



# Normanhurst News



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Term 4 Week 6

21 November 2018

DATE	EVENT
Fridays	Swimming 9.30 a.m. 2B, 2I, 2M / 10.15 a.m. 3M, 3P / 11.00 a.m. 3/4W, 4G 11.45 a.m. 5S, 5M / 12.30 p.m. 6M, 6D
Wednesday 28 - 30 November	Milson Island Camp – Yrs 5 & 6

NOTES SENT HOME	
Friday 16 November	Loreto Normanhurst Pantomime – Kindergarten and Years 1 and 2
Tuesday 20 November	Sydney Basket Brigade and Secret Santa – Years 5 and 6

## Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Leave**  
This week I am writing my newsletter report from home as I am quite unwell with pneumonia and am on strict doctor's orders to rest. I hope to be back on board during next week. In the meantime, I am very fortunate to have a great team of Assistant Principals in Mr Sheridan (Stage 3), Ms Williams (Stage 2) and Ms Tilney (Early Stage 1 and Stage 1). Please contact the relevant Assistant Principal should you have an enquiry as I will not be able to check or respond to emails or return calls. Thank you for your understanding while I recover.

## Thank You Morning Tea

I am disappointed not to be able to attend the Thank You Morning Tea today but would like to express my gratitude to all of you for the many and varied ways you support our school throughout the year.

## Chess Tournament

Last week our annual Normanhurst PS Chess Tournament was held. It was great to see so many students involved and all students competed well. Thank you to Ms Spender who coordinated the tournament with the Sydney Academy of Chess. The final results were:

Overall places: 1<sup>st</sup> – Ameek J; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Joey L; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Daniel S

Top scorers: Years 1-2 – Cameron N; Years 3-4 – Darvan T; Years 5-6 – Luke R



## Normanhurst Boys High School Visit

Last Thursday morning students from Normanhurst Boys High School came to visit our school. English students read children's books with our Kindergarten students that they had written and illustrated themselves whilst drama students performed a circus show for our Years 3-6 students. Both programs were very much enjoyed by our students!



## St Stephens pre-school visit

Last Wednesday morning Ms Tilney and I visited St Stephens pre-school as part of our transition to school process. Thank you to the staff at St Stephens for making us feel so welcome and for sharing information that will support a smooth transition for students. Our Kindergarten Transition program has now concluded. We will be posting information regarding Best Start Interview times and other start of school details to 2019 Kindergarten parents later this term.

## Positive Behaviour for Learning

During this fortnight all classes are revising expectations for using the school toilets and how our three values relate to this setting. The Week 5 recipients of our PBL draw were Olivia P and Eleanor S.

## Merit Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit certificate at last week's assembly:

### **For Being Responsible**

Alison L	KT	Ashton K	1K	Matthew H	2M	Juliet E	: Music
Yolanda Y	KR	Megan S	1G	Zoe P	2I		
Abdullah F	K/1V	Pirthika T	1/2B	Gordon G	Library		



### *For Being Respectful*

Natalie T	KT	Adele P	1K	Hayley L	2M	Caroline S	: Music
Annabella P	KR	Zacharias Z	1G	Jackson W	2I		
Cameron M	K/1V	Hossein J	1/2B	Oliver S	Library		

### *For Striving for Success*

Harrison P	KT	Riley L	1K	Elijah W	2M	Ruby G	: Music
Sophia W	KR	Eden M	1G	Samika A	2I		
Emma K	K/1V	Nico I	1/2B	Olivia P	Library		

Kind regards,

Amber Gorrell  
**Principal**

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## Obstacle-a-thon

A fantastic Friday was had by all last week at the Obstacle-a-thon! All students had a great time navigating the course! Thank you to event coordinator Emma Veale and her wonderful volunteers for organising the obstacle and fundraising for the event. The time given by all parent volunteers is most appreciated, as are all the families who donated funds!

Jocelyn Williams  
**Assistant Principal**



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## Band Showcase Evening

Last Friday night I had the pleasure of attending the Showcase Evening for our school bands. The performances were extremely impressive, highlighting the extensive progress they have made throughout 2018. I especially enjoyed seeing the Year 6 soloists perform, hearing the improvements the Training Band has made and listening to the movie themes played by the Intermediate Band and Concert Band. I would like to say a big thank you to all the Band Committee members and Conductors for all their work making this such a fantastic band program.

