



HNPS Newsletter

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From the Principal...

A warm welcome to all for 2009.

Special greetings to Mrs. Anne Zifkin who has returned to us after a most successful time at Berowra Public School. Anne's warmth, compassion and skilful professional leadership at the school was much appreciated by the children, parents and the entire school community. In fact they wanted to keep her! Sorry, Berowra, we welcome her back to the Hornsby North family. We have two new members of staff, Miss Danniella Medcalf and Miss Priscilla Turnell. Danniella comes to us from a much smaller school and I think her first day was a little daunting but she is a fine teacher and will be a most valued member of the staff. For Priscilla, this is her first appointment but as a targeted graduate she comes to us with much success from her time at university and promises to be as successful and contributing as our other "first year out" teachers who are now valuable "old hands" of the school. I know students and parents will welcome the new staff members and through positive interactions show them that Hornsby North is a great place to learn, work and play.

A special welcome to the new students in Years 1 to 6. I hope your time at Hornsby North is fun filled with great success and rich learning experiences. A reminder to parents of our newly enrolled students. If you have any concerns and worries due to the transition to Hornsby North, please let the class teacher or me know immediately.

Last Thursday, we enrolled the new kindergarten students for 2009. They are all bright eyed and full of enthusiasm. As educators we are enthusiastic about their first steps into school and our dedicated teachers will guide and nurture them throughout 2009 and beyond. I wonder how many national and world leaders, scientists, teachers, doctors etc are among them? I am sure they will all be great members of our future society.

Following is a list of the staff and positions for 2009. Unfortunately Mrs. Joy Straw, our wonderful counsellor in 2008 will not return this year and we welcome Mrs. Eunice Markham as our counsellor for 2009. Four classes are operating with a shared position Mrs. Megan Jeffrey and Mrs. Narelle Wilson share responsibility for 2J whilst Mrs. Kylie Cale and Mrs. Wendy Hayfield will be the teachers for 3C in 2009. Many parents will be aware that Mrs. Kaneeta Flarey leaves us mid term to prepare for the birth of her twins. Miss Michelle Szita who takes 6M on Fridays will be the full time teacher when Mrs. Flarey begins her maternity leave. Mrs. Annie Bala and Mrs. Helen Oakley are responsible for 1B at the moment.

The staffing for 2009 is as follows:

Principal	Maree Sumpton
Non Teaching D/P	Anne Zifkin
Assistant Principals	Ginette Butterworth Brian Thurecht Anita Corney Sharon Gates
KA	Anne Moyes
KG	Sharon Gates
KJ	Jessica Murphy
KM	Kate Melville
KS	Nathan Stevens
1B	Annie Bala / Helen Oakley
1H	Julie Hall

1J	Pauline Jones
1M	Misty Havron
1P	Belinda Parrett
2C	Anita Corney
2G	Nicky Gardiner
2J	Megan Jeffrey / Narelle Wilson
2M	Danniella Medcalf
3B	Susan Bonner
3C	Kylie Cale / Wendy Hayfield
3T	Courtney Thorpe
3W	Denise Whyte
4P	Priscilla Turnell
4R	Sandra Reeves
4T	Brian Thurecht
5G	Louise Giblin
5H	Michael Howard
5-6B	Ginette Butterworth
6M	Kaneeta Flarey / Michelle Szita
6S	Maree Stinson
Computers	Rod Shoebridge
Counsellor	Eunice Markham
ESL	June Muir
Italian	Rosanna Baitieri
French	Ian Moyes
Intensive Reading	Jenny Bellamy
Library	Helen Stevens / Barry Sumpton
Science	Jenny Garlick / Helen Oakley
Office	Karen Hughes, Edwina Robinson, Beverly Edmonds, Robyn Smith
T/A Special	Michelle Anderson, Calise Butterworth, Cynthia Gilbertson, Helen Leighton-Morris, Meg Skeen, Tracie Shoobert, Sue Fisher
General Assistant	Chris Gates
Canteen	Vicki Stubbings

TEXTBOOK FEES AND SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Textbook fees and school contribution accounts were sent home yesterday. Parents will receive one account at the beginning of each term. The amount due for each term will include excursions, (both in school and outside of school), gymnastic fees, musica viva etc. There will be a small number of exceptions such as school photographs, UNSW Competitions and activities which relate to a particular group of children. Term 1 accounts will include school contributions, textbook fees and school programmes so the amounts will be substantially larger than Terms 2, 3 and 4 fees. As usual, parents who experience financial difficulties with school fees and contributions should contact me to arrange part or time payments. All discussions regarding fees are highly confidential.

