



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

It goes without saying that high schools are immensely busy places and on any given week there is a myriad of activities that will take place inside and outside of the classrooms. Some weeks, however, are particularly frantic and next week looms as one of those with a range of activities that will involve all of our boys. At our Thursday assembly I emphasised how important it is that we have the full cooperation of the entire school in ensuring that the week's events run smoothly. I am sure I will not be disappointed.

The week ahead.....

On Tuesday, we have the annual school Athletics Carnival which will be held at Homebush and I am very much looking forward to experiencing the first of my big carnivals at the school. All boys are expected to participate and attendance requirements are the same as any other school day. Without doubt, events such as these are a wonderful way of engendering school spirit and I would appreciate your support in ensuring that all boys attend.

Also on Tuesday, our Year 7 and Year 9 boys will join the rest of their cohort throughout the country in sitting the first of the national tests in literacy and numeracy. Could all parents please ensure that boys in these years are at school and ready to commence the exam at 8.30. We are working to a particularly tight schedule on that day because at the conclusion of the test, the boys will be bussed out to Homebush to join the rest of the school for the Athletics Carnival. The remainder of the tests will be conducted on Wednesday and Thursday, with a catch-up day allocated for Friday for any student who was absent earlier in the week. My thanks to Mr Pettit who volunteered for the task of coordinating these tests.

Our Year 10 and 11 students continue their half-year exams on Monday and Wednesday. On Thursday, all students in Year 11 will participate in a Road Trauma course at Homebush. This is an excellent learning experience and one which I am sure the boys will find both enjoyable and valuable. I would like to thank the Year 11 Adviser, Mr Ridley, for his work in organising this excursion.

On Thursday morning, we will be hosting the Northern Sydney Regional Director of Education, Ms Deonne



Smith. This will be my first meeting as Principal with Ms Smith and I look forward to spending time with her outlining my vision for the school, showing her around the school and introducing her to some of our students and staff. While she is at the school, Ms Smith has also asked to visit some of the classes and observe the teaching practices that are current within our school context.

Finally, on Friday, I am very much looking forward to hosting morning tea for our Prefects, the first opportunity I will have had to meet them all as a group.

Successful Cross Country Carnival

The school's Cross Country Carnival was held last Thursday at Pennant Hills Park and I was most impressed by the enthusiastic manner in which the boys participated. There were some excellent performances and my congratulations go to each of the winners of the age groups. The team that we will send to the zone championships this year will be a strong one. Congratulations to all those who ran and thank you to our sports organisers Mr Rodgie and My Boyle for their efforts in ensuring that everything ran smoothly. A full list of the results appears later in this newsletter.



Year 12 Reports

Teachers of our Year 12 students have been busy compiling the half-yearly reports and these will be issued

shortly. These reports come at a critical time in the HSC courses and should provide students with an indication of their strengths and areas that will need to be addressed as they move through the second half of their coursework. I would urge all our boys to seek assistance from their teachers where needed. In the coming weeks, I intend to interview each of the boys and discuss with them strategies to employ in the weeks leading up to the HSC.

Congratulations to our Debaters

I had the pleasure of attending a debate on Wednesday of this week in which our Year 12 team debated against Castle Hill High in the Hume Barbour Debating Competition. The topic was "That the web is dumbing us down". It was a very entertaining debate and I was most impressed by the poise and eloquent delivery of our boys. Our team which consisted of Tim Patrick, Oliver Mitchell, Adam Smith and Matthew Marks, won the debate, their third victory in a row and now go on to debate against Carlingford High in the final debate of the round.

Our students participate in a Values Forum

On Wednesday, three Year 7 and three Year 8 students accompanied Mr Pico to Asquith Girls High to participate in a Values Forum. The students who represented us were Scott Fatt, Ben French, Adrian Tsoi, Leon Woodward, Ananya Parthasarathy and Robert Sidaway. The boys made a valuable contribution to the day, joining with students from Hornsby Girls, Asquith Girls, Asquith Boys and our nearby primary schools. The students discussed a range of issues that focused on raising awareness of nine core values which were identified in a Federal Government initiative entitled the *National Goals for Schooling in the Twenty-First Century*. They reflect shared values that support our democratic way of life. As a result of attending the forum, our boys will be putting together an action plan for ways in which some of the ideas can be implemented here at Normanhurst.

General Contributions

Thank you to the many parents of our school community who have already paid their annual general contribution to the school. Your payments will enable us to continue to fund the many outstanding learning experiences that your boys participate in. To those families who are yet to forward their contribution, your payment in the near future would be very much appreciated.

