



# HNPS Newsletter

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## From the Principal...

Welcome back. I trust all enjoyed the break and hope that the sickness which affected so many members of our school community last term is a thing of the past. The changeover date for Winter uniform is Monday 11 May but with the cooler weather it is appropriate for children to dress in winter uniform now.

### TERM EVENTS

The Coming Events section will list most of the following events but I will remind parents and students of some very important activities on the school calendar.

- Island Dreaming Presentation - Tomorrow students will enjoy a presentation called "Island Dreaming" by a group of indigenous performers. This performance links to the Aboriginal Education Curriculum which is an integral part of HSIE Key Learning Area for all grades. The cost for this performance is \$4 and will be included in Term 2's fees.
- Mothers Day Stall - The annual Mothers Day stall will be held on Thursday May 7. A variety of gifts will be available for students to purchase at a cost of \$5 per gift. Further information will be sent home early next week.
- Walk Safely to School Day - On Friday May 15 the National Walk Safely to School Day will be held and Hornsby North students, teachers and parents will once again be strong participants. Teachers will meet students at various points, the groups consisting of students, teachers, parents and often the family dog will walk to school. At school the walkers will be served a healthy breakfast courtesy of the P & C School Canteen. Once again, further details next week.
- Friday May 8 will be a busy day for students in Years 3 to 6. The annual Cross Country event will take place at Rofe Park. A separate note will be sent home.
- National Testing - In Week 3 on May 12, 13 and 14. National Testing for all students in Years 3 and 5 will take place. An information sheet was sent home last term to all parents of students in Years 3 and 5. Parents who wish to apply for exemption for their child should contact me as soon as possible. Parents and children should not be concerned about these tests. The children are well prepared and all we can ask is that they do their best. The testing is over a period of three days and I ask parents to ensure that students get a good night's sleep and eat breakfast before they come to school, preferably without a session in front of the TV!
- Gymnastics - Gymnastics classes for students in K-2 will be held this term on Mondays and Tuesdays. The classes will begin next Monday, May 4. A separate note advising parents of further details and appropriate clothing accompanies this newsletter.
- Term 2 Accounts - Term 2 accounts will be sent home today. Apologies to parents of students in Year 6 as the excursion to Canberra certainly makes the amount a little daunting. Remember, accounts can be paid in installments and parents requiring financial support should contact me for a confidential discussion. Meanwhile, prompt payments from parents in the other grades would be greatly appreciated.

### ROYAL EASTER SHOW SUCCESS

It seems such a long time ago but in the week leading up to the holidays and during the holidays the prestigious Royal Easter Show was held at Homebush. This event attracts entries from a wide variety of communities and to win an award is indeed a great achievement. I am delighted to report that two of our students Megan (3C) and Matthew (1P), brother and sister won 1st and 3rd prize in the Most Creative Miniature Cake, People Under 12 years of age. Congratulations Matthew 1st place and a blue ribbon! Congratulations Megan, 3rd place and a yellow ribbon!



Megan



Matthew

### ANZAC DAY SERVICE

The Anzac Day Commemorative Service in the last week of Term 1 was a most memorable occasion and I thank parents and friends who joined us for this special ceremony.



On Anzac Day, our School Captains and Vice Captains and families joined me at the Hornsby RSL Club at the dawn service. Jaimie, Henry, Monica and Harry took part in the wreath laying ceremony and represented Hornsby North with dignity and pride. After the solemn service we enjoyed breakfast at the RSL Club. To be part of the community at this event was a great honour for the children even if it meant rising at 3.30am to be at the club by 4.15am. Thank you once again to the families. Your children were a credit to you.

*Maree Sumpton*  
Principal

### Coming Events.....

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| Thu 30 Apr | K-6 Island Dreaming presentation<br>9.15am Mothers Day Wrapping in staffroom |
| Fri 1 May  | PSSA Winter sport  |
| Mon 4 May  | Gymnastics - KA, KG, KJ, 1B, 1H, 1M, 1P, 2J                                  |
| Tues 5 May | Gymnastics - KM, KS, 1J, 2C, 2G, 2M  |
| Wed 6 May  | K-6 Deadly Australians   |
| Thu 7 May  | Mothers Day stall  |
| Fri 8 May  | School Cross Country   |

## From the Deputy Principal .....

*The Zifkin' Zone...*

Welcome back everyone! Hope you are refreshed after the holidays and ready for great learning opportunities in Term 2!

The **SRC** will hold its first meeting tomorrow at 12:45 (during eating time) in the library and thereafter every 2nd Thursday. Don't forget to bring your classes' ideas to the meeting. All Class Captains and our Year 6 school leaders attend our SRC meetings. Mr Sumpton & I will see you there!

**Parent Workshop - Helping Your Child with Reading:** Just a reminder that on Wednesday 13th May at 9:30 in our School Hall, I will be running a workshop to provide proven and easy-to-follow strategies that aid reading-progress, information about how to assist children to read at home as well reading "games" and activities that build children's vocabularies. If you don't have a copy of the note we sent out at the end of last term, copies are available at the front office. Please fill out the slip and return it to the office by Friday May 8th so we have an idea of numbers.

*Don't forget, when you give a smile you get one back!.... Anne Zifkin*

## From the Classroom .....

### SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -

Angus (1P), Ellie (3B), Eric (6S), Amelia (3B), Ryan W. (5H), Sabrina (3T), Tina (2C), Ina (4R), Katelyn (5H) and Brittany (6M).

### LIBRARY NEWS -

Welcome back for another busy reading term. Keep reading for the Reading Challenge. All children K - 4 have begun at school. They can complete it easily this term if they are working at home as well as at school.

