



# 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

It has certainly been a very busy time at Normo this last week as we move towards the conclusion of Term 2. As you will see from this newsletter, students and staff have been involved in a whole range of areas both inside and outside of the classroom.



### Reporting to our community

Our teachers have had their heads down compiling reports for Years 10 and 11 and these will be mailed to all parents in the next few days. We are working on making our reporting of student achievement as informative and as detailed as possible and I hope you will see this reflected in the set of reports that are about to be issued. I would welcome any feedback from you as to ways in which we can further improve communicating details about your son's progress. I hope that these reports can form the basis of some substantial discussion between parents and teachers at the Parent Teacher interviews which are scheduled for Tuesday July 1 which I urge all parents to attend. Please remind your sons to book meeting times with teachers.

### The importance of a good name

A famous line from Shakespeare's play, *Othello* tells us that "Good name in man and woman, dear my lord, is the immediate jewel of their souls". In many ways, the same can be said about the good name of a school. I spoke on assembly this week about image and reputation and the responsibility that we all have to maintain the excellent name that Normanhurst Boys has in the community. It is not only in the academic domain that we are judged; the behaviour and demeanour of our students as they travel to and from school, when they attend excursions and when they travel to sport are also times when they are in the public eye and under scrutiny. Silly or inappropriate behaviour by even a few students reflects badly on the school and puts our good name at risk. I would appreciate your support in reinforcing this with your sons.

### Opening Night Next Week

The finishing touches are being applied to our big production of *Grease*, a joint production with Hornsby Girls, and I know that the cast are ready to sing and dance their hearts out when the show opens next week.

We had a sneak preview at assembly this week of what to expect when a few of the cast members did a promotion. I hope the 'full house' sign goes up at all the performances.



**Cast members from "Grease"**

### Congratulations to....

Kishandth Sivapalasundaram, and Shaun Ward who achieved their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award and to Shanuka Samaranayake who achieved his Silver Award.

Our 15years Football team who defeated Davidson High in Round 3 of the Bill Turner Cup.

Our Year 12 Debating team who bowed out in the regional final of the Hume Barbour competition after narrowly losing to North Sydney Boys.

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary News

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has met each week for the last two months to put together the format for the Anniversary Weekend, August 29 – 31. The celebrations will kick-off with a carnival afternoon on the Friday of that weekend for current students involving sporting matches, rides, displays, other activities and a giant birthday cake. On Saturday, the school will host ex students and staff for school tours and a Gala Night which will culminate in a fireworks display. On the Sunday, a "Battle of the Centuries", involving football and rugby matches between teams from the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries will be the feature of a picnic day in which all current students, their families and staff will mingle with ex students and their families. If there are any parents who would be able to volunteer their time to

assist with any of these activities, could you please contact the school for details.

### **School Development Day**

Our School Development Day for Term 3 to be held on July 21 will be a combined activity with the other 3 high schools in our district – Hornsby Girls, Asquith Girls and Asquith Boys. Dr Andrew Martin will present workshops on student motivation, engagement, resilience and underachievement. These are all issues that are critical in any school and the opportunity to interact with our colleagues from nearby schools will be invaluable.

#### **A reminder.....**

The end of Term 2 is fast approaching and we are now reaching that time of the term when students are starting to get into a holiday frame of mind. In all schools there are invariably disruptions to routines for such things as long weekends, excursions and a range of other activities. Whilst these are all disruptions that are valid, they do nevertheless impact upon learning time in the classroom. It is essential, therefore, that we utilise all the teaching time that is available, and this includes the last days of term. I will be impressing upon staff the necessity to keep students actively engaged until the last day of term in learning and I seek the cooperation of all parents to ensure that students attend school until that date, Friday, July 4.

Kind regards,

**Jeff Bruce**  
Principal

## **P & C NEWS**

### **Information and Presentations of value to parents:**

#### **Postponement of Dr Martin's Seminar**

The new date is Tues 23 Sep. More details to follow.

#### **Communication**

The school has invited the P&C to participate in a DET workshop in Term 3 on school-community communication for which we are very grateful.

Have you registered for Normo News via email? Registration forms will again be sent out in the next couple of weeks. In the interests of your son may I suggest this method of receiving school information be accepted?

