FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mr Mark Anderson B. A. Dip. Ed.

National Table Tennis Championships: Congratulations to Anthony Zhao on his success at this event. Anthony played while injured to secure selection eligibility for the National team in 2015. Despite being taped up and needing the attention of the physio Anthony managed to support his team and play through the team event. We all wish Anthony a speedy recovery with his shoulder and even more success in 2015.

2014 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge Excellence: Twelve students at Normanhurst successfully participated in the 2014 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. More than 260,000 students from 2100 schools across NSW completed the 2014 Challenge. The following students achieved a Gold Award for successfully completing the Challenge over four years:

- Long Li Zheng
- Yeo Jun Lee

The following four students have earned a Platinum Award for successfully completing the Challenge over seven years; only 4,400 students have earned this award:

- Marko Beocanin
- Bob Chen
- Vihanga Dharmasena

I have never met an English teacher who has not believed that students should read widely to improve their performance and mastery of the monster that is the English language. While creativity comes from inside, learning from the mastery of others and expanding your mind to assimilate the wisdom and perceptions learned or experienced by others over their lifetimes is truly the path of success. “It is what you read when you don’t have to that determines what you will be when you can’t help it.” Oscar Wilde perhaps? Well done boys.

ELP (Engaged Learning Project): This week also saw the conclusion to the work the boys have been undertaking and their Engaged Learning Project in Year 10. This year long program culminated with a day of preparation and presentation. The aim of ELP is to deliver a significant piece of creative work, produced and created during Year 10.

The project was one that was initiated independently by students and focused on one of the following key conceptual areas:

- Beauty
- Truth
- Values
- Humanity
- Conflict
- Resilience
- Power
- Death
- Creation
- Nature

The boys were given the following objectives:

- question the basis of current social, scientific, mathematical or cultural thinking in relation to a specific area of interest.
- use information skills to retrieve literature on a topic
- evaluate current knowledge in a particular field and to provide a critical appraisal of that body of knowledge.
Each Monday a group of enthusiastic boys meet to further their love of all things robotic and programmable. This club is not a lesson conducted formally by a teacher delivering content but rather a group of like-minded boys with varying degrees of skill sourcing opportunities to enter competitions to flex their prowess and enhance their knowledge. This year the boys elected to meet on a Monday which made it very difficult for the robotics teacher-mentor to attend as Monday is staff meeting afternoon. The boys have made a significant amount of progress in their learning through completing the rich tasks involved in preparing for the various competitions they wished to enter. The intent behind the program has always been the provision of an opportunity to have like-minded boys work collaboratively with technology.

The senior robotics boys led by Daniel Huang recently achieved a remarkable second (from 13 teams) in the Sydney FTC regional. This team had the best goal scoring robot though were narrowly defeated by James Ruse in the final by gameplay technicalities.

The Programming club (who meet down the corridor from robotics) have attained some remarkable success with Declan McDonnell, Nicholas Hiebl and Jash Vanjara being awarded Gold medals in the AI competition. These boys have been selected to participate in the training school in Canberra to choose the National team and are following in the footsteps of their mentor Oliver Fisher who achieved a 5th in the world in this event.

Next year our school has been invited to participate in a competition that combines our expertise in robotics and programming and may take us "out of this world". Mr Davis will shortly be meeting with Professor Greg Chamitoff (former NASA Astronaut) and student Ben Morrell (from Sydney Uni) who will be coordinating the mentors for the competition to discuss Zero Robotics.

**Zero Robotics**

What is Zero Robotics? Zero Robotics (created by MIT and the University of Sydney’s Dr Chamitoff), is a robotics programming competition where the robots are SPHERES (Synchronised Position Hold Engage and Reorient Experimental Satellites) that are aboard the International Space Station. Through a series of competitions starting virtually (online) and then aboard the ISS, students exercise their creative problem-solving skills and take on real world design problems.

