



HNPS Newsletter

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From the Principal...

SWIMMING SUCCESS

Congratulations to the Zone Swimming Squad who represented Hornsby North so well last Wednesday at West Pymble Pool. We have some fine young swimmers coming up and I look forward to our future successes in the swimming field at Zone and beyond. To have so many in the finals (top 6 in the Zone) was fantastic. Well done all! Special congratulations to Jo (2M), Kai (6S) and Monica (6M) who have qualified for the Regional event. Best wishes for further success.



Jo



Kai



Monica

THE TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

Another group of students represented Hornsby North with pride last Sunday. Concert Band I played with all the aplomb and finesse of a professional band at the Teddy Bears' Picnic. It is a wonderful act of school citizenship to dress in your school uniform on a Sunday morning and be at the venue by 10.30am. Thank you parents, children, Jenny and Mrs. Moyes! I was extremely proud of everyone.



WOMENS INTERNATIONAL BREAKFAST AT ASQUITH GIRLS

Last Friday Mrs. Butterworth, Jaimie (School Captain), Monica (School Vice Captain) and I attended the 6th International Women's Day Breakfast at Asquith Girls at 6.45am! Another great effort by our girls. At this breakfast special guest, Mahboba Rawi spoke about their sister school, Abdara Girls School in Panjshir Valley, Afghanistan, a school totally funded by Asquith Girls. Funds from the breakfast go towards employing teachers, electricity and new buildings. In the beginning these funds were used to purchase shoes, stationery and clothing. It is a wonderful global project sponsored by Asquith Girls and I applaud their generosity and continued support.

BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION

Many would be aware of the Federal and State funds which will be put into schools over the next year. Programmes for Primary Schools are divided into three parts-

1. Primary Schools for the 21st Century - building programmes, Libraries, Halls, COLAs.
2. National School Pride - sewer and power upgrades and special

needs access.

3. Principal's Nomination - works nominated by the Principal in consultation with the Asset Management Unit of the DET last November. Our major one was ground works in the amphitheatre area. This will be completed during the next twelve months. Others included stormwater and sewer upgrade, fencing in the K-2 grassed area (near banks) and new carpets in all classrooms.

Thank you to parents who attended the special meeting two weeks ago and to parents who have written letters and sent emails. In consultation with Asset Management, P & C and staff, a number of projects have been identified. A full report will be given at the P & C Meeting next Monday.

PARENTAL HELP AND SUPPORT

So many parents at Hornsby North support the learning programmes and the general maintenance of the school. Last week Mr. Steve Ackerman, father of Charlotte in 6B worked for three days to level the grassed area beyond the outdoor classroom. It was a huge task, particularly as he struck rock and it probably cost him another day's work. The playing fields in this area have been extensively increased and on behalf of the entire school community I thank Steve for providing us with an enhancement of this playing area particularly for K-2 students.

SCHOOL FAIR AND WORKING BEE

Whilst on the topic of parental support, I draw your attention to Autumn News and the Grounds Committee news. Much work has been put into the 2009 Fair and I thank the committee for their dedication and hard work. Please read the news carefully as you will find most of your questions answered on the blue pages. The Fair does begin at 10.00am and concludes at 3.00pm, but of course many helpers will be here quite early in the morning setting up and again in the afternoon packing away. Remember, if you have not volunteered and you can help even for an hour it will be much appreciated and it is not too late. The Grounds Committee is hoping for a good response to their first working bee of the year. Once again, if you can help for a short time please come as all assistance no matter how small is most valued. The Working bee is open to all grades. Finally, PLEASE send all raffle ticket books back as soon as possible. Lisa needs to reallocate books if tickets are not sold. All lost books must be paid for by the P & C / School, so your cooperation is very important.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS TEST

Testing for Selective High School placement will take place on Thursday March 19. Mrs. Butterworth advises that the class for next week will be available on Wednesday morning instead of Thursday.

Maree Sumpton

Principal

Coming Events....

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| Wed 11 Mar-Fri 13 Mar | Year 5 Milson Island Camp |
| Thu 12 Mar | Life Education - KJ, 1J, KM |
| | Soccer trials - Year 6 Boys 1st half lunch |
| Sat 14 Mar | AGHS/ABHS Enrichment Class Examination |
| Mon 16 Mar | Life Education-KA,3B,3W/Year 6 State Parliament |
| | 7.30pm P & C meeting in Staff Room |
| Tues 17 Mar | Life Education-1B,KG,2J /Year 3 to Taronga Zoo |
| | Last day for Stewart House bags |
| Thu 19 Mar | Selective High Schools Test |

From the Classroom

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -

Aidan (3C), Cody (1H), Jonathan (5H), Matthew (1P), David (3C), Emily (6M), Eddy (2M), Mimi (5G), Bradley (2C), William (1B), Marko (2G), Max (3T), Jason (6B), Amy (2C), Laura x2 (5G) and Matilda (3B).

LIBRARY NEWS -

Entries for the Premier's Reading Challenge can now be entered on line. Please email or ask for your child's username and password if they are in Kindergarten or Year 1. Students in Year 2-6 will know their own details. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any problems with on-line entries. Written reading records can also be brought to the library and they will be entered by a willing group of helpers.

Children who complete the Reading Challenge this year are listed on the library page of the school website. Please spend time looking at our website as it is very informative.

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Helen Stevens, Teacher Librarian

KINDERGARTEN NEWS -

News Topic - Week 8: Bring in a photo of your family or your friends.

