



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 Deputy Principals

Jenolan Caves Excursion

The 50th annual Year 7 excursion to Jenolan Caves will by now be drawing to a close. All reports received thus far have indicated that yet again it has proven to be a wonderful experience not only for the Year 7 students but also the Year 11 group leaders and the accompanying teaching staff. This excursion is always one that is remembered as one of the major highlights of the boys' time at Normanhurst. We are sure that the parents are looking forward to the follow up evening where their sons will be able to display their projects and regale them with stories about their many wonderful experiences.

Year 12 Trial HSC Examinations are well underway and will conclude next Tuesday. Many staff are now actively involved in the marking of scripts. We are confident that the results will be a true reflection of the effort expended by our students in their study and preparation and those areas of weakness that may be identified will be able to be remedied prior to sitting the HSC in October/November.

Reports back so far indicate that Year 10 are enjoying their work experience. Although there is an enormous amount of effort required to conduct the Work Experience program the benefits to students clearly justify all the hard work. Special thanks to Mrs Packham for her efforts in organising the program.

Parent Teacher Interviews for Years 8 & 9

A reminder to all parents of students in Years 8 and 9 that Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Monday August 18. Please ask your sons to ensure that they make appointments for you with their teachers. Reports for both of these year groups have been mailed in the past few days.

50th Anniversary

Ticket sales for the Saturday evening Gala Event have gained momentum. It has been possible to reduce the cost of the tickets for this evening to \$65.00 and we anticipate that it will be a most enjoyable occasion for all who attend.

Year 9 2009 Subject Selection

Please note that the Year Eight Subject Selection

Information Night scheduled for Tuesday 19th August has been cancelled due to its close proximity to the Parent/Teacher evening. Year 8 boys will shortly be issued with a booklet containing information on all of the subjects that will be offered in 2009. It is requested that parents carefully peruse this booklet with their son in order to ensure that he makes the most informed decision when making his subject choices. Please feel free to discuss these choices with relevant teachers during Parent/Teacher evening and encourage your son also to talk with his teachers. A subject selection proforma will be included with the booklet and it is requested that this be completed and returned to your son's Year Advisor, Mr Pico by no later than Monday 25th August.

F Johnson & J Fielding
Deputy Principals

P & C NEWS

Information and Presentations of importance to parents:

Dr Martin's Seminar – 22 September

As announced last week, 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). This event will now also be publicised externally.

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

Planner Calendars 2009. At the last meeting we decided to promote the 2009 P&C calendar again as a fundraiser. This **calendar is also a family organiser** which allows you to log activities for each family member on each day. At only \$15 each, we thought they were a good buy. But please get your order form in quickly as they have to be ordered and printed to be distributed in November. The illustrations for the calendar are from Operation Art – a children's art bank – and very colourful. The order form appears later in the newsletter.

Issues for Comment (email comments to the school for forwarding to P&C or have your son drop a note 'for P&C' at the office)

Toilets. The state of the boys' toilet block was discussed at our meeting and parents present confirmed their awareness of their poor condition. It is understood they

are hygienic but all aspects of these amenities will be investigated.

Support to Science. A full proposal for a mobile fume cabinet to enhance science demonstrations and chemistry in particular will be tabled at the next meeting.

Communication with School. The need to 'market a school effectively' was the subject of a recent DET seminar. Although this will involve an 'image audit' we are not a standard community-based school so the P&C seeks to evaluate the quality of communication parents experience to and from the school. The questions we seek feedback on are:

How satisfied are parents with the way their enquires are handled by the school?

If happy, what is working well / are there any persons worthy of praise?

If there is room for improvement what is suggested/needed to improve the service?

Please give your input

Corporate Sponsorship. If any parents have ideas or contacts (or a benevolent employer) with regard to corporate sponsorship of improvements to the school please contact the P&C.

Student Representative Council. The P&C Federation encourages every P&C to support the effective functioning of the SRC in their school. Dialogue with SRC Coordinator, Ms Cooksey is progressing.

Solar Panel. A grant may be available to assist the school install solar panels to generate electricity. We are fortunate to have awareness through our parents of this activity being undertaken by the Hornsby GHS P&C.

Environmental Management. As there are a number of 'green' initiatives going on and a very enthusiastic Environmental Club the opportunity to merge these activities under an Environmental Management System (EMS) is being evaluated. Giving any student a working knowledge of an EMS will greatly enhance their management skills.

After-school Activities. Are parents interested in supporting after school activities? Any suggestions are welcomed and will be considered by the school.

Sponsorship of boys in Zone/State schools sporting events. This matter was reviewed and boys reaching state level (schools) representation may be partly sponsored by the P&C.