Jocelyn Williams  
**Assistant Principal**



## Normo's Got Talent

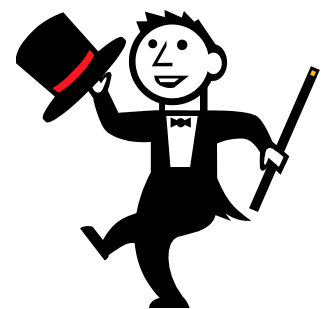
This year Normanhurst Public School will be holding its annual Talent Quest on **Tuesday, 18 December 2018**. Our students here are all very talented and to ensure as many items as possible can be scheduled, we need to organise in advance. We ask that students all adhere to the **3 minute maximum** for their item and **one item only per person**. (Note: students may appear in a *maximum* of 2 if one is a solo and one is a group item.) A separate form must be submitted for each item.

Students need to provide their own music on a CD clearly labelled with their name and track. It will need to be collected after the performance. All props and costumes are the responsibility of the performers. Please indicate if a microphone is required.

It is a requirement that all entrants complete an entry form (available from the office) and submit it to Mrs Grimmond **no later than Friday, 7 December**.

Mufti may be worn on Talent Quest Day and students may like to bring a cushion or pillow to sit on in the hall. Please note: This is a show-case day, not a competition. All entrants will receive a participation certificate.

Linda Grimmond  
Teacher



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## ART at Normanhurst Public School



Education



Several of our students submitted artwork for possible inclusion in the **Calendar for Cultural Diversity 2019**. We are very excited to announce that Gemma M. in Year 1 has been successful in having her artwork “Light Up Freddy” (pictured) selected for inclusion in a new NSW Department of Education “online art gallery” as part of this initiative. The online art gallery will be featured on the Department of Education website and will showcase a range of artworks from primary and secondary students. It is anticipated that the new online gallery will be operational early in the new year. Please join us in congratulating Gemma!

Kate Clarke Brisot  
**Teacher**

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## NPS Chess Champions

Congratulations to all twenty-seven students who participated in our annual school chess tournament last Wednesday. Students from Year One to Year Six competed against each other in a seven-round competition. Our final placings came down to the final game and all players demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout the competition.

The final placings and trophy winners were 1<sup>st</sup> place Ameer J., 2<sup>nd</sup> place Joey L. and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Daniel S. The following students were awarded medals for achieving the highest score in their grade after our trophy winners: Luke R., Darvan T. and Cameron N. All players received a Sydney Academy of Chess participation certificate at the end of the tournament and are to be commended for their effort and attitude throughout the tournament.

Carolyn Spender  
**Chess Club Co-ordinator**

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## Library News

### Library Stocktake

In Week Nine the library will be closed for stocktake. Next week, will be the last week students will be able to borrow books from the library for this year. Please return all outstanding loans to the library as soon as possible. Thank you.

Carolyn Spender  
**Teacher Librarian**



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## Peer Support

In this week's Peer Support session the children will be looking at rights, how we as individuals have rights and so do other people. Activities will remind students that although they may find themselves in difficult or awkward positions, they still need to remember to do the right thing.

You might like to discuss with your child a situation that was potentially difficult or awkward and explain the decision you made and why it was the right thing to do.

Peer Support this week will be held on Friday.

Kind regards,

Stephen Sheridan  
**Assistant Principal**

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## Lost Property

We are starting to grow a large collection of drink bottles and containers without names. Please visit the office if you recognise any of the items pictured.

Thank you.

**Office Staff**



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## P&C News

16 November 2018 | Obstacle-a-thon



[www.npsandc.com](http://www.npsandc.com)



<http://www.facebook.com/NormanhurstPublicPC>

Over the last couple of weeks we have had a great number of suggestions from our community, staff and committee that will be discussed and prioritised at our upcoming P&C meeting on **Monday 3 December at 7.30 p.m.**

*Be Responsible. Be Respectful. Strive for Success.*

This list includes items such as providing more smartboards, support items in classrooms, funding for landscaping areas of our playground, hand dryers for the bathrooms, fans/airconditioning for the school hall, resurfacing of the top oval, soccer nets just to name a few.

