



HNPS Newsletter

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From the Principal...

This week is an excellent example of the activity filled term we are in. Monday, began with a Band Committee Meeting, on Tuesday the Grounds Committee met to discuss future plans for working bees and grounds enhancement, today students and some daring parents will view the Deadly Australians Show, on Thursday students will have the opportunity to buy gifts from the Mother's Day Stall and on Friday our annual Cross Country event for students in Years 3-6 will be held at Rofo Park. Phew!

NATIONAL TESTING

Next week the National Testing (NAPLAN) for Years 3 and 5 will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The timetable is as follows-

Tuesday May 12 - Language Conventions

Writing

Wednesday May 13 - Reading

Thursday May 14 - Numeracy

Friday is designated a "catch up" day for students who were ill for an individual test. It will not be possible for a student to do all three tests on Friday.

Once again I ask parents to ensure students get adequate sleep, have a healthy breakfast and most importantly relax and do their best.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Thank you to the Fundraising Committee for organizing the Mother's Day Stall. A separate flyer was sent home last week. All gifts are \$5 and children will be able to choose from a wide variety of gifts. Students who forget their money will be able to make arrangements with their teacher to collect a gift after paying on Friday. However, the best option is to buy on Thursday.

SPORTING SUCCESS

We have many examples of sporting success at Hornsby North Public, both at school, zone and regional level and at local sporting clubs.

Recent successes come from-

Connor 5/6B - Connor was selected in the Hornsby/Kuring-gai combined soccer team and last week this team played against other combined teams in the Sydney North Area. Connor's team won the entire day and I am sure he played a significant role in all the results. Well done Connor!

Gabi 3C - Gabi received a trophy at the recent Little Athletics Presentation Night for the most consistent performer in the under 9's.

Nicholas KA - Nicholas was the Runner Up Age Champion for the Under 6's in Little Athletics.

Charley 3C - Charley was a trophy winner at the Galston Club Swim Championship, gaining 2nd place in the 7-8 Years female section.

Georgia 3T - Georgia was the age champion for the third year in a row at the Northern District Little Athletics Club. Recently Georgia represented at State Level.

Great work Georgia, Charley, Gabi, Nicholas and Connor.



Connor



Charley



Gabi



Georgia



Nicholas

GREVILLEA FETE

Next Saturday, Concert Band II will perform at the Grevillea Fete. I wish them well and know they will represent our school magnificently. On behalf of Grevillea Preschool I extend an invitation to parents and community members of Hornsby North to attend.

KINDERGARTEN 2010

I would like to know the number of local Kindergarten children to expect in 2010. The office staff have received a number of enquiries and enrolment forms for both local and non local students but we would like to know the exact number of local students and siblings of Hornsby North students so that adequate preparations can be made. Parents, if you intend to enrol your child in Kindergarten in 2010 or you know of any local student who is eligible to enrol, either collect an enrolment form from the office or notify the office, so that we know your child will be coming to school next year. I know this is quite early in the year but once Term 3 begins, the preparation for Kindergarten Orientation and Play Groups must begin.

INTERACTIVE WHITE BOARDS

This week the interactive white boards purchased by the P & C last year are being installed. By the end of this week boards will be in Mrs. Garlick's / Mrs. Oakley's room, 5H, 1H, KG and 6M. The time between purchase and installation is longer than desirable, so we can only hope the next order is finalized in a shorter time.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE

With the number of health issues in the wider community, it is timely for us to reinforce good health practices in our children. Teachers have been talking to students about the importance of washing hands particularly after visiting the toilet and covering one's mouth when coughing. It would be appreciated if parents could reinforce those habits at home.

Maree Sumpton

Principal

Coming Events....

