



NEWSLETTER

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March 24	Last day to purchase P&C Trivia Night tickets
March 27	Last day for high school expression of interest forms Yr 6
March 28	P&C Trivia Night
March 29	Grounds Force Day
March 30	Parent / Teacher interviews begin
April 9	Combined scripture service ANZAC service

2G won the student banking this week with 6 deposits out of the school's total of 38 deposits. The cup was awarded to 2G as the most improved class for the week. Congratulations! See if your class can win next week.

Principal's Awards will next be presented on 26th March (Week 9) Assembly.

Dear Parents and Students,

State PSSA Knockouts

Each year our schools enter teams in various sports in the Primary Schools Sports Association knockouts. By entering boys and girls are given the opportunity to represent our school against schools all across the state. These teams are coached by staff who give up their own time to ensure these opportunities exist. This term Mr. Pinchbeck (boy's cricket) and Mrs. Voss (girl's softball) are the teachers who have given up their time to ensure these opportunities exist.

Sport, dance, choir, chess, debating and SRC are areas that are supported by teachers who willingly do extra to enhance the learning opportunities of many of our students.

Student Learning Support

At our school we have a very strong Learning Support Team (LST). The purpose of this team is to ensure all students are receiving the help and support they need to achieve their maximum learning outcomes.

The LST committee is chaired by myself (this term) and may include another executive staff member, our Support Teacher Learning Assistance (STLA), District School Counsellor – Ms Diane Bradshaw (DSC) and our Early Literacy Support Teacher – Ms Lambert and co-opted members of staff. The LST team meets several times during each term to review the learning programs of students that have been

referred, or those students who are being funded through various state or federal programs. Both teachers and parents can refer a student to the LST. If a teacher refers a child the parent is always informed. Conversely if a parent would like to refer their child I would hope that they have had a meeting with the class teacher to discuss the reasons for the referral and then jointly complete the referral forms (forms can be obtained from the class teacher). In some circumstances the parent does not want the teacher informed. If that is the case referral forms can be obtained from the school office completed and returned to me to take to the LST meeting.

One vital member of the LST is our DSC, Diane Bradshaw. Ms Bradshaw is at our school each Tuesday. As you can imagine being here only one day a week means her work is highly prioritized. No direct approach should be made to Ms Bradshaw prior to a completed referral form being discussed at a LST meeting. In this way I as chairperson can ensure that her precious time is utilised in the most efficient way. Please make an appointment with me if you have any questions relating to our student learning support programs.

P&C AGM

I am sure a full report will be included in this newsletter but I would like to thank on behalf of the staff and students all those parents who put their hands up last night to take on roles and responsibilities within the P&C for 2009. We as a school are extraordinarily lucky to have such a strong, enthusiastic and supportive P&C. I would also like to acknowledge and thank all the outgoing P&C executive and conveners for their efforts in 2008.

One last request – the P&C are looking for a secretary. If you think you can fulfil this role please get in touch with our second term president Miriam Mulcahy.

Brent Kunkler
Principal

NWPS EARTH HOUR

On Tuesday 24th March at NWPS we will be turning off lights, fans and electrical devices in conjunction with Earth Hour 2009. This will take place between 10 and 11am. Students and teachers will take time to discuss the relevance of Earth Hour and the important issue of energy conservation. You can take part in Earth Hour on Saturday 28th March between 8:30 and 9:30pm. You can also find out more about this national and global event by visiting the Earth Hour website. The address is www.earthhour.org.

Kelly-Anne Voss
Environment Coordinator

SOFTBALL KNOCKOUT

On Tuesday 17th March, NWPS competed in the first round of the Girls Softball Knockout against Thornleigh West PS at Oakleigh Park. The final score was 10-4 to Thornleigh West. Our girls played an excellent game and represented our school with a great attitude. I would like to thank the girls for coming to training and responding positively to learning the game. Thank you to Trish Yaldwyn and Paul Johnstone for transporting the girls to the oval. Thanks to Karen Wallis for being a 'dedicated' scorer and to Sue Cross for her 'inspired' cheering. A big thanks to Greg Ramsay and Lewis Benham who ran a training session for the team in their own time on a Sunday.