SMS to alert parents of absence is also available on the same registration form. We recommend you also accept this method of communication.

We have a mail box at the school office so 'snail mail' is always an option for letters!

If you want to email the P&C – just email the school and ask it to be forwarded to the P&C.

If you have a question that affects the families or a number of boys, or have a suggestion for the P&C please contact the committee so we can hear your concern or idea and address it collectively. We are all ears!

#### **Emerging Issues**

**Works.** The P&C has been invited to participate in an objective review of the boys' toilet facilities. We are aware they look old but that is not in itself a hazard. We intend to focus on the issue of hygiene. If you (or your

son) have any feedback please do not hesitate to pass it through one of the suggested channels for communication so we can consider it. If there are any parents who are licensed plumbers or environmental health professionals, and can assist in the review: please contact the P&C.

#### **50<sup>th</sup> Celebrations Planning**

This is being effectively planned by the school's planning committee. The P&C will support the school based on any requests for support

#### **Community Chest**

**Please return all monies and unsold tickets to the canteen.**

#### **Meetings**

**There is now no need for an extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 1 July as advised in last week's Normo News. It has been cancelled.**

#### **Next Meeting – 12 August**

Agenda:

1. Principal's report (Recess)
2. Business session

#### **Best wishes**

**Pevlin Price**  
**P&C President**

## **CAREERS NEWS**

1. **Year 11 & 12 students** and their parents are invited to a **Parent/Student Information Evening** at the Faculty of **Science**, University of NSW.

**Date:** Thursday July 24, 2008

**Venue:** John B Reid Theatre, AGSM Kensington

**Entry:** via Gate 11, Botany St

**Time:** 6.00pm Registration; 6.30pm Presentations; 7.30pm-8.30pm Refreshments

To register (essential), go to [rsvp@science.unsw.edu.au](http://rsvp@science.unsw.edu.au)  
For further information, please contact Rachelle Carritt on 9385 7307 or at [r.carritt@unsw.edu.au](mailto:r.carritt@unsw.edu.au).

2. Any students with an interest in a career in the area of film and video are strongly encouraged to enter the **myfuture Student Video Competition**. To enter, you will need to produce a 2-3 minute clip profiling an occupation. Entries close on August 18, 2008. For further details, visit [www.thecrew.net.au](http://www.thecrew.net.au) and speak to Mrs Packham.

**Mrs Packham**  
**Careers Adviser**

## **SIEMENS SCIENCE EXPERIENCE**

*The Siemens Science Experience*, a three-day hands-on science, engineering and technology program, will be conducted again in Australian universities in 2008/2009 for students who will be entering Year 10 in 2009. Each program includes a wide variety of practical activities, together with interesting



presentations by leading scientists and engineers.

It is a Rotary Youth Services Project and fully supported by the Australian Science Teachers Association. The cost of the three-day program is \$105 (includes GST). The Thornleigh Rotary club is willing to pay this fee for 3 students.

Further information and application forms are available from the school's Science Department, Rotary clubs and

from [www.scienceexperience.com.au](http://www.scienceexperience.com.au). Early application is advised.

Any interested boys who would like sponsorship are asked to email Richard Hobson, Youth Director, Rotary Club of Thornleigh Inc at: [rhobson1@bigpond.net.au](mailto:rhobson1@bigpond.net.au)

