

NORMANHURST WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

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April 7	Term 1 school fees due
April 8	K-3 Drama Performance
April 9	Combined scripture service ANZAC service
April 9	Last day of Term 1
April 29 (Wed)	First day Term 2 for students

2H won the student banking this week with 5 deposits out of the school's total of 46 deposits. The cup was awarded to 2H. Congratulations!

The following student received a Principal's Award at assembly this week:

Monica Ahamed

Dear Parents and Students,

Congratulations Mr Kunkler

In last week's newsletter Mr Kunkler humbly mentioned his temporary secondment to higher duties at the Department of Education's head office. It is my understanding Mr Kunkler will have a senior state wide responsibility in overseeing the distribution of the Commonwealth Government's 'Building the Educational Revolution' promise of \$14.7 billion to improve the quality of facilities in Australian schools. We often enjoy celebrating student, parent and staff achievements therefore I find it appropriate to acknowledge the huge responsibility invested in our principal, Mr Kunkler by his principal peers and the NSW educational community. I look forward to his return and will inform you of that date in a later newsletter.

Ground Force

Many thanks to all those diligent year 5 & 6 families that attended our ground force day. It was fantastic to hear about the great work that was achieved on the day and the fun that was had by all. Days like this help to maintain our beautiful school environment. The challenge is now on for the rest of the grades to match the enthusiasm and efforts of our year 5 & 6 families.

New Staff Member

I warmly welcome Mrs Lisa Ward our new support teacher (STLA). Mrs Ward arrives at our school with a wealth of teaching experience and will become an integral member of our school's learning support team.

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Parent / Teacher Interviews

Continuing next week is the opportunity for parents to meet with their child's teacher to discuss academic achievement and student welfare matters. It is a chance to talk about the term 1 progress. The semester 1 report will be handed to parents towards the end of term 2 as will the kindergarten Best Start report in week 8. Fifteen minutes is allocated for each interview session. It is important that this is strictly followed for continuity of further interviews. If you or your child's teacher feels that more time is needed, it is recommended that an appointment be arranged for another time. I would like to acknowledge the commitment from the teaching staff in making themselves available for these mostly out of school time interviews.

Term 1 Invoices

Thank you to all families who have paid their term 1 invoices. If you still have an outstanding invoice could you please send in payment by Tuesday April 7. I would like to remind all parents of the school's non – payment policy and the ramifications if all payments (except voluntary school contributions) are not met.

If you are experiencing financial hardship at present please make an appointment to see me and we can discuss ways the school can help through the use of Student Assistance Funds.

School Development Days

Our staff return on Monday 27 April for **two** School Development Days involving professional learning in an effort to achieve the current school targets and maximise student learning opportunities. The students return on Wednesday 29 April.

Thought of the week:

A child only educated at school is an uneducated child.
George Santayana

Greg McLaren
Relieving Principal

K-3 DRAMA PERFORMANCE

The boys and girls from Kindergarten, Year One, Year Two and Year Three would like to invite their parents and friends to their Drama performance next Wednesday 8th April.

The session times are as follows:

9:30 - 10:30	KT, 1/2R, 2H & 3C
11:30 -12:30	KM, 1B, 2G & 3C
1:30 – 2:30	KL, 1S, 2/3B & 3C

Please be seated 10 minutes before the start of the performance.

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WHAT TO WEAR

Kindergarten: dress up costumes – fairies, superheroes, characters or mufti

Year One : Knights, soldiers, kings, queens, ladies, lords, princesses
Jester – clown outfit
Magician – cape and hat

Year Two : Frogs-green clothes or board shorts and T-shirts, goggles
(optional)

Landlady – dress and apron
Maid – dress and apron
Xanthe, Dion, Poets – toga, sheet
Hercules, Doorman & ferrymen – mufti

3C : Colonial era- will be mainly dressed from Dance costumes at school
(Mrs Cook will let the children know if they need any additional clothing)

OOSH NEWS

April School Holidays Vacation Care Program is out now. Please ensure that you return the booking form with payment to the centre by Friday 3rd April, for the Early Bird booking fee to apply.

Also a reminder to all OOSH parents that all accounts for Term 1 must be finalised by the end of Week 11, Thursday 9th April. Bookings for Vacation Care and Term 2 will not be taken if outstanding accounts are not paid by the end of Term 1.

BAND WORKSHOP

With this newsletter is a schedule for the band workshop. Thank you to all those who have volunteered already. If you are able to lend a hand please email either Karen or Becci with your preferred timeslot..

A note has been sent home this week regarding the band workshop. If you haven't yet seen it please check your child's school bag.

Dates for your Diaries

Band Workshop 3rd May

Term 2 – date to be announced - Yamaha Eistedford – Concert Band

Term 2 – Open Day to be announced – Concert Band

24th June - Look At Big School Day (Concert Band)

28th – 30th August – Band Camp (All band members)

23rd September – Grandparents Day (Both Bands playing)

27th November – Band End of Year Concert (All band members)

9th December - Presentation Night (concert band)

Please make a note in your contacts Becci's new telephone number is: 9011 7576

Karen Page & Becci Armytage
Band Convenors

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CRAFT GROUP

Rain, hail or shine craft group will be having a Mother's Day wrapping day. Outside the craft rooms at approximately 9am next Wednesday. If you are handy with sticky tape and curly ribbon we need you.

UNIFORM POOL

The delivery of polar fleeces has arrived and been delivered to your child via their classroom. Any late orders not previously paid for can be collected from the Uniform Pool. Only 2 -3 more uniform pool days before winter uniforms are to be worn. Please check your winter uniforms are the correct size. Come and see Uniform Pool, our winter stock has arrived.

POLAR FLEECE CARE / INSTRUCTIONS

Any polar fleece will attract lint in the washing machine. Wash your school polar fleece with low lint fabrics and line dry. DO NOT TUMBLE DRY.



Family Fun Day 2009 - 14 June 11am-4.30pm

Only one week to go till the end of term 1 and thanks to some more generous parents there are only a few essential roles that still need to be filled:

- Teddy Bear Competition Convenor – ideal for 2 Kindi parents
- Hoopla Convenor – easy
- Gaming Room Convenor – New Stall need to be up to date on Wii & Playstation

We are also looking for a few Assistant Convenors this year to ease into a role for 2010

- Silent Auction - Assistant Convenor (Convenors last year)
- Showbags – Assistant Convenor (Convenors last year)
- Board Raffle – Assistant Convenor (Convenors last year)

If you are interested in any of these positions please call Michael Vandervelde and let's discuss the options. I am starting to get a bit desperate !!!!

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To assist

- We provide an Event Manual describing exactly what to do
- We are happy for a group of people to take on the role jointly

Stall Convenors Meeting:

- The first meeting for Stall Convenors is - Monday 4th May at 7.30pm in the OOSH Rooms. At this meeting we will discuss the plans for FFD 09 and hand out the Convenor packs.

Donations and sponsorship: If anyone has contacts with companies or generous individuals who could be approached to donate prizes or would consider sponsoring a stall (\$500 or \$250 - or even the event) please contact Michael Vandervelde. Still looking for a few major Raffle Prizes if anyone has some contacts.

2008 Stall Convenors:

Just a quick request for all 2008 stall convenors to return any manuals so they can be updated for 2009 – drop them into the Office @ School.

With thanks

Michael Vandervelde. 2009 Family Fun Day Convenor
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