



Normanhurst News



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Term 4 Week 6

18 November 2020

NOTES SENT HOME

Friday 13 November 2020	Year 6 Farewell 2020
Monday 16 November 2020	Interrelate 2020
Tuesday 17 November 2020	Year 6 Yearbook

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

Opportunity Class Test

Today many of our Year 4 students have participated in the Opportunity Class Test, this year held at our school due to COVID restrictions. We wish them all the best with their results.

Remembrance Day Assembly

Last Wednesday we held a special assembly to mark Remembrance Day. Our student leaders did an excellent job leading the assembly and all students attending were respectful. Thank you to Ms Froment and Ms Harrison for coordinating this event.



What Works Best

Our school is committed to ensuring that *how* we teach your child is based on what we *know* makes the biggest difference to their learning. In our school, we have a focus on using the 'What works best' eight practices for effective teaching.

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These practices include:

- Having high expectations of your child
- Using explicit teaching in the classroom
- Giving effective feedback to your child on their learning
- Using data to inform how we teach your child
- Using regular and effective assessments so we know how your child's learning is going
- Supporting the wellbeing of your child
- Managing the classrooms well so they are safe, positive and stimulating environments for learning
- Making sure our teachers collaborate with each other, and experts outside the school, so teaching practice continuously improves.

In addition, research shows that greater levels of support and engagement from parents and carers are associated with better student academic and wellbeing outcomes. We also know that students learn more effectively when the home and school environments form complementary and supportive roles for learning.

The Department of Education has released a 'What works best' resource for parents and carers, which provides tips for having conversations with your child about their learning. You can visit the Department's Parent Hub where you'll find other tailored resources for parents and carers, as well as a message from the NSW Minister for Education the Hon. Sarah Mitchell MLC <https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/learning/what-works-best-2020-update>

2021 Planning

This term we are planning for 2021 classes. To assist in this process, it is most helpful if we have accurate student numbers. If your child will not be returning to Normanhurst Public School in 2021, please send written advice of this to me as soon as possible.

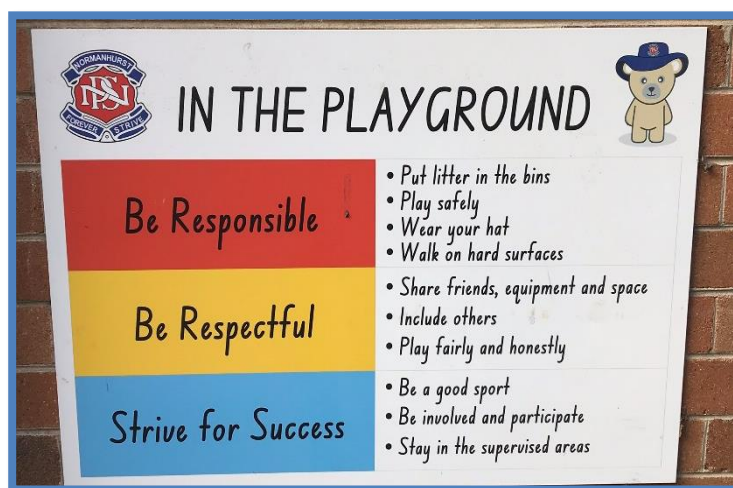
If you have particular information related to your child's 2021 placement of which you feel we need to be aware, please put this in writing (letter or email) addressed to myself and ensure I receive it prior to Friday 27 November at the absolute latest. Please note that changes will not be made after classes are formed so if you have any information you wish to be considered we need to be advised of it now. If you have submitted such requests in the past, you will need to re-submit these for 2021. It is also important that the information is received in writing and directed to me, as verbal requests to class teachers will not be considered.

Please note, this is not a process to request specific teachers. Assumptions should also not be made that teachers will necessarily be teaching the same year level in 2021 as they have previously. All of our teachers are qualified to teach K-6 and allocations are made based on preferences teachers submit to me and the overall effective operation of the school.

The written requests we do receive prior to the deadline will be considered when forming classes for next year. However, in the context of many factors needing to be addressed, we cannot necessarily meet all requests.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

During this fortnight all classes are learning about expectations for the playground and how our three values relate to this setting. The Week 5 recipients of our PBL draw were Habib H and Nicole H.



