



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

This has certainly been a very busy week to draw to a close what has been a very busy, but immensely rewarding Term. During the past week, we saw our new prefects receive their badges, an excellent seminar organised by the P&C featuring Dr Andrew Martin, the farewelling of Year 12 and an Open Day for prospective students of 2010.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our students a safe and happy holiday. I hope that the boys don't keep their parents too busy shuffling them around the different venues that seem to entice young people of that age during the holidays. I look forward to seeing everyone back, refreshed and enthusiastic to recommence their studies at the commencement of Term 4. There is no school development day in Term 4 so all students return on Monday October 14.

Year 12 Farewelled

We said farewell to our outgoing Year 12 students on Tuesday beginning with a concert that was enjoyed by the rest of the school. It was obvious that a lot of thought and hard work had been put into the event and the boys are to be commended for the good taste that was displayed. I would particularly like to thank Tim Patrick for the fine work he did in coordinating the production.



Year 12 Farewell Concert

Following the concert, the boys enjoyed a barbeque lunch prepared by Year 10 students under the direction of Mr Ridley and I thank the cooks on their behalf. The formal Graduation Ceremony was held at Hornsby RSL later that evening, and it was indeed a moving and dignified way to farewell the boys. We were very

privileged to hear some fine speeches by all the speakers on the evening, each reflecting on their time at the school. A special thank you to the Year 12 Adviser, Mr Rumbelow, for his very moving tribute to the graduating class. The boys were each presented with their portfolios and the gift of a key ring which I hope they will keep as a memento of their time at Normo.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the vast majority of Year 12 for their outstanding conduct in the final days of school. You have been an outstanding group of young men and you will certainly be missed and remembered very fondly by all of us. I wish you good health, happiness and success in your lives ahead.

Congratulations to our new Captains.

On Monday afternoon we had the handing over of prefect badges by the outgoing prefects to those that have just been elected. At this assembly, the outgoing prefects handed over cheques totalling over \$13,000 to a number of charities and I would like to thank them on behalf of the school community for this magnificent achievement.

The new prefects then met to elect the prefect executive members and it is with great pleasure that I announce the names of those boys. Our new School Captain is Graeme McIntyre, the Vice Captain is Noah Frelander and the Senior Prefect is Martin McCarthy. Congratulations to these boys. I look forward to working with them and the prefect body in the months ahead on a range of exciting initiatives.



Our Captains and Senior Prefect for 2009

New Enrolments for 2009

We completed interviews for students to fill vacant positions for 2009 and as always, the number of applicants far exceeded the very limited positions that we will have available. Could I please ask the parents of any students who will not be returning to Normanhurst next year to notify our office as soon as possible so that we can make offers of placement to students on our reserve list.

Merit Selection Panels

At various times when a teaching position goes to advertisement we will be required to form a panel consisting of staff and a parent representative. If there are any parents who would be interested in being trained to be part of such a panel, could you please contact the school. A workshop, which will run for approximately 2 hours, is offered for interested parents either on October 21 at Dee Why or October 30 at North Ryde.

Congratulations to...

Ben Graham who has been selected for the NSW Basketball Talented Athletes Program.

Kind regards
Jeff Bruce
Principal

P & C NEWS

Dr Martin's Seminar. On Monday we had a fantastic attendance by over eighty parents who all benefited from a most informative presentation from Dr Andrew Martin. He was able to summarise the results of his many years of research and give insights into the learning process for adolescent boys and importantly some of the strengths and potential pitfalls for academically advanced boys in the selective environment. It was particularly pleasing to note the proportion of parents with boys in years 7-9 who seek advice on addressing habits and reinforcing beneficial behaviours before the important senior years.

It was also very pleasing to learn the approaches promoted by our school executive and staff on the 'Personal Best' and use of the planner/diary were fully endorsed by Dr Martin. If you haven't yet – please read the information pages in the student diary!

The supper organised by Jean Tung and the 'functions team' was brilliant. We all thank you.

Given the level of interest from parents and positive feedback such activities will be considered as a yearly event. We are open to suggestions on suitable speakers and topics.

Building Project

Building projects have been discussed and an update will be provided at the October meeting. In the meantime consider what you feel should be developed as our first building project for a while and come along to the Oct meeting to discuss it.

Financials. We are still seeking a parent to review (not audit) our books. This is a normal annual requirement for any association and it would take up to half a day later this month. Please contact the Treasurer C/- school if

you could assist.

Class Lists

Apologies – these will be issued by email during the term break on a class by class basis.

Important Dates in Term 4

Next P&C Meeting is in Week 1 of term 4 – Tuesday 10 October (in the library, 8 pm)

Working Bee – Saturday 8 November (9:00 am – 12:00 noon).

Pevlin Price
P&C President

FAMILY ORGANISER CALENDARS FOR 2009

Now is the time to order your calendar for next year. The organiser calendar allows you to record the activities of up to five family members so you know where they are! If you've ever had an organiser calendar, you know they are the best for keeping track of everyone. Each month carries a colourful picture from Operation Art by a student.

Organiser calendars usually cost more than \$20, but through the P&C, you can buy yours for only \$15. Order now for delivery in early December. Give them as gifts to your friends and neighbours. Proceeds from the sale of all calendars go the Normo P&C to be spent on our children.

See the order form in this newsletter. Orders can be received up to 20 October 2008.

P&C

HELP NEEDED PLEASE

One of the valuable ways in which parents are able to help the school is by offering to be on the roster for washing and changing the sheets in the Sick Bay. This is generally only a once per term job if we have sufficient volunteers.

We currently have three parents of Year 12 students on the roster. As their sons will not be attending classes after the end of this term, we are in need of some new helpers, starting from next term. If you would be able to help with the Sick Bay laundry, please contact the school office on 9489 1077.