Kelly-Anne Voss
Coach

HIGH SCHOOL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST APPLICATIONS FOR 2010

All parents of year 6 students should have received an information package about secondary school enrolments for next year. Included in the package is an application form. This form needs to be returned to your child's teacher by 27th March 2009. If you require assistance in responding to questions on the application form please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or Mr McLaren.

FROM THE P&C

The Annual General Meeting of the P&C was held on Tuesday Night, thank you to everyone who came along. The P&C Executive office bearers and committee members for 2009 are as follows:

President - Miriam Mulcahy

Secretary - position not filled

Treasurer - Jenny Temm

1st Vice President - Emma Bell

2nd Vice President - Astrid Pickup

Executive committee members - Sarah Bryan, Ian Shinfield, Karen Hope and Jill Taylor.

In order for the P&C to continue operations we must have the position of secretary filled, if we can't find someone willing to do the job by the next meeting the P&C must cease all activities until all office bearers' positions are filled. The secretary's role is to take minutes at P&C meetings (most sub-committee reports are provided in soft copy and can be incorporated into the minutes thus reducing the need for copious note-taking), type up and distribute the minutes to the P&C executive and also display a copy on the notice board outside the school, collect P&C correspondence from the school office and distribute it to the appropriate people and to provide copies of previous minutes at the next P&C meeting. If you are interested in finding out more about the role please do not hesitate to contact me! (Please, please, please!)

The proposal to earmark \$75 000 of P&C funds towards the provision of a Community Room for the school was amended after discussion at the meeting to a proposal to earmark \$50 000 for the same purpose. This amended proposal was passed.

A new proposal was made that \$25 000 dollars be earmarked for provision of interactive whiteboards for classrooms, this will be voted on at our next meeting.

Earmarking of funds is not a decision to actually spend that money at that time, it is rather a statement of intent to spend the money on a particular project at a future time. Should circumstances change between the earmarking decision and the spending of the money it is within the P&C's purview to re-allocate the funds as the P&C sees fit. Such action would be taken through the same process of proposal, notification of the school community and subsequent voting at a General Meeting as the initial decision to earmark the funds in the first place. The purpose of earmarking funds for particular projects is to allow the P&C to hold significant sums of cash for longer than a year without endangering the P&C's status as a non-profit organisation.

Two other spending proposals were made, both also to be voted on at the next P&C meeting. First that \$800 be given to the Pre-school to contribute to the cost of the painting of the OOSH/Pre-school rooms that was done in the Christmas holidays. Second that \$1300 be given to the school to cover the cost of a new school banner to replace the one that went missing after being used by P&C members in the lead up to a past Family Fun Day (Yes, that would be the one that has been enquired about multiple times in this very newsletter – I don't supposed anyone knows where it is do they?)

Don't forget to book your tickets for the trivia night!

Next P&C Meeting is on Tuesday May 19th, OOSH Rooms 7.45pm.

Miriam Mulcahy. (P&C President). 0412 364 366. mimbles2@gmail.com

P&C TRIVIA NIGHT

Date: Saturday 28th March

Time: 7:30pm - 11:30pm

Cost: \$5 per ticket

Where: In the School Hall

BYO food and drink, alcohol is permitted (to be drunk in moderation of course!). Tea and coffee will be provided.

Payment by cash please, tickets will be sent home with your child.

Ticket sales close on Tuesday 24th March.

P&C Trivia Night Sat 28th March

Name: _____

No. of tickets: _____ Total cost (\$5 per ticket): _____

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

UNIFORM POOL NEWS

HATS – It has come to our attention that there is a problem with the new supply of school hats. It appears that there is a fault with the inner lining, and it is detaching.

We have been in contact with the supplier and the visiting company rep has seen first hand this fault, and is working to find a solution to this matter. We should have an answer within the next week in regards to resolving this issue.

