



HNPS Newsletter

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From the Principal...

THE AUTUMN FAIR

This Saturday promises to be a fair of great significance. With over 30 outside stalls, rides, entertainment, delicious food, craft, art The day will be action packed and there will be many opportunities for parents, children and visitors to stimulate the economy at Hornsby North Public School. A hard working Fair committee has been working for weeks, during the days and well into the evenings to make this day happen and for this I acknowledge and show my deep appreciation. The committee has been supported by many parents, teachers and community members working behind the scenes preparing stalls and rosters, gaining and offering sponsorship and offering to help on the day. All in all it has been a wonderful team effort, that so often typifies the ethos at our school.

A few final reminders from the Fair committee-

1. Please send all sold and unsold raffle tickets back to Lisa Dunne, as a matter of urgency. We must account for them.
2. Read the blue Fair Newsletter and many questions will be answered. If you still have questions ask! Someone will have the answer or direct you to a person who can help.
3. Don't forget the setting up at 7.00am is vital to the smooth running of the day. So far 9 people have indicated that they will be here to assist at this time. I think emphasis on the word "indicated" is the key to this activity. I know many people who have not let organisers know of their intention will come along to assist. We always have plenty of helpers in the morning and at the end of the day.
4. Yes, the next point is clearing away at the end of the day. The committee needs as many people as possible to assist with large and small tasks. Packing away is the least glamorous part of the day, particularly as people are tired and "everything is finished", but the saying, "Many hands make light work" will apply at 3.00pm on Saturday March 28.

Thank you all once again for your continued support.

HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION FORMS

High School Application Forms are due this Friday. So far one third have been returned. I inform parents and students that all forms and information are sent electronically now, so late returns without good reason will disadvantage the placement of students. Once again I advise parents that the teachers and I are available to assist in completing these forms.

MONEY AT SCHOOL

From time to time amounts of money disappear from students' and sometimes teachers' bags. This is very upsetting because our children are generally very honest and big hearted. To help the staff and I manage this problem I request that parents do not send children to school with large sums of money, particularly notes of \$10 and up. Children who present notes (particularly \$20 and \$50 and for little ones \$10) at the canteen will be asked (in a kind manner) about the money. To avoid any hurt feelings a note to the teacher or canteen would help. The older children could probably notify the teachers themselves, but we have had very young children with large sums of money that parents did not know about.

LETTER BOX AT THE FRONT GATE

The letter box at the front gate is for Australia Post mail only. Lately, some parents have left notes, money and application forms in this box. It is not secure and we cannot be responsible for lost monies etc. Parents and students should continue to leave money and notes at the office or in the internal boxes in the office area. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

INTERRELATE

Interrelate Sexuality Education programmes for families will be held at Hornsby North Public School next Wednesday, April 1 in the school Library. The Junior sessions for Years 3 and 4 will commence at 6.00pm and the session for students in Years 5 and 6 will begin at 7.15pm. Flyers were sent home last week but if your child did not receive one please ask at the front office.

Interrelate programmes are interactive, family focused and presented in the context of caring relationships. Further information can be obtained at www.interrelate.org.au

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

As the term draws to a close, I advise of important school functions which will take place next week and the week after.

On Friday April 3, the first **Honour Assembly** for the year will be held. Parents of students who will receive medals at this assembly have been advised and we look forward to sharing this achievement with you.

On Tuesday April 7, the famous K-2 **Easter Hat Parade** will take place at the bottom oval.

Following the joyous occasion of Easter hats and chocolate eggs, we will hold a most solemn event. An **Anzac Day Service** on Wednesday April 8 at 9.30am. This is a most important occasion where we commemorate the lives of all who have died in wars and acknowledge the importance of the Anzac tradition in the lives of Australians. Parents and friends are invited to join us on this occasion. We will try to make you as comfortable as possible.

On the final day of term, Thursday April 9 the **Combined Scripture Easter Service** will commence at 9.30am. Once again parents and Scripture teachers are cordially invited to join us. Following the service, an Easter morning tea for Scripture teachers will be held on the Staffroom.

Maree Sumpton

Principal

Coming Events.....

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| Thu 26 Mar | Soccer trials - Yrs 3 & 4 boys -1st half lunch |
| Fri 27 Mar | High School Application forms due |
| Sat 28 Mar | 10am - 3pm Autumn Fair |
| Mon 30 Mar | Area Swimming Carnival at Homebush
AFL Trials - Years 3 and 4 |
| Tue 31 Mar | Year 4 Elizabeth Farm and Experiment Farm |
| Wed 1 Apr | Interrelate Family Programme |
| Fri 3 Apr | 11.30am Honour Assembly |
| Mon 6 Apr | AFL Trials - Years 5 and 6 |

From the Classroom

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -

Ned (2C), Angus (1M), Martin (1H), Shaan (1H), Matthew (2G), Sami (1J), Sean (1P), Andrew (1J), James (4P), Nicholas (4P), Luke R.(1P), Charmion (2J), Maggie G.(5H), Harry (6S), Steven (6B), Jackson (3C) and Tiffany (4P).

LIBRARY NEWS -

The chess competition will begin on Mondays at lunch time next term. Children have been putting their names on the competition list during library lessons. The competition is only open to children in Years 2 to 6. I realise that there are Year 1 and Kindergarten children in our Thursday chess lessons. They will have a chance to play in the competition in future years.

Next Monday afternoon, author Bruno Bouchet will be talking to Year 4 about his books. The books will also be available to purchase at a discounted price of \$10. Bruno has donated 4 of his books to our library.

Don't forget to come in on Saturday to see our library converted to a fantastic coffee shop.