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Striver badges

Congratulations to the following students who received a Striver badge in the last week:

Red badge – Liam E, Yool K, Zofia M, Neha N

Green badge – Grace H

Yellow badge – Brooke C

Purple badge – Mikala K, Amelia V

Citizen of the Month

Congratulations to the following students who were selected as Citizen of the Month for their class for November:

Avneet D	3B	Kai U	4/5V	Jasmin J	6L
Nathan L	3J	Sophie V	5H		
Benjamin G	4R	Patrick R	5/6M		

Merit Certificates

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

For Being Responsible

Jonathan Y	3B	Robert G	4R	Emily P	5/6M
Ava C	3J	Pranav N	4/5V	Brooke C	6L
Tom C	3/4D	Valentina P	5H		

For Being Respectful

Eden M	3B	Albert J	4R	Patrick R	5/6M
Megan S	3J	Olivia M	4/5V	Julian N	6L
Kara C	3/4D	Chelsea M	5H		

For Striving for Success

Isra H	3B	Liam E	4R	Alex K	5/6M
Nathan Li	3J	Hunter S	4/5V	Oliver P	6L
Logan J	3/4D	Eden P	5H		

Kind regards,

Amber Gorrell
Principal

Uniform Shop News

Visiting the Uniform Shop

In order to adhere to social distancing measures in the shop, we will continue to operate **by appointment only** until further notice. Appointments are available for those wishing to try uniforms for size, or to access the second-hand clothing pool. Appointments can be booked using the following link: <https://signup.com/go/cmDYUyW>.

Kindy 2021 - Pre-orders, Appointments and Special Offer

Do you have a child starting in Kindergarten next year? Want to get ahead and beat the rush by ordering your items early? Place your order now and we will have it ready for you to collect during the transition days – you will still need to book an appointment but we will have a number of “Express - collection only” appointments available. Please note – these “Express” appointments are strictly for collecting pre-ordered items **only**. If you need to purchase any additional items or try for size, please be sure to book one of our regular 15 minute appointments, available from 8.30 am on the Kindergarten Transition days. Appointments can be booked using the link above. Remember, purchase one of our starter packs and select your choice of **free item** from either a bucket hat, library satchel or art smock (subject to availability).

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New Online Ordering Process

All orders can now be placed via our online store at <https://www.npspandc.com/uniform/>.

Please note, at this stage payment can only be made by direct bank transfer. We are working hard behind the scenes to get payment by PayPal in place. We look forward to having this payment option available once it has been fully tested and finalised. Watch this space for further announcements. The delivery of online orders remains as before. Orders will be packed on Friday and distributed to your child's classroom for them to bring home. Unfortunately, collection from the school office is not available at present.

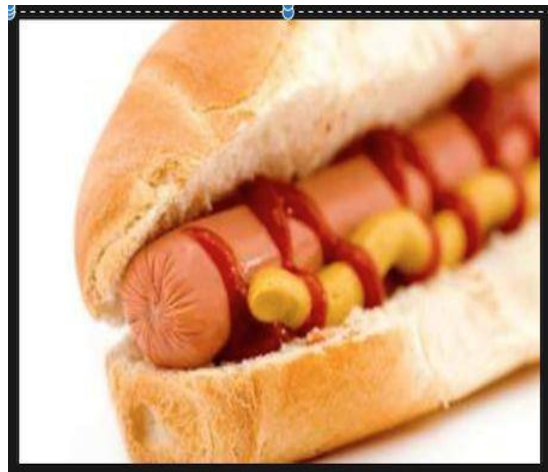
Volunteering in the Uniform Shop

Got an hour or two to spare on a Friday? The Uniform Shop is seeking new volunteers to add to our roster. If you would like to find out more about what's involved, please drop me an email and I will gladly answer any questions.

Kate Ward
NPS Uniform Shop Manager
Email: uniformshop@npspandc.com

Canteen News

Hot Dog Day



Our Special Food Day for Term 4 is "Hot Dog Day" on Wednesday 25 November. Pre-order your Hot Dogs (the frankfurts are pork-free, halal and gluten-free) for \$3.00 with a choice of BBQ or Tomato sauce. A Veggie Dog is also available for \$3.00 with the same sauce choices. You can also request a Gluten-free bun for an added \$1.50. We will have special "frozen treat" PADDLE POPS ordered in for this day. They will be selling for \$1.80 in Chocolate, Choc Caramel or Rainbow Flavours, and will only be available while stocks last. Milks, Juice Poppers and Juice Bombs will also be available. Orders will close by 8.30 a.m. on Friday 20 November. Late orders cannot be accepted. Recess and Lunch over-the-counter sales will be "as usual". However, parents please note as this is a SPECIAL FOOD DAY (run by the Canteen) the regular Canteen menu WILL NOT be sold on this day.