After the virtual competition phases in a simulation environment that mimics the real SPHERES, finalists are selected to compete in a live broadcast competition aboard the ISS – conducted by an astronaut in microgravity.

- **Tournament usually runs from September to December, with 2D practice simulation rounds that progress to 3D simulation competition**
- **Semi-finalists then proceed to an international alliance round, culminating in finals that are held live on the International Space Station (usually mid-January)**
- **Students in the team must be between 14-19 years old, with the team comprising 5-20 students**
- **MIT provides the simulation and C programming interfaces via the Zero Robotics website – so no special software is required. Teams need to have access to at least two computers with internet access, Chrome or Firefox browsers with JavaScript and Flash enabled.**

Also, here is a short video that helps explain the competition and what SPHERES are: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tw4GDBJyZ2I&feature=plcp](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tw4GDBJyZ2I&feature=plcp)

Next year will be another very exciting one as our Normo boys create the future.

**Peer Support Leaders Announced:** Congratulations to all of the boys who have been successful in becoming our new peer support leaders for 2015. This is a very important responsibility and one which has a significant impact on the transition for our Year 7s. Well done boys. Your selection is a strong indicator of the esteem you are held in by staff and your peers.
Future Leaders Program: This is opportunity for school Student Representative Council members, or any student who shows leadership potential, to be involved in a leadership development program. The Future Leaders Program provides secondary school students with the chance to learn and develop leadership skills. Drawing on DEC approved leadership strategies, the program allows students to discover the difference between popularity and leadership in an engaging, motivating and enjoyable environment. Students exhibiting leadership potential will take part in a range of activities designed to build their knowledge and experience of communication, negotiation, decision making, goal setting and action planning. To make a booking or find out more, contact Sport and Recreation on 13 13 02 or visit http://dsr.nsw.gov.au/futureleaderssecondary/

P&C NEWS
Mr Sade Kalasabail, P&C President
At the P&C’s AGM last week the following parents were elected unopposed to form the Executive for 2015:

President – Sade Kalasabail
Vice President – Praveen Aranha
Vice President – Ross Horsburgh
Treasurer – Helmut Hiebl
Secretary – Philippa Stewart
Fund Raising Committee Convenor – Francis Fok
Grounds Coordinator – Jonathan Sanders
General Member – Tony Hill
General Member – Sam Tan

The positions of Canteen Committee Convenor and Functions Committee Convenor remain unfilled at this time. If you are interested in assisting in either of these areas please email secretary@nbhslandc.asn.au

P&C welcomes the new executive. We congratulate them and wish them all the best for the projects being considered for next year.

Further information about P&C is available on the School web site http://www.normanhurb-h.schools.nsw.edu.au, under the “P&C” tab along with details of the previous meetings.

Our P&C Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month during school terms. All are welcome.

IDEOATION 2014
Jash Vanjara, Year 10

On Thursday the 13 of November, four blooming Year 10 boys woke up early to travel over two hours to Bankstown Library where the Multicultural Ideation Forum was being held. James O’Brien, Joshua Koshy, Thomas Tang and I were representing our school at this popular state event. The day’s schedule was packed, and kicked off with a funky performance by the band song-division. During the day we held discussions and participated in workshops where we discussed serious multicultural issues prominent in the Sydney region. We were given a fascinating talk by the Honourable Victor Dominelo MP, about choosing your cause and fighting for it. His passion for stopping domestic violence was infectious and left us astounded. We also composed our own original song with the assistance of song-division which raised awareness on multicultural issues. Additionally, we split up and went to separate workshops each of which discussed specific issues such as My Community, Express Yourself, Tribes and Division and more. Included in the photo is an ex Normo student Devpaal Singh who is now a member of Multicultural NSW Advisory Board.

Photo by Warren Duncan/Multicultural NSW

Ideation 2014 was an interactive and amazing event, and though each of us contributed widely during the day, we absorbed much more than we had ever expected.