Thu 7 May	Mothers Day stall
Fri 8 May	School Cross Country
Sat 9 May	CB2 Playing at Grevillea Fete
Mon 11 May	Winter uniform official changeover date
	Gymnastics for KA, KG, KJ, 1B, 1H, 1M, 1P, 2J
Tues 12 May	National Testing Years 3 & 5
	Gymnastics for KM, KS, 1J, 2C, 2G, 2M
Wed 13 May	National Testing Years 3 & 5
	9.30am Reading workshop in hall
Thur 14 May	National Testing Years 3 & 5
Fri 15 May	Walk Safely to School Day
	Disco

From the Classroom

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -

James (2C), Jemima (2C), Tom (2J), Piper (2C), Zac (5H), Mikhail (3B), Sophie (5H), Noah (1J), Milly (1J), Georgie (1J), Emma (4P), Stina (5G), Maggie H. (5H) and Harry (2C).

LIBRARY NEWS -

On Tuesday morning Christine Ashton spoke to Years 3-6 about the MS Readathon. It is run in June and raises funds for a very important cause. Students are encouraged to participate. More information can be found at the following website or registration forms are available in the library. www.msreadathon.org.au Students who are participating will have their names listed on a special poster in the library.

127 students have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge with another 135 almost finished. Both of these great reading programs can be at the same time as the same books can be recorded for both. During Education Week (Week 5) and the week before it, books will be available for donation to the library. More information will be distributed next week during class library lessons.

Helen.Stevens@det.nsw.edu.au Helen Stevens, Teacher Librarian

KINDERGARTEN NEWS -

Tell the class in as much detail about something that they saw at school over the last two weeks. E.g. Science lesson, sport, assembly, lunchtime activities etc.

SCIENCE NEWS -

Great news—it's Science Expo term and it's all go. Dates & times are:

Years 3 & 4 - Week 6 Wednesday 3 June from 1.45-3pm and 6-7pm.

Years 5 & 6 - Week 8 Wednesday 17 June from 1.45-3pm and 6-7pm.

Years 1 & 2 - Week 9 Thursday 25 June from 1.45-2.30pm.

Kindergarten - Week 10 Thursday 2 July from 1.45-2.15pm.

All expos are in the hall.

For anyone who has not encountered a Hornsby North Science Expo before, they are a well loved and exciting event. We do everything possible to reduce parental stress. The K-2 expos are held after the Years 3-6 expos, so that the younger children witness an expo before they have theirs. Parents may also visit older children's expos, if they want to collect ideas and see what it's all about.

Every child will have time in their Science class to research magazines and books for their chosen activity and to photocopy them for home reference. Nearer the time a list of very simple and inexpensive experiments will be sent home with the children.

Mrs Oakley is available on Monday and Thursday and Mrs Garlick on Tuesday and Wednesday in the Science Room to help.

Participation in the Expos is strongly recommended but not compulsory. More detailed notes will follow.

Jenny Garlick & Helen Oakley, Science Teachers

RECORDER NEWS -

Beginner recorder has resumed for Term 2. Fees are due. Please remember to bring your recorder, music and a pencil to 6C, 8.30am Tuesday mornings. Any enquiries, Fiona Blair 0407 951 665.

PSSA NETBALL NEWS -

Welcome back to a new netball season! Round 1 had us playing against Hornsby Heights. All the girls played well. The Junior girls won 15/6 and the Senior girls put in a mighty effort, but went down 23/11.

This week we play Berowra at Warina Street. Girls and parents are to meet at Rofe Park at 12.15pm due to the Cross Country. Drivers are - Liddel, Hall and O'Brien.

PSSA GIRLS SOCCER TEAM -

The girls had an impressive start to the competition last week. They played Hornsby Heights and won 8-0!! This week we are playing Berowra at Berowra Oval. Drivers this week are: Ambrose, Jawahar. A reminder that training is on Thursday afternoons.

PSSA BOYS SOCCER -

The Hornsby PSSA Soccer competition began last Friday against Hornsby Heights at Montview Oval. We had mixed results, with both Senior and Junior teams playing well. Our Junior team had a 7-0 win, while our Senior team went down 2-0. This Friday we are playing Berowra at Berowra Oval. Could parent drivers let the school know by Friday morning of availability for this week.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS -

Turrumurra High School - Open Morning Friday 8 May from 9.15am to 11am. Please visit to see our students & teachers in the classroom. At morning tea you may wish to take the opportunity of speaking with the Principal and Deputy Principals. Maxwell Street, Turrumurra.

