



## HNPS Newsletter

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### From the Principal...

Welcome to Week 3 of the new school year. The students have settled into their 2009 classes and the teaching and learning programmes are operating well. Thank you to all parents and students who have assisted the teachers in making the transition from one grade to another as smooth as possible. Your friendliness, cooperation and willingness to accept placement are much appreciated.

#### STUDENT LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY

At a special assembly this Friday, February 13 our School Leaders will be presented with their Badges of Office. A separate invitation has been sent to parents and I reiterate that parents of Year 6 Leaders are cordially invited to the school assembly this Friday and to refreshments in the Year 6 covered area after the induction of Leaders.

The assembly will be students in Years 2 to 6 only, but if younger brothers and / or sisters are in Kindergarten or Year 1, they will be taken to the assembly by Mrs. Gates. The Year 6 students have begun the year well with great enthusiasm and a sense of responsibility and I look forward to their many successes as School Leaders and mentors to younger students. All students in Year 6 are leaders!

#### PARENT / TEACHER EVENINGS

Last night parents of students in K-2 and 3T attended parent teacher meetings. Information regarding class and grade procedures, proposed excursions, extra curricular activities, homework and teacher expectation was given to parents. These meetings are an integral part of the communication between home and school and I thank all parents who supported the students and teachers with their attendance. Teachers welcome meetings to discuss student progress but in the interest of both parties, appointments should be made so that a professional dialogue can take place. Comments on the run are not always satisfactory and can lead to misunderstandings.

Parent / teacher meetings for students of parents in Years 3-6 (except 3T) will be held tonight. I look forward to meeting the parents of Years 5 and 6 students.

#### COMMUNITY SUCCESSES

Congratulations to Matthew (5H) and Georgia (3T) who competed in Zone Little Athletics last weekend. Matthew was successful in gaining selection for the Regional Carnival in the 70m, 100m and 200m sprints and his age relay team. Georgia gained selection for the long jump, hurdles, 70m and 200m sprints.

Best wishes for the next stage Matthew and Georgia.



Matthew



Georgia

Emma L. (4T), Jack L. (3C), Liam (4R) and his mum Florence took part in the Weet-Bix Kids Triathlon. They all finished and had great fun! Wow! You are champions.



Emma L.



Jack



Liam

#### PARKING IN SCHOOL ZONES

No Stopping signs have been installed in Bushlands Ave. Parents are advised that 'Stopping is not permitted at any time. If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction applies during the times shown. Minimum penalty \$243 plus 2 Demerit points.'

Also a reminder regarding the Bus Zone in Bushlands Ave - 'Drivers are not permitted to stop within a bus zone at any time. If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown. Minimum penalty \$243 plus 2 Demerit points.'

#### SCHOOL FEES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to the parents and caregivers who have paid the above monies. Please call me if you are having difficulty meeting these costs. Arrangements for part payment or installments can be made. Please assist the office by not sending cash on Fridays.

Parents please note that Mathletics is now advertised on television and if you click on the site you will be advised that the cost for one year is \$99. The cost for Hornsby North students is \$10 per year for the same programme! The reason for the reduced cost is that we have been able to secure sponsorship for Hornsby North students but it is important for all students to pay so that we can retain the support. At the moment our student passwords are not working but they should be ready by the end of the week.

#### VICTORIA'S BUSHFIRE

Mrs. Shirin Shakeri has organised a prayer gathering in the school hall this Sunday. Below is a message from Mrs. Shakeri- 'Everyone is warmly invited to a public prayer gathering to remember the victims of Victoria's tragic bushfires. The program will be hosted and conducted by children. Prayers for healing and unity would be recited from all major religions. Children's choir will sing and there would be musical intervals. Your small donations are welcomed. All the collected funds will be forwarded to the Victoria's Bushfire Appeal on behalf of Hornsby North Public School. Please join us this Sunday 15 February from 4-5pm (3.45pm arrival) at the school hall. Performing children are encouraged to arrive earlier for rehearsal.'