Jeff Bruce
Principal

P & C NEWS

Entertainment™ Books

The 2008 Entertainment books are still available (place an order using the flyer provided). These are great value. An order form is also available from the School office. Get yours soon!

13 May - Study Survival Skills

The School Counsellor Mrs Joy Straw will deliver a presentation and answer questions on 'Study Survival Skills' at our next Meeting. As the mid-year / trial HSC exams are nearly upon us this will be of great value to parents.

18 June – Boys' Learning and Development

On Wed 18 June (7:00 for a 7:30 start) the P&C will host an evening seminar by Dr Andrew Martin, a world authority on adolescent education and learning who is familiar with Normanhurst. **Importantly he will focus on boys' needs in a setting of excellence**

P&C (Voluntary Contributions)

Please submit these payments for 2008 to the school office soon.

Next General Meeting – 13 May

The next P&C General Meeting will be held in the School Library from 8:00pm on Tuesday 13 May. The outline agenda is:

1. Presentation: Study Survival Skills
2. Principal's report
(Recess)
3. Business Session. Main agenda Items currently on notice are:

Vote to adopt the reviewed Constitution and By Laws
Status of planning for the 50th Anniversary Celebrations

Best wishes and stay safe

Pevlin Price
P&C President

CAREERS NEWS

1. **The National careers & Employment expo** is being held this weekend
At: Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre
Time: Sat May 10, 10am – 4pm
Entry: FREE
More info: www.eocexpo.com.au
2. Registrations for **UMAT2008** are now open and will close at 5pm AEST on Friday 6 June. The test will be held on Wednesday 30 July. For registration and more information, visit <http://umatweb.acer.edu.au/>.
3. Registration of Interest forms and Medicine Application Forms for students interested in applying to study **Medicine at UNSW** are now available online. Forms need to be submitted by July 25 for consideration for the main round of interviews. For more information and to access forms, visit http://www.med.unsw.edu.au/medweb.nsf/page/how_toapply_local.

For more information about these and other Careers matters, see Mrs Packham.

Mrs Packham
Careers Adviser

PUBLIC SPEAKING

On Monday 5th May, 2008, two students from Year 11 competed in the Sydney Morning Herald Plain English Speaking Award Northern Sydney Regional Final held at Hornsby GHS.

Graeme McIntyre spoke on his *Vision for the Future* for the Sydney urban landscape while Lachlan McIntosh examined the effect multimedia is having on the younger generation. Both students should be congratulated on their effort, with special thanks to Lachlan who was the reserve for this competition and kindly stepped in at the last minute.

The standard was extremely high in this Region and

Barker College and Redfield College students won on the day.

Mrs R Fowell
Public Speaking Coach/Coordinator

SCIENCE SCENE

All HSC science students are reminded to have your permission forms and payment submitted to the front office by Friday 9 May or early morning on Monday 12 May (at the latest). The University of Sydney Kickstart program is a great day out full of hands-on practicals and inspiring demonstrations.

Mrs D James
Science Staff

LEADERSHIP DAY

On the 7th of May, 2008, six students were chosen to represent Normanhurst Boys High School at the leadership day event hosted by Asquith Girls High School.

The day was mostly based on the following 9 values:

- Integrity** – being consistently honest and trustworthy
- Excellence** – striving for the highest personal achievement in all aspects of schooling and individual and community action, work and life-long learning.
- Respect** – having regard for yourself and others, lawful

and just authority and diversity within Australian society, and accepting the rights of others to hold different or opposing views.

Responsibility – being accountable for your individual and community's actions towards yourself, others and the environment.

Cooperation – working together to achieve common goals, providing support to others and engaging in peaceful resolution of conflict.

Participation – being a proactive and productive individual and group member, having pride in and contributing to the social and economic wealth of the community and the nation.

Care – concern for the wellbeing of yourself and others, demonstrating empathy and acting with compassion.

Fairness – being committed to the principles of social justice and opposing prejudice, dishonesty and injustice.

Democracy – accepting and promoting the rights, freedoms and responsibilities of being an Australian citizen.

Conclusion: We did many activities based on the 9 values like a game based on cooperation where the whole team had to work together and we all had a fun day.

