

Normanhurst News

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Term 4 Week 10

19 **December** 2018

DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 30 January 2019	Year 1 – 6 Students commence
Friday 1 February 2019	Kindergarten students commence

Principal's Report

Year 6 Farewell

A wonderful night was had on Monday at the Year 6 farewell, the official function to acknowledge our graduating students. After dinner and dancing, each student was presented with their graduation certificate, Year 6 photo and year book. We also acknowledged families who are finishing their time at Normanhurst with their youngest child in Year 6. Thank you to the amazing organising committee of dedicated parents and to Mr Sheridan, Ms De Palo and Ms Moore for all of their work to create such a special night for the students. Goodbye and good luck Year 6 2018 – we will miss you!











Reflections on 2018

2018 has been another successful year at Normanhurst Public School and has seen many achievements in relation to our 2018-2020 School Plan. These include:

- The expansion of the 'What's the Buzz?' social skills program. This program, led by our Learning & Support Teacher Ms Duncan, targets students who may need additional support with social skills and takes them through a series of lessons focused on responding to various common social scenarios.
- The commencement of the implementation of Visible Learning, with our school partnering with Corwin for professional learning in this area. Teachers are programming with Learning Intentions and using Success Criteria for tasks such that students are clear on what they are learning and how they know when they have achieved set outcomes. We have also started professional learning on assessment and feedback within this project and this term teachers completed Instructional Rounds in stage groups based on areas such as teacher feedback and peer feedback.
- The implementation of Phase 2 of the Positive Behaviour for Learning program, focused on classrooms. This phase has included aspects such as having clear and consistent expectations in each classroom, explicitly teaching these expectations, and developing a school-wide flowchart as to how to address incidents of inappropriate behaviour so that they are dealt with in a fair and consistent manner. As part of PBL, data from playground and classroom settings is recorded and analysed each term to ensure as a staff we can develop pro-active solutions to problem areas.
- The implementation of whole-school evidence-based teaching programs in English ('Soundwaves' Spelling program and 'Seven Steps to Writing Success' program) with associated professional learning for teachers and whole-school scope and sequences to ensure all concepts of the syllabus are covered throughout K-6.
- The development and implementation of a whole-school scope and sequence for Mathematics that utilises pre- and post-testing to ensure any learning gaps for students are identified and addressed promptly.
- Professional learning across our NorthSEA Community of Schools including an 'English through Drama' joint project with Asquith PS completed by Ms Grimmond and Ms Patel, a growth mindset workshop led by Dan Haesler and attended by all teaching staff, a Beginning Teacher Network attended by two of our teachers and an Aspiring Leader Network attended by three of our teachers.
- A Parent Forum in relation to the School Plan to ensure our whole school community had the opportunity to be informed regarding key projects.
- A parent workshop on 'Resilience' led by NSW Health.
- A trial of flexible learning spaces in Stage 3 classrooms, with the purchase of furniture to facilitate flexible seating and innovative approaches to instruction.
- The transition of our school website to a new platform
- The implementation of new procedures for our Student Representative Council to ensure ease of enabling student voice in relevant school decisions
- The continuation of our Enrichment program to extend identified students
- The continuation of our Mathematics Mentoring program with Normanhurst Boys High School
- The continuation of our Numeracy Support Program, with the school funding a day each week for Ms Duncan to lead this program.
- The continued implementation of the Targeting Early Numeracy (TEN) Program across K-2 and for selected students in 3-6 to ensure the development of basic numeracy skills at an individualised level for each student
- The completion of whole-school External Validation, with an external panel reviewing evidence as to where our school sits on the School Excellence Framework

Congratulations Gemma

I am thrilled to share the very exciting news that the artwork Gemma M entered into the competition for the Calendar for Cultural Diversity was selected to be published! This is an amazing achievement as entries are received from across New South Wales. Copies of this calendar are distributed to all NSW public schools to be hung in classrooms, so Gemma's artwork will have a very wide audience! Thank you to Ms Brisot for coordinating the entries in this competition.

2019 Student Leaders

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our Presentation Day assemblies to see their children receive awards. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the

achievements of many of our students this year and the Concert Band and Choirs performed brilliantly. The 2018 student leaders did an excellent job leading the assemblies. At our Presentation Day, our 2019 student leaders were announced. Congratulations to:

School Captains: Ashleigh D and Louis M

Vice Captains: Lia T and John Y

Prefects: Zoe H, Cassidy M, Harry S and Liam T

Other student leadership positions will be elected and organised at the start of the 2019 school year.

