Thank you to parents and students: Last Saturday morning we held our term 4 grounds day. There was a great turn out and we got an enormous amount of work done. In addition to the front of school crew we also spent a great deal of time and energy reclaiming the large garden bed below science and music. During my first ever walk around the school at the beginning of last year this area drew my eyes and raised an eyebrow. It was a space that was almost completely overgrown with weeds including tonnes of spiderwort and some lantana. While I am in favour of creating ecosystems which create spaces for native lizards and birds to shelter I am also conscious of the need to keep our boys away from some of the less friendly wildlife inhabitants. Some of our boys are a little too urban to have been given the lecture about the dangers of picking up “moving sticks”.

The volume of weeds collecting was staggering and a tribute to the way the group worked for hours to first clear the area and then to lug it down to the bin area. Thank you all so very much. I hope you all come back again. I promise not to work you as hard next time.

Now that the bed near science has been cleared I have been able to buy some plants to fill the void. If there are any parents who are willing and able to spend a few hours digging holes for some 280 clivia that I will be collecting on Tuesday please let me know.


And to the big group of boys as well: Aaron Kao Alex Loustau Amethan Thevathasan Anish Theertham Brandon Velleley Declan McDonnell Edward Wu Ian Thorvaldsen Jack Naylor Jash Vanjara Jed Crouch Jethro Yuen Lachy Berry Logan Adams Maanas Kalasabail Matthew Wang Natiq Islam Parthraj Sarvaiya Patrick Adjji Richard Chen Sahil Arora Sanjay Balakumar Sean Aguilar Thomas Tang William Rushby

Prefects organised ‘Sleepout’: The Prefects are in the process of organising this great awareness raiser. It is scheduled to run from 6.00 p.m. on Friday December 4, (Week 9) and end the next day at 10.00 a.m. Saturday December 5. It is a whole school event and any student, from Years 7 to 12, may attend.

This annual ‘Sleepout’ is inspired by the concept created by the Youth Off the Streets Foundation, chaired by Father Chris Riley. Each year, the foundation encourages schools around Australia to participate in the Sleepout, helping to raise awareness of the needs of children who have been subjected to abuse, while promoting the values and behaviours that bring the safety and security that homeless and abused children so desperately need. Participation can also build a sense of camaraderie and community amongst students. For this reason, the whole school is invited to attend.
Congratulations to Sanjay Balakumar, who attended the NSW Schools Constitutional Convention at NSW Parliament on Monday 10 November. Sanjay’s performance was impressive and he has now been selected to participate in the National Schools Constitutional Convention in Canberra from 16 - 18 March 2016. This event is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training and organised by the National Curriculum Services. They will be organising the program, transport and accommodation for Sanjay and all the other students from Sydney Metropolitan Schools. Thank you also to Mr Cusick and Ms Rahman for their support of this program.

White Ribbon Day and condemnation of domestic violence:

Congratulations to the Prefects who organised a highly successful afternoon tea to promote awareness of this very important issue in society. The boys invited the student leaders from schools in the Northern suburbs to attend and to listen to guest speakers from the Hornsby Women’s Shelter and from the police. Domestic violence is something which runs completely contrary to everything the boys are taught within our community and it was great to see them take up the challenge of standing up as leaders in repudiation of this societal issue. I am sure the prefects will provide far more detail about the cause and the event in their regular newsletter item.

P&C NEWS

Mr Sade Kalasabail, P&C President

A MEGA thanks to all the parents and the students who helped during the last grounds day on 7 November and a special thanks to Mr Mark Anderson who was also very involved in the task.

There was a fantastic turn out of over 80 parents & students & grandparents too and we completed a tremendous amount of work around the grounds which surpassed our expectations. The day was meant to end at 11.30, yet, due to the immense group of 50 that was present (including the Normo prefects), work around the school, especially near the science block continued till 12.30 and they had to literally be dragged away from the grounds!

I was told that some of the staff members were shocked to see the place so tidy on Monday – exhibiting the great team work that was involved. All those involved must be congratulated.

At the P&C AGM held on Tuesday 10 November the following members were elected as P&C Executive for 2015-16.

- President: Sade Kalasabail
- Vice-President: Praveen Aranha /Ros Horsburgh
- Secretary: Deepti Biswas
- Treasurer: Helmut Hiebl
- Canteen Coordinator: Bindi Shah
- Functions Coordinator: Ashish Ghokkar /Ian Frank
- Grounds Coordinator: Denis Peadon /Julie Crouch
- Fundraising Committee: Denise Pivetta
- Executive Members: Sam Tan /Deva Siva

Mr Francis Fok will be helping with the Entertainment Books and Mr Jonathan Sanders has kindly agreed to guide us for the grounds days next year too. I would like to congratulate the above members and thank them for sacrificing their personal time and volunteering to serve the school and the P&C, striving to enrich the learning experience for both the boys and staff.

Please welcome our NBHS P&C Executive for 2015-16 and support them in the various activities which are conducted throughout the year.

