



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

The past few days have seen our students achieving success in a diverse range of areas, on the sporting field, in academic pursuits and in activities that assist the community.



I had the pleasure last Sunday of watching our team compete in the Australian Junior Sevens Tournament which was hosted at The Kings School. Our team consisting of Peter Day, Navid Noory, Ian Churton, Mitchell Senior, David Vos, Keegan Anthony, Brad Smithson, went through their group round undefeated, notching up wins against Kings, St Andrews Cathedral School and Ku-ring-ai. In the semi-finals, they scored a great win against Shore and then faced Trinity in the final. At full-time, with the score tied at 1-1, the teams lined up for the dreaded penalty shoot-out. Our boys lost by the narrowest of margins but can feel immensely proud, as indeed was I, of their performance. Congratulations to the team and to their coach Ms Wright.



Congratulations also to Tim Drayton, James Bijen and Tom Newman, all in Year 12, who were selected to represent the school and the Northern Zone in the State Rugby Championships being held this week.

Normanhurst boys took part in the Da Vinci Decathlon, a mind skills competition held at Knox. There were 50

schools represented with approximately 700 students participating. Although our boys didn't come away with any medals this year, they certainly enjoyed the day and gained much from the experience.

I received a letter from the Principal of Clarke Road Special School this week thanking our school for the assistance provided by eight of our boys at the Combined Metropolitan Carnival for students with disabilities. My Terry Brain, the principal wrote the following:

"These boys were a credit to your school. Mrs Beth Seach, the carnival organiser, on thanking the boys did comment that "we couldn't have done it without them".

Congratulations to one of our Year 12 students, Ricky Leong, who has had an active and impressive role in a range of political forums in recent weeks. Ricky is a member of the NSW Youth Parliament and Ryde Youth Council. Representing the voice of the community's youth, Ricky was part of a "Think Big for Bennelong" forum hosted by the new member for the area, Maxine McKew. He also spoke at a forum presenting its views to a parliamentary committee on political funding, and presented the argument that there should be a spending cap on political funding. I look forward to hearing of further success in the political arena for Ricky.

Grease Is The Word.....

Rehearsals for the joint Normanhurst Boys/Hornsby Girls musical, "Grease" have been progressing well and we are now only a few weeks away from opening night. Tickets are on sale and it would be wonderful to see the entire communities of our two schools get behind the cast and crew who have put many, many hours into the production.

General Contributions

One of the most impressive things that I have noticed about the school is the wonderful level of support that our parent community gives the school in a whole range of areas, not least of these being in the percentage of general contributions that are received. These funds are crucial for the maintenance of the quality educational programs that the school provides and I thank all parents who have already paid the 2008 amount. If you are yet to make your contribution, could you please arrange payment as soon as possible. Reminder statements will be mailed shortly.

Something all parents should be aware of.

Finally, in a newsletter that contains so much that is positive, a few comments that are of not such a positive nature. I have a number of expectations of our boys; they are not unreasonable expectations, but expectations nonetheless. At the top of that list is that I expect each boy in the school to do everything he can to ensure the safety and welfare not only of himself, but of all who come here to teach and learn every day. I was deeply concerned this week, therefore, when a group of our students got themselves in a situation that put their safety and that of others in jeopardy because they conducted themselves in an inappropriate manner on the way home from school. Students from our school and a school nearby became involved in an altercation that had the potential to develop into a tragedy. It was only the quick action of staff and police that prevented this from happening. I would like to appeal to all parents in the school to talk frequently to your sons about putting themselves in situations that they may not have any control over.

Kind regards,
Jeff Bruce
Principal

P & C NEWS

'D-Day' edition

Information and Presentations of value to parents:

10 June - Study Survival Skills

Set aside the time to come and listen to Mrs Straw, our School Counsellor, impart some of the wisdom she has built up over her time at Normanhurst. Her topic is 'Study Survival Skills' and she will also be happy to answer parent questions.

18 June - Boys Learning and Development

A flyer went out in last week's Normo News. This will be a very valuable evening. Dr Martin has also been engaged to address the staff of boys' schools in our region and he is actively sought to give presentations. Please register as soon as possible as the offer will be open to the wider community from Monday. Registration forms are available from the office if you need one. All parents are encouraged to pass on a form to friends who are interested in attending.