I look forward to a happy and successful 2009.

Maree Sumpton
Principal

Coming Events....

Wed 4 Feb	7pm Band information evening -Woodwind
Thu 5 Feb	8.15am Before School Classes -Mrs Butterworth 7.30pm Autumn Fair meeting in staff room
Mon 9 Feb	7.30pm P & C AGM meeting in staff room
Tues 10 Feb	K-2 Parent Teacher evening - note to follow
Wed 11 Feb	3-6 Parent Teacher evening - note to follow

From the Deputy Principal

The Zifkin Zone...

Thank you to everyone who has been so welcoming on my return to our wonderful school. I did enjoy my time at Berowra, but it's great to be back at Hornsby North with all the exciting learning and activities available to our sensational students.

SCRIPTURE - will commence next Thursday (Feb 12th) with students attending the same denomination or non-scripture class as they last attended in 2008. K-2 will go to Scripture from 9:15-9:45 and 3-6 from 9:45-10:15. Please feel free to advise me if your child does not attend the correct denomination in 2009.

JROCK - students attended a first meeting today at lunch. A note is going home about our first parent meeting to be held after school in Week 4.

As 2009 is the Year of Astronomy I wish you all a fantastic year of aiming for the stars!

Anne Zifkin ... Deputy Principal

From the Classroom

BEFORE SCHOOL CLASSES -

Mrs. Butterworth will run before school classes for students who wish to gain experience in answering multiple choice questions / Selective School tests. These classes will begin at 8.15am sharp on Thursdays, beginning tomorrow, February 5. Students in Year 6 who have applied for Selective School placement are eligible to attend.

LIBRARY NEWS -

Welcome back to the library. Children have begun borrowing enthusiastically. Please ensure that your child has a library bag and brings it to school each week. It is important that our books are well cared for and using library bags is essential. Bags can be of any material. Reusable shopping bags are quite acceptable.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is underway, although we are not able to enter books on line until March. Reading logs can be collected from the library or found on the library page of the school website.

Privacy Information regarding the reading Challenge -

All students who successfully complete the 2009 Premier's Reading Challenge receive a certificate signed by the Premier and appear on the 2009 Honour Roll. The Honour Roll appears either in a special paper printed by *The Sun-Herald* for schools or on the PRC website. The certificate will show the student's name and school, the Honour Roll will have a list of names only. If a student's parent/caregiver doesn't wish their child to receive a certificate and appear in the Honour Roll, please inform the school in writing and the student will be acknowledged within the school.

Further information can be obtained at the following website.

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge

Premier's Reading Challenge for Kindergarten - More information about beginning the Reading Challenge will be sent home with Kindergarten in 2 or 3 weeks. It does not need to begin immediately. If you would like more information earlier, please let me know by email.

Students who complete the challenge will be rewarded with a blue card, a photograph in the library and a lucky dip gift bag.

Congratulations to Jaimie (6B) and Katie (3B) who have finished the Reading Challenge already. Timmy who was in KM last year has also completed the 2009 challenge.

Chess - Chess classes will begin on 12th February. Children can collect information from the library. It can also be found on the website or requested by email.

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

KINDERGARTEN NEWS -

All students are settling in well and having a lovely time!

SUPA CLUB -

If you're in Years 5 or 6, you're invited to SUPA CLUB. We meet Thursday lunchtime from 12:45 pm in the Before & After School Care Room. At SUPA CLUB we ask some BIG QUESTIONS about God and we discover how we can know Him. So bring your lunch and your friends. SUPA Club will recommence **Thur 14th Feb** For more info you can ring Mrs Hill (Yr 6 Scripture teacher) on 9457 8332.

