



HNPS Newsletter

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From the Principal...

PARENT TEACHER NIGHT

Last Wednesday, the final parent / teacher meetings were held for parents of students in Years 3 to 6. So many parents supported the teachers and students with their attendance. All looks well for a most successful year. I remind parents of the importance of maintaining effective communication with class teachers. Small concerns should be addressed quickly to avoid a build up of stress on both sides but it is imperative for parents to make an appointment prior to discussion regarding student progress.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY

Last Friday, all leaders in Year 6 were recognized at the special Leadership Assembly. Students were presented with their badges of office and recited the Leadership Pledge. The staff and I know our leaders will do a wonderful job in 2009 and bring great credit to Hornsby North.

Congratulations to our School Captains and Prefects for 2009.

Captains: Jaimie (6B) Henry (6B)
Vice Captains: Monica (6M) Harry (6S)
Prefects: Rachel (6B), Ivan (6S), Jessica (6S), Sarah G. (6M), Betty (6B), Bianca I. (6S), Matthew C. (6S) and Oscar (6M).



In the following weeks I will publish photos and the names of House Captains and all Monitors.

Thank you once again to the wonderful parents who took time out from work and other activities to share this important occasion with the students. Your positive comments and praise for all children were appreciated by the staff.

PRAYER MEETING FOR VICTORIAN BUSHFIRE VICTIMS

Thank you to all parents and children who braved the inclement weather conditions last Sunday to attend the prayer meeting for the victims of the Victorian bushfires. The service was organised by Mrs. Shirin Shakeri, a most valued Scripture teacher at Hornsby North. The readings by the children, the choir items and the beautiful rendition of *Amazing Grace* by Mrs. Tracey Fitzgerald made the service a warm sensitive occasion. The generosity of the congregation was amazing. Over \$280 was donated in the name of Hornsby North Public School. Next week the teachers, students and parents will be asked to participate in a more formal program of fundraising for a small school of 39 pupils which was totally destroyed by the fires. Full details of the proposed fundraising plan

for Strathewen Primary School will be sent home tomorrow.



Strathewen Primary School

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Local high schools are now conducting open days and open nights in readiness for enrolments in 2010. A number of high schools are also offering examinations for placement in extension and/or gifted and talented classes. As the office receives advice from the high schools, notification will be put in our school newsletter. Advices and advertisements also appear in the Advocate for some schools and selected high schools send flyers for distribution to Year 5 and 6 students. It is a good idea for Year 5 students and parents to attend Open Days as applications for high school must be completed in Term I of the year prior to enrolment in high school.

SCHOOL TIMES

Parents are reminded that school hours are 9.10am to 3.10pm. Teachers are on duty from 8.40am and students are escorted to the buses in the afternoons. At the conclusion of the school day (3.10pm) students should proceed directly home. Children should not be left in the school playground or at the gates or in the school library for 20 minutes before parents or caregivers arrive. At times lateness is unavoidable and if this is the case, a phone call should be made to the office advising the school of the parent's expected time of arrival. Children will be asked to wait in the main foyer until parents arrive. If teachers notice children waiting at the gates or outside classrooms well after the home time buzzer has sounded, they will be brought to the main office to wait for parents. These procedures are designed for the safety of the students. It is our duty of care to ensure that all students are safe.

Maree Sumpton

Principal

Coming Events....

Thu 19 Feb 8.40am Beginner Recorder enrolments
Tues 24 Feb Paul Kelly Cup
Asquith Girls High School Open Night from 5.15pm
Wed 25 Feb Book Club due today
Thu 26 Feb Swimming Carnival Years 3-6 Hornsby Pool
Kuring-gai Creative Arts H.S. Open Night 4-7pm
Tues 3 Mar Turramurra High School Open Night 4-7pm
Asquith Boys Open Night from 6.30pm

From the Deputy Principal

The Zifkin Zone...

Week 4 already - where is the time going??

SCRIPTURE - thank you to parents who have sent changes of denomination. Your child should be in their new class from tomorrow (19/2).

JROCK - thanks to the many parents who could attend our information session yesterday afternoon and to all of you who can assist our production. Mrs Cale is putting together a detailed outline of what was discussed which will go home with your JRock student on Tuesday. **Have a fantastic week – I know I am!**

Anne Zifkin ... Deputy Principal

From the Classroom

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -

Nick (3T), Jessica (3B), Anna (1P), Olivia (2C), Amy (2M), Olivia (4P), Jack (4R), Nathaniel (6S) and Jackson (2J).

LIBRARY NEWS -

Chess classes have begun. Children can join at any time during the term and all skill levels can participate. Please look at the library page of the school website for more information.

Premier's Reading Challenge - in our library the books are identified with coloured dots. **Orange Dot** - Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2, **Green Dot** - Years 3 and 4, **White Dot** - Years 5 and 6.

Children who complete the Reading Challenge this year are listed on the library page of the school website. Books read in the library lesson for K-2 can also be found on the school website. Completed reading logs should be brought to the library. Online entries cannot be completed until the school can register on 1st March. Information for Kindergarten is being distributed in the library lesson this week. Please check your child's library bag.

The library is open before and after school for borrowing. Parents are welcome to assist children with borrowing at these times. Please avoid coming to the library without the child who is borrowing. Selection of books is an important part of learning. Wednesday afternoon and Friday mornings are staff meeting days so books cannot be borrowed at these times.