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
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<i>Normanhurst Boys' High School</i>				<i>Term 4, 2008</i>	
<i>Wk</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
1	13 Oct Start Term 4	14 Yr7 2010 Open Morning	15	16 Year Assembly Yr10 Teachers' Mtg	17 Prefect Induction
	Yr10/11	Japan Trip		HSC exams begin	
2	Yr11 Visual Arts	Yr10 Photo Dig Media		NO YR 7/8/9	ASSESSMENTS
	20 Oct LST Meeting	21	22	23	24 Yr7/10 UNSW English Comp (P1&2)
3	NO YR 7/8/9	ASSESSMENTS Yr10 Commerce Yr10 Practice Maths		Yr7/8/9	exams
	27 Oct	28 Yr11 Teachers' Mtg	29 Streamwatch Testing Yr7/8/9 exams	30 Streamwatch Testing	31
		Yr11 Drama Exc	Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme Expedition to RNP		

SPORTS RESULTS

GRADE		DATE:24/9/2008	ROUND No 4
SPORT	OPPOSITION	WINNER	SCORE
1st CRICKET	Epping	Epping	Epp 3/162 vs Nh 7/160
2nd CRICKET	Epping	Epping	Epp 7/112 vs Nh 39 & 3/33
15A CRICKET	Epping	Normanhurst	Nh 4/104 vs Epp 101
14A CRICKET	Epping	Normanhurst	Nh 4/83 vs Epp 82
14B CRICKET	Epping	Normanhurst	Nh 6/61 def Epp 6/60
1st BASKETBALL	Epping	Normanhurst	51-35
2nd BASKETBALL	Epping	Normanhurst	43-22
15S BASKETBALL	Epping	Normanhurst	29-25
14S BASKETBALL	Epping	Normanhurst	45-31
SNR BASEBALL	Epping	Epping	1-10
JNR BASEBALL	Epping	Epping	4-9
1st VOLLEYBALL	Epping	Epping	0-2
2nd VOLLEYBALL	Epping	Epping	0-2
15S VOLLEYBALL	Epping	Epping	0-2
14S VOLLEYBALL	Epping	Epping	0-2
1st TENNIS	Epping	Normanhurst	5-1
2nd TENNIS	Epping	Epping	1-5
15S TENNIS	Epping	Normanhurst	5-1
14S TENNIS	Epping	Normanhurst	4-2
Open OZ TAG	Epping	Epping	7-15
15s OZ TAG	Epping	Epping	0-25
1st WATERPOLO	Epping	Normanhurst	6-4
15s WATERPOLO	Nth Syd 2	Draw	4-4
14s WATERPOLO	Epping	Epping	0-4
OPEN FUTSAL	Epping	Epping	3-8
15s FUTSAL	Epping	Epping	1-6

AVAILABLE THROUGH NBHS P&C 2009 FAMILY ORGANISER & WALL CALENDAR

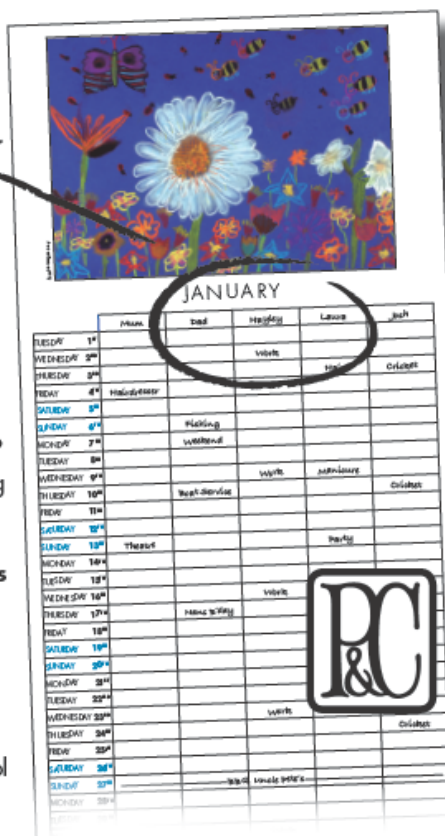
one column
for each
family member

The NSW P&C organiser is a calendar with a difference, with one column for every family member. Keeping track of the kids has never been easier!

This year your P&C has selected the "2009 Family Organiser" as part of their Fundraising program.

Every calendar the P&C sells raises money towards our school.

To order your copy of the 2009 Family Organiser please complete the order form, enclose with payment and return to your school no later than 17th October 2008.



Actual Size is larger (60cm x 30cm)



ORDER FORM

No. of Calendars purchased _____ x \$15.00 (inc GST) = \$ _____

Payment Method: Cash Cheque (payable to NBHS P&C Association)

Student's Name: _____ Class: _____

Parent's email contact: _____ Home Phone: _____

Epping YMCA YouthLinx Parenting Teenagers Today

Being a parent today can be both challenging and rewarding. This FREE three session course for parents will help you to understand changes in teenage behaviour, improve family communication and give some ideas on how to deal with issues of concern to parents.

The course will be facilitated by an experienced group worker, counsellor and mother of 2 teenagers. There will also be an experienced youth worker at hand.

WHERE: Epping YMCA Youth Room (back of basketball courts)

WHEN: Wednesdays - 29th Oct, 5th & 12th Nov
(wks 3-5 of school term 4).

WHO: Any parent/s of teenagers

TIMES: 7.00pm—9.00pm (Please arrive 6.45 for 7.00 start)
(parking is available on site but please note that the car park is often busy so arriving early will allow you time to find a park)

COST: FREE but bookings are essential and places are LIMITED so book early!

Tea, coffee and light supper provided.

For enquiries and bookings please contact:

Jess Harris (YouthLinx Coordinator, Epping YMCA)

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