

NORMANHURST WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Congratulations to the following students who were presented with a Principal's Award this week:

Riley Nicholl Samuel Kelly Codi Ramsay Jacqueline Morrison Luka Swain
Josh Cummins Terence Mackintosh Clyde Nolan Joshua Vale Claudia Gross
Stephanie Barakat Lachlan Vale Jack Cowley

Nov 5	Last day for Book Club orders
Nov 6	SRC Disco
Nov 10 & 11	Kindergarten Orientation
Nov 11	OOSH Meeting
Nov 13	Spectacular Science Show incursion

Dear parents and students,

SASS Recognition Week

Our school's school administrative and support staff (SASS) are the silent achievers within the school. This group is lead by our School Administrative Manager (SAM) Sue Shears and includes our School Administration Officers (SAO) Jenny Thomson, Wendy Bright and Heidi Nelson, General Assistant (GA) Phill Pendleton and our School Learning Support Officers (SLSO) Jeanette Bell, Merle Howard-Brown, Kate Watson & Michelle Wood. The SASS staff ensure that teachers are able to concentrate on delivering quality teaching and learning programs rather than being bogged down in administration, medical, financial or maintenance tasks. As Principal I cannot stress enough the importance of their role in what makes our school great.

So next time you are at the school office take the time to say thanks and well done for all the hard work the SASS do in supporting your children and their education.
Classes 2010

Last week I wrote in regards to class formation for 2010. Thank you to those parents who have made an interview time. 27th November will be the closing date for any interviews regarding classes for 2010. Please only make an interview time if you have very strong reasons for placement considerations.

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Last Payment Date

I cannot believe how quickly this last term is going. Mrs Shears has asked me to let everyone know that the last date for school payments of any monies outstanding will be Tuesday 15th December.

Brent Kunkler
Principal

TERM 4 INVOICES

Your term 4 invoice was posted last week. If you have not received it yet, please contact the office for a copy. Unfortunately a gremlin was present in the distribution of these invoices and the year 3-6 party day has been charged to you twice. Please just adjust your invoice when making payment.

Sue Shears
Administration Manager

UNIFORM POOL

The committee would like to thank all volunteers who helped during our busy kindy orientation this week. It is one of our busiest times of the year and would not run as smoothly without their help.

We have now reached the cut off for ordering of summer tunics. After orders have been filled uniform pool will only hold minimum stock levels to cater for laundry disasters and new enrolments.

Volunteers needed !

We have several Friday Shifts that are vacant and need filling.

Sarah is unable to attend for several weeks and I am leaving Sydney so if you have 45min to spare on a Friday, toddlers are welcome (we have toys), please turn up or contact me so we can fill in the blanks.

In 2010 the uniform pool will be needing volunteers to take over the roles as convener and secretary. This is a great stepping stone to become familiar with families in the school, familiar with P and C and Uniform pool is toddler friendly.

If you are interested please approach either Sarah Bryan (Secretary), Sue Simon (Treasurer) myself or any member of the P and C.

If no-one comes forward to do this role there will be no Uniform pool.

Colleen Cowley contact 94898470

NWPS OOSH Term 4 Meeting - Wednesday, 11 November

Please join us at 7.30pm in the OOSH rooms for our Term 4 Meeting. We will be discussing our valued NWPS OOSH service. A light supper (this means something made from chocolate) will be served. We look forward to seeing you there.

Jill Taylor. OOSH Secretary

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HELP - Christmas Markets BBQ - Sun 22 Nov 2009

Thanks to the generous parents who have already offered to assist on the Christmas Markets BBQ Roster on Sunday 22 November.

Unfortunately we still need quite a few people to fill the roster. We offer you the chance to help out in fundraising for the school by simply working on a bbq for 1 hour – either cooking, or serving and selling.

You get to work with other lovely parents from Normanhurst West and when you finish you can wander the markets and pick up some Christmas bargains. Or bring the family – send them shopping at the markets while you help add to the markets by helping us.

Shifts are only 1 hour and run from 9am-3pm. We are particularly short in the afternoon 12-3pm

Please call Michael on 9484 8483 or 0421 708 483 to offer your assistance

A roster will be circulated in the newsletter.

Michael Vandervelde
Xmas Markets BBQ Co-ordinator

CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Plans are well underway for this year's markets.

There are still **stall vacancy** for those that still wish to join in this event.

This year we will be **entertained** with street theatre provided by Drawbridge Entertainment. Students past and present will be busking (still some times available). Craft workshops and wine tasting.

The **book stall** will again be run by Kate Griffith and sell your preloved favourites. Donations can be left at front office.

Our delicious **BBQ** is being run by Michael Vandervelde.

Canteen may be host to your lovely homemade goodies.

Now all we need is a few **volunteers to help** run these stalls and to spread the word by walking the streets delivering flyers.

If you can help in anyway make this years markets more successful please call me.

Colleen Cowley contact 9489 8470 colleencowley@live.com.au.

BAND NEWS



CONCERT BAND AT THORNLEIGH

It's time for Concert Band's first foray into the world of community performance. Our debut is at Thornleigh Uniting Church as part of their fete lineup. Who knows...we might become T.U.C regulars!

Just a few things to remember:

*Please arrive by 12.55. We have to be seated, warmed up and ready to perform by 1:15.

*All musicians need to wear band shirts, green sports shorts or skirts and joggers.

*Everyone should bring their own music stand.

Have fun, and don't forget that we can't charge audience members for our autographs. Not yet.

BAND TRY-OUTS

Thursday December 3 is the big day. Anyone and everyone from Year 2 up is invited to come and find their inner musician. No experience necessary, just lots of enthusiasm. If you have ever thought about joining the band, now is the time! Try-outs begin at 7.30am on Thursday. Concert Band, you get the morning off. Enjoy the sleep-in.

TRAINING BAND TRIUMPH

Training Band gave a great performance at the Galston Eisteddfod, landing a Highly Commended. This is a wonderful result for fairly new musicians. Many thanks to maestro Jane and to the band members, who demonstrated exceptional behaviour. Well done, guys.

PENNO HIGH ORIENTATION AND BAND

As much as it hurts to let our Year Sixes go, it's time for them to stretch their wings a little. All band members who are attending Pennant Hills High School next year are invited to come and play with the big guys on Orientation Day, December 3. This is a great way to sample music in high school with heaps of other equally nervous Year Sixes. It always sounds wonderful, so enjoy performing and the rest of the day. And don't forget to come back. We need you for the rest of the year.

2010 SENIOR CONCERT BAND TRYOUTS

A note was sent home outlining the introduction of the new band and what your child needs to practise at home over the holidays. As we noted, the tryouts start the first day back. The tryouts are quite low-key, so there's no reason for your young muso to panic. After all, this isn't the Sydney Symphony. Just try to have some practice over the break, using the list as a guide.

If you didn't read your email or haven't sighted your note, please ferret around in cases, music bags etc. If all else fails, contact Karen or Becci.