



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

It was wonderful to see the great turnout at last Saturday's P&C Working Bee, once again under the excellent leadership of Jonathan Sanders. As well as the large group of parents who gave generously of their time, it was particularly pleasing to see the large Prefect contingent that volunteered their services on the morning.



A great deal was achieved, with more planting continuing along the Pennant Hills Road boundary and mulching of the trees that had been previously felled. This was our last Working Bee for the year and I extend my thanks to all the parents who participated during the three mornings that have been organised. Your hard work has certainly contributed to improving the appearance of our school. I look forward to 2009 and the continuation of the projects that were initiated this year.

Normanhurst Remembers

All over the world, people stopped to commemorate Armistice Day at 11.00am on November 11 and at Normanhurst Boys, a particularly poignant and moving ceremony was conducted by some of our Year 11 students. Our school captains, Graeme McIntyre and Noah Frelander and Prefect Lachlan McIntosh spoke eloquently about the significance of the day and the enduring lessons that should be learnt from the carnage and sacrifices wrought by World War One and subsequent conflicts. The efforts of these boys and Mr Jim Seabrook who coordinated the ceremony were greatly appreciated by all who attended.

External Exams come to an end

This week saw the conclusion of the HSC examinations (which seem to have stretched on forever) and the much shorter School Certificate examinations which were held on 3 days this week. My thanks to Mr David McMurtrie and his team who were appointed by the Board of Studies to supervise the examinations. It is indeed a complicated and time consuming process and thanks to the fine organisation of Mr McMurtrie and his team all went well. The papers have been despatched to a variety of marking centres throughout the state where hundreds of markers, including a large number from our

school, are currently deliberating over them. I am sure everyone is eagerly awaiting the release of the results of both sets of examinations next month.

Spreading the Word

Thirty Year 8 students went on an excursion to Normanhurst Primary School on Thursday of this week to read their picture books to students in Kindergarten and Year 1. Designed and produced as part of their English study, our boys were able to show off their books, read them to the primary students and answer any questions posed by the students.

This exercise is always eagerly awaited by our nearest primary school who take copies of our boys' work and display them in their library. It also allows our students to become teachers for a day and see their English work as having a practical and authentic basis.

Many thanks to Mr Ailwood for his organisation of this very valuable experience.

A Great Achievement

On Monday, I had the great pleasure of attending the National Final of the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Competition which was held at the Maritime Museum in Darling Harbour. You may recall that I reported in an earlier newsletter that Sam Farrell (Year 10) won through to be one of the two NSW representatives in the final, which in itself, was a splendid achievement. Although Sam did not win, he was truly outstanding and a wonderful ambassador for our school in what is the most prestigious junior public speaking competition in the country. I am sure we will hear of further successes from this very talented young man in the years ahead. I would also like to thank Mrs Rhonda Fowell, our public speaking and debating coordinator for the fine work she does in developing this very important skill within our boys.

From the Prefects

One of the initiatives to emerge from the recent Prefects' Conference was for a regular item written by the prefects to be included in each newsletter. This edition of the newsletter contains the second of these items.

A Good Day Was Had By All

Our Year 7 students attended a most enjoyable excursion to Taronga Park Zoo that was organised by Ms Konstantopoulos from our Science Faculty. As well as being a great day out the day also provided a valuable learning experience facilitated by the education team at the zoo as part of the Year 7 science program.



Close-up view of one of the zoo's residents

P&C Elections

The Annual General Meeting of our school's P&C was held on Tuesday night this week, during which elections were held for office bearers for the coming year. I would like to congratulate the parents who were elected (or in most cases re-elected) to the executive positions. Please note the information in the P&C section of this newsletter relating to the situation concerning the position of President.

Industrial Stoppage Next Week

Staff at our school will be participating in a two-hour stop work meeting next Wednesday morning, November 19 that has been called by the NSW Teachers Federation. I will be sending a note home with students on Monday to advise parents as to whether or not the school will be able to provide even minimal supervision on that morning. Year 10 students will not be affected by the stop work meeting and will continue with the Australian Business Week program that has already been organised. Students in all other years will be expected to be at school by 11am when normal lessons will recommence. The arrangements for sport on Wednesday afternoon are also as per normal.