The following motions have been put forward for voting at the upcoming meeting:

- 1. That the P&C agree to fund robotics and/or coding equipment to the value of \$10,000. This item has been raised by the staff as an item they would like to see introduced into the regular curriculum starting in 2019.**
- 2. That the P&C adopt a budget for expenditure for the 2019 calendar year.**
- 3. That the P&C agree to a short and long term priority list for our budget to be allocated towards.**
- 4. That the P&C agree to a grounds maintenance funding allocation and implement a strategy to improve volunteer rates at working bees.**
- 5. That the P&C collaborate with the school to implement an advertising strategy for sponsorship by local businesses for fundraising events at our school.**

**Please come and be a part of our discussion.** If you haven't attended a P&C meeting before, please pay your \$2 to the box in the school office prior to our meeting to be financial to vote. Nominations for our secretary and uniform shop auxiliary committee are still open.

Our new committee look forward to meeting you.

Melissa Logan  
**P&C President**

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## Canteen News

### Canteen Volunteer Vacancies

Calling out for your help please... Do you have a spare hour (or two) on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday??? You don't need to be a Chef... if you can chop a carrot / count / smile or pass a pack of chips, we would love YOU to help us please! We appreciate any time you can give. The Canteen cannot be successfully run without Parent help.

Vacant timeslots left to fill (over the next two weeks) are:

- Thursday 22 November - 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.
- Thursday 22 November - 11.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.
- Wednesday 28 November - 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.
- Wednesday 28 November - 11.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.
- Thursday 29 November - 11.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.
- Friday 30 November - 11.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.

You can find these rosters at [www.school24.net.au](http://www.school24.net.au) (using your regular sign-in.) Don't forget you will also receive a coffee voucher to say "Thank you" for your time. If these times don't suit, but you are available at other times, please let us know, we can work something out.

As your new Canteen Co-ordinator please contact me with anything/feedback you wish to share about the Canteen experience, my email is [canteencommittee@npsandc.com](mailto:canteencommittee@npsandc.com)

I look forward to hearing from you.

Cheers,

Bonita Chan  
**Canteen Coordinator**

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## P&C Social and Fundraising

### Obstacle-a-thon wrap-up

Thank you to all those who donated so generously. Whilst some funds are still trickling in, I can happily report our Obstacle-a-thon this year has made a profit of over \$6K.

Congratulations to Lachlan M (1K) - our highest fundraising individual. He is the lucky recipient of the Sydney Wet n Wild ticket. And the class who raised the most collectively was 3M! They will be receiving an in-school Class Party in the coming weeks.

Thank you to Ms Williams for coordinating the class roster and ensuring our event ran smoothly and effortlessly. Thank you to my parent helpers who assisted on the day Davina K, Heather K, Fiona M & Lisa M. And like with all our P&C run events and fundraisers I'm very grateful for the support of our helpful office staff and Ms Gorrell.



### The tea towels are coming!

Last term all our children and staff members contributed their drawings and our tea towels are currently being personally designed and printed. I am so excited about this project - I have seen the drafts and they are going to make fabulous Christmas gifts for your loved ones. Soon you will receive your order form. We will only be selling a limited amount of tea towels, so it is first in first served. Orders will close 30 November.

Emma Veale

[emmav77@optusnet.com.au](mailto:emmav77@optusnet.com.au)

0410 440 664

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## NPS Band News

### Term 4 Parent Band Roster for Week 6:

Wednesday 21 Nov	Intermediate Band	7.20 – 8.40	Annie Zagninski
Thursday 22 Nov	Concert Band	7.20 – 8.40	Jacqui Kemmis-Riggs
Thursday 22 Nov	Training Band	12.50 – 2.00	Paul Harvey
Friday 23 Nov	Intermediate Band	12.50 – 2.00	Jenni Hanlon





**TERM 4 WORKING BEE**  
**SATURDAY 24 NOVEMBER**  
**2PM to 5PM**

Our FINAL working bee for the year is less than 2 weeks away and Team Waratah is in the spotlight!

There will be “jobs” for kids.

There will be “jobs” for green fingered people.

There will be “jobs” for practical non-green fingered people (possibly requiring power tools).

**EVEN BETTER:** We will have food and drinks too!

Please come along if you can spare half an hour to prep our school grounds for the summer growth to come.