Adrian Tsoi (Year 7)

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

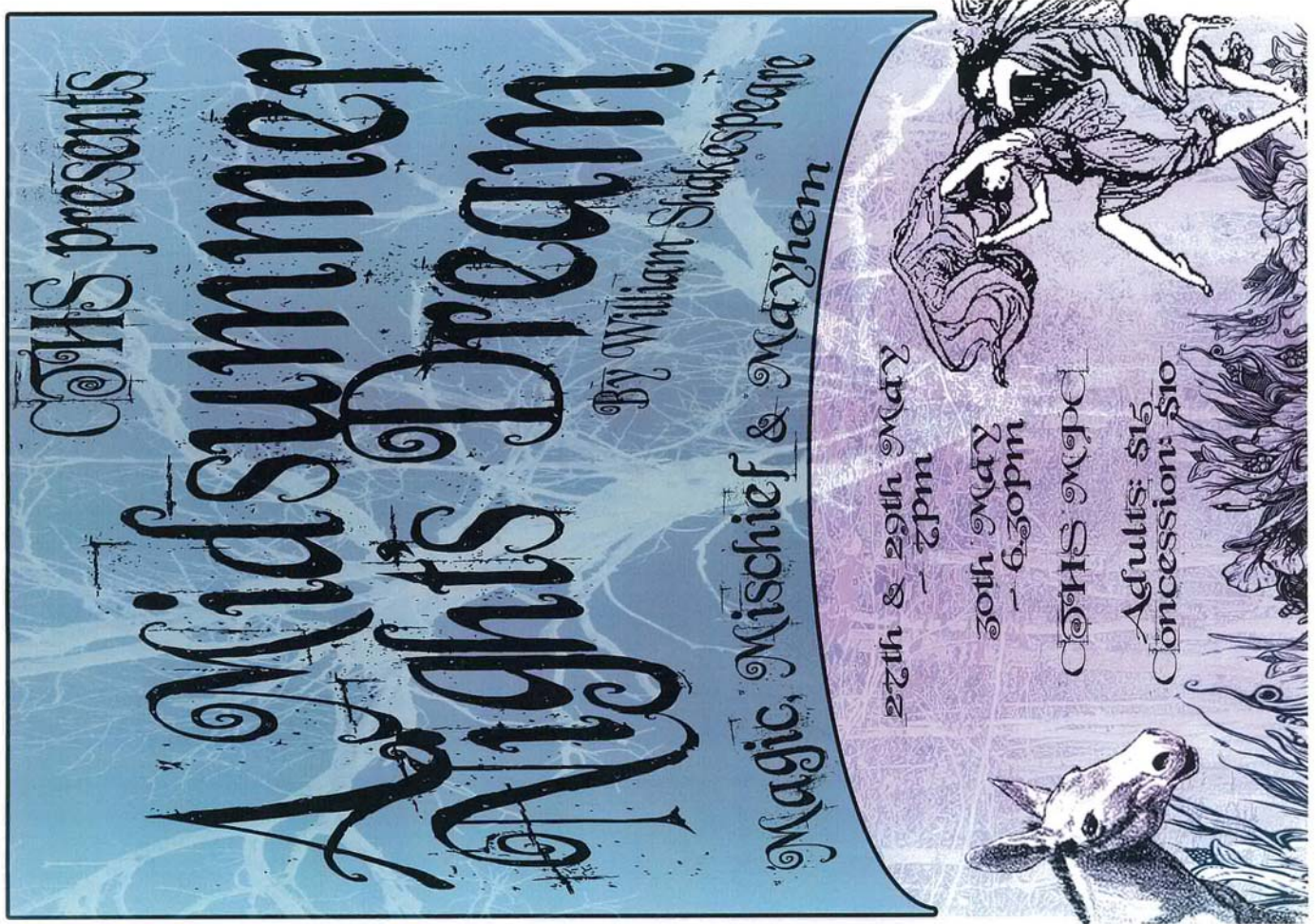
CROSS COUNTRY POINT SCORE				
	Bukkandi	Dinewan	Warrigal	Wayamba
12 Years	208	263	514	363
13 Years	1732	1567	1488	1374
14 Years	1868	1771	1855	1631
15 Years	1715	1786	1768	2816
16 Years	1695	1748	1145	1302
17 Years	1619	1579	1333	1829
18+ Years	553	464	659	737
TOTAL	9390	9178	8762	10052
PLACE	2nd	3rd	4th	1st