ENGINEERING STUDIES COMPETITION SUCCESS
Mrs N Raj, Engineering Studies Teacher

For the last 4 years Preliminary & HSC Engineering Studies students from Normanhurst Boys High School have participated in the University of Wollongong High School Engineering Studies competitions. As a part of their course students must submit Engineering Reports on a variety of Engineering topics like Aeronautics, Biomedical Engineering and Civil Structures just to name a few.

This year Sukrut Mysore and Victor Tse from Year 12 are the proud recipients of a Major Award (valued between $75 &
$750) for their exceptional Engineering Report on the Critical Analysis of Air Crash Investigations for Aeronautical Engineering Unit. The Report showed evidence of creativity and critical thinking.

Both boys have been invited to the 2014 Annual Faculty of Engineering and Information Sciences’ NSW Senior High Schools STEM Competitions Presentation Evening recognising their achievement. Well done boys!

► HSC BUSINESS STUDIES EXCURSION TO THORNLEIGH MCDONALD’S

Oliver Moor, Year 11

The HSC Business Studies class undertook an excursion on December 12 to the largest McDonald’s in the Southern hemisphere – in terms of revenue. Needless to say all the students were beaming with excitement as they started the insightful excursion at the Thornleigh McDonald’s. The excursion was split into two parts. The first involved looking at the operations side of the business, this meant we journeyed behind the counter and explored the inner workings of operating a McDonald’s restaurant. The second involved watching a very informative presentation presented by the Restaurant Manager. In the presentation we learned about the four key functions of a business; Operations, Marketing, Human Resources and Finance.

The students were very lucky to have not only such an insightful excursion, but also an excursion where we could eat hash browns and burgers. Thornleigh McDonald’s was the perfect place to learn about business, as we learnt how they operate and how they adapt to change. Thornleigh McDonald’s will be the 3rd restaurant to have a Create Your Own Taste burger and is a perfect example of how McDonald’s Australia innovate to have a competitive advantage and to meet consumer expectations.

Special thanks must go out to the wonderful McDonald’s staff without whom the excursion would not have been able to go ahead. The Business Studies class would also like to thank Mrs Rahman for organising the spectacular excursion. This is definitely an excursion everyone should wish to go on.

► MATHEMATICS ENRICHMENT WORKSHOP

Mr R Tan, Mathematics Teacher

Three students, Harrison Chudleigh (Year 7), Caleb Chan and Daniel Berry (Year 8), were invited to attend a mathematics enrichment workshop on Monday, 17 November. The workshop was organised by the Australian Mathematics Trust and held at North Sydney Boys High School from 1 pm to 4 pm.

The enrichment workshop was conducted by Adjunct Professor Mike Clapper, Executive Director of the AMT, an experienced mathematics teacher and educator, along with other experienced educators, and consisted of a variety of activities designed to help young students to ‘think mathematically’. The students had a session on geometry in calculating the shaded area in difficult situations. In the second session they analysed an ancient problem about the powers of two. In the last session, they discussed informatics, where a computer is used to solve problems.

The boys had the opportunity to meet other gifted young mathematicians from throughout the state. Whilst the mathematical intent is serious, they had fun with the hands-on activities.

► CAREERS NEWS

Ms Kay Woodhams, Careers Adviser

Important Information – Calendar of Events
Check this calendar for upcoming University Open Days, Parent/Student university nights plus more
Go to: http://www.nbhscareers.com

We also have additional information including a comprehensive calendar on the MhsCareers website www.mhscareers.net
User name: nbhs - Password: careers

SCHOOL INFORMATION
Year 12 (2014) Formal
The Formal will be at Curzon Hall on Monday 24 November from 5.30pm. Curzon Hall is on the corner of Agincourt and Balaclava Roads, Marsfield.

Year 12 (2015)
All the best for your assessment tasks next week.