Canteen Volunteer Vacancies

Can you spare ONE hour (or three!) to chop carrots, hand out ice blocks at recess time, or just stick stickers on paper bags? Then WE NEED YOU! Please select a shift in the "volunteer roster". Vacancies can be viewed online in School24, sign into your account and click on the timeslot. We require help in these spots over the next few weeks:

- Wednesday 18 November 9.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.
- Wednesday 18 November 11.00 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.
- Thursday 19 November 9.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.
- Thursday 19 November 11.00 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.
- Friday 20 November 9.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.
- Friday 20 November 11.00 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.
- **HOT DOG DAY Wednesday 25 November**

2 people 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. to pack drinks and cut buns

1 person 11.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. to help make the hot dogs, pack the class bags and counter service.

Please email canteen@npspandc.com if you can help (not on online sign up).

- Thursday 26 November 9.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.
- Thursday 26 November 11.00 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.

- Friday 27 November 9 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.
- Friday 27 November 11.00 a.m.– 1.30 p.m.

We appreciate any time you can give to help in the canteen. We are a COVID-safe practice and maintain strict health and food prep operations. Please email me directly on canteen@npspandc.com for any questions. Please remember if you (or your children) are unwell, please **DO NOT** come in, just let us or the office know. Cancellations or edits can only be made through us once you have signed up. We look forward to suggestions/feedback/questions please feel free to contact me on the details below.

Lisa Pang
Canteen Manager
canteencommittee@npspandc.com

Stage 1 Schoolhouse Museum Excursion

Year 1 and Year 2 visited the NSW Schoolhouse Museum. These are some excerpts from the recounts that were written by Year 2.

Niamh W

'Yes! We're finally here!' My class and I went on an excursion to the NSW Schoolhouse Museum on Monday 9 November. We went there to learn about school life in the 19th and 18th Century. We did stuff like using ink to write in cursive, we sat in olden day desks and photocopied with jelly!

Nathan L

First, we did some sports that children used to do. There were the hula-hoops where we had to spin the hula-hoop to the other side of the tennis court without it falling down and the first one to do it both ways wins! There was a game called 'fly' and we had to run across the wood blocks without stepping on them and take our biggest jump at the end. Then there were the quoits and it was so hard to throw them into the correct spot.

The maypole dancing was very pretty as the coloured ribbons went round the maypole. There were red, yellow and green ribbons. Finally, we went inside and 'time travelled' to a classroom that was built in 1910. First, we did a treasure hunt and found a pot of ink, a pair of glasses, a pencil case, a ball, some dumbbells and an old telephone.

Caroline S

The museum was amazing! We stamped lots of paper and printed a picture of Australia on a container of purple jelly! The teacher showed us the key that Molly's brother had stolen! We went into an older classroom and did reading, writing and arithmetic. Handwriting was the best because we used ink and wrote in cursive!

Alessandra H

We went inside a classroom that was made near the year '1910'. We got to print with jelly, look inside kids' suitcases, and play with the toys they used to have. My favourite toy was the 'Jacks and Knuckles' which were made out of real animal bones. Then we went into the 1880 room where we learnt reading, writing and arithmetic (which means 'maths'). We got to write with ink as well!

Aiden H

First, we went to the Maypole. It was called the Maypole because in England Spring is in May and it was a celebration for Spring. When we were lining up Ms Watkins told us we would need to go with a girl. Everybody moaned. Next we marched and when we were marching, I said, 'This is like going to war.' We had the dumbbells that we used for exercise and they were carved out of wood by hand.

Audrey Z

My class went into the 1880 classroom first. The teacher said you had to be a righty then. If you were a lefty, they would tie your hand to your back. They used slate pens to write on boards made out of slate. All grades were together in one classroom.

Elisa Z

At the 1880 classroom we wrote with real ink. The ink was easy to smudge. We also wrote on slates. We learnt how to do cursive writing which was really fun. Back in those days, if you did something bad you would get whacked by the cane. Sometimes you didn't only get whacked by the cane once. You could get whacked by a cane on different parts, not only your hand or leg.