I strongly support this initiative and hope many members of the school community can attend.

*Maree Sumpton*

Principal

#### Coming Events.....

Wed 11 Feb	3-6 Parent Teacher evening
Fri 13 Feb	11.30am School Leaders Induction Assembly
Tues 17 Feb	3.00 pm Training Band Blue group
Wed 18 Feb	3.00 pm Training Band White Group

## From the Classroom .....

### SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -

Caleb (2C), Jessica (5H), Ben (3B), Nikkita (2G), Tessa (3W), Maya (5B), Mark (2G), David (2J), Jackson (2C), Jordie (3C), Ying Ying (6S), Charlotte (2G), Bonnie (5B), Monique (3W), Marcus (1M), Katie Lee, (3B), Aman (2C), Georgina (5B), Jemima (2C), Abigail (5G), Ai (2G) and Tia (4P).

### LIBRARY NEWS -

Chess classes begin tomorrow morning at 8am. Children can join at any time during the term and all skill levels can participate.

Congratulations to the students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. Ethan (KG), Bridget (KG), Nathan (KA), Melissa (1P), Claudia (2M), Jemima (2C), Aaron (3B), So Ae (3C), Jessica (3B), Patrick (4P).

Completed reading logs should be brought to the library. Online entries cannot be completed until the school can register on 1<sup>st</sup> March. Books read in the library lesson for K-2 can be found on the school website. These books can be included on students' reading logs. Information for Kindergarten will be distributed in the library lesson next week. Please check your child's library bag.

[Helen.Stevens@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Helen.Stevens@det.nsw.edu.au) Helen Stevens, Teacher Librarian

### KINDERGARTEN NEWS -

Weekly News Topics - News presentations are based on the sound of the week that the class is concentrating on. News reinforces the work we are doing and also encourages every child to participate in class discussions. Please encourage your child by helping them be organized for their news day.

Week 4: Bring in a miniature toy from your collection at home, or find a picture of a monkey.

### PSSA CRICKET AND SOFTBALL -

The Hornsby PSSA Cricket and Softball/T-ball competitions begin this Friday as we take on Berowra PS at Warrina Street (cricket) and Berowra Oval (softball/t-ball). The meeting time is 8:50am outside the school library. The drivers are: Steedman, McFadden, Hardy, Waygood, Kirk, Watt, Liddelow (cricket) and Ambrose, Italiano, Vikas, Gracie, Bramwell, Hall, Whitlock, Thompson, Easy (softball/t-ball). Good luck to all of our four teams.

### RECORDER NEWS -

Parents in Years 2 and 3 please look out for new information about **Beginner Recorder Group Lessons** that accompanies this newsletter.

### 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.

**Asquith Girls High School** - 2010 Enrichment Class Examination - Entrance into this class, for academically gifted students, is based on the results of a placement test. The test will be held on Saturday 14 March 2009. Please ring Christine Davis on 9477 6411 for an information package and to secure a place in this exam.

**Ku-ring-gai Creative Arts High School** - Open Evening for those considering future enrolments. Thursday 26 February 4pm-7pm 403 Bobbin Head Road, North Turramurra. Ph 9144 3477.

**Turramurra High School** - Extension Class Selection for 2010. Year 6 students will have an opportunity to sit placement tests for our Year 7 extension class for 2010 on Saturday 7 March 9.30am-12.30pm in the schools Multi-Purpose Centre. For information please contact the school on 9449 4233.

**St Ives High School** - invites all Year 6 students and parents to visit the school on Open Day Wednesday 11 March. Register from 9.15am. Activities from 9.30am-1.00pm. Year 5 students and their parents are welcome to attend. On Wednesday evening, the school will be open for those parents who are unable to attend during the day commencing at 7.30pm in the Library.

### P & C NEWS: CANTEEN NEWS -

Volunteers: Thu 12 Feb: Angeline Radford

Fri 13 Feb: Rosemary Springer/Sue, Linda Muncey, Jacqui Farrow

Mon 16 Feb: Michelle Khan, Vanessa Lane

Tues 17 Feb: Jennifer Gracie

Wed 18 Feb: Kazumi Her, Terumi Vikas

Vicki Stubbings

URGENT! URGENT! URGENT! URGENT! URGENT! URGENT! URGENT!