Year 10

The Year 10 work experience certificate, employer assessment report and journal will be included in the Year 10 Portfolio the boys receive at their Presentation Assembly on the 12 December.

Please scan and file the employer assessment report for future reference.

Extended Learning Projects
Congratulations Year 10 and Mr Davis!
The boys did an outstanding job. Each boy presented his project to different assessors.
We were very fortunate to have university academics, ex students and staff as part of the assessment team yesterday in the hall. Thank you to Deborah Howlett, Louis Parfait and Lara D’Arcy from Macquarie University.

[Image]

UNIVERSITIES

Macquarie University School Leaver Information Evening
Wed 10 December, 6.00pm – 8.00pm, Macquarie University, Balaclava Road
The School leaver information evening is designed specifically for future students who are going to university directly from high school. The evening is an opportunity to learn more about Macquarie’s outstanding degrees, scholarships, flexibility, support and world-class facilities.
http://www.mq.edu.au/about/events/view/school-leaver-information-evening/

Macquarie University Bridging Courses
Macquarie University has a number of bridging courses for students who need prior knowledge in a certain discipline before beginning their undergraduate degree.
Mathematics Bridging Course
Mon 9 Feb – Sat 21 Feb, 10.00am – 9.00pm
Chemistry Bridging Course
Mon 16 Feb – Fri 20 Feb, 9.30am – 3.30pm
Physics Bridging Course
Mon 16 Feb – Fri 20 Feb, 9.30am – 4.30pm

The University of Sydney Information Day 2015
Tue 6 January, 9.00am – 4.00pm, The University of Sydney, Camperdown/Darlington Campus
The University of Sydney Info Day provides prospective students with course advice and support for making final decisions regarding UAC preferences. There will be over 130 mini-lectures and talks, a variety of demonstrations, exhibitions and free entertainment.

UTS: ATAR Live Facebook Q and A
Thu 18 December, 11.00am – 4.00pm
The UTS Future Students Team will be online to answer any questions you may have about your UTS course options.
www.facebook.com/events/671372842962083/

UTS: New Diploma of Language
The Diploma in Languages is taken concurrently with any undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree program at UTS. The course gives students the opportunity to learn a language in addition to learning about the corresponding cultures and societies over six semesters (3 years part time).
http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/international-studies/study-areas/diploma-languages

UTS: Festival of Design and Architecture
Exhibitions are now open
A series of 12 shows, spread across 8 inner city venues, showcasing student work from UTS’s Faculty of Design, Architecture and Building.

UTS: New Diploma of Design and Architecture
Students who miss out on direct entry into design at UTS can study the new Diploma of Design & Architecture at UTS:INSEARCH. Students will receive 36 credit points towards their design degree.
http://www.insearch.edu.au/courses/design-and-architecture

UTS Info Day 2015
Tue 6 January, 9.00am – 4.00pm, UNSW Kensington Campus
Speak to staff and students about undergraduate programs and life on campus. Ipads will be available for anyone wishing to access the UAC website after discussing program options with academics and staff.
http://infoday.unsw.edu.au/

UNSW Campus Tours
UNSW Campus Tours are conducted by highly trained and experienced Student Ambassadors who can provide information about the ins and outs of studying at UNSW. Tours are conducted nearly every Friday throughout the year with tours in 2015 also being conducted at 10am on the first Saturday of each month.
http://infoday.unsw.edu.au/
ANU Walk in Wednesdays
Wednesdays, 12.00pm – 5.00pm, ANU Student Central
Ground Floor Building X-005, 121 Marcus Clarke St, ANU
November: 19, 26
December: 3, 10, 17
January: 7, 14, 21, 28
An opportunity to speak to an advisor regarding future
study opportunities at ANU.
http://students.anu.edu.au/_pdfs/140407_A4_flyer_general.pdf

