



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

What a marvellous time was had by all last week at the Year 7 Jenolan Caves excursion. I was fortunate to be able to spend 3 days at the excursion and I must say, I came away feeling somewhat exhausted in body, but exhilarated by seeing what a wonderful learning experience this was for our boys. There were many highlights of the week. Seeing a young Year 7 student experiencing difficulty as the result of an asthma attack being cared for by a Year 11 boy who was in charge of his group; seeing the wondrous looks on the faces of boys experiencing for the first time the magic of the caves; listening with great pride as the staff of Jenolan Caves heaped praise upon our school and the courteous, cooperative students who have represented it over the past 50 years; listening to past and present staff recount the memorable moments of those 50 years. It certainly was a week to remember and I look forward to being able to spend time with next year's cave visitors on the 2009 excursion.



Celebrating 50 years of Normanhurst visiting Jenolan Caves

I must particularly thank our wonderful team of staff who accompanied the boys and gave so freely of their time and energy to ensure this was an experience that would be remembered by all. In particular, thank you to Mr Rumbelow, Mr Storey, Mr Boyle and Mr Gow for their

work in organising the excursion. Thank you also to the other accompanying teachers, Mrs Barbeler, Mrs Venzcel, Mr Pico, Mr Steed and Mr Bennett. Without them, this excursion could not have taken place.

The Big Weekend Almost Here

The final details are being put in place for our 50th Anniversary Weekend which will take place August 29-31. We still have a few tickets available for the Gala Night on the Saturday at a cost of \$65.00. This is an adults only function and includes food and beverages, the formal function in the hall and the fireworks display. Please contact the school as soon as possible to purchase tickets.

We are still desperately seeking help with the Sunday activities from parents who would be willing to donate a couple of hours of their time to assist with the preparation and selling of food at the international food stalls. Please ring and leave your name with the front office and you will be contacted by the coordinating parent with details.

The boys will be bringing permission notes home on Monday which will include details of the fairground for Friday's Birthday Party. The cost will be \$20 for unlimited rides and the school will receive a percentage of all monies from tickets sold.

Another Great P&C Working Bee Anticipated

We have already had two very successful working bees this year and hopefully the response to our next one this Sunday, August 24 will be just as positive. With many visitors expected to the school for the anniversary weekend, it would be wonderful to have the grounds looking at their best. I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible attending on Sunday from 9.00am to 12.00.

Congratulations to

Kain Xu who received a Certificate of Distinction and a cash prize in the UNSW Annual School Mathematics Competition. In the same competition, outstanding results were also achieved by Isaac Frelander, Jonathon Ramsay, Luke Harrison, Jonathan Sun, Nathan Camlett and Daniel Yeo.

We had five students who were selected to compete at the NSW CHS State Athletics Championships at Homebush on September 4-5. They are Sean Barnes, Trent Monaghan, Jonathon Ramsay, Xi Hao Liu, and

Kris Hayman. Good luck to all of these students in their events.

Students Requiring Extended Leave

From time to time, it may be necessary for students to have extended leave from school. It is a Department of Education requirement that any leave exceeding 14 days must have approval from our School Education Director. Forms for leave of this nature are available from the school and will need to be completed and returned to the school well before the required dates for the leave. Students will also need to ensure that they contact their teachers well in advance to seek work to be completed whilst on leave.

Kind regards
Jeff Bruce
Principal

P & C NEWS

Events of importance to parents:

- **Term 3 Working Bee – Sunday 24 August.** 9:00 am start.
- **50th Celebrations – 29-31 August – be there!** If you can assist the organisers with the multi-cultural food fair on Sunday please contact the school.
- **Dr Martin's Seminar – Monday 22 September** (7:00 for 7:30 start, finish by 9:30).

Fundraising

- **Planner Calendars 2009.** The order form appeared in the last newsletter.

Issues Update (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 school executive have had these inspected by the Department who have accepted they are below standard. More to follow but improving them may take time.
- **Support to Science.** The mobile fume cabinet is being researched.
- **Communication with School.** Some responses have been received. They will be answered directly, with all issues (no names) tabled at the next meeting.
- **Corporate Sponsorship.** This issue is becoming a topical issue in NSW with some schools receiving resources in return for advertising. All ideas (and concerns) are welcome.
- **Student Representative Council.** Dialogue with SRC Coordinator, Ms Cooksey is progressing.
- **Solar Panel.** Work on this is deferred till term 4 while we learn from HGHS P&C.
- **Environmental Management System (EMS)** International Standards for EMS have been provided to Head of Science.
- **After-school Activities.** Are parents interested in supporting after school activities? Any suggestions are welcomed and will be considered by school.

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). Those who have participated in the email 'permission' will receive direct access to the committee via email. This is particularly important if parents feel strongly about any of these issues but are not able to attend the P&C Meetings.

Parent representation on Selection Panels Parent representatives are needed on selection panels for prospective staff appointments and Yr 8-12 entry. If you have time during the day to participate in selection panels as a parent representative **please contact the P&C now.** There are some activities requiring parents for review sessions lasting a few hours in early September.

Class Lists Forms are still arriving. Thank you to those families who responded positively. 1 Sep is the cut-off for inclusion.

'Normo News' back issues Missed a newsletter? You can send your son to pick up a back issue from the rack in the school entrance foyer. Next week there will also be complimentary copies of the State P&C Magazine available.

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 still available 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 tours of the school, displays, 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

CANTEEN – ANNIVERSARY FRIDAY

Please note that the Canteen will be **closed after recess** next Friday, August 29. There will be a free barbecue provided for students as part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations. If students do not wish to have a sausage sizzle they will need to bring their own lunch.

