



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

Our Prefect Leadership and Planning Forum, held last weekend had as its theme "Making a Mark". After watching the way in which our prefects embraced the material presented at the forum and the enthusiasm and passion which they demonstrated for their new roles, I have no doubt that this particular group is going to leave its mark upon the school.



After looking at the concepts of leadership and setting goals, the prefects began to plot the strategies that they will embark upon in the coming months. Five main areas emerged as areas for focus. These are: improving the links between the various areas of student leadership within the school, promoting school pride, promoting connection between the various year groups and houses, fund raising and support of charities and generally raising the profile of the prefects within the school. It is an ambitious agenda that our prefects have set themselves and I look forward to seeing the various projects that they have identified taking shape.

My thanks to Ms Wright, our Prefects Coordinator, for her contribution to the Forum and her continuing work with our student leaders.

More Sporting Accolades

Our students continue to win prestigious sporting awards that recognise outstanding achievement. We were advised this week that Daniel Yu (Year 10) was named Junior Sportsman of the Year for the North West Metropolitan Zone for his achievements in Golf. Sean Barnes (Year 12) was named Senior Sportsman of the Year for his achievements in Athletics. This is the first time that Normanhurst students have won either award and for the school to have both Junior and Senior champions in the same year is truly remarkable.

Congratulations to....

We entered a Department of Commerce sponsored video competition called "Know The Deal" which involved a number of schools from both the private and public sector and were awarded second place. Congratulations to our Year 10 team of Matthew Tiong, Jeffrey Chan and Jonathan Sun. Our Year 9 team of Justin Yao and Jessie Yue were placed 6th in their competition.

Tax Refunds

I would like to alert parents to a scheme that has been introduced which may entitle you to claim a tax refund. The Federal Government announced in the 2008-09 Budget that families will be able to claim a 50 per cent Education Tax Refund from 1 July 2008 for eligible education expenses. In order to claim the refund, it is important that you maintain receipts for educational expenses. For more information, visit: www.treasury.gov.au/documents/1394/PDF/Education_Tax_Refund_Factsheet.pdf.

School Certificate Exams

As you would be aware, students in years 9 and 10 at our school will be taking their School Certificate examinations next week. Whilst the School Certificate may not have the same significance it has had in the past for students at our school it is still important that these boys do their very best in the upcoming tests. We wish them good luck and look forward to their hard work being rewarded with excellent results.

Continuing the community spirit.

The final P&C Working Bee for the year takes place this Saturday morning between 9 and 12. Over the year, we have achieved an enormous amount with the landscaping project adjoining Pennant Hills Road. If you are able to spare a couple of hours on Saturday, please join us. My thanks, as always, to Jonathan Sanders, for the outstanding work he does in organising these mornings.

2008 Schools Spectacular - "The Spectacular Spirit" November 28-29 Sydney Entertainment Centre, Darling Harbour

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Schools Spectacular, a major artistic and musical extravaganza created and made possible through the participation of NSW Public Schools. The show includes more than 3,000 young performers who take part in an extraordinary showcase of colour, energy and music. "The Spectacular Spirit" features special guest Rolf Harris, a 1,000 voice choir, an 80 piece symphony orchestra, 1,800 dancers, 40 featured artists, brass, rock and jazz bands, in the all-live, all-student, all-original entertainment spectacle of the year.

Ticket sales are \$57 for adults, \$37 for students and concessions. **Available from the Ticketmaster phone 1300 883 622.** For further information go to: www.schoolsspectacular.com.au

Kind regards
Jeff Bruce
Principal

P & C NEWS

Events of importance to parents:

- **Annual General Meeting – Next Tuesday 11 Nov** (7:45 library open and reports available, 8:00 start). If you are planning to stand for a committee appointment please advise the Secretary on arrival and write the details on the form that will be available at the registration table. A separate notice is in this news letter.
- **November General Meeting** (follows the AGM)

School 3-Year Plan and Development Plans

The school is working to shape its next three years of improvements in a 2009-2011 Plan. The initial work has involved the school and its student bodies and the draft plan will be provided for wider consultation by the end of the year.

To provide clear understanding of how the department's, school's, and P&C efforts to improve the school's environment link together a visual 'timeline' plan has been created. A draft will be presented at the AGM / General Meeting next Tuesday.