ANU Advisory Days
Sydney: Thu 18 December 10am–2.00pm, Australian
National Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour, 2 Murray St,
Canberra: Fri 19 December, 10.00am – 2.00pm,
Australian National University, Melville Hall (Building 12)
An opportunity to speak to ANU Staff about tertiary study
options, student accommodation, exchange programs and
support services.
http://www.anu.edu.au/preference/

University of Sydney Launch New Scholarships to Find the
Next John Bradfield
Lend Lease and the University of Sydney have announced a
$700,000 scholarship fund to support Sydney's next
John Bradfield, designer of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. The $700,000 Lend Lease John Bradfield Scholarship
Fund will support undergraduate students studying the
development of cities, with a special emphasis on
encouraging women to study in these fields.
The first scholarship will be awarded in 2015, and will be
worth a minimum of $10,000 a year for the duration of a
student's degree.

University of Sydney January HSC Preparation Courses
University of Sydney offers HSC Preparation Courses
throughout the year for a range of subjects, including Biology, Mathematics, Economics, Physics, and more. A
number of courses will be held in January 2015.
http://cce.sydney.edu.au/courses/education/hsc

UNE New Courses in 2015
UNE have a number of new courses available to study in
2015, including the following:
- Bachelor of Education (In-Service Conversion)
- Bachelor of Educational Studies
- Bachelor of Health (Exit Award Only from the
  Bachelor of Medicine)
- Bachelor of Psychological Science (graduate entry
  pathway)
- Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Practice
- Master of Applied Leadership in Positive
  Education
- Master of Mental Health Practice
To view more new courses, as well as revised courses,
access the following:
http://www.une.edu.au/study/study-options/new-courses

ASK UNE
Ask UNE is an online knowledge base where prospective
students can search for information about anything to do
with UNE as well ask specific questions. Ask UNE can be
accessed by clicking on the – Answers 24/6 – button on
the UNE Future Students Facebook page.
https://www.facebook.com/UNEFutureStudents/timeline

UOW: Your ATAR Your Options
Friday 19 December, 3.30pm, Live on YouTube
An opportunity to speak to UOW staff and have questions
answered after ATARS have been received.

ACU Change of Preference Information Session
North Sydney and Strathfield Campuses: Tue 6 January,
9.00am – 2.00pm
An opportunity for students to enquire about their study
options after receiving theirATAR.

Make Your Mark: Information for Parents about University
Bridges to Higher Education has developed a flyer and
videos in a range of languages in response to key
questions raised by parents when considering higher
education for their child.
http://www.makeyourmark.edu.au/

OTHER NEWS
Social Media & Teens/ Working with it not against it.
The Resilience Centre 48 Oxford St Epping
Presenters Psychologists Frances Price & Hester Ng
Wed 26 Nov 7pm-8.30pm
Registration - www.theresiliencecentre.com.au
Phone – 9869 0377
Cost $20 early booking $25 on the night.

Life Hack: 10 Cover Letter Mistakes Anyone Could Have
Avoided
http://www.lifehack.org/articles/work/10-cover-letter-mistakes-anyone-could-have-avoided.html

The Muse: 6 Reasons You Didn't Get the Job (That No One
Will Ever Tell You)
https://www.themuse.com/advice/6-reasons-you-didnt-get-the-job-that-no-one-will-ever-tell-you

The Sorter Smartphone App
This free app is designed to give bite-sized advice to young
men about work, study, drugs, and more. The app is also a
pathway through to the mental health service
ReachOut.com for those who need it.
http://au.reachout.com/thesorter

Casual & Part Time Jobs
Now is the time to start searching for casual and part time
jobs that can complement tertiary studies or provide
money for a Gap Year.
Many retailers and fast food chains accept online
applications and expressions of interest.
Woolworths:
Many job opportunities and careers websites can be found
by googling a business name and the word "careers".
All of the information is emailed in good faith and it is the
responsibility of the reader to confirm all details with the
appropriate institution. Make sure you research any
relevant websites.
Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.
## SUMMER SPORTS RESULTS, ROUND 10

**Mr Peter Edwards, Sports Coordinator**

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**Hornsby Girls/Normanhurst Boys High School Dance**

At Hornsby Girls High School on **Friday 28 November from 6-9pm**, the SRC are hosting the Normanhurst Boys/Hornsby Girls Dance.

