



Normanhurst News



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Term 4 Week 7

25 November 2020

NOTES SENT HOME	
Monday 23 November 2020	Holes 4/5V & 5H Novel Study
Monday 23 November 2020	Year 6 Mini Fete
DATE	EVENT
Thursday 26 November 2020	Kindy 2021 Transition
Monday 30 November 2020	Enrichment Showcases this week
Monday 30 November 2020	P & C Meeting 7:30pm (via Zoom)
Thursday 3 December 2020	Year 6 Mini Fete

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

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 this week.**

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 **this 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. I am not able to respond individually to these emails / letters but I am noting all requests.

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.

Kindergarten Transition

Our final Kindergarten Transition session is being held tomorrow morning. The children have been very settled at these sessions and are excited about starting school next year. Ms Williams and I have also been liaising with all of the pre-schools the children attend to ensure the transition is as smooth as possible. We are looking forward to seeing the Kindergarten 2021 group again tomorrow!

Leadership Elections

This week our student leadership positions of Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects are being elected by students and staff. Congratulations to all of the Year 5 students who nominated. I was extremely impressed with the candidates and it was no doubt a very difficult decision for all involved in voting. Whilst all students who nominated will be informed of who gained positions next week, the actual positions will be announced on Presentation Day. Thank you to Mr Sheridan who coordinated the elections.

Reconciliation Action Plan

On Thursday a team of staff representing each of our four stages worked with me on our Reconciliation Action Plan. A Reconciliation Action Plan is a formal statement of commitment to reconciliation and considers the actions and programs we can put in place to support this process. At this meeting, we considered a range of areas that will also be part of our overall Strategic Improvement Plan for 2021-2024.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

During this fortnight all classes are learning about expectations for assemblies, as an opportunity to review these prior to our special Presentation Day assemblies. The Week 6 recipients of our PBL draw were Cooper G and Ben H.



Striver badges

Congratulations to the following students who received a Striver badge at last week's assembly:
Blue badge – Celine B, Amaya D, Abigail H, Bronte P, Matthew R, Pippa T, Nathan S, Mahiya S, Emily S, Hudson V, Griffin W

Citizen of the Month

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

Estelle M	KP	Alexander L	KS	Reija J	KV
Ruhaan G	1C	Sara C	1F	Dia J	1K
Gordon G	2I	Eleanor P	2T		

Merit Certificates

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

For Being Responsible

Jingyi W	KS	Aiden C	1C	Anusha D	1F
Sophia S	1K	Finlay L	2I	William K	2T

For Being Respectful

Sean Li	KP	Audrey L	KS	Jason Z	KV
Felix W	1C	Zanna S	1F	Arjun G	1K
Yolanda Y	2I	Arielle G	2T		

For Striving for Success

Jason T	KP	Willow M	KS	Samuel K	KV	
Luella W	1F	Erin C	1K	Jaydon H	2I	T
Luciano J	2T					

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? With just one remaining Kindergarten Transition day this Thursday 26 November, now is the time to think about your uniform needs. Appointments can be booked using the link above.

Please note – there are a number of “Express” appointments available and these 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 a.m. on the Kindergarten Transition days.

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). See attached order form for further details.

Last Orders for Uniform Shop

The last day for uniform purchases this year will be Friday 11 December. If placing an online order, please note the cut-off time is 9 a.m. Orders received after 9 a.m. will not be processed until the shop re-opens in January. Please be sure to email the proof of payment promptly, as we cannot pack the order until this has been received.

2021 Staff Development Day Opening

Looking ahead to next year, the Uniform Shop will be open Thursday 28 January (the second Staff Development Day) for any last minute uniform needs. Appointments can be booked via the link above.

The first day of Term 1 (Friday 29 January) is also a shop opening day and appointments will be available from 8.30 – 10 a.m. and 2.30 - 3.30 p.m.

New Online Ordering Process

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

Please note, at this stage payment can be made by direct bank transfer only. 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

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:.

- Thursday 26 November 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.
- Thursday 26 November 11.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.
- Wednesday 2 December 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.
- Wednesday 2 December 11.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.
- Thursday 3 December 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.
- Thursday 3 December 11.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.
- Friday 4 December 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.
- Friday 4 December 11.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.
- Wednesday 9 December 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.
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- Friday 11 December 11.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.
- Wednesday 16 December 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

P&C News

NEW IDEAS and School Community Project suggestions

If you want to submit an idea for the school and P&C to consider as a fundraising goal for next year, or you have suggestions for improvement, want to offer feedback, wish to share something with us... we would love to hear from you, please EMAIL us below, thank you.

Would you like to be involved with a future school project that gives back to our children?

