



THE Normanhurst News

The weekly newsletter of Normanhurst Boys High School

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From the Principal

This week brings to a close a very busy term and also marks the completion of my first term as Principal of Normanhurst Boys. I look back on an immensely enjoyable and satisfying ten weeks as I have got to know the staff, students and parents. There have been a great many outstanding successes in a whole range of areas – on the sporting field, in the arts, public speaking and debating, the academic domain and in a variety of other extra curricular areas.



Students return for Term 3 on July 22 and what will be an exciting and busy few weeks with the 50th Anniversary Celebration weekend to be held on August 29-31.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for making my first term at the school such a wonderful experience and to wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

Grease was the word.....

Many times over the past few weeks as I have wandered past the hall, I have caught glimpses of the rehearsals for "Grease" and the sounds of the cast practising the songs from the show have often drifted up to my office. I've listened to Mr Johnson deliberating about the best way to get a car up on the stage and I even signed a purchase order for several plastic buttocks, not something one does every day! I had some idea that all seemed to be going fairly well. Last Saturday night, my wife and I had the pleasure of attending the performance of "Grease". Just how well everything came together was very apparent as I sat in the middle of an audience who were absolutely enthralled by the performance they saw. The talent, vitality and the sheer enjoyment of the cast was indeed wonderful to witness. I have had many emails, phone calls and messages all week from others who felt the same way. I would like to share some of those comments with you.

"It was very apparent to everyone in the audience the amount of commitment the students and staff have given to this production over the last two terms. The standard that was reached both in singing and acting was truly amazing"

"One of the most wonderful things that I witnessed was

the sense of friendship and respect that these students have for each other whether they are from Normanhurst Boys or Hornsby Girls. They are all wonderful representatives for their schools and community."

"There were so many stars it is impossible to single out individual performers for excellence. They were all wonderful. This reflects the amount of work the students and staff must have put into the preparation and rehearsals. Staff, particularly, are to be commended for their efforts and dedication. It was a wonderful showcase for both schools."

I know that all involved thoroughly enjoyed the experience and I have no doubt that for many of them it will be one of their lasting memories of their time at Normanhurst Boys. On behalf of the whole school community I would like to congratulate them, and also the team of dedicated teachers gave so generously of their time and energy to ensure that this wonderful opportunity was made available to so many. Activities such as this could not take place without their tireless efforts. Thank you to Mrs Cousins, Ms Ramsay, Mrs Johnson, Mr Johnson, Mrs Venczel, Ms McDonald, Mr Copping,



Cast members with Director Ms. Ramsay

Mr Bennett, Mr Ailwood, Mrs Fowell, Ms Moreton and last, but not least the members of our office and grounds staff. A big thank you also, to the many parents who helped out with costumes and of course provided the taxi services to get our cast to and from rehearsals.

Parent Teacher Night

Our Year 10 & 11 Parent Teacher night was very well attended and I thank the parents who were able to meet to discuss their sons' progress with the teachers. If you were unable to see a particular teacher on that night, please don't hesitate to contact the school if you require additional feedback to information that was provided in the half-yearly reports.

Year 7 & 8 Reports

Reports for Years 7 and 8 are currently being finalized and these will be mailed out early in the new term. Could I also remind parents of students in Year 7 that Parent Teacher interviews will take place on July 31.

Anniversary Photos

During the week a team of photographers were busy capturing a variety of images for the 2008 student photo package. On Thursday, we had all the boys arranged on the school oval for a group photo taken from a cherrypicker. This year, being the 50th Anniversary of the school, students will receive a deluxe version of the photo package which hopefully will become a lasting memento of their time at Normanhurst Boys in this very special year in our school's history. Last year, the school negotiated a special price with the photography company which, whilst more expensive than in previous years, does represent good value. An aerial photo had also been planned, but this had to be cancelled because high winds made the flyover unsafe. This photo has been rescheduled for the first week back next term.



Everyone Smile

Could I also mention that there are a number of photos of the athletics carnival and other sporting events which have been taken by one of our parents, Mr. Ross Willis, which can be viewed and ordered at the following web address: www.rosswillis.eventpix.com.au/nbhs. All proceeds from the sale of these photos will be given to the P&C.

School Development Day

A reminder that our next School Development Day will be held on Monday July 21. This professional learning day is a combined activity with our Hornsby Network High Schools, Hornsby Girls, Asquith Boys and Asquith Girls. Please refer to the attached letter for details.

Help Required for 50th Anniversary

Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered to help out with the Anniversary weekend on August 29-31. If there are any other parents who could assist for any part of that weekend, could you please contact the school and leave your details and a member of the 50th Committee will be in touch.

We are also seeking items for a silent auction to be conducted at the Gala Night on Saturday August 31. If

you are able to assist with any suitable items, please contact the school on 9489 1077.

Kind regards

Jeff Bruce

Principal

P & C NEWS

Information and Presentations of value to parents:

Postponement of Dr Martin's Seminar

This important event will be held in the last week of Term 3. The date will be confirmed in the next Normo News.

Communication

Messages are beginning to flow in – on various issues of importance to parents. We will endeavor to address items between meetings and review progress at our meetings. If you prefer to be involved in the P&C by distance mode send your email to the school and it will be forwarded to the committee.

