



HNPS Newsletter

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From the Principal...

Hornsby North's week of fundraising activities for Strathewen School in Victoria was opened on Monday with a special assembly where students were asked to reflect on the enormity of the loss and devastation and to open up their hearts to help with material goods and words of comfort. I thank Mrs. Butterworth for organizing the special assembly and Mr. Stevens, Mrs. Jeffrey and Mrs. Whyte for their work in planning the week's events. Special mention to Monica of 5B who added to the solemnity of the occasion with her clear and sensitive reading of a prayer at the special assembly. We look forward to the results on Friday. However, the amount raised will certainly help, but if children realise how fortunate they are compared to the students in Strathewen and bring some comfort and joy through words and actions we will have made a difference. So far the generosity and giving by the students and parents has been overwhelming. Thank you all.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The annual swimming carnival for students in Years 3-6 and nominated Year 2 students will be held this week on Thursday February 26. Parents and caregivers are reminded that this is a compulsory school day and students should attend the carnival to support their house. With new regulations regarding no free time swimming (a pool regulation) and no 25 metre races I understand that it will be a long day for some children. Parents, if you decide to exclude your child from the swimming carnival **they must come to school**, where they will be given set work appropriate to their grade.

REGIONAL ATHLETICS - LITTLE ATHLETICS

Last weekend Georgia (3T) represented Northern Districts Little Athletics at the Regional Carnival. Congratulations to Georgia who came away with 3 silver medals and 1 bronze medal.

Georgia's outstanding results were-

- Silver - 70m sprint
 - Silver - 200m sprint
 - Silver - 80m hurdles
 - Bronze - Long Jump
- Well done Georgia.



ZONE CRICKET TRIALS

On Monday, Henry (6B), Kieran (6B) and Nathaniel (6S) took part in the Zone Cricket Trials. Congratulations to Henry, Kieran and Nathaniel who represented Hornsby North well. Special congratulations to Henry who now progresses to Regional Trials. Mr. Howard tells me that Kieran and Nathaniel were very close!



Henry



Kieran



Nathaniel

PRINCIPAL'S CONFERENCE

On Thursday, Mr. Bob Dunne, the Senior Education Director for Hornsby District will hold a meeting for Hornsby Principals at Hornsby North Public School. The meeting will commence at 1.00pm and conclude at 3.30pm. Principals will use the back playground as a parking area. Students in Years 3-6 will be at the Swimming Carnival, so there will be plenty of room for K-2 students in other parts of the school playgrounds. The area where the cars are to be parked will not be used during the day. Parents should be aware that Principals' cars will be leaving the grounds from 3.30pm onwards, so it is important for students and parents to leave the grounds promptly once the students are dismissed.

WHOOPIING COUGH

Another two cases of Whooping Cough have been reported to my office. Accompanying this newsletter is a letter from the NSW Department of Health which outlines symptoms, the use of antibiotics, the length of immunity after vaccination and regulations regarding contact and time away from School. Please read this letter carefully and notify the School if a Doctor diagnoses Whooping Cough.

TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN IDA STREET

Once again I remind parents who park in Ida Street to be mindful of the residents and their need to leave their properties via driveways. Last week a distressed lady came to the office to report that a car was parked across her driveway and she was unable to leave her house to get to an urgent medical appointment. Please try to remember and consider our neighbours.

MEETING ON THURSDAY

Yesterday, a letter regarding tomorrow's Meeting at 6.30pm in the School Library was sent home. Once again, I apologise for the short notice but remind parents that e-mails and letters can be sent to the P & C or the School. We will also keep parents informed of the Meeting's recommendations and any Government directives.

Maree Sumpton

Principal

Coming Events....

- Wed 25 Feb Book Club due today
- Thu 26 Feb Swimming Carnival Years 3-6 Hornsby Pool
Ku-ring-gai Creative Arts H.S. Open Night 4-7pm
6.30pm Meeting in Library
- Tues 3 Mar Turramurra High School Open Night 4-7pm
Asquith Boys Open Night from 6.30pm
- Wed 4 Mar Zone Swimming Carnival- West Pymble Pool
- Thu 5 Mar Life Education programme
- Sat 7 Mar Turramurra H.S. Extension Class 2010 Examination
- Sat 8 Mar Teddy Bears Picnic Lisgar Gardens

From the Classroom

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -

Monica (5B).

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.