We want NEW P&C members to join us and inject new ideas and inspiration! We are still looking for more volunteers for Sub-committee positions on the Band, Building fund, Grounds and Fundraising teams! The P&C runs the Band, Canteen and Uniform Shop, but we also provide those "extras" for our children through fundraising and hosting events!

Our next general meeting is via ZOOM on Monday 30 November 2020 at 7:30 p.m. Sign-in details will be provided via the Skoolbag app. The agenda will be published later in this newsletter and is also on the P&C Facebook page.

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

Name: Normanhurst Public School P&C Assn
BSB: 032-084
Account: 691 588
Reference: Surname and PC Fee

Band News

Australian School Band and Orchestra Festival

Last Thursday and Monday our Concert and Training Bands were recorded for their entries into the ASBOF festival. The children were amazing and it was incredible to see them in their element. Thank you to all involved, especially the children and Mr Sismey! Access to the videos of the performances will be provided later this week to band parents and guardians.

Training Band 2021

Thank you to all the new students who have registered for the 2021 Training Band. Mr Sismey worked with the students last Thursday at lunch to determine the ideal instrument for them and the band. Information will be provided shortly to band families to confirm the assigned instrument and provide general information of next steps to prepare for next year!

Band Sub-Committee Positions

Would you like to be involved in the band program for 2021? We would love to hear from you, even if you don't wish to volunteer for a position. There are a number of positions available for the 2021 Band Committee including Secretary, Camp Coordinator and Instrument Coordinator which we would love to fill with new P&C members to provide new ideas, inspiration and build on our supportive team! For more information please email us at npsbandinfo@gmail.com.

Fundraising News

Following you will see our flyer for this season's fundraising initiatives. We have three exciting opportunities to take us into Christmas and the New Year. Every purchase benefits the school community:

1. Cherry drive - For the first time, our new seasonal fruit box/tray initiative. Spread the word, collect orders for friends and family and submit via School24 by the 4 December. We are super excited to be working directly this time with the farmer from Valley Fresh Cherries.
2. Brightstar Kids - Supplier of personalised labels and product items for all occasions. 15% of all purchases allocated to our fundraising account come back to the P&C. Please ensure you enter "Normanhurst Public School P&C Assn" for us to claim the credit.
3. The Entertainment Book - An oldie but a goodie. Now a 100% digital membership via the App. Give it as a gift, or use offers within it to save this Christmas. Complete 12-month memberships from the moment that you join. 20% of each membership is returned to support the P&C. See Flyer for details.

If you have any questions about these initiatives, we'd love to hear from you.
You can email us at fundraising@npsbandc.com

Bonita Chan

NPS P&C Association President

president@npsbandc.com



NORMANHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSN

Notice of General Meeting & Agenda

Monday 30th November 2020, 7:30 pm, via Zoom

ZOOM link via Skoolbag app for security purposes

AGENDA

1. Welcome/Opening
2. Confirmation of previous minutes
3. Correspondence In/Out
4. P&C Membership Subscriptions for 2021 - Update
5. President's Report - Bonita Chan
6. Principal's Report - Amber Gorrell
7. Treasurer Report - Edd Smith
8. Subcommittee Reports:
 - Canteen - Jeanne O'Riordan
 - Uniform shop - Jeanne O'Riordan
 - Band - Jim Walker
 - Building Fund - Ian Air
 - Grounds - Ian Air
 - Fundraising - Vacant
9. Business Arising:
 - Amendments to the Band Sub-committee rules
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 to within our Constitution. One important change proposed is the reduction of 5 to 4 committee members to form a quorum.
Click on the Link to read the amended Band rules:
<https://www.npsandc.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/PC-Band-Rules-Draft.pdf>
 - MOTION (1): That the NPS P&C 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.
 - Eve Quigley, Kindy parent has expressed an interest in taking on the fundraising coordinator's role.
MOTION (2): That the NPS P&C vote Eve Quigley to become the Fundraising Co-ordinator for 2021.
 - P&C Membership Subscriptions for 2021

- Still seeking SubCommittee members for Fundraising, Building Fund & Grounds.
- Bonita will attend a P&C Federation Webinar on the Roles of Officebearers in the P&C.
- P&C Federation webinar discussing Audits and Financial attended by Andrew and Edd - Andrew/Edd to report.

