



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

What a marvellous turnout we had last Sunday morning for our second working bee of the year! Over 30 parents and students got stuck into planting another batch of plants on the Pennant Hills Road embankment, weeding and mulching the area. In addition, two of the large coral trees near the front driveway were cut down and will be processed shortly to provide us with more mulch. A huge thank you to all who attended and particularly to Jonathan Sanders who once again coordinated the morning. Next time you drive along Pennant Hills Road, have a look at what can be achieved when community spirit comes to the fore.



The Working Bee in full swing

Cross Country Champions

On Tuesday our cross country team made their way to Macquarie University to defend the cross country crown that NBHS has held for the last 7 years. With a superb effort, particularly from our senior boys, victory number 8 was achieved. A perusal of the historical data on this competition reveals that Normanhurst Boys has won the title of Champion School on 28 occasions during the past 50 years. I would particularly like to mention the following students who were the age champions: Alexander Colli (12 Years), Luke McKerrell (14 Years) and Peter Day (17 Years). Congratulations to all our runners and good luck to those who now proceed to the regional competition. A full report appears later in this newsletter.

Year 12 Information Night

Our Year 12 Parent/Teacher night was held on Tuesday night and I thank all those parents who took the opportunity to meet with their sons' teachers. If you were unable to attend the evening but wish to discuss any aspect of your son's half-yearly report or general progress, I would encourage you to contact the school.

The first of the Year 12 interviews began this week and I am very much looking forward to meeting with each of the boys and discussing their progress with them.

SMS and Emails

Thank you to the parents who have returned the mobile phone and email contact forms to the school. We still have a large number of these forms that have not yet been returned and I would appreciate you taking a few moments to fill out the details required and return the forms to the school as soon as possible so that the data can be processed. This form is again included in this edition of the newsletter.

Selective Schools Meeting

On Thursday I attended a meeting at the Selective Schools Unit to finalise issues relating to our 2009 Year 7 intake. It was certainly an illuminating experience for me and I came away very encouraged about the integrity of the process. We will be advised shortly about our 2009 cohort.

50th Anniversary News

Plans for our 50th Anniversary celebration weekend are well underway. The organising committee has put together a draft format that will have something to appeal to all. At this stage, we are looking at a gala night on August 30 with a range of guest speakers, a spectacular fireworks display, rides, an aircraft flying over of the school to capture a visual image, displays of student work and a range of feature sporting events. I have also asked to boys to suggest other activities that they would like to see happening and the SRC will be consulted for student input. If any parents have suggestions that they would like the committee to consider, please contact me. Further details of the anniversary weekend will be provided as they become available.

Annual Report

The 2007 Annual Report will be sent home with all

students in the next few days. The Department of Education requires all schools to report on a range of data and areas of school performance. I hope you will enjoy reading the document.

**Kind regards,
Jeff Bruce
Principal**

P & C NEWS

Working Bee 25 May

Approximately 30 parents, students and siblings attended and further progress was made on the bank along Pennant Hills Rd. Additional plants have added density to the earlier plantings and weed matting was laid to give the young plants a good start. Some of the other improvements were begun and Jonathan Sanders was able to bring the chainsaw to bear where some thinning-out was required. The good work will be continued. Many thanks to Mr Bruce, and all involved.

Information and Presentations of value to parents:

10 June - Study Survival Skills

The School Councillor Mrs Joy Straw has returned to good health and will deliver a presentation and answer questions on 'Study Survival Skills' at our next Meeting.

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.** Information/registration forms are being distributed with this edition of the Normo News. Cost is small and seminar notes / supper will be available. Places will be offered exclusively to Normo parents till next week and then to the wider community of schools.

Fundraising

Entertainment™ Books

The P&C wishes to thank those who ordered Entertainment™ Books and especially to those who made a donation. We would also like to thank the school office staff who administered the acceptance of order forms and processing payments. As at last week a return of \$884 has been made to the P&C. This will be the final week to place an order for what is a brilliant opportunity to make savings on entertainment in your local area of Sydney over the next twelve months. Order forms can be found in the last several newsletters – or on the website. Get one!

Community Chest

Who wants a car? The tickets would have arrived in the mail recently. All families are requested to sell these to friends (or to themselves) and have your son return the ticket stubs and monies in an envelope to the school canteen. In any event please return all unsold tickets to the canteen.