It was most encouraging to learn the Department is finally finding avenues to redevelop the toilets and improve safety and amenity of the science/library block by June next year. Thank you to those parents who assisted in highlighting these matters of concern. It illustrates that the P&C can be a very useful forum to raise concerns of this nature.

Building projects were again discussed and while nothing definite has been identified there are some common themes. It is by no means too late to make suggestions and we would welcome any proposal.

Financials. The Treasurer, assisted by some willing parents, the canteen and clothing pool supervisors, and the school admin staff have been working hard to consolidate the various accounts for a full reconciliation in time for the AGM – many thanks.

Class Lists

This has continued to be a disappointment in that these have not been issued. Can anyone lend a hand?

Best Wishes to Yr 9 & 10

The P&C committee and members extend best wishes to our Yr 9 students undergoing early School Certificate exams and to all of Year 10 as they 'launch' for the School Certificate. We wish you every success for your hard work!

Pevlin Price
P&C President

SOCIAL SCIENCE NEWS

As part of their unit on Labour Issues and Political Action all Year 10 Commerce Student's participated in the Know the Deal competition organised by the NSW Department of Commerce. The quality of multimedia

presentation by the boys has been fantastic. Congratulations to Matthew Tiong, Gary Tam, Jeffrey Chan and Jonathan Sun who was awarded second place and received \$150 and \$500 for the school. These four students attended a function at Parliament House on Wednesday 29th of October to receive their award and also observed question time.



Award Winners with Ms Firth, Minister for Education and Training and Attorney General Mr Hatzistergos

All year 9 students have also been involved in the popular Australian Stock Market game. This activity aims to foster an understanding of how the economy, businesses and stock market operates. Congratulations to all the hard work and enthusiasm of all the boys involved. Justin Yao and Jessie Yue performed especially well who was third on the last day but finished sixth in what was one of the most exciting stock market game.

The Australian Business week is fast approaching. This is a joint initiative between Normanhurst Boys and Hornsby Girls High School to educate young people about establishing and operating a business through discovery learning. We look forward in seeing what unique ideas the boys can come up with.

Social Science Faculty

PREFECTS' PERIODICAL

Last Friday and Saturday, members of the new prefect body, accompanied by Mr Bruce and Ms Wright, participated in a leadership and planning conference held at Vision Valley in Arcadia. The conference was a great team-building experience, as well as a perfect opportunity to establish some concrete goals for our term as prefects.

We took part in a number of meetings, led by Mr Bruce and Ms Wright, covering a wide range of topics including the qualities of good leaders and successful planning and goal-setting techniques. We also generated some exciting new ideas concerning our roles as prefects within the school.

One of the outcomes of our discussions was the decision to include a prefect column in every week's newsletter. The purpose of this column is to keep the school community informed about new prefect initiatives, including upcoming mufti days, barbecues and other charity events, as well as providing a general comment on school issues from the prefects.

The prefects will continue to uphold the firm tradition of supporting charities during our term in office. Apart from

organising charity events, however, we would like to take on a more active role within the school community, representing every student of the school and valuing their opinions. As such, we have allocated a number of prefects to each year group, and encourage students to approach prefects with their opinions and concerns. This month, the school will be partaking in "Movember", an event aimed at raising awareness for prostate cancer and depression. Students can participate by growing a "mo" or sponsoring others, and at the end of the month, a themed mufti day and barbeque will be held. Our longer term goals include improving links between year groups, increasing school spirit, and contributing to charity in more ways than simply financially. We look forward to working with the whole school community to achieve these goals.



2009 Prefects at Leadership Conference

Normanhurst Boys High School Parents' & Citizens Association

Notice of Annual General Meeting

- Tuesday 11 Nov 2008
- 8 pm in the Library
- (Reports available for viewing from 7:45pm)

- Agenda:
 - Minutes of 2007 AGM
 - President's Report
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Election of 2009 Committee:
 - President
 - Vice Presidents (x2)*
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Grounds
 - Fundraising

(followed by a recess then the November General Meeting)

* There is provision for two vice-presidents. The recent convention has been there has only been one who maintained links with the regional P&C

CANTEEN NEWS

The Canteen Committee would like to invite all volunteers to our end of year Christmas Dinner to be held on:

Tuesday 25 November
at 6.30pm
AJ's Indian Restaurant
58a Balaclava Road
Eastwood
9874 9090

Banquet Cost \$33.50
Cost to Volunteers \$20.00
Please RSVP to Chris or Anne in the Canteen by
Tuesday 18/11/08
9489 4122

www.ajsindian.com.au

8-11-08: 3:03PM: :012 97006028

How do I talk to Johnny about whether there is alcohol at tonight's party without him getting angry?

