



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

Friday October 31 is World Teachers' Day, a day to acknowledge the tremendous work that is done by teachers everywhere in nurturing, and guiding young people and imparting within them the gift of knowledge. The concept of the day was inaugurated in 1994 by UNESCO and is celebrated throughout the world. This year, the theme for the day is "Teachers Matter", an apt reminder of the very special place our teachers have in society. At Normanhurst Boys, we are indeed fortunate to have a school in which we are surrounded by hard working, dedicated and committed professionals who every day demonstrate in so many ways their unique talents and the passion they possess for teaching your boys. I feel confident that our community would agree that the learning experiences our teachers provide should be recognised and celebrated by all.



Making A Mark

Our prefects will be rolling up their sleeves and getting down to some serious planning when they attend our inaugural Prefects Leadership and Planning Conference which will be held at Vision Valley, Arcadia on Friday and Saturday. The theme of the weekend is "Making A Mark" and I am looking forward to working with our prefects on developing an action plan for the period of their tenure. The Prefect Coordinator, Ms Wright and I will conduct workshops on leadership, team work and goal setting, all important skills that will hopefully develop the potential of this group to initiate and implement a range of valuable programs that will further enhance the role of the prefect body within our school.

Success in Public Speaking

I was delighted to be able to attend the State Final of the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Competition last Friday. I was even more delighted when Sam Farrell of Year 10 was announced as the Runner-up in a highly competitive field which comprised of students from private and public schools. Sam has now been selected to be one of the two NSW representatives who will compete in the National Final to be held at Darling Harbour on November 10. Sam impressed the audience with his witty and highly entertaining presentation entitled "Red Herrings", which took us on a journey through the trials and tribulations of being a red head. This was followed

by a 2 minute impromptu speech where competitors spoke on the theme of "No Strings Attached". On behalf of the school, I would like to congratulate Sam on his outstanding success and wish him well in the National Final.

Jazz in the Park

Our school's Jazz Ensemble performed last weekend at Lisgar Gardens in Hornsby and impressed all who heard them with their entertaining repertoire and the excellent standard of their performance. Thank you to Mrs Johnson, Ms Cousins and Mr Johnson for giving so generously of their time to facilitate this valuable performance opportunity for our students.



The Jazz Ensemble performing at Lisgar Gardens

Congratulations to....

David Sun, Thomas Tsang and Thimira Gunasekera who have achieved the Bronze Award in the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme.

Isaac Freeland who has been selected to represent North Sydney in the Junior State Debating Championships to be held next month.

Daniel Filan who has won a medal in the English section of the 2008 International Competition for Schools run by the University of NSW.

Kind regards

Jeff Bruce

Principal

COMMUNITY WATER GRANT

The on ground works associated with our Australian Government Community Water Grant project are drawing to a close and I am very happy to report that we have been using the tank water on the school oval and gardens.

We may now look towards implementing improvements in the oval which were not feasible without the availability of a more regular watering program.

Our school now has an excellent resource which will not only provide water for our needs but also a practical solution to a problem which can serve as an example for others.

The possibility now also exists for an expansion of our project in the future with the placement of more water tanks around the school.

Whilst the tank installation part of the project has taken longer than expected, our project has been a great success and has some very pleasing outcomes, including the fact there has been significant reduction in town water use by the school.

We believe this reduction has come about as a result of less reliance on town water and a reduction in losses due to waste. The program to heighten awareness within our community of the need to conserve water and to treat it as a precious resource has assisted greatly in this area.

This latter part of our program will continue on through a number of groups and activities in the school.

It has been very gratifying to have had such wonderful support from all areas of the school community in this project, and also to know that there will be ongoing activities to support the long term project goals. In particular the support given in terms of volunteer time to assist in the project and related activities has been

particularly impressive.

Although the immediate crisis in terms of water may have passed it is clear that there is an on-going need to reinforce the message of water conservation and wise use and to put the words into action.

