not possible for us to provide change.

I am pleased to announce that our school is the University of New South Wales Sustainable Living Champion School for 2007. Well done and congratulations to all the students who participated in the competition and to Mrs Black who co-ordinated the project.

**F Johnson**  
**Acting Principal**

## P & C NEWS

### REMINDER – 'HOW THE HSC WORKS' - 11 MARCH

Mr Rod Miller, our Head Teacher of Mathematics will inform parents and others interested about the intricacies of the HSC. If you have any doubts or questions regarding the HSC it is highly recommended you come along on 11 March and have them answered.

### NSW P&C Day – Wednesday 5 March

I attended the staff's morning tea along with our Vice President, Helene Mountford. A lot of valuable feedback was obtained. Thank you to the staff who we spoke to.

### Working Bee – Saturday 5 April

The Term 1 Working Bee will be held on Saturday 5 April. Details to be announced soon.

### General Meeting next week

The next P&C General Meeting will be held in the School Library from 8:00pm on Tuesday 11 March. The outline agenda is:

1. Welcome to the Principal designate - Mr Jeff Bruce
2. Presentation: 'How the HSC Works'  
(Recess)
3. Principal's Report
4. General Meeting. Main agenda items currently on notice are:
  - Planning framework
  - Review of our Constitution
  - Information Plan (what parents want to hear about)
  - Grounds Improvement Plan (including 'Working Bee' system)
  - Fundraising Plan
  - Canteen and Clothing Pool

- Support to school functions during Term 1 (seeking volunteers where required)
  - Financials and School requests for P&C funding
- Other items (seeking parent input on issues of importance)

Best wishes,  
**Pevlin Price**  
**President**

## 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE CRICKET WIN ZONE FINAL!

In a close, hard-fought nail biter, the Normo Boys 1<sup>st</sup> Grade cricket side triumphed over Homebush to win the grand final and remain undefeated premiers in season 07/08. The team took the honours by 18 runs to win their first premiership in over a decade.

Batting first, the team struck early trouble when Elliott Kliffen retired hurt in the first over. Matt Taylor and Charith Mayadunne set about rebuilding the innings before they too, along with Elliott Kramer and Diluka Senarath, were dismissed (4 for 34). Opener Kliffen courageously returned to the crease to build fine partnerships with Ish Trivedi and Ben Lyttle on his way to a classy 71 not out (including 2 sixes). Good hitting from Ashley Wickremasinghe and Malith De Zoysa ensured a competitive total of 8 for 144.

Homebush started slowly but steadily in their reply, only losing two wickets in the first 20 overs before drinks. They then stepped up the pace in their run chase, but Normanhurst stayed cool under the pressure. Excellent

bowling from Ish and Elliott Kramer saw wickets begin to fall and the required run rate rise to around 8 per over. With four overs to go and three wickets to take, it was up to Charith and Matt to see the team home. It was in the 39<sup>th</sup> over of the Homebush innings, the second last of the day, that victory was sealed. Man of the Match, Elliott Kliffen took the catch to complete a Matt Taylor hat trick and the celebrations began. What a great fielding effort!

The team would like to thank Mr Ridley for his hard work, commitment and passion towards cricket and the team this year. Also, thanks to Mr Boyle for supporting us at the final and to the parents who came along too. Bring on next season!

<b>Normanhurst</b>	<b>Homebush</b>
8 for 146	128
E Kliffen 71 not out	M Taylor 4 for 13
C Mayadunne 20	I Trivedi 2 for 17
	E Kramer 2 for 37

## CALLING TALENTED MUMS & DADS

If you would be able to help sew costumes for Drama or for the school musical *Grease*, please contact the school office (9489 1077) to leave your details. Patterns will be provided and any help would be greatly appreciated.