Kriena Thorp  
Grounds Coordinator  
0405 822 816



**Would you like your children to learn Spanish?**

We are assessing the possibility of offering Spanish lessons before or after school at Normanhurst Public School starting in Term 1 of 2019. If you would like your child to attend, please send your expression of interest to Ms. Kyra at [spanishconnectaustralia@gmail.com](mailto:spanishconnectaustralia@gmail.com).



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## Kids Club Term 4 2018

19- Oct

Minute to win it

26-Oct

2-Nov

Asteroids

9-Nov

23-Nov

30- Nov

Water Games

7-Dec

Kid's Choice

14- Dec

Christmas Party

3:30-6:00 Friday Afternoons during term, \$3  
Normanhurst Uniting Church, 2 Buckingham Ave, Normanhurst  
For more information contact  
Ruth Simpson simps.ruth@gmail.com

## Service of Remembrance for families whose children have died or are missing

This service, open to families (and friends) who've lost a child (of any age), seeks to ease that pain a little by offering a means of acknowledging and remembering a deeply loved and missed family member.

**Tuesday 4 December 7:30pm**

**St Matthews Anglican Church**

cnr New Line and Castle Hill Roads West Pennant Hills

With a brief message from Rev Geoff Deutscher.

During the service those present are invited to place a flower at the front of the church, in memory of the child who has died, or is missing. If you'd like to bring your own flower, please do. Flowers will also be available.

Several denominations will be represented. Everyone is welcome to stay for supper following the service.



Enquiries 9479 3700





# WAITARA KIDS CLUB

**Holiday Program**  
**22-25 January 2019**

**Tuesday – Friday**  
**9am-12pm**

**Level 2, Waitara PCYC**  
**Cost: \$75 full week**  
**Day rate also available**



# CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

**5-6PM**  
**FOX VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**





# Join us

at St John's Uniting Church Wahroonga  
Corner of Coonanbarra Rd and Stuart St Wahroonga

Sunday | 16<sup>th</sup> December | 8PM

A Service of Lessons and Carols

*featuring:*

- the Choir of St John's
- the Hummy Mummies Choir

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St John's Uniting Church  
[stjohnswahroonga.org](http://stjohnswahroonga.org)



Amanda Chong

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# Kids CHRISTMAS PARTY

Children\*  
M \$18 / G \$15  
\*AGES 3-12 YEARS

SUNDAY 2 DEC | 2.30PM

Be astounded and wowed by the Magic of Joey Presto, Master Magician. And, direct from the North Pole, Santa will make a welcome appearance with gifts for the kids. Bookings essential.

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## SUMMER READING CLUB LAUNCH

Followed by *The Gigalees* and their Crazy Comedy Show!

Give your children incentive to read over the holidays and the opportunity to win great prizes by signing them up for the Summer Reading Club. A child's library card is essential to join the Club and attend the show.

Club Registration with child's library card will open from 4:30pm.

Come early so you don't miss our great show.

**Hornsby Library**

**Thursday 6 December,**

Ages: 0-14 year olds

Registration: 4.30pm

Show: 5.30pm

Cost: Free for all Summer Reading Club members.

No bookings required.

## GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING WORKSHOP

Bring the whole family and be guided in making a wonderful Gingerbread House for the Christmas table. The cost includes all the materials needed such as house, icing, lollies, silver foil, board and cellophane for wrapping. Great Christmas fun for the whole family.

**Hornsby Library**

**Wednesday 5 December, 6.30pm-8pm**

**Pennant Hills Community Centre**

**Saturday 8 December, 2.30pm-4pm**

Cost: \$35.00 per family.

Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Bookings essential. Book online at [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library](http://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library)

## SANTA CLAUS SUPERSTAR CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

Santa Claus Superstar is a delightful comedy which will thrill its young audiences.

Now that Santa has a magic cape he can make all of the toys by himself. Poor old Rudolf and the elves have their world turned upside down – they're out of a job! The scheming Daredevil Dan and Grumpy Gran plot to steal the cape, and its high adventure with the children involved every step of the way. Featuring the gorgeous *Music Box Dancer*, the *Jolly Green Christmas Tree*, *Drummer Boy*, *Jack in the Box*, *Harlequin*, and many more surprises.