10. General Business
11. Next Meeting - Term 1 Week 3 2021 (venue TBC)
12. Meeting close

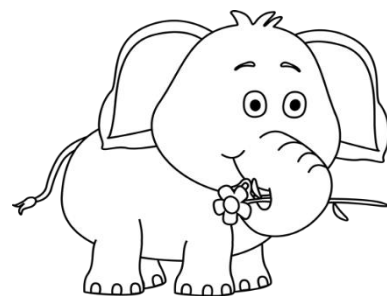
Year 6 Mini Fete

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 Ms Martinson (6L) or Ms 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



EVENT - Year 6 Mini Fete

The Year 6 Mini Fete is next **Thursday 3 December**. There will be a variety of different stalls and activities run by Year 6 students for all to enjoy. Activities at the stalls will range in price from roughly 50c-\$2. Students are encouraged to bring small change so they may participate on the day. We recommended that students bring at least \$10 so they can visit a range of different stalls.

All money must be brought in a wallet, purse or zip lock bag that is clearly labelled with student name and class.



This year Normanhurst Public School will be holding its annual Talent Quest on **Tuesday 15 December 2020**. 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 **2 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 or USB clearly labelled with their name and track. It must be provided before the event and 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 Ms Jones or Ms Ironside **no later than Friday 11 December 2020**.

Please note: This is a show-case day, not a competition. All entrants will receive a participation certificate.

Due to Covid 19 guidelines no parents will be permitted on school grounds during the Talent Quest. There will also be two separate performances with K-2 and 3-6 participating at different times on the day to comply with regulations.

Thanks for your support,

Ms Jones and Ms Ironside
Organising Teachers

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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60th Anniversary 2020 → 21

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Stephen Pickering*



Asquith Boys High School

Our school has provided decades of public education for the upper north shore to the central coast.
A weekend of events to celebrate this is now planned for 10-12 September 2021 (due to COVID).

A 60 Year Anniversary 'coffee table' book is also being prepared, and contains hundreds of photos, illustrations, anecdotes, clippings and reports on school life from students, teachers and the wider community.

For further information, please visit our website:

asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/old-boys-club

Or contact Chris Kent direct:

christopher.kent7@det.nsw.edu.au

Chris Kent, former student 1960-65, former teacher 1982-2005, editor Old Boys Newsletter since 2006.

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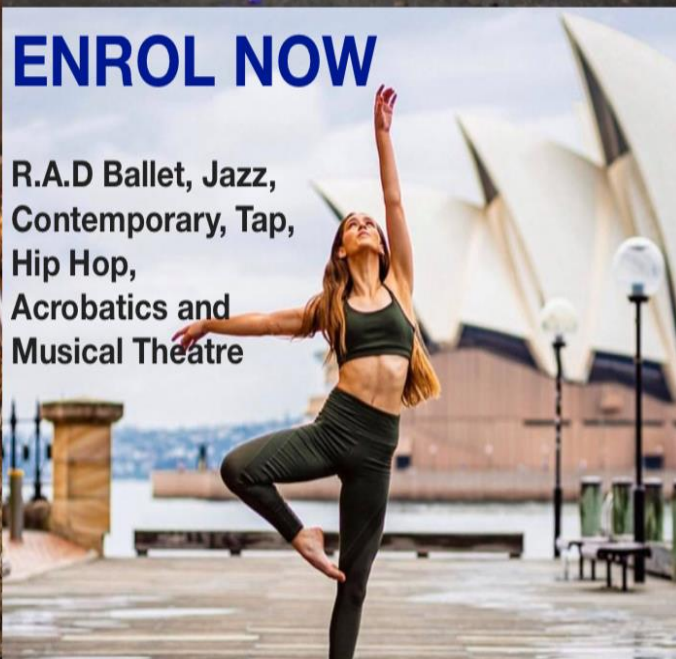
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CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING REMINDER

This Christmas season, make the most of a few opportunities we have created that offer great ideas, good value and a return to the school community. Ideal for stocking fillers or getting ready for 2021.



Order via
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'Cherry drive'