Because there are so many children from K-2 who are working on the Premier's Reading Challenge, your child might bring home just one orange dot book for the next few weeks. 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.

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 6: Bring in your favourite toy.

PSSA CRICKET AND SOFTBALL -

Last Friday our senior teams both suffered narrow defeats against Waitara. Our softball team lost 9-8 while our cricketers were defeated 72-63. This Friday we are playing against Warrawee at Montview Oval (cricket) and Rofe Park (softball). The drivers are: Roberts, Waygood, Nadanapatham, Stevens, Liddelow, Claydon, Watt, Vogrig. No drivers are required for softball, but all are welcome!

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS -

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

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

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

Turrumurra 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.

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

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.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE NEWS -

Under the new Childcare Management System we are required to collect date of birth of parent claiming Childcare benefit. If this information, is not provided, the government will not pay Childcare Benefit or Childcare Rebate to families.

STRING ENSEMBLE GROUP

There is an interest in creating a string ensemble for the School and I would like to get an idea about numbers. If you have a child currently playing the violin, cello, viola or double bass or if you are interested in starting them with any of those instruments, please contact Minette Vogrig on 8213 2977.

STEWART HOUSE BAGS -

Bags have been sent home today with the Newsletter. Please return filled bags to the office near the kindergarten rooms by Tuesday 17 March. This collection constitutes an important part of the annual income for Stewart House. Thank you for your help.

P & C NEWS: CANTEEN NEWS -

Volunteers:

Thu 26 Feb: Toshiko Shimizu, Jennifer Martin

Fri 27 Feb: Linda Pearson, Katrina Humphreys, Rebecca Nielsen

Mon 2 Mar: Christine Taylor, Lucinda Stott

Tues 3 Mar: Anne-Lii Hardy

Wed 4 Mar: Lisa Thomson, Kathy Roughley, Lucy Bal Vicki Stubbings

BAND NEWS -

Coming Events:

Sunday 8 March - CB1 Lisgar Gardens Teddy Bears Picnic

Saturday 21 March - All students Band Workshop Day at school

Saturday 28 March - All students School Fete

Please put these dates in your diary. Notes have gone home today for the Band Workshop Day and a note for the School Fete will be sent home next week. Please note that we expect 100% attendance at these events. Please ensure that all permission notes are returned to the P & C box by the specified date. Thank you.

Catherine Pedersen, Band Committee President

RECORDER NEWS -

The **Wednesday afternoon (3.15-3.45pm) Beginner Recorder Group** has a number of places still available, please contact me on 0407 951 665 by Friday if you would like your child to join. I will contact parents regarding the Wednesday afternoon class at the end of this week. The **Tuesday morning Beginner Recorder Group** is as follows: Lucy (2G), Hugo (2C), Matei (2G), Kyle (2M), Tina (2C), Sophia (2J), Kavin (3C), Mikhail (3B), Will (2G), Darcey (2G), Amy (2C), Ned (2C), Ai (2G), Megan (3C), Sophia (3C) & Lorraine (3B). Our first lesson is next Tuesday 3 March at 8.30am in 6C. Please bring your "Jupiter" recorder. Many thanks for your patience.

Fiona Blair

TO STUDENTS INTERESTED IN JOINING BAND -

It is not too late to join our wonderful Band Program. If you have an interest in playing trombone, flute or the euphonium, please contact me on 0408 113 693. 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.

Tracy and Lara

COMMUNITY NEWS -

Movies under the Stars - Sat 28 Feb "Meet the Robinsons" at Ruddock Park, Quarter Sessions Road, Westleigh. 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 Mum! Parenting after Separation - A 6 week group for Mums covering the impact of separation. Waitara Family Centre from Mon 2 March to 6 April from 7pm-9.30pm. Cost \$120 for 6 sessions. All enquiries phone Ros on 9488 2531.

Pre-Mediation, Family Law and Services Information Workshop for Separated Fathers - Waitara Family Centre 1 day workshop-Sat 14 Mar, Sat 2 May or Sat 6 June from 9.45am-4pm. Phone 8968 5100.

Prepared Parents: Lets Talk about Drugs and Alcohol - Free 2 day program Sat 28 Feb and 7 Mar from 9am to 4.30pm at Hornsby Youth and Family Centre, cnr. Burdett & Muriel St, Hornsby. Enquiries: Karin 9977 0711.