



# 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

Most of the research into the factors which contribute to students succeeding at school indicates that involvement by parents and carers helps students achieve the best possible learning outcomes. An integral part of that involvement is to ensure that communication between the school and its community is as strong as possible. This was the theme of a workshop that I attended earlier this week with members of our communication team which consisted of staff members Mr. Roland Briefrel, Mrs. Anne Phillips and parent representative, Mr. Pevlin Price. Over the coming weeks we will be working on developing a range of strategies to enhance aspects of the way in which we communicate as a school and presenting the school in the best possible light in the community. Given that we are dealing with a quality product, there are some wonderful opportunities that will present themselves and I look forward to working with the team on developing these.



### Supporting our Students

We had two important nights at the school this week with our Year 10 HSC Information evening and the Year 7 Parent teacher interviews. It was wonderful to see the large number of parents who were able to attend these events. The information that you received will allow us to work together to ensure our students gain the best possible outcomes. My thanks to all the members of staff who put in the long hours this week to make these events so successful.

### Success on the Sporting Field

This week saw the culmination of the grade sports competitions and Normanhurst had 7 teams who reached the finals. Unfortunately, some of the games had to be called off because the council closed the fields. On Friday, I was able to present champions trophies to our Open Football Team (joint winners with Homebush), 15B Rugby (joint winners with Epping), our 15s Tennis and our 14s Table Tennis. Congratulations to all the boys in these teams, to their coaches and to all the teams who reached the finals.



*Rugby 15Bs in action in the Final*



*Senior Lawn Bowls Final – deep in concentration*

## Important Days Ahead for Year 12

Year 12 will not need reminding, but next week sees the commencement of the Trial HSC, which in many ways will provide a dress rehearsal for the HSC examinations which commence on October 16. I know the school community will join with me in wishing all our Year 12 boys well in these exams and in the weeks ahead leading to the HSC.

### Congratulations to....

Congratulations to Malcolm Ramsay (Year 11) who has been selected to attend a Science Forum in Canberra. As mentioned last week, Malcolm is currently in Beijing where he will be performing in the Olympic Orchestra.

Congratulations also, to the following boys who successfully completed their Bronze Award for the Duke of Edinburgh Program. They are Mitchell Venn-Brown, Matthew Tiong, Daniel Patten, Lincoln Mar, Luke Harrison and Matheesha Gunaratne.

### Kind regards

Jeff Bruce  
Principal

## P & C NEWS

Information and Presentations of importance to parents:

### Dr Martin's Seminar – 22 September

Confirmation: This important event for parents will be held on Monday 22 September - in the last week of Term 3. (7:00 for 7:30 start, finish by 9:30).

Dr Martin presented to the staff development day this term and the issues covered have been of great benefit to our teachers. Your attendance in September will enable understanding of the key issues to better support your son's success in secondary and beyond.

Mark it in your diary now! I will contact those who responded last time and more information will be in next week's news.

This event will be publicised externally after offering it first to Normo's parents.

### Communication & Promotion

On Monday I attended Part 1 of a school communication project hosted by the department. The object was to equip schools with the knowledge of how to promote themselves based on what they are and what they do.

While recognising the unique nature of our school community we began to develop 'messages' and a 'profile' for school. We also looked at web and print communication, and images that sent effective messages.

This will form the beginning of a School Communication Plan. More details will be discussed at the next P&C meeting.

A follow up day is on 26 Aug where we will be presented with a report on our school's image, while our team will report on its evaluation of Arcadia Public School.

If any parents are interested in these issues please make contact with me.

### Class Lists

Letters are coming home now with reports to Year 7, 8 & 9 parents. Parents in other years will also receive a letter shortly.

### Term 3 Working Bee – Reminder

The Term 3 Working Bee will be on Sunday 24 August. 9:00 am start.