The theme will be 'black & white'.

Tickets will be on sale until Wednesday 26 November at the SRC kiosk for $5, and an additional $3 if you would like 2 slices of pizza on the night.

Students are required to have a signed permission note from their parent/carer, when they purchase their ticket.

Snacks and drinks will also be available on the night!

Permission notes are available from outside the Maths staffroom.
## CALENDAR

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<td>28 Wk A Year 7 Peer Support Program with Peer Support Leaders</td>
<td>29 Wk A Year 8, 9 and 10 students return Year 7 Transition Program Camp with Peer Support Leaders</td>
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Early Notice for Your Diaries!
The Children’s Bookshop, Beecroft.

Our Annual 15% Off Everything Shopping Evening, a free family Christmas Concert, an evening with Andrew Tink and More!

1. Come along for a Christmas Shopping Evening and peruse the books with a free champagne in your hands. Thursday Evening December 4th, 2014 Between 5-8.30pm.. And all books are 15% off!

And famous children’s author Anna Fienberg is joining as at 6pm for a special pyjama –time story-time where she will be reading her new Tashi instalment, *Tashi and the Wicked Magician* (and other stories)!

**1. A Massive Christmas Line Up at our Family Christmas Concert Afternoon on Saturday December 6th at 1-30pm.** Book early because this will be a great opportunity to enjoy a traditional Christmas Concert with stories, poetry readings and carols...

The Stars are out as we share the new book Once Upon a Christmas, a collection of short stories, poetry, illustrations and Christmas carols. Meet a team of famous contributors to this anthology- Ursula Dubosarsky, Juliet Marillier, Duncan Ball, Pamela Freeman, Libby Hathorn, Nette Hilton, Vashti Farrer, Sophie Masson, Stephanie Smee, Charlotte McConoaghy, Rebecca Fung, Ann Bell, Lisa Stewart, Beattie Alvarez...

3. Meet Andrew Tink as he shares his new book on Australian history... Join us for a champagne evening on Monday November 24th at 7-30pm.

Andrew Tink’s superb book tells the story of Australia in the twentieth century, from Federation to the Sydney 2000 Olympics. A century marked by the trauma of war and the despair of the depression, balanced by extraordinary achievements in sport, science and the arts. A country underpinned by a political system that worked most of the time and the emergence of a mainly harmonious society. Australians at the start of the century could hardly have imagined the prosperity enjoyed by their diverse countrymen and women one hundred years later. Tink’s story is driven by people, whether they be prime ministers, soldiers, shop-keepers, singers, footballers or farmers; a mix of men or women, Australian-born, immigrants and Aborigines. He brings the decades to life, writing with empathy, humour and insight to create a narrative that is as entertaining as it is illuminating.

Andrew Tink has served as shadow Attorney-General and shadow Leader of the House in New South Wales Parliament. His first book won the CAL Waverley Library Award for Literature (‘The Nib’) in 2010.

RSVP The Children’s Bookshop, 6 Hannah Street, Beecroft, 9481 8811, staff@thechildrensbookshop.com.au

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Canteen Volunteers 2014 Christmas Party Invitation:

To all our wonderful canteen volunteers, we would like to thank you for the time and effort given in running a fun and efficient canteen this year. Please join us on

Tuesday, 2 December at 7.00pm

At The Tung Tong Roong Thai Restaurant,
1A Hillcrest Road, Pennant Hills.

It will be a banquet, however if you wish to order individually you can (in either case, the Canteen will subsidise your meal by $10).

Please RSVP the canteen on 9489 4122 or see Jo /Keralie by Thursday, 27 November.