



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

Welcome to Term 3 after what I hope was a restful and enjoyable mid-year break, at least for the boys if not for their parents. The term ahead is going to be a busy one with the Trial HSC, parent information nights and the Year 7 camp to Jenolan Caves all taking place in the first few weeks. I am very much looking forward to the challenges that this term will undoubtedly present, but even more so, working with the staff, students and parents on some exciting projects and planning that will set the direction for the school in the next 3 years as we move into a new strategic school plan.



Term 3 began with a combined School Development Day with our neighbouring high schools and contained the themes of motivation, educational resilience and underachievement in students. The day was focused around presentations by Dr Andrew Martin, a renowned educational psychologist, who covered a lot of extremely significant areas that provided considerable food for thought. There has certainly been much discussion amongst the teaching staff this week about some of the issues that were covered and the evaluations that were completed by staff indicated they gained much from the day. I look forward to exploring ways in which we might be able to implement some of the strategies that were suggested many of which will link directly with areas that we have identified on our School Plan for 2008

I might also take this opportunity to remind parents that Dr Martin has been invited to speak at a P&C meeting at the end of this term. I am sure that you will find his presentation as engaging and relevant as our staff did last Monday.

Zone Champions in Athletics

Our athletics team competed in the zone athletics championships on Tuesday. We knew we had a strong group of very talented athletes, but just how strong became apparent when the final results of the meet were posted and Normanhurst was declared the champion school. Our boys amassed 1122 points, well ahead of Homebush Boys on 963 and Epping Boys on 916. This was the best result achieved by our school in many years and although there were many outstanding performances, special mention must be made of Sean

Barnes (Year 12), Trent Monaghan (Year 9) and our relay teams which won 3 of the 6 relays.

Supporting Year 10 into Year 11

A reminder to parents of Year 10 that we will be holding an HSC information evening on Monday July 28 at 7.00pm in the school hall. This will be an excellent opportunity for students and parents to gain valuable information about the HSC that will enable students to make informed decisions about which courses to study in Years 11 and 12. I look forward to seeing all parents of Year 10 and their sons on the night.

Supporting Year 7

Year 7 Academic Reports were mailed today. These reports will be a valuable reflection of how well students have settled into high school and will also serve as the basis of discussion between parents and teachers that will take place at the Year 7 Parent Teacher Night next Thursday, July 31st.

Congratulations to....

Daniel Yu who has been selected for the Combined High Schools team in golf.

Joshua Cole who has won a scholarship for 2009 with the Essendon Football Club. Josh has also been selected to play in the NSW/ACT Under 16's State team to compete in the NAB National Championships on the Gold Coast at the end of July.

Benjamin Teo and Malcolm Ramsay, two of our talented musicians who will represent Australia at the Beijing Olympics. Both these students will play in the Beijing 2008 Olympic Orchestra.

Congratulations to these boys who will undoubtedly be wonderful ambassadors for our school.

50th Anniversary



The 50th Anniversary Weekend (August 29-31) is fast approaching and our committee has been working hard at putting the finishing touches on what should prove to

be a wonderful 3 days of celebration. Could I again ask if there are any parents or other members of the community who would be able to assist in donating any items for a silent auction to be held on the Gala Night.

On Wednesday, we were finally able to organise the aerial photo of the school which had been postponed from last term because of inclement weather.

**Kind regards,
Jeff Bruce
Principal**

P & C NEWS

Welcome back!

Information and Presentations of value to parents:

Dr Martin's Seminar

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

Communication

Remember that your P&C will endeavor to address issues we are made aware of – send a note or an email to the school and ask for it be forwarded to the P&C.

A letter will come home soon 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 – Reminder

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

Annual P&C State Conference

Thank you to your P&C Secretary, Sandeep Dharni who is attending the conference in Albury this weekend under his own arrangements. We look forward to his report at the next meeting

Meetings

Next Meeting – 12 August

Agenda:

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

**Pevlin Price
P&C President**

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](http://www.normanhurst.schools.nsw.edu.au/NBHS50/index.htm) .

50th Anniversary Organising Committee

STREAMWATCH TESTING

The monthly Streamwatch Testing will be taking place again this coming Wednesday and Thursday, 30th and 31st of July. Normanhurst Boys HS has been performing these tests on the water in Waitara Creek and also on our rainwater storage tanks and their results are held in high regard. We scored 100% in last years 'Quality Assurance Testing'.

So come on out into the 'real' classroom. See Mr Steed for further details.

**Mr D Steed
Head Teacher Science & Streamwatch Coordinator**

ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

TEAM	TOTAL POINTS
Normanhurst Boys High School	1122
Homebush Boys High School	963
Epping Boys High School	916
North Sydney Boys High School	755
Asquith Boys High School	728
Ashfield Boys High School	504
Randwick Boys High School	276

Congratulations to all the students who competed and achieved these excellent results. Individual results will be published when available.