Jaydon H

Ms Watkins gave us a treasure hunt sheet. We also used a jelly pad to make a stencil. It was really smart. We handled old toys with gloves and played marbles. It was really fun. We learnt a lot from the History excursion. I would love to go back and learn there because there are a lot of interesting things back there. I felt really excited after the History excursion. I enjoyed learning about the old Schoolhouse Museum.

Kathy Ironside
Stage 1 Teacher



P&C News

BAND Sub-committee AGM

The next P&C Band Sub-committee AGM will be held on at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 23 November via ZOOM where all current positions will vacate and we will vote in new people to these roles. If you are interested in a role description to be emailed to you, please contact the Band President or us on the details below. We would love to hear from you to be part of our welcoming Bands committee team to inspire, innovate and support our 2021 Program! The sign-in details for this meeting will be provided via the Skoolbag App.

Australian School Band and Orchestra Festival – Online

We are excited to share that both NPS Bands will be entering the Australian School Band and Orchestra Festival (ASBOF) this year! **ASBOF ONLINE 2020** will provide both our Training and Concert School Bands with the valuable educational experience they have come to expect from Australia's biggest and best school music festival as well as the opportunity to see what other ensembles from across Australia and around the world have been able to achieve during COVID-19. Being online, the bands' performances will be recorded during morning rehearsals and the unedited entries are uploaded. CB will be recorded first this Thursday and TB next Monday. Please help us to ensure that all band members arrive on time, are prepared with music and instruments for these rehearsals.

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Year 2 – 2021 Training Band Lunch Meeting

Our conductor Mr David Sismey will meet this Thursday lunch with all children who have registered interest for the 2021 band program with the completed form. This will be a great chance for the kids to individually meet with Mr Sismey and get to hold a few different instruments, check that their hands etc. to determine what instrument suits them best and will complement the 2021 Training Band. This year we will not be performing the blow test and there will be no blowing through instruments.

Training Band – No Thursday Lunch Rehearsal

There will not be a Lunchtime Rehearsal for Training Band this Thursday as Mr Sismey will be meeting with Year 2 students who have some interest in the Band Program.

Amendments to the BAND Sub-committee 2021 Rules

We intend to update the Normanhurst Public School P&C Association Band Sub-committee rules. The current version of the rules has been updated to be consistent with other Sub-committee rules and align with our Constitution. One important change proposed is the reduction of five - four committee members to form a quorum. Any valid P&C member may vote to pass these rules at the next meeting in Week 8.

MOTION (1): That the NPS P&C Committee vote to amend the Band Sub-committee Rules so that we are up to date with our practices and are still operating lawfully within the boundaries of our School's P&C Constitution.

Click on the Link to read the amended Band rules: <https://www.npsbandc.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/PC-Band-Rules-Draft.pdf>

REMINDER: Renewal of P&C Membership fees - please pay your \$2 fee

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Bonita Chan

NPS P&C Association President

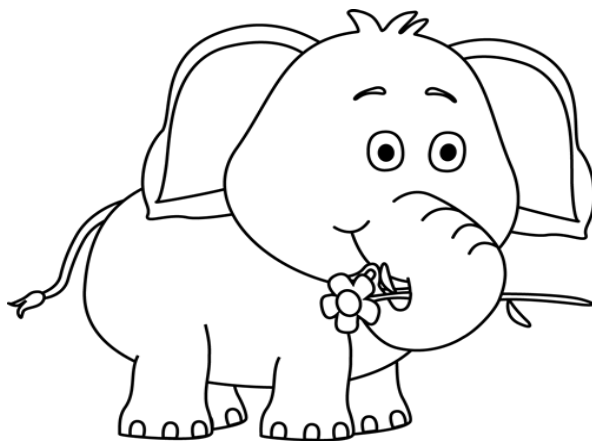
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Year 6 Mini Fete: White Elephant Stall

With the Year 6 Mini Fete fast approaching we are seeking donations for the White Elephant Stall. Please have a look for any toys, games, books etc. that you no longer need and may like to donate. Any items you wish to donate to the White Elephant Stall can be sent to Miss Martinson (6L) or Miss Moore (6M) before Tuesday 1 December. All profits from the White Elephant Stall go towards the Year 6 gift to the school.

Lauren Martinson

Classroom Teacher



Scholastic Book Club

All Scholastic Book Club orders must be in by **Midnight 26 November 2020**. Orders will be processed at the end of each week until the cut-off date. Orders will be distributed upon arrival to your child's classroom. The only form of payment for ordering is Credit Card through the Scholastic website. Please see below for further details.

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