Should I talk to Sophie about alcohol and drugs yet? She is only 13.

LET'S TALK ABOUT DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

This is an invitation to parents to attend a FPPE two day "Parents Prepared" peer education program in Hornsby. You will learn up to date information AND tips and strategies to use when talking to your teenager about drugs, alcohol, parties...and even messy bedrooms!

For more information or to register please contact Caryn Haynes, on 9856 7611 or cehaynes@nscrchhs.health.nsw.gov.au

Prepared Parents

Next Program:
Saturday 22nd & 29th November
9am-4:30pm @ Hornsby Youth and Family Centre
 Cnr Burdett & Muriel St, Hornsby

Parents Prepared

LIVE LIFE WELL

NSW HEALTH NORTH SYDNEY CENTRAL COAST

P&E PRESENTS
WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S
KING LEAR

SATURDAY 15TH NOV 8 P.M.
 SUNDAY 16TH NOV 2 P.M.
 SATURDAY 22ND NOV 2 P.M.
 SATURDAY 22ND NOV 8 P.M.

ADULTS: \$15 CONCESSION \$10

BEROWRA COMMUNITY CENTRE
THE GULLY RD BEROWRA
BOOKINGS: 9456 5269

VISIT WEBSITE ON: [HTTP://PNEPRESENTS.TRIPOD.COM](http://pnepresents.tripod.com)
 PROCEEDS WILL GO TO:
MONIKA'S DOGGIE RESCUE
WWW.DOGGIERESCUE.COM
SUPPORTED BY THE BUSH TELEGRAPH

SPORTS RESULTS

GRADE		DATE:5/11/2008	ROUND No 8
SPORT	OPPOSITION	WINNER	SCORE
1st CRICKET	Nth Syd	Nth Syd	NS 7/102 def NH 98
2nd CRICKET	Nth Syd	Nth Syd	NS 110 def NH 99
15A CRICKET	Nth Syd	Nth Syd	NS 116 def NH 81
14A CRICKET	Asquith	Normanhurst	NH 7/71 def Asquith 56
14B CRICKET	Nth Syd	Nth Syd	NS 4/72 def NH 8/55
1st BASKETBALL	Randwick	Randwick	29-45
2nd BASKETBALL	Randwick	Randwick	35-39
15S BASKETBALL	Asquith	Normanhurst	52-8
14S BASKETBALL	Asquith	Normanhurst	59-10
SNR BASEBALL	Asquith	Draw	9-9
JNR BASEBALL	Ashfield	Normanhurst	2-0
1st VOLLEYBALL	H'bush 2	Normanhurst	2-0
2nd VOLLEYBALL	Asquith	Normanhurst	2-0
15S VOLLEYBALL	Bye	-	-
14S VOLLEYBALL	Asquith o/a	Asquith	0-2
1st TENNIS	Bye	-	-
2nd TENNIS	Randwick	Randwick	1-5
15S TENNIS	Bye	-	-
14S TENNIS	Bye	-	-
Open OZ TAG	Asquith	Asquith	3-13
15s OZ TAG	Asquith	Asquith	2-16
1st WATERPOLO	Bye	-	-
15s WATERPOLO	Asquith	Asquith	4-6
14s WATERPOLO	Asquith o/a	Asquith	2-8
OPEN FUTSAL	Asquith	Asquith	8-4
15s FUTSAL	Asquith	Normanhurst	4-2

Normanhurst Boys' High School						Term 4, 2008					
Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday						
5	10 Nov	11 Remembrance Day Ceremony Janene Best Debating competition	12 School Certificate exams	13	14 Yr7 Teachers' Mtg DofE Expedition 15-16 Nov	→					
	DofE Training (pm)	P&C Meeting				←					
6	17 Nov Final HSC exam Yr8 Teachers' Mtg	18	19 ABW	20	21	→					
	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 Jamberoo Yr10 to UNSW Yr10 reports issued (copy)	→					
	DofE Training (pm)					←					
				Yr12 Mathematics Yr12 Maths General	Yr12 Japanese						