



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

The 50th Anniversary celebrations have provided a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon the achievements of this remarkable school. Although I am a relative newcomer to our school I have, in the few months that I have been here, certainly gained a sense of what the spirit of Normanhurst is all about. Each day has provided me with an ever growing awareness of the many, many facets that make Normanhurst Boys such a great school. When we talk about excellence, achievement, character and spirit, it is more than obvious that all are in great abundance here.



As I write this week's newsletter, the finishing touches are being put in place for this weekend's Anniversary Celebrations. At assembly on Thursday, I spoke to the boys about the organisation for the Birthday Party and encouraged them all to take part enthusiastically. The assembly was also an opportunity for the whole school to practise the school song, most capably led by Ms Cousins, Mr Bennett, and the school band under the direction of Mrs Johnson. I look forward to hearing a rousing rendition of the song being sung at tomorrow's formal school assembly and also at the Gala Night on Saturday.

My sincere thanks to the wonderful work that has been done by the committee of parents and teachers who have put so many hours into the organisation of the celebration. The committee members are Gaynor Lawler, Judy Day, Rani Sekhar, Sue White, Stewart Randall, Gavin Ridley, Ross Storey, Louise Venczel and John Gow.

Our New Technology About to be launched.

Next week sees the commencement of our SMS messaging system which will notify parents of student absences each day. Having been in a school where a similar system was introduced, I am sure there will be a few teething problems and I ask for your understanding and patience while we get the system up and operating effectively.

We will also begin sending the newsletter home via email on a trial basis from next week.

HSC Commences

Whilst the majority of students in Year 12 will commence the first of their HSC examinations on October 16 when the English exams are conducted, there are some students who completed their first exams in subjects which have a practical component. Students who are undertaking the Japanese course have completed their oral/aural components and this week our Drama and Music students present their practical pieces. It has also been a busy few days for students in the Visual Arts, Design and Technology and Extension English courses as they completed their major works.

What a great effort!

Many thanks to the parents who attended last Sunday's P&C Working Bee. The landscaping of the embankment along Pennant Hills Rd is rapidly approaching completion and the improvement is now very noticeable when driving past the school. Again, could I say a big thank you on behalf of the school to one of our parents, Jon Sanders, for the fantastic job he is doing coordinating the project.

Congratulations

Our Year 10 Debating Team won through to the regional final in the Premiers Challenge debating competition after defeating Epping Boys in the semi final. The team consists of Isaac Freeland, Dennis McCarthy, Gary Tam and Sam Farrell. Good luck to the team in next week's Regional Final. Their opponents are as yet unknown at the time of printing.

Anook Selvadurai of Year 11 has received wonderful reviews for his performance as Digory in *She Stoops to Conquer* with the Berowra Theatrical Society.

Disruption to Classes

The NSW Teachers' Federation has announced it will hold Sky Channel stop work meetings on Tuesday 2 September 2008 to vote on issues relating to the staffing, standards and salaries campaigns being conducted in schools.

I anticipate that the vast majority of teachers at Normanhurst Boys High School will attend one of these meetings and so normal classes will not operate between 8.30am and 11.00am. Students with 'period 0' classes, i.e. early morning classes (e.g. 7.30 am) must check with their teacher to see whether the lesson is still on.

Accordingly I cannot guarantee even minimal supervision until 11.00am. Parents are therefore requested to make alternative arrangements until that time.

Normal classes will resume at 11.00am and will be preceded by a roll call. Students are to be present by 10.45am.

Kind regards
Jeff Bruce
Principal

P & C NEWS

Events of importance to parents:

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. If not make yourself aware of what is being presented and come along and enjoy.

Dr Martin's Seminar – Monday 22 September (7:00 for 7:30 start, finish by 9:30). Information on the event has now been passed to other schools in the area so be quick and book in if you are planning to attend.

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, Support to Science, SRC, EMS: As the staff have been very busy with organising the 50th and supporting the students (trial HSC) there has not been any progress to report this week.

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).

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. These will be formatted after Monday next week.

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

UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

- 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

CAREERS NEWS

Meadowbank TAFE will be hosting a **School to TAFE Career Expo** on **Tuesday 2 September** at 6.00pm, 6.30pm or 7.00pm.

Bookings are required, so please see Mrs Packham if you are interested in attending.

Mrs Packham
Careers Adviser

SCHOOL DIARIES

You would be aware that our school provides diaries to all students. The diaries we have selected incorporate a program called the *Learning Curve*. This program aims at providing students with information and guidance in a number of areas including: learning skills, time management, relationships, safety and healthy living. An important goal of the program is to help in improving the learning outcomes for students.

The information provided in the diaries is graded for different year groups.

We would recommend you work through this program with your son and encourage him to use his diary.

To assist in this, the publishers of the diary have produced a number of articles which address the topics covered in the program.

The first of the articles is included below – I hope you find it useful. Others will follow in the coming weeks.

How to make the best use of our School Planners

“OVERVIEW AND INTRODUCTION”

Junior, Middle and Senior planners have been designed to enhance the development of students academically, socially, culturally and personally.