	12 Years	13 Years	14 Years	15 Years	16 Years	17 Years	18+ Years
Place	Name						
1st	A. Colli	W. McLean	L. McKerrell	A. Robertson	M Ramsay	P. Day	A. Devalia
2nd	A. Vukic	S. Fatt	K. Hayman	M. Figueira	D. Patten	B. Smithson	N. Noory
3rd	J. L. Lee	T. Taylor	J. Ramsay	J. Sun	B. Collins	L. McIntosh	D. Strange
4th	M. Burton	B. Graham	L. Mak	J. Currie	M. Taylor	M. Robertson	T. Wearne
5th	A. Zhang	O. D'Souza	M. Liu	B. Tsang	L. Harrison	S. Browne	M. Senior
6th	R. Ng	D. Pehlivan	J. Campbell	J. Cheung	E. Ilyukevich	I. Churton	N. Haglund
7th	A. Thom	C. Tompkins	M. Kucera	V. Liu	A. Semler	J. Martin	C. Roberts
8th	R. Du	C. Pullen	J. Gibbons	J. Yip	L. Labutis	A. Dickerson	S. Northey
9th	D. Cheang	E. Kwok	D. O'Connor	K. Wong	Y. Zochowski	M. Fatt	P. Thomson
10th	K.C Chan	J. Chan	Y. Song	D. Sun	M. Brett	D. Vos	V. Stitt

<i>Normanhurst Boys' High School</i>				<i>Term 2, 2008</i>	
<i>Wk</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
3	12 May	13 Athletics Carnival	14 Yr12 Tertiary Info Day Yr12 Premier's Challenge Debating	15 Year Assembly Yr12 Teachers' Mtg Yr11 Youth & Road Trauma Exc	16 Loud Shirt Day
	Yr10/11 half- yearly exams		Yr10/11 half- yearly exams		Yr11 half-yearly exams
	Yr7 Study Skills (3-5pm)	← P&C Meeting	Yrs 7/9 National	Testing →	
		← NO YEAR 7/8/9	ASSESSMENTS		→ Yr11 Visual Arts
4	19 May	20 Yr12 reports issued	21 UNSW Engineering Day	22	23
	Yr12 'King Lear' Inc				
	← Yr11 half-yearly exams →	← Yr7/8/9 exam period →			
	Yr12 Physics	Yr10 Commerce	Yr12 Music 2		

SPORTS RESULTS – ROUND 3

SPORT		OPPOSITION	WINNER	SCORE
Rugby	1st	Epping	Epping	5-74
Rugby	2nd	Epping	Epping	0-60
Rugby	15A	Epping	Epping	10-71
Rugby	14A	Epping	Epping	5-66
Rugby	13B	North Sydney	North Sydney	0-27
Soccer	1st	Epping	Epping	1-3
Soccer	2nd	Epping	Epping	0-4
Soccer	3rd	Epping	Epping	0-4
Soccer	15A	Epping	Normanhurst	2-1
Soccer	15B	Epping	Draw	3-3
Soccer	14A	Epping	Epping	3-1
Soccer	14B	Epping	Epping	0-5
Soccer	13A	Epping	Draw	2-2
Soccer	13B	Epping	Draw	1-1
Soccer	13C	Epping	Draw	0-0
Hockey	1st	Epping	Epping	2-6
Hockey	15	Epping	Draw	1-1
Tennis	1st	Epping	Epping	1-5
Tennis	2nd	Epping	Normanhurst	5-1
Tennis	15	Epping	Normanhurst	4-2
Tennis	14	Epping	Normanhurst	5-1
Table Tennis	1st	Epping	Normanhurst	4-1
Table Tennis	2nd	Epping	Normanhurst	4-1
Table Tennis	15	Epping	Epping	1-4
Table Tennis	14	Epping	Normanhurst	4-0
Lawn Bowls	1st	Epping	Normanhurst	9-4
Lawn Bowls	15	Bye	-	-



Loozit
Healthy Active Living for Young People



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 Do you want to find out how you can get more out of life
 and reduce your body size?**

What is Loozit?

The Loozit study involves a **FREE** weight management program that empowers young people with skills, knowledge and confidence to get more fun out of life!

What's involved?

Please come along weekly for nine weeks in the late afternoons for a snack and a chat with other young people who share similar concerns. Conducted by staff of The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

What's it all about?

Together we will look at:

- Building self-esteem
- Setting goals
- Becoming more active
- Stress
- Healthy eating

When & Where?

Starting week of 21st July 2008, at the Summer Hill Community Centre and Hills Community Health Centre

Want to know more? Please contact:
Kristy McGregor on 9845 1224 or Janice O'Connor on 9845 1294
 Or email loozit@chw.edu.au

Booking is essential by 10th July 2008