Obstacle-a-thon Highest Fundraisers' Lunch

Last Friday the highest fundraisers from each year level for the Obstacle-a-thon, held earlier this term, were invited to a special lunch with me to acknowledge their efforts. We had a wonderful time and enjoyed the treats provided. Special congratulations to Lachlan M who was the highest fundraiser of all students and was presented with a certificate and Wet 'n' Wild voucher at the lunch. Thank you to Emma Veale for coordinating the Obstacle-a-thon, prizes and lunch.



Talent Quest

Well done to all of the students who performed acts as part of our annual Talent Quest yesterday. Thank you to Ms Grimmond for coordinating this event. The

teachers also presented an act we have been rehearsing over the last few weeks to get into the spirit! We hope the students enjoyed our dance moves as we had a lot of fun performing them.





Student Reports

Student reports were sent home in sealed envelopes on Monday. Please read your child's report in conjunction with the Achievement and Effort level descriptions provided. A 'Sound' achievement level denotes that a student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills; whilst a 'Sound' effort level denotes that a student has applied themselves satisfactorily throughout the semester. Please retain the report in a safe place as we are not always able to re-print reports at short notice. If you have any questions regarding your child's report, please see their class teacher.

2019 Beginning of Year arrangements

It is anticipated that students will remain in 2018 classes when they return such that we can ascertain our exact student numbers. We will form 2019 classes as soon as possible in the first week of school. 2019 Kindergarten students have their Best Start Interviews on Wednesday 30 January and Thursday 31 January and commence normal classes on Friday 1 February. Students in Years 1-6 will commence on Wednesday 30 January.

Happy Holidays

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and an enjoyable break. The students have worked really hard this year and have earned a good rest! Thank you for the support you have provided throughout 2018.

Kind regards,

Amber Gorrell

Principal

Year 6 Farewell

Year 6 Farewell 'Bon Voyage'

It was truly wonderful to see all our current Year 6 students dancing the night away and enjoying their last formal function at Normanhurst. After seven years, their high school journey is about the begin. Thank you to all the Year 5 parents who volunteered their time and/or services at this particularly busy time of year to enable us to give them a night to remember always.

- Jason A (Ani's Dad) your invitation design was fun & fabulous.
- Moni S your passports were a hit.
- Chris M our light and sound guru.
- Bill P from Sweet Connoisseur yummy chocolate cupcakes were enjoyed.
- Anna Z & Michelle B how fun was the photo booth?
- Decorating Team Kaarin A, Davina G & Lisa R, our vision came together beautifully.
- Install Team Geoff W & Wendy D, your time in the morning was invaluable.
- Catering Team Donna K, Kylie M and your team of servers Amanda D, Heather K, Fiona P, Mandy P,
 Jo S & Alex W, dinner was delicious.
- NPS Staff Alice, Deb, Kate, thank you for all the last-minute running around.
 Mr Sheridan, Ms Moore & Ms De Palo for taking care of the formalities.







Time for a rest now Year 5! Thank you again.

Emma Veale <u>emmav77@optusnet.com.au</u> 0410 440 664

P&C News



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http://www.facebook.com/NormanhurstPublicPC

I'd like to extend my thanks again to everyone who contributed to our Carols Night last week. It truly was a highlight to our calendar year with Santa popping in for photos to begin the night.

Thank you Stuart R, who printed photos on the night and I must congratulate the Fundraising Team and all their helpers who delivered a well catered BBQ, Raffle and Santa Photo fundraiser on the night. Thank you to everyone who assisted us to raise \$1800 for our school, \$272.40 for the Hornsby Women's Shelter and \$127.40 for Buy a Bale, these donations are greatly appreciated and we look forward to allocating our school funds towards some amenities at the next P&C meeting in Term 1 Week 3, when we unveil the plan for 2019. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, stay safe and enjoy the school holidays.

Melissa Logan

P&C President

P&C Social and Fundraising

Carols Night

What a beautiful evening Normanhurst Public School displayed at their annual Carols Night Tuesday 11 December. All the hard work our children and teachers put in made the evening very magical. Thank you to the Fundraising Committee for organising a sausage sizzle, raffles and Santa photos. You ensured the Carols Night ran smoothly and successfully. We also had many parents and grandparents help before, during and after the event which is very much appreciated!

Stay tuned in the New Year for upcoming new and exciting Fundraising Events!