Comment. If any parents are interested in these issues please make contact with the P&C Committee by sending a note through the office or email to the school email address (front of this news sheet). This is particularly important if parents feel strongly about any of these issues but are not able to attend the P&C Meetings.

Class Lists Thank you to those families who responded positively. More letters are going out with Year 8 and 9 reports this week so the lists will be developed for completion 'as at 1 September'.

Meetings

Next Meeting – Tue 9 September (in the library, starts at 8 pm)

Agenda:
Principal's Report
Business session (TBA)

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.

Contact the Normanhurst Boys school office on 9489 1077 to purchase your tickets for \$65 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, gourmet 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> .

50th Anniversary Committee

UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

23 August University of Newcastle – Central Coast campus

30 August Australian Catholic University – Canberra campus

Australian National University

ADFA, Canberra

University of Canberra

Uni of Newcastle – Newcastle campus

Sydney Conservatorium of Music–USyd

UTS – Broadway campus

Please see Mrs Packham for more details.

Mrs Packham
Careers Adviser

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Last Monday evening, Pedram Mohseni (Year 9) and Matthew Lo (Year 9) represented Normanhurst Boys High at the Northern Zone Final of the SPEAK UP Public Speaking Competition that was held at Abbotsleigh. This is a reasonably new competition beginning only last year, which involved students from Years 7-9 speaking out on a significant world issue.

The issues chosen included poverty, child slavery, environmental concerns, women's rights and aboriginal issues. The students were also asked to speak on issues they would raise with Kevin Rudd, if given the opportunity.

Pedram and Matthew should be congratulated on delivering interesting and informative speeches. Both students worked extremely hard in preparation and coaching sessions. The winner came from Barker College.

The students enjoyed the opportunity to present their

views on their changing world and found the experience valuable and rewarding.

Mrs Fowell
Public Speaking Coach

SPORTS CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Jonathon Ramsay on being named 14Yrs Age Champion at the Sydney North Athletics Carnival and Sean Barnes 17+Yrs Age Champion. Jono was also named Athlete of the Meet at which Normanhurst finished 4th in the overall Boys Point Score.

Mr Rodgie
Sports Coordinator

COMMUNITY NOTICES

1. Free Graduated Licensing Scheme Workshops for Learner Driver Parents in the Hornsby Shire area

Young drivers are three times more likely to be involved in casualty crashes. That's why the RTA has introduced a new licensing scheme, with more supervised driving practice for learner drivers.

To help parents in supervising learner drivers, the RTA has set up a FREE 2 hour workshop for parents, offering practical advice on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers.

A FREE RTA parents' workshop will be conducted by David Riches and hosted by Hornsby Shire Council on Thursday August 28th at Hornsby Shire Council Chambers from 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm.

Early bookings are essential, so phone Council on 9847 6585 now to reserve your place, or email

parentworkshop@optusnet.com.au .

- Play Cricket with the **Hornsby District Cricket Club**
- Registration Details at: www.hornsbycricket.asn.au
MILO 5 to 8 years \$40 ~ Junior & Girls Cricket : 9 to 16 years \$130 ~ Senior Cricket : A Grade to D2 \$215 ~ Colts (Under 19) : \$170

Contact: Scott Burrows 0405 546488 (Girls), Tracey Johnson 0402 110 781 (Juniors) ~ Murray Macdonald 9987 2322 (Seniors).

- Dural Sport & Leisure Centre
New competitions to start soon
FUTSAL – Indoor Soccer

20 week summer comp commences 1st Sept
6 years to adult after school

Ph 9651 2777 or rego forms on our Web site

www.dslc.com.au

rob@dslc.com.au

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 3, 2008</i>	
<i>Wk</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
5	18 Aug ← Trial →	19 HSC → Yr10 High Resolves	20	21 Year Assembly Yrs8/9 'Great Debate' preliminary round	22 Yr10 Geog Field Study P&C Working Bee 24 August →
	DofE Training (pm) Yr8/9 P/T Night	Yr8 Information Night		Yr11 Engineering Studies	Yr11 English Adv Yr11 Visual Arts Yr10 Visual Arts
6	25 Aug Yr12 Teachers' Mtg DofE Training (pm)	26	27 Streamwatch Testing UNSW Computer Skills Comp	28 Streamwatch Testing	29 50 th Anniversary Celebrations 30-31 August → →
	←		Art Exhibition →		
	Yr12 Visual Arts Yr11 Japanese Yr10 Elect History	Yr11 Physics Yr11 Economics		Yr12 History Extension Yr11 Business Studies Yr11 Software Design	Yr11 Visual Arts Yr10 Visual Arts
7	1 Sept DofE Training (pm)	2	3	4	5
	Yr12 Music 2 ←	NO YEAR 10/11	Yr9 Maths ASSESSMENTS →		Yr8 Maths Yr7 Maths

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 19th September 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: _____