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RECORDER NEWS -

Parents please look out for new information about **Beginner Recorder Group Lessons** that will accompany next week's newsletter for students in Year 2 and Year 3. Many thanks.

Fiona Blair

MUSIC OPPORTUNITY YEARS 3 - 6

Does your child play piano or another instrument? Would they like to join a small ensemble group and learn new skills? The Senior Recorder Group is looking for more members. We meet on Wednesdays at 8.30am and the cost is \$40.00 per term. Music-reading skills are essential, but the recorder can be learnt this year. Children from the 2008 beginner recorder group are also most welcome. Please phone Fiona Harvey on 9476 2692 to arrange an audition time. First rehearsal is Wednesday 11th February.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS -

Asquith Girls High School - Open night for Years 5 & 6 will be held on Tuesday 24th February 2009 starting at 5:15pm with a sausage sizzle. Proceedings in the hall will start promptly at 6pm.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE -

Welcome back. This year we have two separate rolls for K-2 and 3-6. Please sign the correct roll for your child. If you know your child will not be attending Before/After School Care, please let the centre know in-advance by phone or the centre diary, so we know not to worry. 24 hours is required otherwise you will be charged.

P & C NEWS: CANTEEN NEWS -

Volunteers: Thu 5 Feb: Katharine Milner, C. Pedersen, B. Harris

Fri 6 Feb: Christine Ashton, Gaye Heap, Kim Thomasson

Mon 9 Feb: Caroline Campbell, Sylvana Vandertouw

Tues 10 Feb: Mardi Thorley, Phillip Chin Quan

Wed 11 Feb: Johanna Louwen, Dianne Frankel, Belinda Madau

Vicki Stubbings

BAND NEWS -

Thank you to all the Brass and Percussion students and parents for coming to the first of our information nights last night. We hope it was an informative evening for you all. Tonight's information evening is for all Woodwind instruments 7pm in the hall. Thanks to Kelvin and Jenny for coming along and explaining the various instruments and also thank you to Maree Sumpton, Anne Moyes and Denise Whyte, our teacher liaisons for coming as well. Band Practice start dates:

Concert Band 2 - Monday 9 February 7:45am with Kelvin Anderson

Concert Band 1 - Tuesday 10 February 7.45am with Jenny Binovec

Training Band Blue Group -Tuesday afternoon 17 Feb with Kate Lord

Training Band White Group -Wednesday afternoon 18 Feb-Kate Lord

Private tutorials commence this week. Day / times are being sent out on information evenings. Good luck to everyone and happy music making. Thank you. Catherine Pedersen, Band Committee President

AUTUMN FAIR NEWS -

Autumn Fair 2009 meeting Thursday 5 February at 7.30pm in the staffroom. Everyone welcome. Lynne Slevin 0419 011 454 or slevinfamily@bigpond.com

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS -

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

COMMUNITY NEWS -

AFL Registration with Hornsby-Berowra Eagles - Auskick-U13. Registration Saturday 7th & 14th February Rofe Park 10am-2pm. Call Stewart Woodward on 0419 871 026 or visit www.hornsbyeagles.com.au for more info.

Chase Stealers Softball Club - A fun game for women and girls of any age or ability. Registration: Sat 7 Feb 10am-4pm Hornsby Mall; Sun 8 Feb 2-4pm Mt Colah Public School. Details at www.chase.softball.net.au or phone 0418 242 734.

Meet the Sydney Swans - at Rofe Park Tuesday 10th February. AFL Clinic 4-5pm, Swans Players visit 5-6pm, Sausage sizzle and AFL Registrations. Call Stewart Woodward 0419 871 026 for more info.

Thursty - Thursdays 6.30-8.30pm for Years 5 & 6. Come along and join us at Thursty Youth Group. Bring yourself, \$2 and be ready for fun! St Luke's Church 157 Galston Road, Hornsby Heights 9477 3140.

FOUND ITEMS FROM LAST DAY OF 2008

Swimming gear—towel, boys speedos, rash shirt from last day of term
Beach towels x 2, School jackets x 2, School hat
Found 04/02/09 - Watch in Old Berowra Road