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

KINDERGARTEN NEWS -

News Topic - Week 10: Bring in a toy or drawing of a rabbit.

PSSA CRICKET AND SOFTBALL -

Last Friday we played against Wideview at Berowra. The junior cricket team remains undefeated after winning a tight, high-scoring game 109-99, while the seniors recorded a convincing victory by 68-39. Our softball teams are both improving, but they lost close matches, with juniors going down 15-12 and the seniors 12-8. This was the last match until the end of term 3. Thank you to all of the parents who have helped with driving, coaching, scoring and supporting this year.

BOYS SOCCER TRIALS -

Soccer trials for Years 3 and 4 Boys will be held tomorrow, Thursday March 26 during first half lunch on the bottom oval. Please meet Mr Lawrence on the oval after eating time.

AFL TRIALS -

Calling all AFL fans! This year for the first time, Hornsby North will be participating in the PSSA AFL competition at Rofe Park. There will be two teams, one for Years 3 and 4 and one for Years 5 and 6. It is a mixed competition, so boys and girls in Years 3-6 are able to try out. Trials will be held on the bottom oval at the following times:

Monday 30 March- students in Years 3 and 4 during lunch.

Monday 6 April—students in Years 5 and 6 during lunch.

INTERRELATE - SPECIAL EVENING PROGRAMME -

A separate note was sent home previously with Years 3-6 students. 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 for Puberty. 1 hour Years 5 & 6.

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

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS -

St Ives High School - Year 7 Gifted and Talented Program 2010. Assessment—Friday 8 May 2009. Application forms available from the front office or phone 9144 1689 for more information. Closing date for receipt of forms—Thursday 9 April 2009.

P & C NEWS: CANTEEN NEWS -

Now available: Mini Quelch sticks 25c each. Volunteers:

Thu 26 Mar: Toshiko Shimizu, Jennifer Martin

Fri 27 Mar: Linda Pearson, Katrina Humphreys and Helpers please

Mon 30 Mar: Christine Taylor

Tues 31 Mar: Helpers please

Wed 1 Apr: Lisa Thomson, Lucy Bal

Vicki Stubbings

BAND NEWS -

What a fantastic day we had on Saturday with our Workshop Day. All students displayed outstanding behaviour and worked extremely hard throughout the day. The end of the day concert certainly proved how hard everyone worked. It was wonderful to see such talent emerging and we were all rewarded with some wonderful music. Students, give

yourselves a pat on the back - you truly deserve it. To Jenny, Kate and Kelvin, our 3 fabulous conductors, thank you so much for all your hard work on the day. The results speak for themselves. A big thank you to all parents who assisted and also thanks must go to Mrs. Sumpton, Mrs. Whyte and Mrs. Moyes who also showed their support throughout the day.

At the end of Band Workshop, our 2 Band Captains for 2009 were announced. Congratulations to Emily (6M) and Jason (6B). We know you will do a great job this year.

All 3 Bands will be performing this Saturday at the fair. You are to meet at Mrs. Whyte's room (3W) as follows: CB1 10.00am, CB2 10.15am and TB 10.30am. Don't forget music and instrument.

Clothing is a white top/t-shirt with navy/denim bottoms. If you are planning to stay at the fair most of the day, you can store your instrument in 3W's room for safekeeping until next Monday morning, but please ensure that instruments are picked up before the morning bell. Once the doors are locked on fair day, they won't be reopened. 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 -

Babysitting - Laura, former Hornsby North Public School student, currently at Asquith Girls High School. Great rates. Phone: 9482 8937.

Found—Monday 23 March near Cawthorne Street entrance Victa Lawnmower and catcher.

Lost - in Ida Street mobile phone in black and red leather pouch.

Incident in Ida Street - On Tuesday 17 March between 9.05am-9.15am a parent's car parked in Ida Street sustained some damage. If anyone witnessed this incident please contact the school.

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.

Sports 4 Schools—Super Sports Day - Date: Tuesday 21 April 2009.

Time: 9.30am-3.30pm. Ages: Boys and Girls 5-13 years. Cost: \$35. Venue: Hornsby North Public School. Sports played will include: soccer, basketball, netball, oz tag, touch football, AFL, T-ball, cricket, volleyball, dance. Circus skills including: Fling Nets, Flip n Flyer, Spin Stix, Spinning Plates and Twirling Poi! To enrol your child please email your child's details (name, age, school, phone number) to sport4schools@live.com. For info please call Greg on 0419 124 369.

Rebel Sport Hornsby - NSW Waratahs in store on Thursday 2 April between 6pm-7pm. Don't miss your chance to receive stickers, posters and autographs from "The Tahs". 10% off all Waratah's merchandise Thursday 2 April - one day only!! 10% off All Footwear until 30 April.

Depression Support Group - This is an 'open' group which means anyone can drop in and attend the group when they want to, there is no obligation to commit to any length of time. There is no charge. This monthly support group is ideal for people living with depression, families, friends and anyone who would like to learn more about depression or if you simply want to cope better with life when things get you down. The group is held on the first Sunday of each month from 2pm onwards at Hornsby RSL Club, 4 High Street, Hornsby. The sponsored support group is run in conjunction with Depression & Mood Disorders Association of NSW (DMDA) and the Association of Relatives and Friends of the Mentally Ill (ARAFMI).

Bi-lingual German Group - On Thursday afternoons students of bi-lingual (English-German) background 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 Forrest on 9484 9714.

LOST PROPERTY FROM 2008

Did you misplace a jumper or jacket in 2008? We have a basket at the office containing 4 jackets and 8 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 jacket or jumper is here. Any items not claimed by the end of Term 1, will be given to the Uniform Shop.