The planners provide a vehicle for the adoption of a co-ordinated Whole School Approach to:-

- Improving Standards of Achievement
- Acquiring Personal Attributes
- Developing Qualities as Learners

The skills, strategies and features built into the series are sequentially introduced and developed as students progress through their stages of education.

The key to maximising the development of your students' Qualities as Learners, learning outcomes and study cultures, is for students, parents and teachers to clearly understand how to use the various techniques and strategies contained in the planners and their purpose – a **necessary** starting point is to thoroughly read the focus:-

How to Best use the Learning Curve

The aim is to develop as a habit in students, an awareness of their own progress and how they are able influence it in partnership with their parents and teachers.

Over the coming weeks each technique and strategy will be fully explained.

"It's funny how planning and success go together" Anon

F Johnson
Deputy Principal

DEBATING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

What a busy time we are having in debating and public speaking. We are now in the "Finals" time for many competitions and the students are performing well as Normanhurst has gained places in Finals at Regional and State levels.

Year 8 and Year 9 debaters were involved in the Hornsby Shire Council "Great Debate" final last Tuesday 26 August against Barker College. The topic was "*That Computers Are Worth The Money We Spend On Them*" and Normanhurst argued the negative case. A very close and exciting debate however, the trophy returned to Barker College for another year. All students should be congratulated on reaching the final of this competition.

YEAR 9: Chris Walsh, Hayden Evans, Pedram Mohseni, Matthew Lo, Krishna Muralidharan

YEAR 8: Shaun Magee, Parth Nathani, Kevin Gatdula, Saurabh Narain

On Wednesday 27 August, the year 10 debaters met Cheltenham Girls in the Regional Quarter Final of the Premiers Challenge Debating Competition. Normanhurst again argued the negative case for "*That Cars Should Be Excluded From Cities*" and were successful. The Regional Semi-Final will be held Thursday 28 August against Epping Boys High School. The team: Isaac Frelander, Sam Farrell, Dennis McCarthy, Gary Tam, Edward Popa.

Isaac Frelander and Edward Popa will also speak this evening at the Speakers Bank Regional Final for Public Speaking. These students from Year 10 have been involved in workshops and coaching sessions at school to refine their speeches which concern global issues. The competition will be held at Hornsby Council Chambers.

We are also looking forward to an Exhibition Debate to be held on Sunday 31 August during 50th Birthday Celebrations for the school. This debate will be held at 11am and will be between our talented Year 11 and Year 10 teams. Please join us for this exciting event!

Congratulations to all debaters and public speakers for all their hard work this term.

Mrs R Fowell
Debating and Public Speaking
Coach and Coordinator

Normanhurst Boys' High School

Term 3, 2008

<i>Wk</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
7	1 Sept	2	3	4	5
	DofE Training (pm) Yr12 Music 2		Yr9 Maths		Yr8 Maths Yr7 Maths
	← NO YEAR 10/11		ASSESSMENTS	→	
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
			Yr10/11 exams		
10	22 Sept	23 Yr7 Taronga Zoo	24 Peer Support Staff Training Streamwatch Testing	25 Yr7 2010 Open Morning Streamwatch Testing	26 END TERM 3
	← Yr10/11 exams → P&C guest speaker, Andrew Martin	Yr12 Graduation Dinner & Presentation	Jenolan Caves Showcase		
				Yr11 Business Studies	Yr11 Business Studies

NORMANHURST		Rd 1		Rd 2		Rd 3		Rd 4		Rd 5		Rd 6		Rd 7	
		3rd Sept		10th Sept		17th Sept		24th Sept		15th Oct		22nd Oct		29th Oct	
Cricket	1st	Homebush	Headen Pk	Homebush	Headen Pk	Epping	Epping BHS	Epping	Epping BHS	Randwick	Moore Pk	Randwick	Moore Pk	Nth Syd	Pennant Hills
Cricket	2nd	Homebush	Normanhusrt Pk	Homebush	Normanhusrt Pk	Epping	Marsfield	Epping	Marsfield	Asquith	Mills Pk	Asquith	Mills Pk	Nth Syd	Headen Pk
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“PARENT SURVIVAL STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING YOUNG DRIVERS”

FREE in-depth seminar for PARENTS
TOGETHER with their YOUNG DRIVERS

MONDAY – 20 OCTOBER 2008

6.30 PM for 7.00 PM

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818 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, GORDON - ACCESS VIA REAR ENTRANCE
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE*



MAKE DECISIONS EARLY AND COPE WITH THE CHAOS !!!!

Presenter: Jeff McDougall - Trent Driving School
will discuss the **Vital Aspects of WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**
when teaching a young driver:

- A Comprehensive and Organised Approach to the Driving Task
- The Five Crash Risks for Young Drivers : Preparation for the Driving Test
 - Keeping the Log Book Honest : Teaching Practical Skills Safely
 - The Components of Driving : Strategies for Safe Driving
 - Effective Partnerships

VITAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEW DRIVING TEST!

Presenter: Snr Cons Lynda Hart - Hornsby K'gai PCYC

Will share her "Passion for Keeping People Safe"

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