Kind regards

Jeff Bruce

Principal

P & C NEWS

Annual General Meeting

- 23 members attended
- The President's Report reviewed the areas of success in 2008, areas where work is in progress, and also aspects that need to be improved or where action still needs to be taken. In 2009 involvement in longer-term planning for large school improvements is anticipated.
- The Vice President reported on the activities of the regional P&C as well as the Federation
- The Treasurer reported overall financial performance including a recent modest improvement in voluntary contributions as well as the results of

important fundraising efforts and the profits from the Canteen and Clothing Store.

- The Principal highlighted aspects of successful collaboration between the school and the P&C

At the conclusion of reports the annual elections for the committee and its executive were conducted. Apart from the appointment of President all nominees were elected unopposed. Due to a constitutional oversight, the election for president needs to be held again. Please refer to the notice contained in this newsletter for details.

I would like to thank the members of the 2008 committee, our many volunteers, and also our parents who attend and contribute at meetings. May I congratulate the new committee for offering to support the school in this way. All these efforts are not without personal sacrifice and we owe a great deal to all who are involved.

Summer open-necked shirts

These are expected in time for Orientation Day on 4 Dec. Updates to follow.

Next General Meeting

Tuesday 16 Dec (8:00 pm in the library), followed by the special meeting.

Pevlin Price

Vice President

DEBATING NEWS

On Tuesday 11th November, the Year 8 debating team attended the Janene Best Memorial Debating Competition for selective High Schools, held at Hurlstone Agricultural High School. Many selective high schools were represented including North Sydney Girls and Merewether High School.

Caringbah High and Manly High contested the final with victory on the day going to Caringbah. The students attended workshops during the day and participated in three very high standard debates. The day was enjoyable and very worthwhile.

Congratulations to Shaun Magee, Parth Nathani, Utkarsh Sood and Saurabh Narain for an excellent performance.

Mrs Fowell

Debating & Public Speaking Coach & Coordinator

PREFECTS' PERIODICAL

After returning from the Vision Valley leadership and planning forum we have set the wheels in motion for a variety of both new and old initiatives. Movember is a cause that has been changing the face of men's health at Normanhurst for several years now. Prostate cancer is of growing concern in society and is a cause that is of particular relevance to the school, Movember provides an opportunity to not only raise funds but also generate awareness in the school community. Several senior students and also teachers have taken up the challenge of Movember and we are encouraging all the students to get behind the Mo Bros for the month. To celebrate the conclusion of the month the prefects will be running a mufti day and sausage sizzle on Thursday 27th November.

One key goal set down by the prefects in planning sessions is to increase the involvement of the body in the greater school community. Our first step towards achieving this goal was a resolution to participate in the working bee held at the school last weekend. It was noted that the sizeable prefect involvement greatly increased amount of work completed. We would like to conclude by thanking the efforts of Mr. John Sanders, the parents, staff and students who gave up their weekend to contribute to the upkeep of the school, we look forward to seeing the growth and development of these days in the coming year.

The Prefects

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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Notice is hereby given to all members of the P&C to attend a special general meeting on 16 December 2008 after the monthly general meeting. The purpose of this special general meeting is to consider the following:

1. Due to a constitutional oversight, the election of the President on Nov 11 was invalid
2. To call for nominations and elect a new President.

