



NEWSLETTER

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May 4	Year 3-6 Sportspro clinics begin
May 5	NWPS Cross Country Carnival at Fagan Park
May 6	Mother's Day Stall
May 7	Sydney North Dance Festival auditions (dance groups only)
May 8	Last day for Stewart House donation drive.

Dear parents and students

Welcome back to all students, staff and families to another busy term and a warm welcome to the new children and families joining Normanhurst West PS. We trust that your holidays were both enjoyable and restful.

At Normanhurst West Public School we believe in building a safe, secure learning community in which children can develop a sense of belonging and well being.

We encourage all learners to take risks with their learning in a supportive environment, with experienced staff and challenging programs.

The school is dedicated to providing all learners with:

- A range of quality and engaging learning experiences
- A happy and safe school environment, where learners can take risks and meet learning challenges
- A supportive and creative classroom, school and playground
- Opportunities to develop the knowledge and understanding, skills and values to live a confident, satisfying and productive life.

New Permanent and Temporary Staff

Congratulations to Mrs Newland on her offer of permanent employment with the NSW Education Department. The news will secure her placement at our school and she will continue her role as teacher of 4N.

We warmly welcome Mrs Power on successfully gaining a service transfer to our school. Mrs Power has already displayed a huge interest in her role as teacher of 2P (formerly 2H).

A temporary replacement for 6M is Mrs Elvy. The pride of Sydney North Region-6M should be in good hands and I personally look forward to rejoining them as soon as possible to celebrate their progress.

Mrs Gower continues her leave. Mrs Petras carries on the learning in 4/5KR Wednesdays- Fridays.

Mrs Whalan inherits the duties of information technology teacher whilst Mrs Sharpe is on service leave. Mrs Whalan has already established a positive rapport with our students.

Newsletters On Line

A reminder that our newsletter is available on our sensational school website. If you do not require a hard copy of the newsletter, to be more environmentally friendly, please let the school know so we won't send a copy. If you haven't seen our website it is well worth the look due largely to the efforts of Mrs Sharpe. www.normanhurst-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Bus Behaviour

An area parents need to be aware of is the Ministry of Transport School Code of Conduct for school students on buses. Bus drivers have the power to remove students' privileges of catching school buses. If students are refused travel, parents /guardians/carers must make alternative travel arrangements and meet costs of that transport. This does not mean students can pay to catch a bus, it means they are refused travel on buses to and/or from school.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"I believe that it is extremely important that each one of us is a participant in life and what's going on around us rather than being a spectator to it and if you do that, if you participate in the world, in your community, your school - you will leave the planet a better place."

Janet Holmes a Court

Greg McLaren
Relieving Principal

STEWART HOUSE

With this newsletter you will receive a Stewart House Donation Drive envelope. Stewart House is the chosen charity of all NSW public schools. Their program supports 1800 public school children who experience a healthy and much needed break each year.

Please support this worthwhile cause with a gold coin donation. You can return the envelope to the school office up to May 8 to be in the draw for a \$4000 family holiday to the destination of your choice.

REBEL SPORT

Don't forget to support Normanhurst West Public School by purchasing sporting goods from Rebel Sport at Hornsby. New plastic discount cards are now available at the office for family and friends. As well as receiving a discount on your purchases the school receives commission dollars to spend on sporting equipment.

CANTEEN NEWS

The new menu is included with this newsletter. Please note it is effective from Monday 4th May. Please disregard the old menu from that date. More canteen news next week.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

As announced in the Cross Country Carnival permission notice which went home, the canteen will be open on the day of the carnival at Fagan Park for snacks.

PLEASE NOTE however, that it will **ONLY** be offering non refrigerated, prepackaged snacks such as popcorn and Piranahs, as well as drinks (water, Playwater, and fruit juice) on sale at Fagan Park. There will be **no** iceblocks or jelly sticks on sale.

Prices will be as listed on the standard canteen menu, ranging from 10 cents for breadsticks up to \$1.50 for Playwater and Thorpedo drinks.

NO LUNCH ORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY OF THE CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Thankyou
The Canteen Committee

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Thank you to the mums who have offered to help out with book club so far but it really is a case of "more the merrier" and "many hands make light work" etc. The current three organisers are unable to continue next year and we need to use this year to train anyone interested in carrying on.

It isn't difficult or particularly time consuming but you do need to be available for a couple of hours during school time each term. Everything else can be done at your convenience, especially if you have toddlers.

Please give Cathy a call on 9484 9045 to find out exactly what is involved.

Unfortunately, if we don't have more offers to help, there will be no Book Club after Term 2.

Book Club Co-ordinators

Mother's Day

The P&C Craft Group Mother's Day Stall will be held on **Wednesday 6 May 2009** during the school day with lot's of lovely gifts that are sure to appeal to everyone. As always, each class will have a turn to buy from the stall. There is **at least 1** of each item available per class. Children will be able to buy more than one item after everyone has had a chance to purchase something. If children forget their money on the day, they will be able to "lay-by" a gift to be paid for and collected later in the week. So, please support our stall as it gives the children immense pleasure to buy something for Mum and all profits go back to the school.

For **Kindergarten** and **Year 1** children, please send money in an envelope with their 1st, 2nd and 3rd preferences of gifts listed on the front – or attach the price list with the items highlighted.

Once again, photos of the items can be viewed online – go to www.flickr.com/photos/nwpscraftgroup. There is likely to be some last minute additions to the range, so make sure you check online in the day or so before the stall to see the complete range and updated price list.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED - If anyone is able to help serve on the stall for an hour or more from 9.00am until lunchtime it would be greatly appreciated. Please call

Sue Murdoch 0437 038 236 or Ann-maree Grech 0434 141 707 so that we can put a roster together.

Mother's Day Stall Price List

Hand knitted long feathery scarves in a variety of colours	\$10.00
Hand beaded Earrings (see online for details)	\$8.00
Hand beaded Glass Heart necklace on organza ribbon. Assorted colours packaged in an organza bag.	\$8.00
Ped Egg – Removes dead skin to leave feet soft and smooth.	\$7.50
Pandora style beaded keyring – assorted styles and colours	\$7.00
Glass disc necklace – hand beaded on a black plaited necklace. Pink or gold	\$6.50
Pastel Coffee cup and saucer with chocolates and flavoured coffee syrup	\$6.50
Mug filled with chocolates and cappuccino sachets	\$6.00
Pretty decorated box filled with toiletries – Exfoliating gloves, soap, washer and nail brush	\$6.00
Set of 6 handbeaded wine charms in an organza bag.	\$6.00
Handbeaded Earrings (see online for details)	\$6.00
Pretty pencil pot with stationery items – assorted colours	\$5.50
Ceramic pot with gardening gloves and herb seeds	\$5.00
Delicate hand beaded Angel bookmark on a silver shepherds hook– pink or purple	\$5.00
Glass Heart hand-beaded bookmark on a silver shepherds hook- assorted colours	\$5.00
Box of German chocolates 400g- gift wrapped	\$5.00
Box of Belgian chocolates – gift wrapped	\$4.50
Assorted puppy or kitten square tin with choc chip cookies	\$4.50
Cute button container – 2 styles available	\$4.00
Handbeaded earrings (see online for details)	\$4.00
Mum's glovebox companion – a folder full of handy items	\$3.50
Handcrafted Mother's Day cards in assorted styles	\$2.50
Gift soap in organza bag	\$2.00
Votive candle in a decorative glass holder	\$2.00
Pretty round glass fridge magnets – Set of 4	\$2.00
Writing Paper and Envelope	\$1.50
Book Plates	\$1.00