“Water – don’t waste a drop”.

F. Johnson
Deputy Principal

P & C NEWS

Financials.

We are still seeking another parent to assist in reviewing (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.

Next Meeting – Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 11 Nov 8:00 pm in the library. A full notice of AGM will be issued next week.

Interested in Participating in the P&C Committee?

After the presentation of reports at the November AGM meeting elections for committee members and appointments will be held. Anyone is most welcome to participate and seek involvement – ‘more hands make lighter work’. If you have the time we have the tasks!

Next Working Bee

Saturday 8 November (9:00 am – 12:00 noon). Please mark your planners and make the commitment to get along if you have not been able so far this year. All parents and boys are most welcome.

Pevlin Price
P&C President

SPORTS RESULTS

GRADE		DATE:29/10/2008	ROUND No 7
SPORT	OPPOSITION	WINNER	SCORE
1st CRICKET	Nth Syd	Day 1	Wash Out
2nd CRICKET	Nth Syd	Day 1	Wash Out
15A CRICKET	Nth Syd	Day 1	Wash Out
14A CRICKET	Asquith	Day 1	Wash Out
14B CRICKET	Nth Syd	Day 1	Wash Out
1st BASKETBALL	Nth Syd	North Sydney	45-76
2nd BASKETBALL	Nth Syd	North Sydney	29-33
15S BASKETBALL	Nth Syd	Normanhurst	28-25
14S BASKETBALL	Nth Syd	North Sydney	20-33
SNR BASEBALL	Asquith	Draw	Wash Out
JNR BASEBALL	Ashfield	Draw	Wash Out
1st VOLLEYBALL	Nth Syd	North Sydney	1-2
2nd VOLLEYBALL	Nth Syd	Normanhurst	2-0
15S VOLLEYBALL	Nth Syd	Normanhurst	2-1
14S VOLLEYBALL	Bye	-	-
1st TENNIS	Nth Syd	Draw	Wash Out
2nd TENNIS	Nth Syd	Draw	Wash Out

15S TENNIS	Nth Syd	Draw	Wash Out
14S TENNIS	Nth Syd	Draw	Wash Out
Open OZ TAG	Nth Syd	Draw	Wash Out
15s OZ TAG	Nth Syd	Draw	Wash Out
1st WATERPOLO	Nth Syd	Normanhurst	6-5
15s WATERPOLO	Nth Syd 15	Normanhurst	9-5
14s WATERPOLO	Nth Syd	North Sydney	1-8
OPEN FUTSAL	Nth Syd	North Sydney	3-7
15s FUTSAL	Nth Syd	Normanhurst	6-0

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<i>Wk</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
4	3 Nov	4	5	6 Year Assembly	7 Yr8 WeSSSTA Geog Trivia Day
	←		Yr7/8/9 exams		→
	Staff Meeting				P&C Working Bee 8 November →
		NO YEAR 10	ASSESSMENTS		
5	10 Nov	11 Remembrance Day Ceremony Janene Best Debating competition School Certificate	12 exams	13	14 Yr7 Teachers' Mtg DofE Expedition 15-16 Nov →
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	DofE Training (pm)	P&C Meeting			

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6	17 Nov Final HSC exam Yr8 Teachers' Mtg	18	19	20	21
	←		ABW		→
	DofE Training (pm)				
7	24 Nov Yr 10 Peer Support Leadership Training	25 Yr 10 Peer Support Leadership Training	26 Streamwatch Testing	27 Year Assembly Streamwatch Testing	28 Yr8 Jambereo Yr10 to UNSW Yr10 reports issued (copy)
	←				→
	DofE Training (pm)			Yr12 Mathematics Yr12 Maths General	Yr12 Japanese

COMMUNITY NEWS

A prayer group for Normanhurst Boys' High School and Hornsby Girls' High School will be held next Tuesday 4 November at 7.45pm. Please contact Deborah Young for details of venue 9481 0081.

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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