Fundraising

Community Chest

Who wants a car? 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 without delay. **In any event please return all unsold tickets to the canteen.**

We also received a raffle ticket payment without the ticket stubs included. Unfortunately, there was no name on the envelope. If you think this might be you, please call Tracey on 9498 4112 or 0407 52135.

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

YEAR 7 IMMUNISATION PROGRAM

Students who received dose 1 of the Hepatitis vaccination will receive the second dose on Friday 27 June.

Students who are eligible to receive the vaccination have received a parent package from the Health Department. Parents/guardians are asked to read the enclosed information and return the completed permission form (intact) to the school by 20 June if they wish their son to have the second dose.

Students are to place the completed permission form in the box outside Mr Johnson's office.

Please note that **only** students who received the first dose earlier this year are eligible for the second dose.

Mr F Johnson
Deputy Principal

DEBATING NEWS

On Monday, May 26 the Year 10 debating team began their campaign to acquire the highly contested Teasdale Cup Debating trophy in the Premier's Challenge debating competition.

Our opponents were Riverside Girls High at Hunter's Hill and the team of Isaac Freeland, Gary Tam, Dennis McCarthy and Sam Farrell argued the affirmative case for the topic:

That newspapers are more powerful than television.

The boys presented a very strong case with a solid team-line and some excellent rebuttal.

Congratulations to the team for their win on the day and look forward to the next debate.

Mrs Fowell
Debating Coach and Coordinator

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Wednesday past, four students: Brendon Xi & Chris Walsh from Year 9 and Daniel Patten & Kishandth. Sivapalasundaram from Year 10 delivered workshops at Turramurra Public School's World Environment Day celebration. Stream Watch and the concept of '*Thinking globally, acting locally*' were their topics. Our students demonstrated excellent rapport with the year 5 and 6s and great depth of knowledge of their chosen topics. The staff and students from Turramurra Public School wish to thank Normanhurst Boys and Hornsby Girls for supporting this international day.



World Environment Day at Turramurra Public School

Mr Copping

CAREERS NEWS

Do you want to find out about a career in Engineering or ICT?

Macquarie University is holding an **Undergraduate Information Evening** on Wed 18 June 2008, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. This will provide an opportunity to talk to industry representatives, students and academic staff about careers in the field and relevant courses offered by Macquarie University.

Venue: Building E6A, Room 102

Parking: See campus map at:
http://www.ofm.mq.edu.au/maps_campus.htm

RSVP: To secure your place at the event, please register at www.engineering.mq.edu.au by Monday 16 June, 2008.

Mrs Packham
Careers Adviser

GUITAR LESSONS

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
9894 1604

CITYRAIL CHANGES & TRACK WORK

Students who travel to and/or from a station in the Hunter/Central Region may be affected by trackwork and an amended timetable, commencing Monday 2nd June.

The trackwork timetable booklets are now available from your local Hunter/Central Coast railway station, or parents, teachers & students can visit the CityRail website on www.cityrail.info to view the amended timetable which commences **Monday 2nd June**.

This major trackwork upgrading period is from Monday June 2 to Friday June 13.

CityRail

Normanhurst Boys' High School						Term 2, 2008					
<i>Wk</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>						
7	9 Jun Queen's Birthday	10 Yr11 Teachers' Mtg P&C Meeting Yr12 Maths Ext1 Yr12 Ancient History	11 Yr8 History Inc	12 Area Cross Country	13 Yr9 Geog Field Study Yr11 Geog Field Study						
				Yr12 English Adv Yr12 Music 1 & 2	Yr12 Music 1 & 2 Yr11 Music 1 Yr10 Visual Arts						
8	16 Jun	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						
	DofE Training (pm) Yr12 Physics Yr12 Economics		Yr12 Modern History		Yr12 Japanese Yr12 Biology						
	← 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					
9	23 Jun Yr10 Teachers' Mtg	24 Yr10/11 reports issued	25 Yr7/Yr11 Leaders Jenolan Caves Mtg Streamwatch Testing	26 Year Assembly Streamwatch Testing	27 Yr7 Vaccinations (Hall) DofE Expedition 28-29 June						
	DofE Training (pm)	← <i>Grease</i> (Musical) →		→ <i>Grease</i> (Musical) →							