**D Steed**  
**Head Teacher, Science**

## SPORTS RESULTS

| GRADE        |     |                            | DATE:18/6/2008 | ROUND No 8 |
|--------------|-----|----------------------------|----------------|------------|
| SPORT        |     | OPPOSITION                 | WINNER         | SCORE      |
| Rugby        | 1st | Epping                     | Draw           | Wash Out   |
| Rugby        | 2nd | Epping                     | Draw           | Wash Out   |
| Rugby        | 15A | Normanhurst have withdrawn |                |            |
| Rugby        | 14A | Epping                     | Epping         | 29-31      |
| Rugby        | 13B | Epping                     | Epping         | 5-29       |
| Soccer       | 1st | Epping                     | Normanhurst    | 2-1        |
| Soccer       | 2nd | Epping                     | Epping         | 0-2        |
| Soccer       | 3rd | Epping                     | Draw           | 0-0        |
| Soccer       | 15A | Epping                     | Normanhurst    | 2-0        |
| Soccer       | 15B | Epping                     | Epping         | 0-3        |
| Soccer       | 14A | Epping                     | Draw           | Wash Out   |
| Soccer       | 14B | Epping                     | Draw           | Wash Out   |
| Soccer       | 13A | Epping                     | Draw           | Wash Out   |
| Soccer       | 13B | Epping                     | Draw           | Wash Out   |
| Soccer       | 13C | Epping                     | Draw           | Wash Out   |
| Hockey       | 1st | Epping                     | Draw           | 1-1        |
| Hockey       | 15  | Epping                     | Normanhurst    | 1-0        |
| Tennis       | 1st | Epping                     | Epping         | 0-6        |
| Tennis       | 2nd | Epping                     | Epping         | 0-6        |
| Tennis       | 15  | Epping                     | Normanhurst    | 5-1        |
| Tennis       | 14  | Epping                     | Normanhurst    | 4-4(26-25) |
| Table Tennis | 1st | Epping                     | Normanhurst    | 4-0        |
| Table Tennis | 2nd | Epping                     | Epping         | 2-4        |
| Table Tennis | 15  | Epping                     | Normanhurst    | 4-3        |
| Table Tennis | 14  | Epping                     | Normanhurst    | 4-0        |
| Lawn Bowls   | 1st | Epping                     | Normanhurst    | 6-5        |
| Lawn Bowls   | 15  | Bye                        |                |            |

| <i>Normanhurst Boys' High School</i> |  |   | <i>Term 2, 2008</i>   |   |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|---|---|--|
| Wk                                   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   |
| <b>9</b>                             | 23 Jun<br>Yr10 Teachers' Mtg<br><br>DofE Training (pm) | 24<br>Yr10/11 reports issued<br><br>← <i>Grease</i> (Musical)       | 25<br>Yr7/Yr11 Leaders<br>Jenolan Caves Mtg<br>Streamwatch Testing<br><br>(Musical) | 26 Year Assembly<br>Yr12 Drama Exc<br>Streamwatch Testing | 27<br>Yr7 Vaccinations (Hall)<br><br>DofE Expedition 28-29 June<br><br>→ <i>Grease</i> (Musical) |
|                                      | ← Yr10 Elect History                                   | Yr12 Chemistry<br>Yr12 English Ext1<br><br>Yr11 Engineering Studies | ← Yr11 English Adv  | Yr11 Physics  | Yr12 Visual Arts<br>Yr12 Japanese<br><br>Yr11 Economics  |

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|-----------|-------------------------|------------------------|---|--|--|
| <b>10</b> | 30 Jun<br>School Photos | 1 Jul<br>School Photos | 2<br>Whole School Photo<br>(50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) | 3<br>Yr9 High Resolves<br>Yr12 PDHPE<br>Enrichment Day | 4 Jul<br>Yr9 High Resolves<br>END TERM 2 |
|           | ← NO — ASSESSMENT —     |                        | TASKS →   |  | Yr12 Music 1<br><br>Yr10 Visual Design   |

| <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>   |
| <b>1</b>                             | 21 July<br>Term 3 begins<br>SDD | 22<br>Zone Athletics | 23               | 24<br>Yr9 High Resolves<br>Yr7 Teachers' Mtg<br>RACI Chemistry Quiz | 25<br>Yr9 High Resolves<br>Yr7 reports issued<br>Schools Tree Day |
|                                      | Yr12 SDD                        | Yr12 Visual Arts     |                  | Yr12 English Adv  | Yr12 English Ext2<br>Yr12 Economics<br>Yr11 Music 1               |

**Tickets for Grease are selling fast!!**

**Still some tickets available for Thursday 26 June, 7.30pm and Saturday 28 June, 2.00pm**

**On sale: Music Staffroom, Monday & Tuesday lunchtime  
Maths Staffroom, Thursday & Friday lunchtime**

**Adults \$15 Concessions \$8**



## Community Chest Raffle



# LAST CALL FOR RAFFLE TICKETS !!

ALL MUST BE RETURNED TO THE CANTEEN BY NEXT THURSDAY

**\*\*\* THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE \*\*\***

**Even if you have not sold your tickets, the booklets MUST be returned intact to the Canteen.**

Thank you for your support.