At this stage we will not be recalling the hats, as the only other stock we can get has the same fault. Taking into consideration the school's "no hat, no play" policy we will try to resolve this issue as soon as possible, and with minimal disruption.

Thank you kindly for your patience.

Uniform pool has also received letters from most of our suppliers regarding price rises due to the economic climate. As a result there will be review of pricing at the end of Term 2. Uniform Pool has only a minimal mark up on stock so these price rises will unfortunately need to be passed on in due course.

GROUND FORCE DAY

Reminder that **Sunday 29th March** is the **first Grounds Force day for 2009**. All year 5 & 6 students and families are asked to help make the school grounds clean and tidy. Please mark this date in your calendars and come along for an hour or two to help out.

The day starts at 2pm. Meet at the BBQ and make sure you sign on!!
Some equipment is available but feel free to bring a broom or rake.

Future Grounds Force Dates are:

31st May Years 3-4 (pre family fun day)
30th August Years K-2
15th November - All (pre Christmas markets)

Please mark these dates in your calendars now so that you will be available to help. The more helpers we have turn up on the day the less work for everyone!!

Belinda Pope & Helen Howse (Grounds Force)

BAND NEWS



WATCH ME MAKE THIS PIZZA DISAPPEAR...

A vast quantity of pizza was consumed in a very short time at our first pizza lunch for the year. A big thank you to Margo Treloar, Belinda Dunn, Alice Ackerman, Margie Kemmis and Judy Fisher who came to lend a hand and watch 33 pizzas disappear.

BAND WORKSHOP HELPERS

Our band workshop will be held on Sunday May 3, running from 12.30 to around 5.30. As you may know from previous workshops, parent helpers are needed to supervise tutorials. It's easy-peasy and will only require an hour of your time. If you think you can assist, please contact either of our lovely convenors, Karen Page and Becci Armytage.

THE BIG GIG

Concert Band has been busily practicing for its first big public appearance, which happens to be at **Week 9 Assembly**. A note to our musicians – don't forget to leave your instruments at school after morning rehearsal.

Tracey Morris

OOSH NEWS

This week at OOSH we had our accreditation inspection from the National Childcare Accreditation Council (NCAC). We feel quite positive that our centre has met all the requirements to operate effectively and we are waiting on written confirmation from the NCAC for our results.

On Tuesdays we have a new coach for our Active Afterschool Program who is introducing lots of great new activities. Come a long and be apart of these games even on a casual basis and don't forget our Active Afterschool Program runs on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.



Family Fun Day 2009 - 14 JUNE 2009



It's now only a term away and we still need some parents to stick up their hands to assist in setting up FFD 2009 – remember that this is for our kids benefit . **We need your support to put this day together** so please give me a call if you can help run one of these activities/stalls. You will have fun and you will also get to meet many other people in our school community.

We still need volunteers in the following roles/areas/stalls:

- Sponsorship co-ordinator
- Publicity/Advertising co-ordinator
- Kindi Farm Convenor – Ideal for 2 Kindi parents
- Teddy Bear Competition Convenor – ideal for 2 Kindi parents
- Silent Auction - Assistant Convenor (Convenors last year)
- Showbags – Assistant Convenor (Convenors last year)

So if you are interested in any of these positions please call Michael Vandervelde and let's discuss the options.

To assist

- We provide an Event Manual describing exactly what to do

Meetings:

- New Convenors - Monday 23rd March - cancelled
- All Stall Convenors - 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 (or the event) please contact Michael Vandervelde.

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

0421 708 483 or mvandervelde@loretonh.nsw.edu.au

THE GREEN GUIDE

A new initiative by the P&C. This directory will list businesses of school families, ex-families and small businesses in our immediate local area.

Several family and independent businesses have already taken the opportunity to **advertise in The Green Guide** which will be distributed in term two, to all families of Normanhurst West Public School.

Check the newsletter for more info, pick up a submission form from the office or email me and I will email you a form. The form can be filled out on your computer and emailed direct to myself.

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