Sandeep Dharni, Secretary

SPORTS RESULTS

GRADE		DATE:12/11/2008	ROUND No 9
SPORT	OPPOSITION	WINNER	SCORE
1st CRICKET	Bye	Day 1	-
2nd CRICKET	Bye	Day 1	-
15A CRICKET	Bye	Day 1	-
14A CRICKET	Homebush	Day 1	HB 67 vs NH
14B CRICKET	Homebush	Day 1	NH 85 vs HB
1st BASKETBALL	Nth Syd	North Sydney	72-102
2nd BASKETBALL	Nth Syd	North Sydney	34-37
15S BASKETBALL	Bye	-	-
14S BASKETBALL	Bye	-	-
SNR BASEBALL	Epping	Epping	2-7
JNR BASEBALL	Epping	Epping	4-5
1st VOLLEYBALL	Nth Syd	North Sydney	1-2
2nd VOLLEYBALL	Nth Syd	North Sydney	0-2
15S VOLLEYBALL	Nth Syd	North Sydney	1-2
14S VOLLEYBALL	Bye	-	-
1st TENNIS	Nth Syd	Normanhurst	4-2
2nd TENNIS	Nth Syd	Normanhurst	4-2
15S TENNIS	Nth Syd	Normanhurst	4-2
14S TENNIS	Nth Syd	North Sydney	1-5
Open OZ TAG	Nth Syd	North Sydney	3-4
15s OZ TAG	Nth Syd	North Sydney	3-12
1st WATERPOLO	Nth Syd	Draw	4-4
15s WATERPOLO	Nth Syd 15	Normanhurst	7-6
14s WATERPOLO	Nth Syd	North Sydney	2-13
OPEN FUTSAL	Bye	-	-
15s FUTSAL	Bye	-	-

SPORTS POINTS SCORES AS AT END OF ROUND 8

Cricket 14 B			Basketball 15			Waterpolo 14			Tennis 1st			Oztag Junior		
Nth. Sydney	14	1	Ashfield	19	2	Ashfield	13	3	Ashfield	7	5	Ashfield		
Epping	5	4	Asquith	5	7	Asquith o/a	0	6	Epping	14	2	Asquith		
Homebush	8	3	Epping	9	6	Epping	10	4	Homebush	13	3	Epping		
Normanhurst	11	2	Homebush	10	5	Homebush	20	1	Normanhurst	13	3	Homebush		

Baseball Senior			Normanhurst	21	1	Normanhurst	5	5	Nth. Sydney	17	1	Normanhurst
Asquith	12	3	Nth. Sydney	17	3	Nth. Sydney	16	2	Tennis 2nd			Nth. Sydney
Epping	18	1	Randwick	11	4	Volleyball 1st			Ashfield	12	6	Indoor Senior
Homebush	12	3	Basketball 14			Ashfield	10	6	Randwick	18	2	Ashfield
Normanhurst	14	2	Ashfield	9	6	Homebush 2	16	2	Epping	22	1	Asquith
Baseball Junior			Asquith	5	7	Epping	24	1	Homebush	14	4	Epping
Ashfield	10	4	Epping	15	3	Homebush	16	2	Normanhurst	14	4	Homebush
Epping	18	1	Homebush	12	5	Normanhurst	16	2	Nth. Sydney	16	3	Normanhurst
Homebush	13	3	Normanhurst	17	2	North Sydney	14	5	Tennis 15			Nth. Sydney
Normanhurst	15	2	Nth. Sydney	15	3	Volleyball 2nd			Ashfield	7	5	Randwick
Basketball 1st			Randwick	19	1	Homebush 3	12	6	Epping	11	4	Indoor Junior
Ashfield	8	5	Waterpolo 1st			Asquith	13	4	Homebush	15	2	Ashfield
Epping	8	5	Epping	6	5	Epping	16	3	Normanhurst	13	3	Asquith
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Normanhurst Boys' High School						Term 4, 2008					
Wk	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		
6	17 Nov Final HSC exam Yr8 Teachers' Mtg		18 Yr11 Macquarie Uni Leadership Program		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 Movember BBQ/Mufti Day		28 Yr8/Yr11 General Maths Jamberoo Exc Yr10 to UNSW Yr10 reports issued (copy)		
	DofE Training (pm)						Yr12 Mathematics Yr12 Maths General		Yr12 Software Design		
8	1 Dec FINANCIAL ROLLOVER Yr8 History Exc to Hyde Park Barracks		2		3 NBHS Open Chess Tournament		4 Orientation Day Yr7 2009 Yr8 High Resolves		5 Merit Certificate Assembly Yr8 High Resolves Yr7/8/9 reports issued Yr 10 Peer Support Training		
	← Staff Meeting		← Yr7 Swim School →		← Yr10 Community Service →		← Yr7		← Yr7 Swim School →		
	Yr12 Maths Ext1 Yr 12 Japanese		Yr12 Ancient History Yr 11 Chemistry				Yr12 Maths Ext2		Yr12 Ancient History - Oral		