



NEWSLETTER

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Sept 14	Kindergarten Powerhouse museum excursion
Sept 14	ArtsNorth Choir – Opera House performance
Sept 15	Yr 2G, 2P, 2B Westleigh Excursion
Sept 15	Year 6 Farewell Planning Meeting 6:30pm
Sept 15	P&C Meeting 7:45pm
Sept 17	Last day for Book Club orders
Sept 20	Grounds Force Day
Sept 23	Grandparents Day
Sept 25	Last day for 2010 family organiser/planner orders

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

Amy Tustian Nic Alsop Sophie Hoschke Zac Uren Laura Hoschke Jonathan Friend
Sean McLagan

Dear Parents and Students,

BER update

Painting has begun on the exterior of the Administration block and hopefully all painting should be completed by next week. It is anticipated that the roof in this block be replaced in the Christmas holidays – another huge job! The interior of the hall looks great! Once again I urge you to take the utmost precautions when moving around the school.

Interactive White Boards - IWB

Three interactive whiteboards were installed in the school last week and are in full operation - after a few hiccoughs. The students and teachers are already benefiting from the immense educational options available to them with this new technology. At this stage we are waiting for the internet to be connected so that the World Wide Web can be available as a teaching tool on the board for everyone to be engaged even further.

Kindergarten enrolments

Thank you to all the families who have completed enrolments for our Kinder intake next year. I know there are still a number of 2010 Kinders from families of siblings at the school who have still not completed their enrolments. In order to organise

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Orientation packs and programs would you attend to this matter by the end of next week.

Leadership survey

Next week there will be a survey sent home (randomly distributed) as part of our annual school evaluation procedures. The survey will be on "Leadership" and the following information may be useful in completing the survey.

Leaders are people who are appointed to, who are delegated or who assume leadership roles within the school community. In this context the term "leaders" refers to members of staff, students, parents, caregivers and members of the wider community. (Question 1)

Responsibilities of leaders are to consult with colleagues and the wider community to seek information and collaborate with them to achieve a common purpose. They are also responsible for developing policies based on best practices and the evaluation of existing programs to determine strengths and weaknesses with a view to modify programs to improve the quality of student outcomes. (Questions 2-4)

Leaders effectively design structured activities to improve student learning by assessing student achievements and developing the skills of teaching staff using best practices. (Questions 5-6)

Leaders engage all members of the school community (School Council, P&C, parents) to determine the school's vision, values, educational priorities and long term goals. (Questions 7-8)

To improve school policies and practices leaders encourage others and themselves to reflect on their own practice and to evaluate areas of educational practices to inform planning with a view to improvement. (Questions 10-11)

Helen Georgiou
Relieving Principal

The one exclusive sign of thorough knowledge is the power of teaching.

Aristotle

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents Day will be on Wednesday 23rd September starting at 10:45am with the Year 6 Coffee Shop on KT verandah.

At 11:30am there will be an assembly under the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA).

Grandparents can then have a picnic lunch from 12:30pm in the school grounds. Grandparents are welcome to take their grandchildren home, first signing them out on the list in the teacher's classroom. There will be no need to go to the office to sign out. Normal lessons will resume at 1:30pm.

A. Bretherton H. Ryan
Coordinators

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ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – Track Events

Congratulations go to all those students who competed at the Zone Athletics Track Events Carnival yesterday. The behaviour of the students was commendable and for this, they should be proud, as all the teachers were. Thank you also to the parents who supported the students and particularly to Amanda Coburn for setting up our seating area.

Particular mention goes to the **senior boys relay team: Andrew Russell, Jeremy Chivas, Sam Coburn and Darren Lu** who came 3rd overall. Also, **Jordan Stenning** who came first in the 100m final, **Sam Coburn** who came 1st in the 800m final and 3rd in the 200m final. Also, **Jeremy Chivas** who came 3rd in the 800m final. Well done! We are very proud of you.

Kylie Newland

DEBATING NEWS

Congratulations go to the Premier's Debating Team (A) who won a debate against Normanhurst Public School last week. **Josiah Binet, Emma Jirgensons, Lauren Benham and Jacqueline Page** put forward some very strong arguments and were very thorough in their rebuttal.

Also, in the Interschool Debating competition which was held on Tuesday this week, our team were **Josh Cummins, Emma Pendleton, Steph Teh, and Ben Basclain**. The team put forward a very strong argument but were unfortunately defeated. However, the adjudicator commented on the quality of the debate and how much the students were improving.

It is great to see the students putting forward their best efforts and setting such a high standard for the school.

Kylie Newland
Debating Coordinator

FROM THE P&C

Student Banking is still sitting on 3 volunteers, this is the last reminder that if by Tuesday next week we still don't have a full roster of volunteers Student Banking will cease operation at the school.

