



HNPS Newsletter

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From the Principal...

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all involved with the Annual Swimming Carnival last Thursday. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend... My first missed carnival at Hornsby North! However, I was delighted to hear that it was a most successful day and add my special congratulations to Phillip House. Best wishes to the swimmers who will represent us at the Zone Carnival today.



Phillip House Captains



David House



Gilmore House Captains



Bates House

PRINCIPALS' CONFERENCE AT HORNSBY NORTH

Whilst our swimmers were having a great day at the pool, the K-2 students, teachers, clerical staff and I were busy entertaining over 30 Principals from the Hornsby District. With our senior students away Year 2 acted as guides directing Principals to the library and did a splendid job. Not one Principal lost their way!

All commented on the bright, bubbly happy demeanour of the guides and the clean well maintained school. During lunch, Luna from 6S entertained the Principals with beautiful renditions on the Guzheng. All in all it was a great day to showcase our beautiful school.

YEAR 5 CAMP

Next week Year 5 students, Ms Giblin, Mr. Howard, Mrs. Zifkin, Senora Baitieri and some parents will attend a fitness camp at Milson Island. Travel to the camp will be by bus and ferry. For some students this will be their first trip away from home and I know some parents worry about the coping abilities of their children in these circumstances, but rest assured that the teachers will look after the students as they would their own. When they return the faces will be smiling but there will be some very tired campers! Along with Year 5 teachers, Mrs. Zifkin and Senora Baitieri will share the role of supervising and looking after the children. Mrs. Zifkin will be at the camp on Wednesday and Wednesday night and Senora Baitieri will arrive on Thursday to stay Thursday night.

FUNDRAISING FOR STRATHEWEN SCHOOL

We are nearing the end of our project, but what generosity and sacrifices we have seen from the Hornsby North School Community. The coin total for last week's activities was \$5,675. Mr. Stevens and Mrs. Jeffrey took the buckets of coins to the bank yesterday. It took over four hours to count. This total, coupled with the money raised from Mrs. Shakeri's Prayer Meeting, gives us a grand total of

\$5,943 (just \$57 short of \$6000). Great work Hornsby North! The final stage of our project will be on Thursday. Mr. Stevens and a group of willing workers will be hard at work packing individual boxes for the Strathewen children. Below is a request from Mr. Stevens and Mrs. Jeffrey:

'Thank you to Hornsby North families for your generous donations last week. The heavy bucket competition was won by 2G and together we collected over 170 kgs. Your gifts will be transported by Toll IPEC in boxes supplied by Fellowes Manufacturing. If anyone can assist in preparing the boxes there will be a "boxing" day in the hall on Thursday 5th March from 9am. Thank you again for your donations and to the companies assisting our efforts'.

LIFE EDUCATION

Life Education or Happy Harold classes for students in Years K-4 will begin this Thursday. The cost per student is \$9.00. This covers salaries, materials and the maintenance of the van and Harold. This amount was included in the term fees but parents who have not paid their term fees will need to pay the Life Education fees before students attend sessions. Last year the school was over \$1000 in debt, so unfortunately this year, students who do not pay will not be able to attend unless prior arrangements have been made with me. I do not want any child to miss out but the teacher on the van counts the students and sends the school an invoice. There is always room for support but I must be notified.

HEAD LICE

With the return of the damp weather a number of parents have reported the reoccurrence of head lice. With the warm humid weather these creatures are likely to bother us again. The only way to stop and prevent the spread of the infection is for everyone to be vigilant and regularly check for signs of head lice. If lice or eggs are found, students are not permitted to return to school until the infestation has been treated.