A letter will come home early in Term 3 regarding contact and class lists. We apologise for the delay on Class Lists and will move to have these out (to parents who participate) by August.

It is intended that during Term 3 we will email agenda for P&C meetings to interested parents. This will enable parents to participate 'by distance mode' if unable to make it to meetings.

We have a mail box at the school office so 'snail mail' is always available for notes or letters!

Term 3 Working Bee – Early Reminder

The Term 3 Working Bee will be on Sunday 24 August.

Emerging Issues

Works. We will be working with the school on works (buildings and facilities) early in Term 3. Your feedback on both problems and ideas with school facilities are welcome.

Meetings

Next Meeting – 12 August

Agenda:

1. Principal's report

(Recess)

2. Business session

Safe travels during the holiday

Pevlin Price

President

UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

Year 12 students need to be thinking about their future career and ways of achieving their goals. Information about dates for University Open Days will be included in future editions of Normanhurst News. These days are strongly recommended for finding out information about what various universities offer.

Mrs Packham

Careers Adviser

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Tickets are now on sale for the Gala Night on Saturday, 30th August to celebrate 50 years of quality education at Normanhurst Boys High School.

NB Tickets for the Gala Night are available to old boys only.

Contact the Normanhurst Boys school office on 9489 1077 to purchase your tickets for \$85 each.

Events planned for Saturday, 30th August include tours of the school from 2pm where you can view the work of current students, then from 5:00pm a range of guest speakers to entertain you, followed by a spectacular fireworks display on the school oval and then

refreshments and finger food and time to chat.

On Sunday, 31st August there will be the "Battle of the Centuries" where 20th Century Students v 21st Century Students in soccer and rugby union. There will also be a range of food and drink on offer including Indian/Sri Lankan, Chinese and Aussie BBQ.

Go to the school website for the latest reunion information <http://www.normanhurst-schools.nsw.edu.au/NBHS50/index.htm> .

50th Anniversary Organising Committee

SPORTS RESULTS

GRADE SPORT		OPPOSITION	DATE:2/7/2008 WINNER	ROUND No 10 SCORE
Rugby	1st	Randwick	Draw	28-28
Rugby	2nd	Nth Sydney	North Sydney	0-24
Rugby	15A	Normanhurst have withdrawn		
Rugby	14A	Epping 15b	Epping 15b	19-22
Rugby	13B	Nth Sydney	North Sydney	5-27
Soccer	1st	Nth Sydney	Normanhurst	8-1
Soccer	2nd	Nth Sydney	Normanhurst	Forfeit
Soccer	3rd	Nth Sydney	North Sydney	0-1
Soccer	15A	Nth Sydney	Normanhurst	3-0
Soccer	15B	Nth Sydney	North Sydney	0-1
Soccer	14A	Nth Sydney	Draw	2-2
Soccer	14B	Randwick	Randwick	0-4
Soccer	13A	Nth Sydney	Normanhurst	3-0
Soccer	13B	Randwick	Randwick	1-2
Soccer	13C	Nth Sydney	Normanhurst	2-0
Hockey	1st	Nth Sydney	North Sydney	2-4
Hockey	15	Nth Sydney	North Sydney	1-5
Tennis	1st	Nth Sydney	Normanhurst	5-3
Tennis	2nd	Nth Sydney	North Sydney	4-4 (23-27)
Tennis	15	Nth Sydney	North Sydney	1-5
Tennis	14	Nth Sydney	Normanhurst	4-2
Table Tennis	1st	Nth Sydney	North Sydney	3-4
Table Tennis	2nd	Nth Sydney	North Sydney	0-4
Table Tennis	15	Nth Sydney	North Sydney	2-4
Table Tennis	14	Nth Sydney	North Sydney	0-4
Lawn Bowls	1st	Nth Sydney	North Sydney	8-10
Lawn Bowls	15	Nth Sydney	North Sydney	3-10

<i>Normanhurst Boys' High School</i>				<i>Term 3, 2008</i>	
<i>Wk</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
1	21 July Term 3 begins SDD	22 Zone Athletics	23 Aerial photo – whole school	24 Yr9 High Resolves Yr7 Teachers' Mtg RACI Chemistry Quiz	25 Yr9 High Resolves Yr7 reports issued Schools Tree Day
	Yr12 SDD	Yr12 Visual Arts		Yr12 English Adv	Yr12 English Ext2 Yr12 Economics Yr11 Music 1
2	28 Jul	29 Yr9 Teachers' Mtg	30 OC Test Streamwatch Testing	31 Year Assembly Australian Mathematics Competition Streamwatch Testing Yr7 P/T Night	1 Aug Yr 11 Drama Exc
	Yr10 Information Night				
	←	NO YEAR 12	ASSESSMENTS		Yr12 Trial Music Prac Yr11 Business Studies
	←	Year 10	English		Yr10 Geography
3	4 Aug	5 Yr10 English/Yr9 Drama Inc.	6	7	8 Yr8 Teachers' Mtg
	DofE Training (pm) Staff Meeting		Trial HSC		
	←	Year 10	English		Yr10 Visual Design Yr10 IST



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