C Raines
Canteen Supervisor

UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

- 23 August** University of Newcastle – Central Coast campus
24 August La Trobe University – Albury/Wodonga 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
4 September Uni of Newcastle – Port Macquarie campus Info Night
5 September University of New England
6 September UNSW – Courses & Careers Day
10 September Australian Catholic University – North Sydney campus (Open Night)
 UTS – Kuring-gai campus (Information Evening)
13 September Australian Catholic University – Strathfield campus
 Macquarie University

Please see Mrs Packham for more details.

Mrs Packham
Careers Adviser

BATTERY RECYCLING

Once again you can recycle any type of battery via the school. A prepaid service is being provided by 'CLEANAWAY' so that both rechargeable and non-rechargeable batteries are dealt with in an environmentally responsible manner. Place your old batteries in the blue box outside of Mr Steed's lab (DL3).

Mr D Steed
Sustainability Coordinator

CLOTHING POOL NEWS – NEW SCARF

We now have black polar fleece scarves for \$5.00 - there are some available from the Canteen or at Clothing Pool next Tuesday.

At the end of next week we're expecting a delivery of the same scarf with the school's crest embroidered on one end; they will sell for \$10.00 each - a good souvenir of the school's 50th Anniversary!

K Nordstrom
Clothing Pool Coordinator

| Normanhurst Boys' High School | | | | | | Term 3, 2008 | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Wk | Monday | | Tuesday | | Wednesday | | Thursday | | Friday | | |
| 6 | 25 Aug Yr12 Teachers' Mtg | | 26 | | 27 Streamwatch Testing UNSW Computer Skills Comp | | 28 Streamwatch Testing | | 29 | | |
| | DofE Training (pm) | | | | Art Exhibition | | | | 50 th Anniversary Celebrations 30-31 August | | |
| | Yr12 Visual Arts Yr11 Japanese Yr10 Elect History | | Yr11 Physics Yr11 Economics | | | | Yr12 History Extension Yr11 Business Studies Yr11 Software Design Yr10 Prelim Geography | | Yr11 Visual Arts Yr10 Visual Arts | | |
| 7 | 1 Sept | | 2 | | 3 | | 4 | | 5 | | |
| | DofE Training (pm) Yr12 Music 2 | | NO YEAR 10/11 | | Yr9 Maths ASSESSMENTS | | | | Yr8 Maths Yr7 Maths | | |
| 8 | 8 Sept 2009 Prefect elections | | 9 | | 10 | | 11 Year Assembly | | 12 | | |
| | | | P&C Meeting | | Yr10/11 exams | | | | | | |
| 9 | 15 Sept | | 16 | | 17 | | 18 | | 19 | | |
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AVAILABLE THROUGH NBHS P&C

2009 FAMILY ORGANISER & WALL CALENDAR

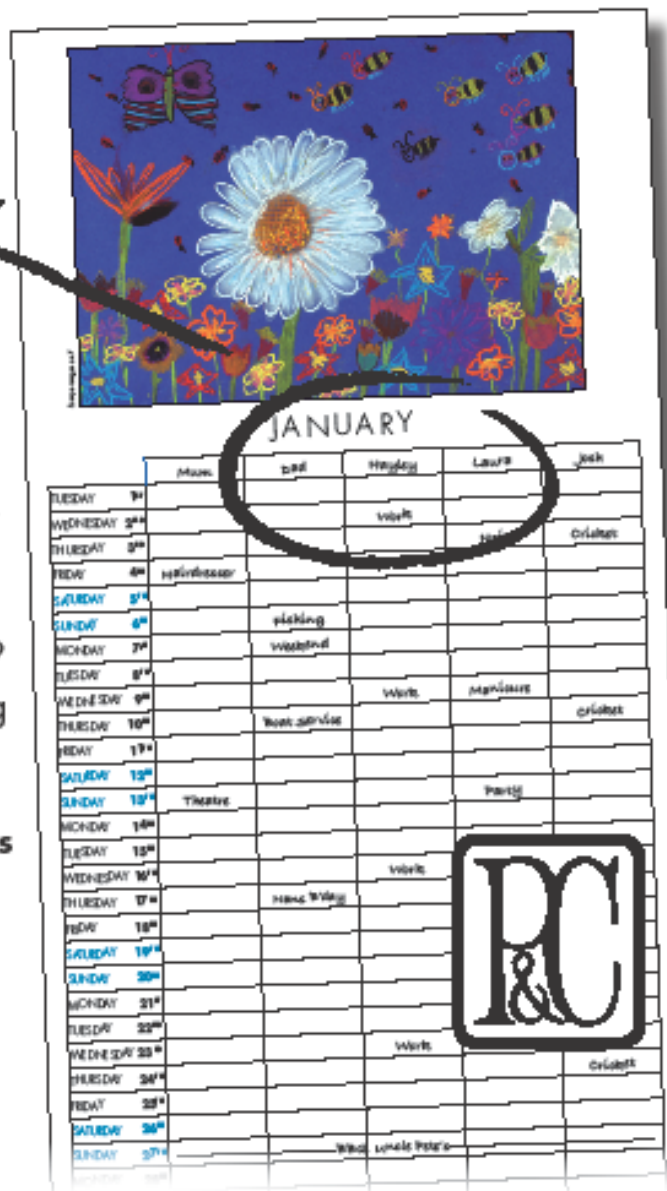
**one column
for each
family member**

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: _____