Next General Meeting – 10 June

The next P&C General Meeting will be held in the School Library from 8:00pm on Tuesday 10 June. The outline agenda is:

1. Presentation: Study Survival Skills
2. Principal's report

(Recess)
3. Business Session.

**Best wishes
Pevlin Price
P&C President**

MUSIC NEWS

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Jonathon Ramsay (Yr. 9) and Robin Fletcher (Yr 12) for gaining their A.Mus.A in Euphonium and Piano respectively. Robin achieved a High Distinction which is a feat only once equalled in this school before now so YAY!

If you have passed an AMEB exam or won an award please let us know as we like to hear about your achievements outside of school.

CHINA TOUR PHOTOGRAPHS

We still need everyone to bring in some of their photos from China on disk. We want to organise a presentation of these for the musical evening so please try to hand them in soon.

MUSICAL EVENING Thursday 5th June School hall. 7.00pm

Next Thursday evening at 7.00pm in the school hall there will be a musical evening. All the ensembles have been rehearsing hard and we would like you to be able to hear what they have accomplished. The evening will include performances from the Concert Band, Stage Band, String Ensemble and solos and group performances from elective classes.

We need everyone there by 6.40pm to set up and if everyone could bring a plate – of food – we will have supper afterwards. We anticipate the performance will last about an hour and a half.

REHEARSALS THIS TERM

Please note there is no Concert Band rehearsal on 26th June However all other rehearsals will go ahead as normal for the rest of the term.

MUSICAL ENSEMBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Please try to pay your contribution of \$50 to the front office as soon as you can – this money is a one off payment for any student in any ensemble and is used for purchasing music, folders, instruments, maintenance, guest conductors and subsidising the music camp at the end of the year.

Mrs. M. Johnson and Mrs. S. Cousins

CAREERS NEWS

YEAR 10

The University of Sydney is holding a series of free evening information sessions for Year 10 students and their parents, designed to help you:

- ✓ Select subjects for Years 11 and 12
- ✓ Learn more about UAI, scaling and university entrance
- ✓ Understand commonly used terms
- ✓ Find out more about career pathways

- ✓ Gain an insight into university life

The sessions will be held at Footbridge Theatre from 6.00pm on Mon 2 June, Wed 4 June, Tues 10 June, and Thurs 12 June. For more information, call 1300 362 006. To register for one of the sessions, visit www.usyd.edu.au/year10evening.

YEAR 11

1. The **Honeywell Engineering Summer School** (HESS) 2008 will run from: Sunday December 7 to Friday December 12 2008. This is an exciting opportunity for current Year 11 students who wish to pursue a career in Engineering and intend to enter university in 2010. Places are limited to the first 100 applicants from NSW/ACT, so any interested students need to submit their application quickly. For more information, see Mrs Packham or visit www.engineersaustralia.org.au/sydney.
2. The University of Sydney is offering the Board-endorsed HSC Unit *Mind and Morality*, a critical thinking unit for high-achieving Year 11 students who wish to develop their analytical thinking and essay writing skills, and to gain an understanding of undergraduate life while still at school. Applications for Semester 2, 2008 close on June 27; applications

for Summer School & Semester 1, 2009 close on 12 December. For more information and application forms, please see Mrs Packham.

YEAR 12

1. 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/>.
2. 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/howtoapply_local.

Students interested in studying Medicine next year should now be completing registration and application details as required. For more information about these and other Careers matters, see Mrs Packham.

