



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

Our school hosted a Northern Sydney regional principals' meeting on Monday afternoon during which further information was provided about the Australian Government's Building the Education Revolution funding that I referred to in last week's newsletter. Our application has now been lodged and we await news in the next few days about the projects for which we will receive funding. Our application included such items as an upgrade of the main student toilet facilities, provision of permanent shade shelters, extensive repainting of the school, upgrading and refurbishment of the school's entrance and foyer, a refurbishment of our administration offices, building of new sports facilities and refurbishment of our technics and creative arts block. Although unlikely to be funded in this program, I also took the opportunity to submit a request for the construction of a multipurpose centre and an extension to our school hall. The majority of funds that will be provided in the package will go to primary schools, essentially for the construction of assembly halls and libraries. High schools will receive considerably less, with each school receiving approximately \$200,000.



Our staff have been busy working on.....

This year, we have implemented a new committee structure which enables all members of our teaching staff to participate in key areas of the school curriculum. The first meeting of these committees took place on Monday of this week. And will continue to meet on a regular basis through the year, initiating, planning and evaluating programs designed to further support the many quality teaching and learning initiatives that exist in the school. For 2009, the following committees have been organised: Technology; Quality Teaching; Assessment and Reporting; Gifted and Talented Education; Environment; School Promotion and Culture; Learning Support and Teacher Professional Learning.

Last Friday, I joined our English Faculty for a very valuable and productive day exploring ideas to optimise our students' performance in English. A range of issues was discussed and some excellent strategies devised for immediate implementation.

At this week's Assembly

This week's formal assembly in the hall provided us with an opportunity to present the new house captains with their badges. Congratulations to the following boys who will lead their respective houses this year:

Dinewan	Reece Roberts (C)	Tim Lee (VC)
Bukkandi	Lincoln Mar (C)	Elliott Kramer (VC)
Wayamba	Ryan Ruslim (C)	Mike Robertson (VC)
Warrigal	David Hayman (C)	Stephen Dona & Jonathan Akers (VC)

The assembly was also addressed by the coordinator of the High Resolves Program, an initiative that our Year 9 and 10 students have participated in which involves exploring social justice issues and the concept of being a world citizen. Mr. John Bush, from the High Resolves Foundation presented certificates to Year 11 students who completed training at the end of last year as leaders.



Year 11 High Resolves Leaders with Mr. John Bush

Year 9 Return from their trip up north

Year 9 students returned from the Northern Explorer excursion on Thursday evening, after a wonderful time on the north coast visiting a variety of locations and undertaking a study program that incorporated elements of many of the core subjects studied at school. The staff spoke very highly about the excellent way in which the students conducted themselves, their cooperation, and enthusiasm for the activities. Special thanks to Mr. Rumbelow for his excellent organisation and to the group of teachers who gave up time at home to be able to accompany the excursion.



Year 9 boys enjoying some outdoor education

Working Bee Coming Soon

Last year, the P&C-organised working bees achieved a great deal in establishing a grounds plan for the school, and completing the first 2 stages of an extensive planting program for the bank facing Pennant Hills Road. The first of the working bees for 2009 will be held on Saturday March 21 and it would be wonderful to see as many parents as possible turn out on that morning to lend a hand to get this year's program off to a good start. The working bee starts at 9.00 and we will stop working at approximately midday.

Reminder to Year 7 Parents

I hope to be able to meet many of our Year 7 parents at the dinner which has been organised for next Tuesday night, March 17. This is an excellent opportunity to meet many of your sons' teachers informally and also get to meet other Year 7 parents. The interim reports will also be distributed on this night.

Making Maths Fun

The Maths Fun Day took place today and clearly, all who took part enjoyed the day immensely. The boys enthusiastically joined into a range of activities that showed them that maths can have a different dimension. Many thanks to Mr. Bennett for organising the day.

Your support is appreciated

Last week, we started mailing the first of the fee statements for the year and further statements will be mailed this week. I ask that parents continue the wonderful tradition of support that Normanhurst Boys parents have shown by early payment of the fees and contributions. We rely heavily upon these funds to be able to run the many quality teaching and learning programs that so richly benefit your sons.

Congratulations to.....

Jonathan Sun (Year 11) who has been selected to represent NSW in the Under 17 Australasian Badminton Championships in Ballarat during the next school holidays.

Brian Wong (Year 7) who won the 12yrs and under title at the Eastwood Thornleigh District Tennis Championship

Kishandth Sivapalasundaram (Year 11) who has been selected to take part in the YMCA's NSW Youth Parliament in April.

The following students who have been chosen to compete at the Zone Swimming Carnival: Joshua Attard, Anthony Brett, Jonathan Chan, Jordan Cheung, Jason Corbett, Adam Hall, Gabriel Low, Malcolm Ramsay, and Jonathan Ramsay

Kind regards

Jeff Bruce

Principal

P & C NEWS

Second 2009 Meeting

Those who attended receive a detailed report from the Principal.

The provision of significant funding for possible 'immediate' building projects has led to a need to re-think what the P&C will seek to 'invest' in: both for near-term and longer-term goals. The possible options will be developed and presented for review at the next meeting

2009 Committee Appointment

Jonathan Sanders (our brilliant grounds improver) accepted a nomination for one of the vacant Vice President positions and was duly elected.

Class Lists 2009

A form for joining or updating your details on the P&C Class Lists has been sent out. Please check your son's bag if you haven't seen it. Alternatively, the form has been included with this Newsletter.

Please return the form by **Friday 20th March**. The updated lists will be distributed shortly afterwards. Only those on the list will receive a copy.