A recipe for simple head lice preventative spray follows-
200 ml conditioner

7 ml pure 100% tea tree oil

Enough water to make up to 2 litres

Mix together in 2 litre milk bottle or any other clean 2 litre container. Pour into a spray bottle. Spray on hair and brush through daily.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S VISIT

Tomorrow, Jane Simmons, Regional Director of the Northern Sydney Region will visit Hornsby North Public School. Mrs. Simmons will visit classrooms, talk to students and teachers and look at the accommodation and programmes at the school. We warmly welcome Mrs. Simmons and hope she enjoys her visit.

Maree Sumpton

Principal

Coming Events....

Thu 5 Mar	8.30am SRC meeting / Life Education - 1M, 1P, 4R
Fri 6 Mar	No Tennis lessons today
Sat 7 Mar	Turrumurra HS Extension Class 2010 Examination
Sat 8 Mar	Teddy Bears Picnic Lisgar Gardens - CB1
Mon 9 Mar	Life Education - 3C, 1H, 2G
Tues 10 Mar	Life Education - 4P, 2M, 2C
Wed 11 Mar	Life Education - 3T, 4T, KS
Wed 11 Mar-Fri 13 Mar	Year 5 Milson Island Camp
Thu 12 Mar	Life Education - KJ, 1J, KM

From the Deputy Principal

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC) 2009 - 1ST MEETING FOR 2009 IS TOMORROW!

Our Year 6 School Leaders and K-5 Class Captains are invited to attend our first 2009 SRC meeting, to be held in the Library before school tomorrow (Thursday 5/3) at 8:30. Mr Sumpton and I look forward to exciting leadership initiatives and creative ideas from our SRC!

SMALL STEPS PARENT WORKSHOP MARCH 25TH

Please find a separate flyer regarding a parent workshop we are holding in the Hall on 25/3 at 9:15am. The workshop is run at no cost by the Dept. Health and assists parents to identify and take steps to assist children if they display problem-anxiety. RSVP's can be sent to our School Office for numbers.

WEARING OUR UNIFORM WITH PRIDE

Great to see everyone looking smart and proud in our Hornsby North uniform! Remember, the correct uniform includes our broad-brimmed blue school hat - not baseball style caps - that's not what we wear at HNPS!

If Week 6 was SENSATIONAL; then Week 7 will be STUPENDOUS!

Anne Lykin...Deputy Principal

From the Classroom

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -

Bradley x2(2C), Christy (3T), Lorrain (3B), Abigail (5G), Phoebe (4P), Lanii (5G), Justin (5B), Stina (5G), Rita (6B), Luca (1H) & Joshua (5G).

LIBRARY NEWS -

Student reading records for The Premier's Reading Challenge can now be completed on line. If you or your child, wish to complete the entry on line use the student's DET username and password. That is the one used to log on at school. Parents of Kindergarten or Year 1 may email me for usernames and passwords. Students in Year 2-6 will be able remember their own details. If it is entered on line the child should bring a printed copy to school to exchange for a blue card, lucky dip and photo in the library. Of course written copies of the reading record may continue to be brought to the library. A band of willing helpers will complete the entries on line. The most important thing is, keep reading. Look at the library page of the school website for more names of students who have completed the challenge.

Chess - Some people have paid for a workbook. It is still in production and Sydney Academy of Chess has assured me it will be issued as soon as it is available.

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

KINDERGARTEN NEWS -

News Topic - Week 7: Look in a book and find a picture of an insect.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL -

The annual school Swimming Carnival was held last Thursday at Hornsby Pool. The weather was terrific and the participation from the children was outstanding. Congratulations to all children who swam in races, won races, tried their hardest and competed in a sporting manner. Congratulations also to Phillip house, the winners of the 2009 carnival, with 441 points. David finished 2nd on 429, Gilmore were 3rd with 344 and Bates had 317 points. A list of results from the carnival can be picked up from the office.

Thank you to all of the teachers and parents who worked so tirelessly throughout the day on timekeeping, judging, marshalling, recording, starting, announcing, refreshments, lifesaving and crowd control.