Our next P&C meeting (and the last one for this term) is on Tuesday 8 December 2015 at 7.30pm (finish by 9.00 pm) in the school library. All are welcome.

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

PREFECTS’ WHITE RIBBON DAY AFTERNOON TEA

The Prefects

White Ribbon Day is Australia’s only national, male led campaign to end men’s violence against women, with a vision that, “All women live in safety free from all forms of men’s violence”.

In light of this issue the Prefects hosted a White Ribbon Day Afternoon Tea at Normanhurst. The day at Normanhurst raised student awareness of White Ribbon Day and its cause. Students were given White Ribbons to wear. Dorothy Babb of the Kuringai-Hornsby Women’s Shelter addressed guests highlighting the plight of women as a result of domestic violence. Supt. Merryweather who is vocal in the community about the issue of domestic violence discussed with guests openly the importance of this issue. Following the presentation an open discussion was held where questions of importance to
students were raised. The afternoon tea was successful in raising funds and awareness for the national campaign.

The prefects of Normanhurst commend schools across the area who attended and expressed their interest in tackling the prevalent issue in our modern society. We look forward to working with other schools and leadership bodies in the future.

The Prefects of Normanhurst firmly believe in the cause of White Ribbon Day; that is Australia’s campaign to prevent men’s violence against women. The Prefects look forward to promoting this cause throughout our tenure.

DEBORAH CHEETHAM VISIT
Anthony Yap, Year 9

Over the past few weeks, Year 9 Visual Design and Music classes have studied aboriginal artworks in anticipation for next year’s performance at the opera house of Deborah Cheetham’s opera, ‘Pecan Summer’. The opera is about the Yorta Yorta people and deals with both their historic walk out in 1939 and with the stolen generation. In Visual Design, we studied the opera and the Yorta Yorta artworks to learn more about the Aboriginal people, learning about their experiences through their artworks and from the opera. Both Year 9 Visual Design classes created mood boards which used inspiration from studying the culture and beliefs of the people. Our mood board consisted of artworks which were grouped together on a board that was decorated with aboriginal patterns.

In music, Year 9 have started to study the Pecan Summer opera. We have watched the opening scene and explored how different dynamics, tonalities and performing media can affect the mood of the audience.

Recently, Deborah Cheetham herself came to Normanhurst to see the Pecan Summer inspired work Visual Design had produced. Many Year 9 Visual Design students were keen to see the person behind the opera and meeting her was a great experience. We were all inspired by her great advice and it was nice to know that she herself was ‘inspired’ from our artworks! Overall, it was an interesting and fun experience and I’m sure we all learnt something valuable from this.

OLD NORMOS
Ms Margaret Johnson, Head Teacher Administration

Chatwin Lee - Class of 2011

Finishing high school at Normanhurst Boys High School, I enrolled into the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery course at the University of Western Sydney. I spent the first two years living on campus in Campbelltown, learning the basics on how the body functions and problems that can go wrong with it. Once a week, I would follow a doctor in the hospital and learn how to interact and look after patients. There is also a weekly lesson where we learn about a fictional patient with an illness. As a small group, we must diagnose and treat the patient after a week of self-study. People think of the tutorial like an episode of ‘House’.

The next two years have been a fully immersed experience in the hospital, following medical and surgical teams as they treat various patients. This year, I have been following the paediatric (children), oncology (cancer), psychiatric (mental health) and obstetrics and gynaecology teams. I was even lucky enough to have been given the privilege to deliver a baby under supervision! Having just finished my exams, I am going to fly to Hong Kong to complete my overseas elective placement working in the Emergency Department.

Something I have learnt from Medicine is that the profession is more of an art than a science. There is more to treating a patient with an illness than just knowledge learnt from a textbook. There is the organic human interaction and empathy that is crucial towards caring for your patients. I strongly believe that Normanhurst’s view on a holistic education strongly shaped my personality into a more competent medical student. The ability to connect to people is important in any career that you may choose in the future and I believe it is something that can be learnt here at Normanhurst Boys High School.

CAREERS NEWS
Mrs K 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.nbhs-careers.com
We also have additional information including a comprehensive calendar on the MhsCareers website www.mhscareers.net

User name: nbhs - Password: careers

There is no new Careers News this week as Ms Woodhams is absent. Please check the above websites and individual University and College websites for further information.
### SUMMER SPORTS RESULTS, ROUND 10

**Mr Peter Edwards, Sports Coordinator**

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### CANTEEN COMMITTEE

**Bindi Shah**

The Canteen Committee is pleased to announce that the canteen will be trialling the provision of free sauce with meal purchased until end of term 4 2015. Extra sauce will have to be paid for.
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STOP the supply of alcohol to minors.

You’re a parent, not a mate.

Supplying alcohol to minors is against the law.

Secondary Supply of alcohol to a person under 18 years is against the law and results in a minimum on the spot fine of $1,100 or fine of up to $11,000 and/or 12 months imprisonment. NSW Liquor Act 2007

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*Unless you are the parent or guardian