Mrs Packham
Careers Adviser

SPORTS RESULTS

GRADE			DATE:28/5/2008	ROUND No 6
SPORT		OPPOSITION	WINNER	SCORE
Rugby	1st	Homebush	Homebush	20-22
Rugby	2nd	Homebush	Homebush	10-17
Rugby	15A	Normanhurst have withdrawn		
Rugby	14A	Homebush	Normanhurst	31-10
Rugby	13B	Homebush	Homebush	10-19
Soccer	1st	Homebush	Homebush	0-3
Soccer	2nd	Homebush	Homebush	0-2
Soccer	3rd	Homebush	Homebush	1-4
Soccer	15A	Homebush	Homebush	2-4
Soccer	15B	Homebush	Draw	0-0
Soccer	14A	Homebush	Homebush	0-7
Soccer	14B	Homebush	Homebush	0-2
Soccer	13A	Homebush	Homebush	0-6
Soccer	13B	Homebush	Homebush	0-2
Soccer	13C	Homebush	Homebush	1-4
Hockey	1st	Homebush	Homebush	2-5
Hockey	15	Homebush	Homebush	0-11
Tennis	1st	Homebush	Normanhurst	6-0
Tennis	2nd	Homebush	Normanhurst	5-1
Tennis	15	Homebush	Normanhurst	5-3
Tennis	14	Homebush	Homebush	1-5
Table Tennis	1st	Homebush	Homebush	3-4
Table Tennis	2nd	Homebush	Homebush	0-4
Table Tennis	15	Homebush	Normanhurst	4-3
Table Tennis	14	Homebush	Normanhurst	4-3
Lawn Bowls	1st	Homebush	Homebush	7-14
Lawn Bowls	15	Homebush	Homebush	7-14

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

12 Years	14 Years	16 Years	17 Years	18+ Years
Name - Place				
A. Colli-1st	L.McKerrell-1st	M Ramsay-2nd	P.Day-1st	A. Devalia-4th
A. Vukic-5th	J. Ramsay-5th	D. Patten-12th	L. McIntosh-5th	N. Noory-7th
M. Burton-11th	L. Mak-18th	B. Collins-15th	M. Robertson-4th	D. Strange-9th
R. Ng-12th	J. Campbell-13th	J.Cole-3rd	S. Browne-11th	M. Senior-5th
A. Thom-13th	M. Kucera-19th	L. Harrison-20th	I. Churton-12th	N. Haglund-18th
		E. Ilyukevich-14th	J. Martin-14th	S. Northey-13th
13 Years	15 Years		A. Dickerson-15th	P. Thomson-17th
			M. Fatt-19th	J.Larter-19th
W.McLean-18th	A. Robertson-2nd		D. Vos-20th	
S. Fatt-7th	M. Figueira-15th			
	J. Currie-18th			
	T.Monaghan-7th			

Tickets for *Grease* are now on sale!!!

- ♫ Maths staffroom - Thursday & Friday lunchtime
- ♫ Music Staffroom - Monday & Tuesday lunchtime
- ♫ Adults \$15 Concessions \$8

Performances: Thurs June 26, 7.30pm Fri June 27, 7.30pm
 Sat June 28, 2.00pm & 7.30pm

Normanhurst Boys' High School					Term 2, 2008
Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6	2 Jun Yr 11 Exc. To Sydney Theatre Co. HSC Science Kickstart Exc U Syd Yr10 Japanese Exc DofE Training (pm) Staff Meeting	3 Yr9/10 NSW da Vinci Decathlon	4 Yr7/8 NSW da Vinci Decathlon	5 Year Assembly Yr12 HSC Economics Lectures	6 Yr11 Geog Field Study
	Yr8 History (in class)	Yr12 Mathematics Yr12 Maths General Yr9 Commerce P5/6		Yr12 Maths Ext2 Yr7 Geography P1/2	Yr12 Chemistry Yr12 Ancient History Yr10 Visual Arts Yr9 Geography P1/2
7	9 Jun Queen's Birthday	10 Yr11 Teachers' Mtg P&C Meeting	11 Yr8 History Inc	12 Area Cross Country	13 Yr9 Geog Field Study Yr11 Geog Field Study
		Yr12 Maths Ext1 Yr12 Ancient History		Yr12 English Adv Yr12 Music 1 & 2	Yr12 Music 1 & 2 Yr12 Legal Studies Yr11 Music 1 Yr10 Visual Arts
8	16 Jun DofE Training (pm)	17 Yr12 'King Lear' Exc	18	19 Yr9/10 French Exc Yr11/12 Visual Arts to Biennale	20 Yr10/11/12 <i>Grease</i> rehearsal all day
	Yr12 Physics Yr12 Economics		Yr12 Modern History		Yr12 Japanese
	← Yr11 English Ext1 Yr 8 Vis Arts (in double period)	Yr11 Ancient History Yr11 Modern History Yr10 Photo Dig Media	Yr11 English Adv		→ Yr10 Geography

Community Chest Raffle

Calling all Raffle Tickets, Calling all Raffle Tickets !!