Please help the Victorian Bushfire Victims

I am collecting Donations for the Children who have lost everything in the recent bushfires including all their Christmas presents.

If you have any toys, clothes and books—unbroken and complete

Please contact Rowena on 9476 3346 or 0413 995 881

What we are looking for is outgrown NOT worn out. Your generosity will be hugely appreciated!

### BAND NEWS -

It's all systems go for band this week. CB1 and CB2 have had their first band practice and private instrument lessons have also started this week. If anyone is not sure which room their lesson is in, please have a look at the notice on the band glass doors. To all Training Band students in Blue group, your first band practice is next Tuesday 17/2 and White group Wednesday 18/2 starting at 3.00pm in the hall. An announcement will be made over the loud speaker. All students are to remember their instrument, music book and black folder and proceed to the hall quickly and quietly. Band invoices for Term 1 will be sent home shortly. We urge parents to pay by the due date as there are considerable discounts available if paid by the date specified. Thank you.  
Catherine Pedersen, Band Committee President

### STUDENT BANKING -

Please note that school banking will resume next Wednesday 18 February. Application packs for student banking have been sent home today with all Kindergarten students. If there are any other students in the school who would like a student banking application pack, please collect one from the office.

### UNIFORM SHOP NEWS -

Opening hours are Thursday and Friday mornings 8.30 am—9.30 am. The following families have orders to collect - Springer and Shakeri. Any donation of unwanted uniforms will be accepted, including the 'old' pleated sports skirts. For the next 2 weeks we are having a \$2 sale on all boys second hand uniforms—come and get it. Tracy and Lara

### COMMUNITY NEWS -

**Dynamic Dance** - Catering for all ages. Styles are jazz, tap, hip-hop and ballet. Classes commence this Wednesday in the school hall. Interested, please phone Kim 0403 014 687 or Louise 0433 942 022. New class this year for high school students.

**AFL Registration with Hornsby-Berowra Eagles** - Auskick-U13. Registration Saturday 14th February Rofe Park 10am-2pm. Call Stewart Woodward on 0419 871 026 or visit [www.hornsbyeagles.com.au](http://www.hornsbyeagles.com.au) for more info.

**Bully Busting Workshop for Parents** - 10.15 am—12.45 pm Friday 13 March 2009 at Hornsby Library meeting room 28—44 George Street, Hornsby. Free workshop, booking are essential on 9847 6050. For more information please call 9887 5830. Organised by Hornsby Shire Council in conjunction with Child and Adolescent Parenting, Northern Sydney Central Coast Health.

**Norwood Community Preschool** - Now taking enrolments for 2009. Not for profit community organisation. Quality Preschool Program for 3-5 year olds. Phone Karin or Bev on 02 9477 2258.

**Bi-Lingual German Group** - On Thursday afternoons a group of bi-lingual (English-German) students get together at Pennant Hills Public School to foster their German skills. They are taught by a qualified primary school teacher. Students of primary school age who understand German are welcome to join us on a cost share basis. Contact: Elke Forest on 9484 9714.

**The Salvation Army Kid's Club** - for years K-6 at The Salvo's 29-31 Burdett Street, Hornsby. Games, Craft, Songs. Every Friday 4-6pm only \$3, includes sausage sandwich. Enquiries: 9477 1133.

**Movies under the Stars** - Sat 14 Feb Alvin and the Chipmunks at Asquith Park, Mills Ave, Asquith. Movies start at sundown, approx 8.15pm. Light refreshments and coffee available. Hornsby Heights Scout Group BBQ. For more information call 9847 6739.

### LOST PROPERTY FROM 2008

Swimming gear—towel, boys speedos, rash shirt from last day of term Beach towels x 2. Many school jackets and school jumpers, even trousers from KA lost property in 2008 all waiting for their owners!!!