Pam Gins

P & C Fundraising Coordinator

fundraising@npspandc.com

Tea Towel Update

The first batch of tea towels were distributed last week. Don't they look fabulous?? If you have ordered one and have not received it, it's likely it is in the re-order batch which we are waiting on the arrival of. If you would like me to personally deliver your tea towels during the holidays when the second batch arrives later this week, please contact me directly on the email below and I will ensure it gets to you before Christmas. I did not anticipate such a positive response – thank you to all those who purchased a tea towel and supported this fundraiser

Emma Veale

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0410 440 664

Uniform Shop

First day of 2019

School Development Day - Tueday 29 January

Followed by normal hours each Friday during school terms: 8:15-9:15a.m. each Friday. Any questions, please ring me on 0452 198 170.

Cherry Zeng

NPS Uniform Shop Coordinator





WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR CHILDREN TO LEARN SPANISH?

We are assessing the possibility of offering Spanish lessons before or after school starting Term 1 2019. If you would like your child to attend, please follow the link below and submit your expression of interest.

www.spanishconnect.com.au/interest

SPANISH CONNECT

RECREATIONAL HOLIDAY GYMNASTICS



Hornsby RSL Youth Club Gymnastics

1 Ashley Lane Hornsby NSW 2077 Phone: 9476 6689

Email: <u>info@hornsbyrslgymnastics.com.au</u> Website: www.hornsbyrslgymnastics.com.au



Our popular recreational holiday gymnastics program will be running again throughout the January school holidays for all children aged 5 – 12 years (no experience necessary). The days are fun filled, fast moving and include use of all the gymnastics apparatus. Children have the opportunity to learn new gymnastics skills, participate in games, circuits, group activities, mini competitions and much, much more!! Classes are run by fully accredited Gymnastics Coaches, holding Senior First Aid Certificates.

Bookings are essential and must be made via our website.

Class numbers are limited, so hurry and get your friends together so you don't miss out!

PROGRAM DETAILS:

Time: 9am – 3pm each day

Dates: Wednesday 9th January Theme: Under the Sea

Friday 11th January

Monday 14th January

Wednesday 16th January

Friday 18th January

Monday 21st January

Wednesday 23rd January

Wednesday 25th January

Friday 25th January

Theme: Summertime Fun

Theme: Wacky Wednesday

Theme: Fluro Mania

Theme: Hawaiian Party

Theme: Super Hero's

Theme: Australia Day Fun

Cost: Members Price* = \$45 per day Non Members Price* = \$50 per day

* A member is a person who is registered for term time gymnastics classes in 2019

What to bring: Morning tea, lunch, water, sunscreen and a hat. No nuts permitted.

What to wear: Dress to suit the theme for the day!! Please ensure clothing is suitable for

gymnastics or the dress up items can be removed for the activities!!

Cancellations: Please note that refunds or credits are not permitted.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE GREAT HOLIDAY GYM OPPORTUNITES:

- ✓ Tumble, Tricks and Flips sessions (8 Years plus)
- ✓ Advanced Gym Sessions
- Senior Gym sessions (high school students)

BOOK ONLINE NOW: www.hornsbyrslgymnastics.com.au



Alan Stopford Tennis Coaching Over 35 years coaching in the local area School Holiday Camps (for ages 5 – 15 years) Normanhurst Boys High School

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Camp one 20th and 21st December 2018 (2 day camp) (\$100.00)

Camp two 21st January to 25th January 2019 (\$195.00)

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT OF \$5 IF YOU BOOK AND PAY ONE WEEK PRIOR TO CAMP (full camp only – not casual bookings).

SIBLING DISCOUNT OF \$5 AVAILABLE FOR 2ND CHILD

Camp features:

- Coaching of forehand, backhand, serves, volleys. Correct grip /ready position.
- Fun games, challenges and tournaments. Footwork and movement training.
- Multi-sport activities including soccer, basketball, dance contest, amazing race and table tennis. Golf Clinic/Putt Putt on Wednesday afternoons at Thornleigh Golf Centre.
- FREE pizza lunch on the last day of each camp. Prize money will be given for advanced group. Medals given for each group.
- Wet weather program operates when necessary using the school facilities.

Times: 9.00am – 3.00pm daily

After camp care available from 3.00pm - 5.00pm at a cost of \$10.00 per hour

Half day option available: \$70 for camp one and \$145 for camp two.

(9.00 – 12.00) for the week.