PSSA CRICKET AND SOFTBALL -

Last Friday we played against Mt Kuring-gai. The junior boys had a convincing 79-30 victory, while the seniors won their first match of the season from three attempts, 81-16. The junior softball team were beaten 21-15 and the seniors lost by 9-2. There is no match this week as all of our teams have a Bye. There will also be no cricket training tomorrow as Mr Howard is away on camp with Year 5. We have just one match remaining this term, on the 20th of March, before a break from summer sport, which will resume towards the end of Term 3.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL -

The Hornsby Zone Swimming Carnival was held last Wednesday at West Pymble Pool. A team of 34 children represented our school with pride and determination. Many of our children won races but our best overall results of the day were: Jo (2M) -1st in 8yr 50m Freestyle; Monica (6M) -3rd in the senior girls 200m Medley, 3rd in 100m Freestyle, 3rd in Backstroke, 5th in 12yr 50m Freestyle, 5th in Breaststroke; Kai (6S) -3rd in 12yr 50m Freestyle, 5th in Breaststroke; Charley (3C) -4th in 9yr 50m Freestyle; Brittany (6M) -4th in Backstroke, 7th in 11yr 50m Freestyle; Jessica S. (6S) -4th in Breaststroke; Emma (4T) -5th in 10yr 50m Freestyle; Jack R. (4P)-6th in 10yr 50m Freestyle; Bianca I. (6S) -7th in Backstroke. Thirteen schools contested the relay events, and our teams performed well: Junior Girls - 4th, Junior Boys 5th, Senior Girls 5th and Senior Boys 8th.

Jo, Kai and Monica will represent the Hornsby Zone at the Sydney North Area Swimming Carnival at Homebush on March 30.

SOCCER TRIALS -

Soccer trials for Year 6 Boys will be held tomorrow, Thursday March 12 during first half lunch on the bottom oval. Please meet Mr Lawrence on the oval after eating time.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE NEWS -

On Thursdays, some of the children take part in an Active After School care programme involving games that utilise water. Due to this, your child's uniform may get slightly wet. If you do not wish for your child to participate in this activity, please let one of the staff members know or you may wish to bring a towel or extra shirt for your child to wear during the activity. Thank you for your cooperation.

INTERRELATE - SPECIAL EVENING PROGRAMME -

A separate note was sent home with Years 3-6 students last week. The programme will be held on Wednesday April 1 at school.

Session 1: 6 pm Where Did I Come From? 1 hour Years 3 & 4.

Session 2: 7.30 pm Preparing from Puberty. 1 hour Years 5 & 6.

Family Admission: 1 session \$15; 2 sessions \$20.

P & C NEWS: CANTEEN NEWS -

Volunteers:

Thu 12 Mar: Julie Campbell, Angeline Radford, Belinda Greer

Fri 13 Mar: Sue, Linda Muncey, Jacquie Farrow

Mon 16 Mar: Michelle Khan, Mabel Jawahar, Vanessa Lane

Tues 17 Mar: Jennifer Gracie

Wed 18 Mar: Kazumi Her, Terumi Vikas

Vicki Stubbings

BAND NEWS -

Thank you to all CB1 students who attended the Teddy Bear's Picnic last Sunday. Your first public appearance went very well and you played wonderfully. A special mention to Jaimie (6B) who while playing, found a leech clinging to her finger. She very quickly and quietly was able to remove it with very little fuss. Thanks must also go to Jenny for conducting, Mrs. Sumpton, Mrs. Moyes and all parents for taking time out to attend this very relaxed and worthwhile community event.

Please note that all Band Workshop Day notes are due in this Friday 13/3. We are still missing quite a few.

Please note that Training Band rehearsal will still be on next Tuesday 17/3 even though Year 3 are going to the zoo excursion. Don't forget your music and instrument. Wednesday practice will be as usual. Thank you.

Catherine Pedersen, Band Committee President

TO STUDENTS IN YEARS 3-6 INTERESTED IN JOINING BAND

It is not too late to join our wonderful Band Programme. If you have an interest in playing trombone, flute, trumpet 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

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 -

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.

Asquith Soccer Club - is looking for players in the following age groups: Boys and Girls turning 7,9,10 or 11 this year who would like to play in the Saturday Mixed Small Sided Games (SSG) competition; Girls turning 9 or 10 this year who would like to play in the Girls Under 10 Sunday SSG competition; Girls or Boys turning 12 or 13 this year who would like to play in the Mixed Junior Saturday competition. If interested call Robyn at juniorvp@asquithsc.org.au or 0415 051 618.

Bunnings Thornleigh - Ladies and Family Night Thursday 19 March 6pm - 9pm. Free Fun for All the Family - Lucky Dip, Entertainment, BBQ & refreshments. Bookings essential phone 9479 9000 or email Thornleigh@bunnings.com.au.

2009 HSBC Waratahs Fan Day & BBQ - Centennial Park Mackay Oval 2, Monday 16 March 4-6pm. Meet the Players, Fun Activities, BBQ, Giveaways and more. Visit www.waratahs.com.au for details.

www.kidstimes.com.au - Online directory for parents. Whats on for kids calendar; kids activities; clubs & classes. Buy & sell baby & kids items; childcare & local school listings; party & entertainment & more.

LOST PROPERTY FROM 2008

Did you misplace a jumper or jacket in 2008? We have a basket at the office containing 12 jackets and 9 jumpers, all waiting for their owners to collect them. All items have been laundered but have no names. Please visit the office to see if your jumper or jacket is here.