On the agenda for our meeting next week we have the vote on a proposal to allocate \$1500.00 to be spent on new banners for the Christmas markets.

The next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday 15th September at 7:45pm in the OOSH room.

Miriam Mulcahy. P&C President. (M) 0412 364 366
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OOSH NEWS

This week at OOSH....

The children have been having lots of fun writing and posting each other letters in the new OOSH letterbox and have still been very enthusiastic about learning new hand-string tricks and constructing the best-flying paper airplanes.

The children have also enjoyed our Active After School Care Program for this term which is held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, and includes basketball and oz-tag games and activities.

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Please look out for the October Vacation Care Program which will be out early next week. We have lots of exciting activities planned for all ages and hope to see you there!

For any bookings enquiries please contact Fiona or Emma at the centre on 9484 4412.

Vacant Canteen Shifts - Repeat, Repeat Request

The canteen roster is starting to look a little empty. Please have a look at the dates below and consider if you could commit to one of these shifts. Canteen duty is a lot of fun, you can have a chat with the other parents and catch up on lots of the school news.

Looking for volunteers for the following three shifts:

- **2nd Wednesday 8:30am to 11:30am**
- **2nd Friday 8:30am to 11:30am**
- **3rd Monday 8:30am to 11:30am**

If you cannot commit to a regular shift but would be happy to volunteer for the emergency list could you please also let me know. My best contact details are 0412 151 564 or sallylushermain@hotmail.com Thank you in anticipation! Sally.



Band Camp 2009 is over and as eighty exhausted children and eleven equally exhausted adults found their way home it was time to reflect on the weekend that was. The concert on Sunday afternoon – which was wonderful - was a tribute to the effort and energy the children brought to the entire weekend. Looking at the proud faces in the audience and hearing the enthusiastic applause, it suddenly made the early morning struggles to get to band and those “have you practised today?” moments seem worth it.

Our musicians had a busy weekend with rehearsals on Friday night, three hours of tutorial rotations on Saturday, in addition to canoeing, soccer, volleyball, art and board games. Theatresports on Saturday night unearthed some hidden talents and there were many hilarious interpretations of Fairy Tales, the Harbour Bridge and a family holiday. On Sunday we noticed that Space Jump seemed to be rivalling strings as an activity for those with a few spare moments between rehearsals. There was also a very popular “graffiti wall”. Here are some of the comments: *I love magic music. The kayaking was fun. I capsized. Theatresports was the best. I loved the flute tutor. This band camp rocks. Awesome volleyball. I loved the art. Soccer awesome. This camp has the best food.*

Camp does not happen without enormous support from the committee and parents, so once more we would like to thank everyone who stayed overnight. Much gratitude to the Training Band and Concert Band co-ordinators Belinda Dunn, Linda Stenning and Rachel Allen for handling all things musical. To Sally Lane, who has a special relationship with photocopiers large and small and who produced sheet music out of

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thin air. To Nicole Page who organised the tutors, to Margot Treloar who handled medical matters (and the all- important coffee run) and of course to the big Ka Ukas (sorry, Kahunas) Karen Page and Becci Armytage who oversaw everything and filled in all the gaps. *Grazie!*

To all parents who helped on Friday, Saturday morning and afternoon and on Sunday thank you, thank you, thank you. To Robyn Steggles and Ros Cameron, our staff representatives, and our conductors Jane Nelson and Ray Hampton, *merci beaucoup.*

Now it's time to take we learned and focus on the next concert, which will be Grandparents' day.

Joy Stewart and Lynne Wainwright

GROUNDS FORCE DAY

Sunday 20th September is our next grounds force day so all Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 families are invited to come along and help get the school ready for Grandparents day. Also any other families that were not able to make it last term are very welcome!!

The day will start at 2pm so please come along for an hour or two to help out. Please meet at the BBQ and don't forget to sign on. The more helpers we have turn up on the day the less work for everyone!! Brooms, rakes & shovels are all provided however if you like to bring some gloves and some rubbish bags that would be appreciated.

Please mark this date in your calendars now so that you will be available to help.

Belinda Pope & Helen Howse (Grounds Force)

FUNDRAISING - 2010 Family Organiser Calendar

Get your family organised next year with the 2010 Family organiser Calendar.

Theme: Green environment

A separate column for each member of the family.

Great value at **\$16.99**. With all profit adding to P and C fundraising goals.

Money can be left at the office CLEARLY labelled. Calendar Fundraiser. Please provide correct money as no change can be given by staff.

Orders due: Friday 25th September.

All enquiries contact Colleen Cowley 9489 8470

Thankyou for supporting your school.



Please return to school office in an envelope CLEARLY labelled CALENDAR FUNDRAISER by Friday 25th September

Childs name : _____ Class : _____

Number of calendars ordered: _____ @\$16.99 = _____

Total enclosed = _____