P & C NEWS: CANTEEN NEWS -

Volunteers: Thu 7 May: Catherine Pedersen, Bettina Harris

Fri 8 May: R. Springer, Lucinda Stott, Linda Muncey, Jackie Farrow

Mon 11 May: Caroline Campbell, Sylvana Vandertouw

Tues 12 May: Mardi Thorley, Phillip Chin Quan

Wed 13 May: Johanna Louwen, Heather Cant Vicki Stubbings

BAND NEWS -

We wish all Concert Band 2 students the very best when they perform at the Grevillea Pre-School Fete this Saturday. Please meet outside the pre-school at 12.30pm. Full winter uniform is to be worn. This includes navy stockings for girls and long pants for boys. Please remember music and instrument and a light weight music stand, if you have one. Coming events for Term 2 include:

Tuesday 26 May - Education Week Open Evening, all bands to perform.

Sunday 31 May - Training Band - Ryde East Music Festival.

Friday 12 June - CB1 - Yamaha Music Festival.

Thursday 18 June - CB2 - Yamaha Music Festival.

Notes will be sent home for all these events giving exact details closer to the date. Thank you.

Catherine Pedersen, Band Committee President

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS -

Opening hours are Thursday and Friday mornings 8.30 am—9.30 am.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL -

On Thursday 7th May we are holding a stall where you can choose a special present for Mum. All gifts will be \$5.00 so bring your pocket money (or see Dad or another adult) and get Mum a wonderful surprise! There should be enough gifts for those children who need to buy 2 gifts. If you do not want your child to purchase a gift please advise your class teacher. Thank you for your support. Hope all Mums have an enjoyable day!!

P & C Fundraising Committee

GROUNDS COMMITTEE NEWS -

Our next working bee for Term 2 will be on Sunday 24 May 1-4pm in time to get the school looking fantastic for Education Week Open Night. This is for K-2 families and anyone else who would like to come and help. Even if you can only make it for a short time the help will be greatly appreciated. So get some friends together from your class and make it a fun day for everyone. Each child who actively helps at the working bee will receive a Merit Card. We will also be having a sausage sizzle at the end of the day. Meredith Burke & Grounds Committee

COMMUNITY NEWS -

Private Singing Lessons - at school for grades 3-6 will be held during lunch times and will begin next week. These will be taught by Tracey Arbon-Fitzgerald. If you are interested in learning how to SING, an information sheet/enrolment form is available from the office.

Taekwondo World - 1st lesson free! Best club award 2004-2008. Tel: 9477 6204 or 0412 369 874.

Bunnings Thornleigh - Mum and Kids night Thursday 7th May 5pm-7pm. Make a gift with Mum for Mother's Day. Sausage sizzle, refreshments, fun and games, lucky door prizes, craft for Mother's Day. Free. Bookings essential. Email thornleigh@bunnings.com.au or phone: 9479 9000.

Mariners Football Development Centre - Part of the KDSA High Performance Partnership Program. Conducted with Central Coast Mariners Academy Coaching Staff. Starts Monday May 11 from 5.30-7.30pm for boys and girls ages 7-12. For information phone 4353 7200 or go to ccmariners.com.au

Centcare Broken Bay - Hey Dad! For Separated Fathers—a six week group exploring the role of fathering in post separation parenting, held at Waitara Family Centre Wednesdays 13,19,27 May & 3,10,16 June. Enquiries call Sean 9488 2523 or Greg on 9488 2532.

Parenting Courses and Workshops Term 2 2009 - Triple P(Positive Parenting Program) held at Chatswood 8 weeks commencing 20 May; Communicating with Kids 6 weeks at Chatswood commencing 28 May; Communicating with Teens 5 weeks at Chatswood commencing 2 June. Please phone for more information 9887 5830.