### Annual P&C State Conference

Your P&C Secretary, Sandeep Dharni attended the state conference in Albury last weekend. We look forward to his report at the next meeting

### Meetings

**Next Meeting – Tue 12 August** (in the library, starts at 8 pm)

Agenda:

Principal's report:  
P&C State Conference Report  
(Recess)  
Business session

**Pevlin Price**  
P&C President

## DEBATING NEWS

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July, six debaters from Year 10 represented NBHS at the Macquarie University Cup held at Macquarie University. Each of the two teams competed in three debates on the day. Normanhurst's opponents included North Sydney Boys High and Sydney Girls High. The Normanhurst A team won two debates on the day but were defeated by Sydney Girls High while Normanhurst B were able to secure a victory over North Sydney Boys. The students put in an enormous amount of preparation time for the day and the experience proved valuable.

Congratulations to the teams: Isaac Freeland, Dennis McCarthy, Gary Tam, Edward Popa, Gabriel Huen, Kishandth Sivapalasundaram.

**Mrs Fowell**  
Debating Coach/Coordinator

## PUBLIC SPEAKING NEWS

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, Isaac Freeland and Sam Farrell of Year 10 competed in the Local Final of the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Competition held at Hills Grammar School. The boys spoke on diverse topics including *Political Correctness* and *Life as a Redhead*. The competition included students from Hills Grammar, Redfield College, Oakhill College and Mount St Benedict College.

Three students progressed to the Regional Final to be held at the Arts Unit (Lewisham) on August 5<sup>th</sup> and both Sam and Isaac were successful.

Congratulations to these students and special thanks to Oliver Mitchell (Year 12) for his mentoring.

We wish the students the best of luck for the Regional Final.

**Mrs Fowell**  
Public Speaking Coach/Coordinator

## SCHOOLS' TREE DAY

Once again Normanhurst Boys High School participated in the National Tree Day plantings. Volunteers from all years contributed to the planting of 92 native trees and shrubs around the school grounds. The focus once again was the mound along Pennant Hills Road, complementing the work being done by our P&C Working Bees.

Along with this, natives more specific to the Normanhurst area were acquired from the Hornsby Shire Nursery near Pennant Hills Oval and planted in the area between A block and C block and also behind C block, replacing introduced species and weeds.

Members of the 'Environmentalists' will continue to plant the remaining 40 trees/shrubs over the next few weeks at lunchtimes on Thursday.

Thanks to Mr Copping and his band of students for their assistance and also a big thank you to Hornsby Shire Council for the provision of 30 local native trees & shrubs, and McCarroll Toyota for their funding of the purchase of 100 Australian native trees and shrubs from Cumberland State Forest Nursery.

**Mr Steed**  
**Tree Day Coordinator**

## VIDEO SHOOT BY TALENTED YEAR 10S

On a frosty Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> July, six Year 10 students made their way to the goods lifts at Westfield Shopping Mall to complete a three hour video shoot.

These Photographic and Digital Media students have dedicated hours of time creating, storybooking, shooting and now editing a film titled "The Elevator".

The project will be entered into the 2008 Arts North Film Festival and the Robyn Anderson Film Awards.

I am very proud of these students and the dedicated, skilful approach they have invested into this G.A.T.S. initiative.

Our thanks go to Mike Charlton, Centre Manager Westfield for permitting us to use the venue.

The boys involved were: Matheesha Gunaratne; Adam Hendry; Lasath Siriwardena; Chris Gentile; Lachlan Murray and Alex Macdonald.

**Ms McDonald**  
**Photographic and Digital Media**

## ENGINEERING CADETSHIPS

Year 12 students interested in applying for a scholarship for a cadetship with a Civil and Environmental Engineering company, please see Mrs Packham for more information.

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

## UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

**10 August** Griffith University  
La Trobe University – Mildura campus  
**17 August** Australian Maritime College –  
Launceston campus  
University of Western Sydney –  
Parramatta campus

Please see Mrs Packham for more details.

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

## SICK BAY LAUNDRY

One of the valuable ways in which volunteers 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. If you would be able to help with the Sick Bay laundry, please contact the school office on 9489 1077.