Tickets were posted out 3 weeks ago now, so we need to have them flowing back in as soon as possible. We have only 3 more weeks to get them in and back to Rotary for your chance to win a Toyota Corolla.

So please return your ticket stubs and money to the Canteen.

A free juice goes to each student returning a fully sold booklet.

Thank you to the many families who have already responded.

Remember, sold or not, all tickets must be returned to the Canteen.

Berowra Musical Society Inc
presents



Book by Neil Simon

Music by Cy Coleman

Lyrics by Dorothy Fields

Based on an original screenplay by Federico Fellini, Tullio Pinelli and Ennio Flaiano

Produced for the Broadway Stage by Fryer, Carr and Harris
Conceived, Staged and Choreographed by Bob Fosse

Berowra Community Centre, Gully Road, Berowra

May 2008

Saturday	24th	8.00pm
Sunday	25th	2.00pm
Friday	30th	8.00pm
Saturday	31st	2.00pm & 8.00pm

Tickets

Adults:	\$20.00
Children/Concession:	\$15.00
Family Ticket:	\$60.00

Family = 2 adults and 2 children. Extra children at \$10.00 each
Please Note: Credit Card facilities are not available

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Enquiries: 9476 0051

Email: info@bmsi.org.au

**Loozit - Healthy Active
Living for Young People**



Are you aged 13-16 years?
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



The Normanhurst Boys High School P&C Presents:
An evening seminar on
Boys Education in the arena of high achievement
 presented by Dr Andrew Martin

Wednesday 18 June

What:

An evening seminar in two sessions

This is a rare opportunity to learn about critical aspects of boys' learning and development in the secondary years – with a focus on boys in academically competitive settings (Selective High schools or G&T programs)

Why:

To gain insights to better support boys in achieving and sustaining motivation, enjoyment and results in secondary school



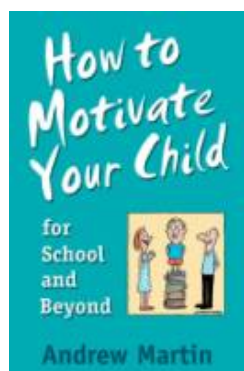
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Who:

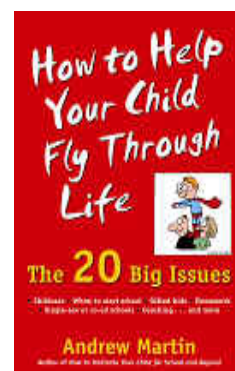
We are delighted to have Dr Andrew Martin as our presenter:

- Registered (Educational and Child) Psychologist
- Listed in *The Bulletin* magazine's 'SMART 100 Australians' and in the Top 10 in the field of Education
- Author of books for parents targeting education and motivation for our youth
- Presented at Normanhurst BHS in 2006 and has since been engaged in research at Oxford University



Details:

- Cost (1 or 2 NBHS parents) \$5.00
- Cost (1 or 2 non-NBHS Parents) \$10.00
- Venue: Normanhurst Boys HS Hall
- 7:00 for 7:30 start
- Ends 9:30 pm
- Registration by prior payment
- Confirmation and additional details by email
- Seminar notes and supper available



To secure your seats at the seminar fax, post, or hand this form to the Normanhurst Boys HS Office as soon as possible: **Fax** (credit card payments): (02) 9489 5722

Post (cheques): Normanhurst Boys High School, Pennant Hills Rd NORMANHURST NSW 2076

Name/s of parents attending:	
Method of payment (circle): Cheque / Credit Card	Credit card details (circle): MasterCard / Visa Card No. _____ Expiry __/ __ Cardholder's name:
Amount: \$ _____	
Email address for sending confirmation and additional information:	Signature of Cardholder



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Parent/Caregiver Contact Information Request

In order to facilitate the move to SMS alerts for absences and electronic emailing of the Newsletter, could you please complete the following information.

This information will be treated confidentially and will only be available to school staff to use for administrative purposes.

STUDENT: _____

YEAR: _____

Email address to be used for electronic emailing of the Normanhurst News

Parent/Caregiver Mobile Phone number to be used for SMS alert

PARENT/CAREGIVER SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

Please return completed forms to the box at the front office.

Jeff Bruce
Principal