**Hornsby Library**

**Tuesday 18 December, 11.30am**

**Berowra**

**Community Centre**

**Friday 21 December, 10.30am**

**Pennant Hills**

**Community Centre**

**Thursday 20 December, 10.30am**

Ages: 2-7 year olds. Parents and children under 2 years accompanying a paying sibling do not require payment. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost: \$8.00 per child

## FEATURE CREATURES - REPTILE SHOWS

Be fascinated by this interactive and educational wildlife event where you will be able to get close to frogs, snakes and crocodiles.

**Hornsby Library**

**Tuesday 15 January, 10.30am-11.30am**

**Pennant Hills**

**Learning & Leisure Centre**

**Wednesday 16 January, 10.30am-11.30am**

**Berowra**

**Community Centre**

**Thursday 17 January, 10.30am-11.30am**

Ages: 5-12 year olds

Cost: \$10.00 per child







## Normanhurst Public School Term 4 Calendar - 2018

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>WEEK 1</b>	15 OCT	16 OCT	17 OCT	18 OCT	Swimming Commences 19 OCT	20 OCT	21 OCT
<b>WEEK 2</b>	BAND AGM 8.00 P.M. 22 OCT	23 OCT	School Tour 9.15 a.m. 24 OCT	K-2 ASSEMBLY 25 OCT	Swimming Day BANDANA DAY Staff Appreciation Dinner 7.00 p.m. 26 OCT	27 OCT	28 OCT
<b>WEEK 3</b>	P&C Meeting 7.30 p.m. AGM 29 OCT	STAGE 2 SCIENCE INCURSION (IN HALL ALL DAY) 30 OCT	SRC Meeting 31 OCT	3-6 ASSEMBLY MUSIC COUNT US IN Band Info Night 1 NOV	Swimming Day 2 NOV	3 NOV	4 NOV
<b>WEEK 4</b>	5 NOV	YEAR 2 EXCURSION SCHOOL HOUSE 6 NOV	YEAR 1 EXCURSION SCHOOL HOUSE 7 NOV	K-6 ASSEMBLY KINDY 2019 TRANSITION MORNING 9.15-11 A.M. 8 NOV	Swimming Day 9 NOV	10 NOV	11 NOV
<b>WEEK 5</b>	12 NOV	KINDY 2019 TRANSITION MORNING 9.15-11 A.M. 13 NOV	SCHOOL CHESS TOURNAMENT 14 NOV	K-2 ASSEMBLY NORMANHURST BOYS HIGH SCHOOL VISIT 15 NOV	Swimming Day Obstacle-A-thon Band Showcase 16 NOV	17 NOV	BAND MOVIE FUNDRAISER – HORNSBY 18 NOV
<b>WEEK 6</b>	KINDY 2019 TRANSITION MORNING 9.15-11 A.M. 19 NOV	STAGE 2 INCURSION: LESSONS AFLOAT 20 NOV	STAGE 3 INTERRELATE THANK YOU MORNING TEA 21 NOV	3-6 ASSEMBLY STAGE 3 INTERRELATE 22 NOV	Swimming Day 23 NOV	Working Bee WARATAH 2 – 5 p.m. 24 NOV	25 NOV
<b>WEEK 7</b>	LEADER SPEECHES GIRLS KT, KR, K/1V PANTOMIME 26 NOV	LEADER SPEECHES BOYS 27 NOV	STAGE 3 CAMP 28 NOV	NO ASSEMBLY STAGE 3 CAMP 29 NOV	No Swimming STAGE 3 CAMP 1G/1K/1B PANTOMIME 30 NOV	1 DEC	2 DEC
<b>WEEK 8</b>	STAGE 3 INTERRELATE P&C MEETING 7.30PM 3 DEC	2B/2I/2M PANTOMIME 4 DEC	School Tour 9.15 a.m. 5 DEC	NO ASSEMBLY YEAR 6 MINI-FETE 6 DEC	Swimming Day 7 DEC	8 DEC	9 DEC
<b>WEEK 9</b>	10 DEC	CAROLS NIGHT 11 DEC	XMAS SCRIPTURE SERVICE 12 DEC	PRESENTATION DAY 13 DEC	Last week of Swimming BAND BREAKFAST 14 DEC	15 DEC	16 DEC
<b>WEEK 10</b>	YEAR 6 FAREWELL Reports home to parents 17 DEC	TALENT QUEST 18 DEC	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS 19 DEC	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY 20 DEC	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY 21 DEC	22 DEC	23 DEC