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

KINDERGARTEN NEWS -

News Topic - Week 5: Draw a picture of a snake. Tell the class what sort of snake it is, how does it move, where does it live and whether it is poisonous or not.

PSSA CRICKET AND SOFTBALL -

This Friday our opponents are Waitara at James Park. The junior t-ball and cricket teams do not have a match as Waitara don't have a junior team. The meeting time for the seniors is 9:00am outside the school library. The drivers are: Roberts, McFadden, Hardy, Waygood, Gracie, Ambrose, Bramwell and Vikas.

RECORDER NEWS -

Just a reminder, enrolments for Beginner Recorder Group Lessons are being taken at the school office from 8.40am tomorrow, Thurs 19 Feb and also on Friday 20 Feb, if places are still available.

Please bring your child's enrolment slip and fees for Term 1. Places given on a first come, first serve basis. Many thanks. Fiona Blair

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS -

Asquith Girls High School - Open night for Years 5 & 6 Tuesday 24 Feb 2009 starting at 5:15pm with a sausage sizzle. Proceedings in the hall will start at 6pm. Stokes Ave, Asquith. Phone 9477 6411.

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.

Asquith Boys High School - Open Night Tuesday 3 March 2009 from 6.30pm. Principal's address 7pm followed by tours of the school and faculty displays. Pacific Highway, Asquith. Phone 9477 3508.

Asquith Boys High School - 2010 Enrichment Class, 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. Applications close Thursday 5 March. Enquiries: Bruce Collins, Deputy Principal on 94773508 or email bruce.collins@det.nsw.edu.au

Ku-ring-gai Creative Arts High School - Open Evening Thurs 26 Feb 4pm-7pm, 403 Bobbin Head Road, North Turramurra. Ph: 9144 3477.

Turramurra High School - Open Evening Tuesday 3 March 4pm-7pm Maxwell Street, South Turramurra. Phone 9449 4233.

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 - Open Day Wed 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. Yarrabung Road St Ives. Ph 9144 1689.

P & C NEWS: CANTEEN NEWS -

Volunteers: Thu 19 Feb: Luna Hrastnik, M. Beattie, Yukie Tatsuta

Fri 20 Feb: Debra Murphy, **Helpers please**

Mon 23 Feb: Yan Gong, Jeong Seon Min, Yao Shen

Tues 24 Feb: Nicole Khallouf

Wed 18 Feb: Anna Scholey, Christina Martin

Vicki Stubbings

BAND NEWS -

Our first week of private tutorials went extremely well last week. Apart from a few small hiccups everything should now be running smoothly. A big thank you to our Tutor Coordinators, Julie Carey and Dawn McFadden for their many hours of hard work arranging times with students and their tutors. It has not been an easy task and a bit of reshuffling has been done to make sure everyone is happy. Thank you parents who were happy to swap their original time. Our Training Band musicians are all very excited and the blue group enjoyed their first band practice with Kate yesterday. White group have theirs this afternoon. Keep up the good work everyone and remember to practice at least 10-15 minutes 3-4 times per week. A note for all Concert Band 1 students went home after practice yesterday regarding a performance at the Lisgar Gardens Teddy Bears Picnic on Sunday 8 March. Thank you. Catherine Pedersen, Band Committee President

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS -

Opening hours are Thursday and Friday mornings 8.30 am—9.30 am. Any donation of unwanted uniforms will be accepted, including the 'old' pleated sports skirts. For the next week we are having a \$2 sale on all boys second hand uniforms—come and get it. Tracy and Lara

COMMUNITY NEWS -

Attention All Girls Aged 9 to 12 - Are you looking for some fun and excitement? Come and play soccer for Hornsby Heights Hornets. Players of all levels welcome. Contact Julie Carey 0411 266 072 or football_women@hhsc.org.au

St Lukes Kids Church - invites children aged 2 to 12 along for an afternoon of pancake eating and games on Tues 24 Feb from 3.30-5pm at St Lukes Anglican Church, 157 Galston Rd, Hornsby Heights. For information call Megan Slade on 9477 2684.

Australian Girls Choir - Girls become more confident as they learn singing, dancing and performing - www.ausgirlschoir.com.au and **Aus Girls Dance** - www.ausgirlsdance.com.au. Call us to arrange a complimentary tryout class! Ph: 9922 6733. Flyers accompany this newsletter for all girls in Years K-6.

Movies under the Stars - Sat 21 Feb Evan Almighty at Warrina St Oval, Berowra. Movies start at sundown, approx 8.15pm. Light refreshments and coffee available. For information phone: 9847 6739.

Centacare Broken Bay Men and Family Relationships Program: Hey, Dad! For Separated Fathers - a 6 week group in post separation parenting. Waitara Family Centre Wed 18 Feb to 25 March or Wed 13 May to 16 June from 6.30pm-9pm, light meal provided. To book call Sean on 9488 2523 or Greg on 9488 2532.

Northern Sydney Central Coast NSW Health - Parenting Programs- Communicating with Kids - 6 wks/2.5hrs per week starting Chatswood 26 Feb; **Communicating with Teens** - 5 wks/2.5hrs per week starting Chatswood 4 March; **Workshops for Parents** - for details of those scheduled for this term, phone 9887 5830.