Casual day rate: \$60.00 (for golf clinic price is \$80.00)

1/2 day casual rate: \$40.00 (9.00-12.00)

Contact: Alan Stopford Tennis Australia Qualified Coach

Phone: 0411 426 554

Email: stopfordalan@gmail.com
Website: stopfordtennis.com.au

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Pay by cash, cheque or EFT (direct deposit)
Make cheques payable to Alan Stopford
125 Baulkham Hills Road, Baulkham Hills NSW

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	Information for Term Lessons: Wednesday Squad (intermediate/advanced) 30 th January 5.30-7.00pm at Mills Park, Asquith \$200.00 for the term. Thursday Junior/Intermediate class 31 st January 3.30-4.30pm at Normanhurst Boys High, \$155.00 for the term. Saturday Junior class 2 nd February 10.00am – 11.00am at Normanhurst Boys High, \$155.00 for the term. Saturday Intermediate 2 nd February 11.00am – 12.00pm at Normanhurst Boys High, \$155.00 for the term. Adult Clinic 14 th February 6.30pm to 7.360pm Asquith \$95.00 for 4 weeks.		
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Home	Phone and mobile:		
Medi	cal Conditions:		
Schoo	ol:		
Date	of birth: School Year:		
Pleas	e tick: Camp 1 Camp 2 Half day Casual day		



Netball Registration 2019 (online)

Normanhurst Netball Club

From under 8s - seniors welcome

Registrations close Sunday February 3rd 2019

Come and play netball if you are aged between 7 through to seniors. Mums you might like to find some friends and bring a team. You are never too old for netball.

Season starts early May

Come and try session for under 10s

Friday Feb 1st 2019

5.30 - 7pm

Bryan Avenue Netball Courts

Normanhurst

Registration is online. We need your email details to keep you in the loop. Email us if you are new and we will include you in all our material.

normonetball@gmail.com







Kids Club Term 4 2018

19- OCt 23-NOV Minute to win 30- NOV 26-Oct Water Games 7-Dec 2-NOV Kid's Choice Asteroids 14- Dec 9-NOV 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

TENNIS CAMP & TERM 1- 2019 LESSONS JIM WATTS TENNIS SCHOOL

WESTLEIGH - RUDDOCK PARK **BEECROFT LAWN TENNIS CLUB**

Clinic - details



WESTLEIGH

9am - 12noon MON 21ST TO FRI 25TH JANUARY 2019 FOR CLINIC BOOKINGS, CONTACT

WESTLEIGH NEWSAGENCY 9481-9758

TERM 1, 2019 LESSONS

 WESTLEIGH BEECROFT LAWN TENNIS **CLUB**

HOT SHOTS, SMALL GROUP LESSONS, PRIVATE LESSONS. BEGINNER, INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED STANDARDS, FULLY QUALIFIED COACH -HIGH PERFORMANCE LEVEL. TENNIS AUSTRALIA.

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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**

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

Ages: 5-12 year olds Cost: \$10.00 per child

Berowra Community Centre Thursday 17 January, 10.30am-11.30am











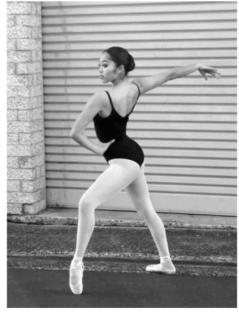




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CHILDREN'S TERM 1, 2019 **SCIENCE PROGRAMS**

A series of interactive science programs presented by the Children's Discovery Museum.

Children will develop ideas and skills that will inspire further scientific exploration, discovery and learning.

THE JUNIOR SCIENCE CLUB

A four week program aimed for 6 to 8 years young scientists presented by the Children's Discovery Museum.

Participants will be able to learn and explore themes from different branches of science through numerous practical experiments.

SESSION 1: Animal Superheroes Monday 18 March, 4.30pm-5.30pm

SESSION 2: Changing States Monday 25 March, 4.30pm-5.30pm

SESSION 3: Six Bricks Monday 1 April, 4.30pm-5.30pm

SESSION 4: Stop-motion Animation Monday 8 April, 4.30pm-5.30pm

Location: Hornsby Library

28-44 George Street, Hornsby

Strictly 6-8 years. Ages:

Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

\$60 for the 4 week program.

Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/libfary or at any Hornsby Shire Library branch.







Y1 - Y7 STUDENTS, Hornsby Library

LEARN TO CODE AND BUILD YOUR **OWN ONLINE PROJECTS WITH** CODE4FUN

Year 1 to Year 7 students are welcome to join, STEM focused programs - students develop critical thinking and problem solving skills by learning to code.

- Hornsby Library
- Every Tuesday, 5 Feb 9 Apr (10 weeks) **New Beginners Course**

- Every Tuesday, 5 Feb 9 Apr (10 weeks) Advanced Course: Introduction to Java Y3 - Y7 Continuing students 5:10 pm - 6:10 pm
- Laptops are provided
- \$220 per student per term

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