**Mr D Rodgie
Sports Coordinator**

SPORTS RESULTS – WINTER SEMI-FINALS

GRADE			DATE:23/7/2008	ROUND No Semis
SPORT		OPPOSITION	WINNER	SCORE
Rugby	15B	Homebush	Normanhurst	
Rugby	13B	Nth Sydney	Nth Sydney	0-25
Soccer	1st	Epping	Normanhurst	3-2
Soccer	2nd	Homebush	Homebush	0-6
Soccer	15A	Ashfield	Draw	2-2(Ashf to GF)
Soccer	13A	Asquith	Asquith	0-3
Soccer	13B	Epping	Epping	1-5
Soccer	13C	Epping	Epping	2-7
Hockey	15	Nth Sydney	Draw	1-1 (NS to GF)
Tennis	1st	Nth Sydney	Normanhurst	5-2
Tennis	2nd	Epping	Epping	4-4(25-26)
Tennis	15	Homebush	Normanhurst	6-0
Tennis	14	Nth Sydney	North Sydney	1-5
Table Tennis	1st	Nth Sydney	Normanhurst	4-2
Table Tennis	2nd	Homebush	Homebush	3-4
Table Tennis	15	Nth Sydney	North Sydney	3-4
Table Tennis	14	Homebush	Normanhurst	4-0
Lawn Bowls	1st	Homebush	Normanhurst	8-5
Lawn Bowls	15	Nth Sydney	North Sydney	1-2

<i>Normanhurst Boys' High School</i>			<i>Term 3, 2008</i>		
Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	28 Jul Yr12 Biology Exc	29 Yr9 Teachers' Mtg	30 OC Test	31 Australian Mathematics Competition Streamwatch Testing	1 Aug Yr 11 Drama Exc
	Yr10 Information Night		Streamwatch Testing	Yr7 P/T 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
	←		Trial HSC		
	DofE Training (pm) Staff Meeting				
	←	Year 10	English		Yr10 Visual Design Yr10 IST
4	11 Aug	12 UNSW English Comp	13	14	15 Yr8 reports issued
	←		Yr10 Work Experience		
	DofE Training (pm)		Yr7 Jenolan Caves		
	←		Trial HSC		
		P&C Meeting			
				Yr11 Drama	

Parent & Student Law Information Evening

The UNSW Law School is hosting an information evening for parents and prospective law students in Years 11 and 12

Thursday 31 July 2008

INVITATION



Visit UNSW and find out what it's like to be a student at Australia's leading Law School:

- Practical work experience and internship opportunities
- Career opportunities
- Law scholarships and prizes
- Life as a first year law student
- What to consider when choosing a law school
- Alternative entry options

You will have an opportunity for personal consultations with Law academics, students, graduates and admissions staff before and after the formal presentations.

For further information contact Rowena Tuziak
Tel. (02) 9385 7519 or email r.tuziak@unsw.edu.au

Register online
www.law.unsw.edu.au

Careers advisors welcome
RSVP by Wednesday 30 July 2008

Program:

Thursday 31 July 2008

6.00pm – 8.00pm

The Law Building

UNSW Kensington Campus

6.00pm – 6.30pm

- Registration
- Individual Consultations

6.30pm – 7.30pm

- Formal Presentations

7.30pm – 8.00pm

- Individual consultations
- Your chance to explore the Law building

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Open days in 2008

Australian Catholic University

Canberra campus
North Sydney campus (Open Night)
Strathfield campus

30 August
10 September
13 September

Australian Maritime College

Launceston campus
Campus tours can be arranged by appointment.
For further information call 1300 361 928.

17 August

Australian National University

Canberra campus

30 August

Open day every day

Charles Sturt University

For campus tours/appointments and course information, call 1800 334 733.

Griffith University

St. Lawrence campus

10 August

La Trobe University

Albury-Wodonga campus
Mildura campus

24 August
10 August

Macquarie University

For personalised campus tours and special events, call 1800 111 890 or (02) 6620 3975.

13 September

Southern Cross University

For personalised campus tours and special events, call 1800 111 890 or (02) 6620 3975.

University of Canberra

Canberra campus

30 August

University of New England

Armidale campus

5 September

University of New South Wales

Courses and Careers Day
Australian Defence Force Academy, Canberra

6 September
30 August

University of Newcastle

Newcastle campus (Callaghan) – Information Day
Central Coast campus (Ourimbah) – Information Day
Port Macquarie campus – Information Night

30 August
23 August
4 September

University of Sydney

Sydney Uni LIVE!
Camperdown & Darlinghurst campus, Mallett Street campus, Roselle campus (Sydney College of the Arts) and Sydney Conservatorium of Music

30 August

University of Technology, Sydney

UTS Information Day, Broadway campus
UTS Information Evening, Kuring-gai campus

30 August
10 September

University of Western Sydney

Open Day, Parramatta campus

17 August

University of Wollongong

For personalised campus tours and special events, call 1300 367 869.

For information on school visit days, contact individual institutions.