



# 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

Although the end of the year is rapidly approaching, there is still a great deal happening in the school in a range of areas. The major examinations for the year have now been completed and teachers are busy compiling the final student reports. For students in Years 7-9, these will be mailed home according to the following schedule: Year 7 (December 5); Year 8 (December 12); Year 9 (December 15). Year 10 reports will be contained in their portfolios which will be presented at the Graduation on December 11.



Could I also take this opportunity to remind all parents that our Presentation Night will be held on Wednesday December 17 commencing at 7pm in the auditorium at Hornsby RSL. This is a very special night on the school's calendar and I look forward to celebrating the year's achievements with as many members of our school community as possible.

### Making our future business leaders

On Monday, I joined Mr Robert Phillips, Principal of Hornsby Girls at the launch of Australian Business



*Working on an ABW activity*

Week, a joint program conducted by the two schools. This is a wonderful initiative involving students from Year 10 that focuses on developing entrepreneurial and small business skills and provides a unique opportunity for industry and schools to work together. The program reinforces learning across a range of curriculum areas, improves self-esteem and develops work-related skills including teamwork, leadership and decision making. I know the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and my thanks go to Mrs Black and Mr Spoor who worked so hard to coordinate the program.

### A gift from our neighbour

I was delighted to be able to welcome Dr Rod Kefford, Principal of Barker College to the school on Thursday morning. Dr Kefford asked if he could make a special presentation to the school to acknowledge our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and he very kindly presented our School Captain, Graeme McIntyre with a set of reference books to be added to our school library. In his speech to the



*Dr Kefford presenting Graeme McIntyre with a gift from Barker*

assembly, Dr Kefford spoke of the long standing relationship and good will that has existed between our

two schools and his hopes that we could continue to expand upon this relationship in the years ahead.

**Kind regards**  
**Jeff Bruce**  
**Principal**

## **P & C NEWS**

### **The Canteen and Clothing Pool**

I would like to acknowledge the efforts and contributions made by all the parents in these two operations. A large group of Year 12 parents are leaving us so new volunteers will be most welcome. Please call the Canteen to enquire: 9489 4122.

### **The Green Belt**

A final thank you to all who participated in or supported with donations, the work along Pennant Hills Rd this year. It is a marvelous result – well done. Planning for more 'greening' in 2009 has begun so don't put away the gardening tools yet! Our grounds coordinator Jonathan Sanders is a legend who in turn was supported by Robyn to whom we owe our deepest gratitude. Thank you both from all of us.

### **Next Important Dates:**

#### **Thursday 4 Dec – Orientation for parents of new students in 2009**

A morning information session is planned and I am sure the Clothing Pool would welcome any additional helpers to assist all the new parents – please contact Kathryn or send a note to her via the office to the clothing pool if you able to help.

### **Tuesday 16 December - Meetings**

#### **Library opens 7:15pm**

Payment of dues to enable voting at AGM

#### **General Meeting – starts earlier than normal at 7:30pm**

Standard Agenda

Meeting Closed

Then

#### **Special Annual General Meeting**

Election of President

Followed by end of year refreshments

It is understood that Presentation Night is the following evening but the matter of electing a new P&C President is very important. I ask all parents, particularly those with sons continuing at Normo, to come and express their choice through the democratic process.

**Pevlin Price**

**Vice President / President during 2008**

## **PREFECTS' PERIODICAL**

On Tuesday four prefects (Noah, Tom, Martin and Graeme) attended a leadership program at Macquarie University as part of our ongoing association in the *partner schools program*. The day offered a wide range of leadership training that taught us the value of

perseverance, teamwork and leading by example. We also learnt about how to take our ideas and transform them into realities and we are looking forward to implementing these principles into the school. We were also lucky enough to meet with the students from many other schools; and look forward to enhancing the cooperative opportunities between our schools. Leadership opportunities such as this are not exclusively held for the prefect body and we encourage all students who are interested in such programs to contact their year advisor who may be able to find a suitable event for them to attend.

On the topic of cooperation, Normanhurst enjoys a very good relationship with its neighbouring schools; which the prefect body wishes to foster. On Thursday – the principal of Barker College, Doctor Roderic Kefford visited our school to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. In the future we look forward to the possibilities that further cooperation with a broad range of local schools can have, such as interschool dances, sports and extracurricular activities.

November is in full swing and everyone is undoubtedly aware of its progress. We encourage everyone to participate and sponsor the school's representatives (which include many teachers). There will be a mufti day on Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> and we look forward to seeing everyone participate in this day for a good cause, which is for men's depression and prostate cancer. Prices are as follows: sausages \$2.50, drinks \$1.50 and for combos \$3.50.



*Justin and Wesley promoting November on this week's assembly*

White ribbon day is coming up next Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup>, this day is important as it is a chance for students to participate in the *end Violence against women campaign*. Prefects will be selling ribbons at major train stations (including Normanhurst, Hornsby, Pennant Hills and Epping) for \$2.