PSSA CRICKET AND SOFTBALL -

Our opponents last Friday were Warrawee. The junior cricket team hit two sixes in the final over to win 74-62, while the seniors lost a close match 45-37. Our senior softball team had a 7-7 draw and the juniors were defeated by 18-8. This week our opposition is Mt Kuringgai. Cricket will be at Montview Oval and the softball will be played at Rofe Park. The meeting time outside the library this Friday is 9:00am. The drivers are: Ludlow, Vandertouw, Steedman, Hardy, McFadden, Liddelou, Watt and Vogrig.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS -

St Ives High School- Open Day Wed 11 March. Register from 9.15am. Activities from 9.30am-1.00pm. On Wed evening, the school will be open for those parents who are unable to attend during the day starting at 7.30pm in the Library. Yarrabung Road St Ives. 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 Sat 7 Mar 9.30am-12.30pm in the schools Multi-Purpose Centre. For info contact the school on 9449 4233.

Asquith Boys High School - 2010 Enrichment Class, entrance into this class for academically gifted students is based on a placement test on Sat 14 March 2009. Applications close Thurs 5 March. Enquiries: Bruce Collins, D.P. 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 on Sat 14 March 2009. Please ring Christine Davis on 9477 6411 for an information package.

P & C NEWS: CANTEEN NEWS -

Volunteers: Thu 5 Mar: K. Milner, Catherine Pedersen, Bettina Harris

Fri 6 Mar: Christine Ashton, Gai Heap, Kim Thomasson & Helpers please

Mon 9 Mar: Caroline Campbell, Sylvana Vandertouw

Tues 10 Mar: Mardi Thorley, Phillip Chin Quan

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

BAND NEWS -

Good luck to CB1 when you play on Sunday at the Teddy Bear's Picnic at Lisgar Gardens. We wish you well and know you will do a great job. If you have a lightweight music stand at home, please bring it along. Full school uniform to be worn.

A note regarding performances at our school fair on Saturday 28 March have been sent home today. Please return permission notes to the P & C box by the due date.

A number of State Band Camp forms were sent home with CB1 students yesterday. If you would like one and your child did not receive one, you can pick up a copy from the office. Applications close Friday 3 April and applies to students in Years 5 and 6. 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

GROUNDS COMMITTEE NEWS -

During 2009 we will be holding four working bees. The first being a welcome invitation to the whole school in readiness for our great school fair. We ask that you spare us 3 hours of your time to help the grounds committee, maintain and improve our great school.

The first working bee will be on Sunday 15 March from 2pm-5pm, enter by Cawthorne Street (back gate). Any help is greatly appreciated. A BBQ will be held at the conclusion.

COMMUNITY NEWS -

Movies under the Stars - Sat 7 March Alvin and the Chipmunks at Asquith Park, Mills Ave Asquith. Hornsby Heights Scouts BBQ and fundraising for Bushfire Appeal by Hornsby Lions Club. Meet the Chipmunks from 6.30pm, movie starts at sundown, approx 8.15pm. Light refreshments and coffee available. For information phone: 9847 6739 or visit www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au.

Fusion Sydney North - Foundations for Families course from Wed 11 Mar to Wed 1 April from 7-10pm. Contact Belinda 9477 2634 for 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, bookings are essential on 9847 6050. For info call 9887 5830. Organised by Hornsby Shire Council with Child and Adolescent Parenting, Northern Sydney Central Coast Health.

Sydney Olympic Park - Women's Sports Festival 6-8 March 2009 promoting women in sport; Experience the AC Milan Soccer Style-FREE! For Girls 7-14 years phone 9714 7888 or visit www.sydneyolympicpark.com.au/womens-sports-festival for more info; Talent Search Clinic-FREE! Joint initiative between Tennis Australia and Tennis NSW to identify young and exciting female athletes aged between 6-11 years. Date 8 March 2009 8.30am-11.30am. Bookings essential. Call Jarrad 9764 1999 for more information.