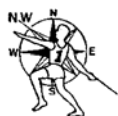
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## GUITAR LESSONS

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**  
**0421 818 521**

# SPORTS RESULTS



## 2008 Winter Premiers

Sport	Grade	Premiers	Runner up	Score
Rugby	1st	Epping	Homebush	28-7
Rugby	2nd	Epping	North Sydney	24-10
Rugby	15A	Epping	Asquith	22-17
Rugby	15B	Normanhurst/Epping		12-12
Rugby	14	Homebush	Asquith	17-0
Rugby	13A	Epping	Randwick	15-14
Rugby	13B	Epping	North Sydney	10-8
<b>Champion Rugby School</b>		<b>Epping</b>		

Sport	Grade	Premiers	Runner up	Score
Soccer	1 <sup>st</sup>	Homebush/Normanhurst		Washed out
Soccer	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Homebush/Epping		Washed out
Soccer	3 <sup>rd</sup>	North Sydney/Epping		Washed out
Soccer	4 <sup>th</sup>	North Sydney/Ashfield		Washed out
Soccer	15A	Ashfield	Homebush	3-0
Soccer	15B	Homebush	Ashfield	6-3
Soccer	14A	Homebush/Epping		Washed out
Soccer	14B	Homebush/Epping		Washed out
Soccer	14C	Epping	Ashfield	1-0
Soccer	13A	Homebush/Asquith		Washed out
Soccer	13B	Epping	Randwick	7-2
Soccer	13C	Homebush/Epping		Washed out
<b>Champion Soccer School</b>		<b>Homebush</b>		

Hockey	Senior	Homebush	North Sydney	10-0
Hockey	Junior	Homebush	North Sydney	3-1

Tennis	1st	Epping	Normanhurst	6-0
Tennis	2nd	Epping	North Sydney	5-3
Tennis	15	Normanhurst	Epping	5-3
Tennis	14	Homebush	North Sydney	4-4 (on ccgames)

Lawn Bowls	Senior	North Sydney	Normanhurst	10-3
Lawn Bowls	Junior	Ashfield	North Sydney	17-0

<b>Table Tennis</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Homebush	North Sydney	4-2
Table Tennis	2 <sup>nd</sup>	North Sydney	Homebush	4-1
Table Tennis	15	North Sydney	Homebush	4-1
Table Tennis	14	Normanhurst	North Sydney	4-2

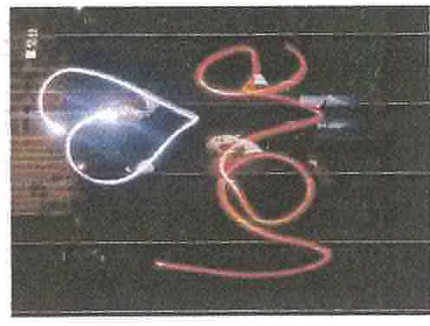
<b>Champion Cross Country School:</b>	<b>Normanhurst</b>
<b>Champion Athletics School:</b>	<b>Normanhurst</b>
<b>Champion Winter School:</b>	<b>Homebush</b>

Normanhurst Boys' High School				Term 3, 2008	
Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4 Aug	5 Yr10 English/Yr9 Drama Inc. Yr10/11 Japanese student visitors	6 Trial HSC	7	8 Yr8 Teachers' Mtg
	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
	DofE Training (pm)		Yr10 Work Experience		
			Yr7 Jenolan Caves		
		P&C Meeting	Trial HSC		
5	18 Aug	19 HSC	20	21 Year Assembly	22 Yr10 Geog Field Study
	DofE Training (pm) Yr8/9 P/T Night	Yr8 Information Night			P&C Working Bee 24 August
				Yr11 Drama	Yr11 English Adv Yr11 Visual Arts Yr10 Visual Arts

PVE presents

OLIVER GOLDSMITH'S

# She Stoops To Conquer



Saturday August 9th 8 pm  
 Sunday August 10th 2 pm  
 Saturday August 16th 2 pm  
 Saturday August 16th 8 pm

Adults: \$15 Concession: \$10

BEROWRA COMMUNITY CENTRE

THE GULLY RD BEROWRA

BOOKINGS: 9456 5269

VISIT WEBSITE ON: <http://presents.tripod.com/>

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[www.doggierescue.com](http://www.doggierescue.com)

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