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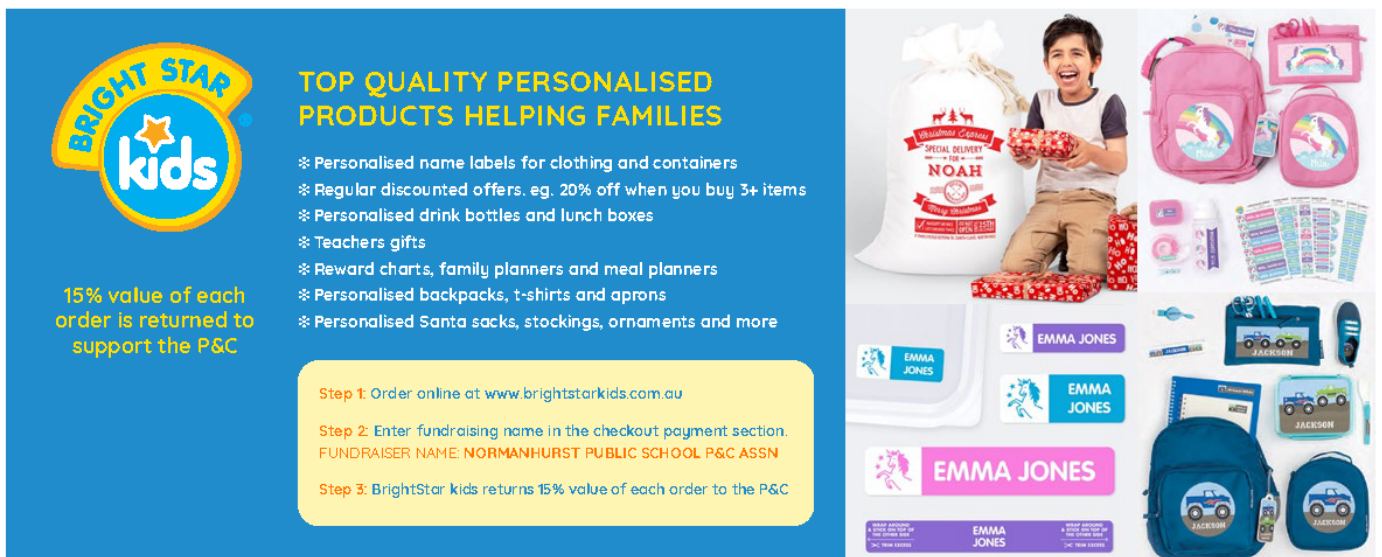
Fresh picked and direct from the farmer
1KG BOX \$20 / 2KG BOX \$35

Help to sell more for the school community – Share the offer with neighbours, aunts, uncles, grandparents, friends and colleagues. Simply collect the money, and submit the order via school24.

Order by 9pm on Friday 4 December 2020.
Pick up will be between 11-17 December 2020, subject to farm picking dates.
You will be notified of your COVIDsafe pick up options, or arrange for a friend to collect.
For any questions, email fundraising@npsandc.com

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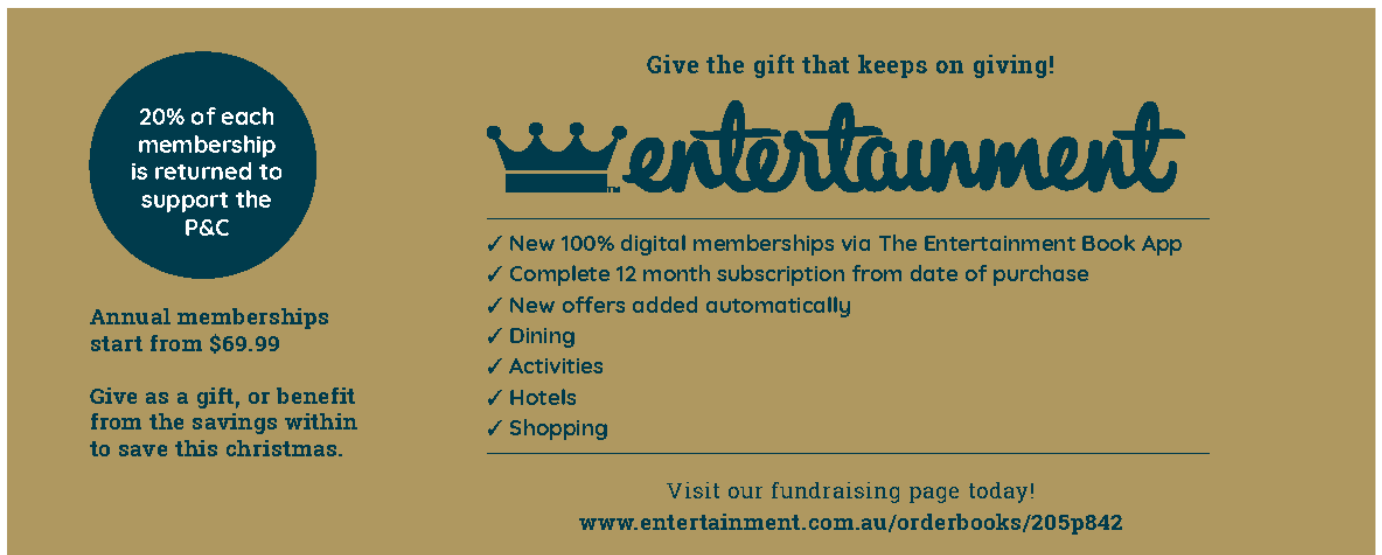
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