**Ms R Ramsay**  
**Drama Teacher**

Normanhurst Boys' High School			Term 1, 2008		
Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	10 Mar Yr12 exams for printing LST Meetings NSW Cancer Council Headshave/BBQ/Mufti Day DofE Training (pm)	11 Yr11 Geog Field Study  ← P&C Meeting	12  ← Yr9 Northern	13 Selective Schools Test Yr12 Legal Studies Seminar Explorer	14 Yr7 Maths Fun Day  DofE Expedition 15-16 Mar
		Yr10 Maths Yr12 Visual Arts Yr12 Mod History Yr10 Photo Dig Media	Yr10 Photo Dig Media	Yr11 Maths	Yr12 Business Studies Yr12 Economics
8	17 Mar Yr10 Teachers' Mtg  Yr11 exams for typing	18 Yr10 Geog Field Study  Yr7 BBQ	19  NO YEAR 12	20 Year Assembly Yr10 Geog Field Study	21 GOOD FRIDAY
	Yr11 Maths Yr11 Japanese Yr10 Elect History	← Yr11 Economics	Yr11 English Adv	← ASSESSMENTS	
9	24 Mar EASTER MONDAY	25 Yr10 exams for typing  ←	26 Streamwatch Testing ← Yr11 Burrendong Yr12 half-yearly	27 Streamwatch Testing Yr8 Jindabyne ← exams	28
		Yr10 Commerce Yr10 Japanese	Yr9 Maths	Yr11 Drama (at camp)	Yr7 Maths Yr10 Visual Arts

10	31 Mar	1 Apr Yr9 Teachers' Mtg Yr11 Study Skills	2 Yr12 half-yearly	3 exams	4 Yr7/8/9 Brainstorm Inc
		Yr11 English Ext1			Yr8 Maths Yr11 Visual Arts Yr11 Music 1

## ENTERTAINMENT™ BOOKS

**Entertainment™ Books are coming to Normanhurst Boys High School again in 2008!**

They will be available **from late March 2008.**

To order your new Entertainment™ Book, please complete the order form and return it to the School Office **before Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2008.**

**Pre-ordered books will be available for pickup in late March 2008.**

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For further details or enquiries please contact Mai Brett on (02) 9213 7088 or [Mai.Le@dva.gov.au](mailto:Mai.Le@dva.gov.au)

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**Thank you for your support!**

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## Hospital attendances for asthma have tripled!!

February has seen a dramatic rise in the number of school students (aged 5-16 years) attending Accident & Emergency departments across NSW. During the past few weeks the number of asthma-related visits has risen from an average of 25 per day to 75. Statistics show that this phenomenon happens in February/ March every year, and this year has shown some of the highest numbers seen for some years.

Although asthma affects everyone differently, the very changeable weather could be a factor. People with asthma are very vulnerable to changes in temperature. Stress, the change of environment as children start or move schools, the cocktail of germs, cold and flu viruses that children can pick up once they come together can all trigger an asthma attack.

Good asthma management every day, along with people knowing what to do in an emergency could significantly reduce the number of children needing to go to hospital with their asthma. Seeing the family GP on a regular basis and getting an up to date written asthma action plan could avoid a deterioration occurring, and at the very least may help recognise the warning signs. It's also vital to take medication as directed, and have a reliever inhaler available at all times, just in case.

If you have any questions, or for further information contact Asthma Foundation NSW.

T: 1800 645 130

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## Can you make a positive difference in a young person's life?

We have an urgent need for carers who can look after adolescents. We need carers to provide both short-term care and long-term care.

Children and adolescents enter into **foster care** because their parents cannot look after them. This may be because the children are being abused or not adequately cared for. As a result, it is common for young people entering into care to have experienced a lot of emotional upheaval, loss and rejection.

Fostering teenagers can be challenging but it can also be very rewarding. Many of the problems they have are what you would expect with any adolescent, and they need what all kids need – a stable, caring and consistent environment and lots of patience, acceptance and encouragement. Many of you may already be providing this environment for your own children and may feel you could help other young people build confidence and better self-esteem, and develop the skills they will need to make the transition from childhood into adulthood.

Caring for adolescent children is often a less daunting task for adults who have already raised their own children. Professionals such as teachers, youth workers, social workers and nurses may also have valuable skills to assist teenagers in foster care.

All our carers receive training, support and financial assistance. If you'd like to know more, please contact us on **8303-7644** or visit our web site.

[www.community.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/)



## GUITAR TUITION

Individual – shared – group lessons

Guitar tuition is available during school hours to students at NBHS. Please ring to book your place. Most importantly, please speak to me before you buy an instrument. I also do setup and repair work for an instrument you already own.

**Owen van der Klauw**

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