**Graeme and Martin**

<b>Normanhurst Boys' High School</b>				<b>Term 4, 2008</b>	
<b>Wk</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>7</b>	24 Nov Yr 10 Peer Support Leadership Training  DofE Training (pm)	25 Yr8 ESSA Test	26 Streamwatch Testing	27 Year Assembly Streamwatch Testing 'Movember' BBQ/Mufti Day Streamwatch Macroinvertebrate Survey	28 Yr8/Yr11 General Maths Jamberoo Exc Yr10 to UNSW Yr10 reports issued (copy)
	Yr 11/12 HSC Physics	← Yr11 English	→ Advanced	Yr12 Mathematics Yr12 Maths General Oral Task	→ Yr12 Software Design
<b>8</b>	1 Dec FINANCIAL ROLLOVER Yr8 History Exc to Hyde Park Barracks  Staff Meeting	2	3 NBHS Open Chess Tournament  Yr10 Community Service	4 Orientation Day Yr7 2009 Yr8 High Resolves  Yr10 Peer Support Training	5 Merit Certificate Assembly Yr8 High Resolves Yr7/8/9 reports issued Yr 10 Peer Support Training
	← Yr7	Swim School →		← Yr7	Swim School →
	Yr12 Maths Ext1 Yr 12 Japanese	Yr12 Ancient History Yr 11 Chemistry ← Yr11 English	→ Advanced	Oral Task	→ Yr12 Ancient History - Oral
<b>9</b>	8 Dec LIBRARY STOCKTAKE  ← Yrs 7-11	9 LIBRARY STOCKTAKE Yr7 History Inc Music Japanese Film Festival Excursion Year 12 Formal	10 LIBRARY STOCKTAKE  Camp →	11 Year Assembly LIBRARY STOCKTAKE  Yr10 Graduation  Year 10 Formal	12 LIBRARY STOCKTAKE  Yr 11 Physics is Phun
	Yr 11 Economics	Yr11 English Ext1		Yr 12 Modern History Yr12 Drama Yr11 Engineering Sci	
<b>10</b>	15 Dec Yr7 'Gatorade' Fluid Replacement Inc	16	17 HSC results available Streamwatch Testing  Presentation Night	18 UAI BBO Streamwatch Testing	19 TERM 4 ENDS
		Yr 12 Modern History-Oral			

## SPORTS RESULTS

<b>GRADE</b>		<b>DATE:19/11/2008</b>	<b>ROUND No 10</b>
<b>SPORT</b>	<b>OPPOSITION</b>	<b>WINNER</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
<b>1st CRICKET</b>	<b>Bye</b>	-	-
2nd CRICKET	<b>Bye</b>	-	-
15A CRICKET	<b>Bye</b>	-	-
14A CRICKET	<b>Homebush</b>	Normanhurst	NH 6/70 def HB 67
14B CRICKET	<b>Homebush</b>	Normanhurst	NH 85 def HB 45
<b>1st BASKETBALL</b>	<b>Homebush</b>	Normanhurst	49-46
2nd BASKETBALL	<b>Homebush</b>	Normanhurst	40-34
15S BASKETBALL	<b>Homebush</b>	Normanhurst	37-19
14S BASKETBALL	<b>Homebush</b>	Normanhurst	55-51
<b>SNR BASEBALL</b>	<b>Homebush</b>	Draw	Wash Out
JNR BASEBALL	<b>Homebush</b>	Homebush	6-8
<b>1st VOLLEYBALL</b>	<b>Homebush</b>	Homebush	0-2
2nd VOLLEYBALL	<b>Randwick</b>	Draw	No Game
15S VOLLEYBALL	<b>Homebush</b>	Homebush	0-2
14S VOLLEYBALL	<b>Homebush</b>	Homebush	0-2
<b>1st TENNIS</b>	<b>Homebush</b>	Draw	Wash Out
2nd TENNIS	<b>Homebush</b>	Draw	Wash Out
15S TENNIS	<b>Homebush</b>	Normanhurst	6-0
14S TENNIS	<b>Homebush</b>	Homebush	0-6

<b>Open OZ TAG</b>	<b>Homebush</b>	Draw	Wash Out
15s OZ TAG	<b>Homebush</b>	Draw	Wash Out
<b>1st WATERPOLO</b>	<b>Homebush</b>	Homebush	
15s WATERPOLO	<b>Homebush 15</b>	Homebush	
14s WATERPOLO	<b>Homebush</b>	Homebush	
<b>OPEN FUTSAL</b>	<b>Homebush</b>	Homebush	6-8
15s FUTSAL	<b>Homebush</b>	Homebush	4-12

## **BEACH SAFETY INFORMATION**

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| 1. SWIM BETWEEN THE FLAGS | They mark the area that is watched by surf lifesavers and lifeguards                                  |
| 2. RAISE YOUR ARM         | If you need help in the water, raise your arm and shout for help. Stay calm, float and wait for help. |
| 3. SAFETY SIGNS           | Look for the safety signs as they tell you about the dangers at the beach.                            |
| 4. ASK A LIFESAVER        | Ask a lifesaver about safety at the beach or where to swim.   |
| 5. SWIM WITH A FRIEND     | Watch your children at all times when they are in the water.  |

If you get into trouble or see someone that is in trouble in the water, call for a surf lifesaver/lifeguard or telephone 000.

## **OTHER THINGS TO REMEMBER**

1. Always make sure you can stand up and touch the bottom when in the water.
2. Do not swim immediately after you have eaten a meal.
3. Only swim during daylight hours and at beaches that are patrolled by lifesavers/lifeguards.
4. Do not swim after drinking alcohol.
5. Never jump or dive into the water.



## **Pantomime - Berowra Musical Society Jack and the Technicoloured Beanstalk**

**Where:** Wideview P.S School hall

**When:** December 6,7,13 & 14<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm.

**Tickets:** on sale at the door – only \$1 per age up to \$10.

All the fun of a traditional pantomime; heroes & villains, fun & games, music & mayhem, lollies & laughter.

\*\*Cast includes one of our Year 7 students as the evil Baron Smug.\*\*

Family entertainment for the young and young at heart.