Working Bees begin!

The Term 1 Working Bee will be held on **Saturday 21 March** (0900-1200). A form regarding all the dates for 2009 is on the streets – check those school bags! Remember the challenge is for every family (and boy) to plant a tree this year!

P&C Raffle

This year the P&C would like to run its own raffle and as such is calling on the school community for prize donations or an offer to purchase items for prizes at a reduced rate. Prizes could include holiday accommodation, electrical / digital equipment, and dinner at a restaurant to name a few.

If you can assist with prizes or in any other way please email your offer and a contact phone number to NBHS.PANDC.RAFFLE@GMAIL.COM otherwise call Tracey on 9354 7517.

Regional P&C

The next Regional P&C Meeting is their AGM. It will be held at Gordon West Primary School in the evening of Monday 30 March (start time 7:15pm).

The State Director and Regional Manager responsible for school buildings will present: "Implementation of the Federal Government's Building the Education Revolution"

Enyo Dona will be attending as our representative. Any parent is welcome to attend.

Entertainment Books

These represent great value and are available to suit your areas of Sydney. A 'flyer' / order form is attached.

Water Vouchers

A coupon will be coming home soon for families to pre-purchase drink vouchers at \$2 each. These coupons may then be redeemed at any Coles Express service station. Part of every purchase is returned to the school. Get some!

Our next General Meeting – Tuesday 12 May – 'Coral Day'

(12 May 1968, Fire Support Base Coral, South Vietnam – positions of Australia's 1st Battalion and 102 Field Battery were partly overrun and then regained: a very near thing)

The meeting will begin at 8:00 pm in the library

We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible.

Agenda will include:

- Updates from Mr. Bruce
- Guest presentation (TBC)
- Presentation/forum on P&C Plan and funds management
- Committee Reports / Issues
- Supper

Come along to meet other parents, and contribute your views and ideas on how we may support the school, the staff, and our sons.

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 next Monday.

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 next Monday

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

MUSIC NEWS

VOCAL GROUP

The senior vocal group kicked off this week with a resounding bang with a large number of students turning up. This group will be working on various a cappella charts and we are looking forward to their first performance with great anticipation.

BAND CONTRIBUTION

So far 43 students have paid their annual ensemble contribution of \$50. We have been able to put some of the money to good use already with the purchase of new charts for the ensembles. The Concert Band ripped through some of their new charts this morning and sounded great despite the absence of all the year 9s so it should sound even better next week.

Remember to place your contribution in an envelope marked "ensemble contribution" and handed in to the front office as soon as possible.

EMAIL

Please, Please, Please !!!!! remember to send your email addresses to the address below with the requested details. So far 46 out of about 90 students have responded with their parents email and they have all received a Simpsons guitar pick as a reward. (Some parents have received a reward too as they have sent their email in twice.)

This includes students in the concert band, string ensemble, stage band and vocal group. 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

Most people in the Stage Band have paid their fees for term 1 but we still need everyone in that ensemble to do so. 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

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.

CANTEEN COFFEE & DESSERT EVENING

The canteen committee would like to invite all canteen volunteers and Year 7 parents who would like to work in the canteen to a Coffee & dessert Evening on Wednesday 25th March at 7:30pm in Wahroonga. This is a lovely evening to socialise and meet other parents who volunteer in the canteen. Please call Anne or Chris on 9489 4122 to RSVP and for details regarding the venue.

<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>
7	9 Mar	10	11 Yr7/Yr11 leaders Peer Support	12 Formal Assembly Yrs 7/11/12	13 Yr7 Maths Fun Day
	←————— Year 9 —————→		Northern Explorer		
	Yr12 Economics	Yr11 Mathematics	Yr8 Maths	Yr11 Business Studies	Yr11 Maths Ext1
	Yr10 Mathematics				
8	16 Mar	17	18	19 Selective Schools Test Yr10 Geography Field Study	20 Book Display (Nelson, Cambridge & Bellbird) Yr9 Commerce Field Study Yr7/10 Immunisation Yr7 Interim Reports issued
	Yrs 7/8/9/10 French Inc Yr11 Geography Field Study	Yr7 BBQ			P&C Working Bee 21 Mar →
	←————— <i>NO</i> —————→	Yr11 Eng Ext1 issued	←————— <i>YEAR 12</i> —————→	←————— <i>ASSESSMENTS</i> —————→	Yr11 Japanese
	Yr10 Japanese Yr10 French				
9	23 Mar	24	25 Half-yearly Exams Lake Burrendong	26	27
	←————— Yr12 —————→ ←————— Yr11 —————→	Sydney North Swimming	←————— Yr8 Bungarra —————→		
	Yr10 Visual Design			Yr7 Maths Yr9 Maths	

Normanhurst Boys High School P & C

Class Lists 2009

If you would like to be included on a Class List handed out to your son's year or if your details have changed or if you are not sure if you are currently on the list, please provide the information below (either use this form or another sheet but please make sure it is clearly marked "P&C Class Lists").

This is a very handy reference and contact tool for both you and your son, so please consider joining the list.

The information is for private use only.

Student Surname :

Year :

Given Name :

Roll Class :

Parent / Guardian Names :

Suburb :

Phone Number(s) :

Email Address :

Please tick if you also wish to receive advice of P & C Meetings, messages and events via this email address.

Please return to the P & C via the school office.

**Please return by FRIDAY 20th MARCH
2009.**

**An updated class list will then be
distributed.**

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 - NSW Waratahs
- and many more...*

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Cardholder's Name: _____ Signature: _____

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