The chess competition will begin on Monday next week at lunch time. 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.

**Chess** - Thursday classes will be starting again tomorrow, Thursday 30 April at 8am.

[Helen.Stevens@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Helen.Stevens@det.nsw.edu.au) Helen Stevens, Teacher Librarian

### KINDERGARTEN NEWS -

Tell the class what you saw when you were having breakfast. Try to remember as much detail as possible. For example, what you had on your toast.

### K-2 SPORTS UNIFORM

During Term 2, K-2 will not be required to wear their sports uniform on Thursday. Instead they will wear sports uniform on the day of their class gymnastics lesson. Gym days are as follows for K-2 classes:

Mondays: KA KG KJ 1B 1H 1M 1P 2J

Tuesdays: KM KS 1J 2C 2G 2M

### HIGH SCHOOL NEWS -

**Turrumurra High School** - Open Morning Friday 8 May from 9.15am to 11am. Please visit to see our students & teachers in the classroom. At morning tea you may wish to take the opportunity of speaking with the Principal and Deputy Principals. Maxwell Street, Turrumurra.

### P & C NEWS:

#### CANTEEN NEWS -

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

Thu 30 Apr: Yukie Tatsuta, Michiko Beattie, Luna Hrastnik

Fri 1 May: Gaye Heap, Kim Thomasson, Debra Murphy

Mon 4 May: Christine Taylor, Kerrie Moreau, Peter Loader

Tues 5 May: Anne-Lii Hardy, Ashwini Sapre

Wed 6 May: Lucy Bal

Vicki Stubbings

#### BAND NEWS -

Welcome back to Term 2 everyone. Hope you have enjoyed the holidays and relaxed a little as we have another busy term ahead with various music festivals for all bands. Rehearsals start next week for CB2, CB1 and TB Group. Thanks to all students in white group who remembered band practice today.

To all CB2 students, you are performing at this Friday's assembly

(1/5). Please remember to bring in music and instrument. An announcement will be made when you are to meet Kelvin in the hall. Also a reminder to CB2 students, if you have not returned your permission note for the Grevillea Pre-School Fete on Saturday 9 May, please do so by next Monday 4 May. Thank you.

Catherine Pedersen, Band Committee President

#### UNIFORM SHOP NEWS -

Opening hours are Thursday and Friday mornings 8.30 am-9.30 am. Winter uniform will officially change over in Term 2 Week 3 -11th May. You are welcome to wear the winter uniform earlier if the weather is cooler.

Tracy and Lara

#### GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Wanted - galvanized metal fencing. If you have anything suitable, please call Chris on 0424 396 256.

#### MOTHER'S DAY WRAPPING STALL -

Come for a chat and help us wrap! Tomorrow 30th April is "wrapping day" for the Mother's Day stall. We are in need of volunteers to help wrap presents. If you are able to help out we shall be in the staffroom from 9.15am. Hope to see you there!

Lisa Dunne

#### RAFFLE CONCLUSION

I am pleased to announce that the Hornsby North Raffle has been a tremendous success and I would like to extend a sincere thank you to each and every family who contributed to this success by selling raffle tickets. The Raffle was drawn at the Autumn Fair and the winners of the Raffle are:

1st Prize: Mr and Mrs Eade (Wil 2C grandparents)

2nd Prize: Ashley (1M)

3rd Prize: Amanda Munro (Luke 1P and Cameron 4R mother)

4th Prize: Kuyja Choi (Georgia 1M grandmother)

All winners have been notified by telephone.

Congratulations to all the families and children who participated. Your contribution to the Hornsby North Raffle is highly valued and has enabled us to put the money towards enhancing your children's education.

#### COMMUNITY NEWS -

**Dynamic Dance** - Saturday classes will now be held Friday afternoon. 3.30pm Juniors, 4.15pm Seniors.

**Bunnings Thornleigh** - Mum and Kids night Thursday 7th May 5pm-7pm. Make a gift with Mum for Mother's Day. Sausage sizzle, refreshments, fun and games, lucky door prizes, craft for Mother's Day. Free. Bookings essential. Email [thornleigh@bunnings.com.au](mailto:thornleigh@bunnings.com.au) or phone: 9479 9000.

**Wideview School Fete** - Sunday 24 May 2009, 10am-3pm. Pre purchase your Rides armband for \$20 to ride all day. To order email: [widewiewfete@gmail.com](mailto:widewiewfete@gmail.com). Cost for single ticket \$4-\$5 per ride. What's on at the fete-rides, dodgems, sideshow alley, virtual reality game, Chocolate wheel, tombola, treasure trove, kids craft, face painting, hair & tattoos, lolly & cake stall, plant stall, craft stalls, entertainment & performances, wandering magician, animal farm, reptile display & more! Wideview Road, Berowra Heights.

#### LOST PROPERTY AT OFFICE

Left at office Large Black and grey golf umbrella

Found 9/4/09 Blue Eeyore purse with keyring

Found 7/4/09 Silver patterned disc, possibly off necklace

Found 7/4/09 Part of transformer toy, found in playground

Found - red decorated round mirror

Found - white and pink hooded jumper "purr" and heart on front

Found - size 56 navy blue stock hat

Found - multicoloured headband-butterfly pattern

Found - in quadrangle 'Friends' silver ring with purple stars

Found - cap black 'Mitsubishi 380' / Found - Korean Air soft plane toy

Found - child's pink sunglasses with flower decorations

Found - red tartan checked purse, Quik Silver coin purse, brown Australia leather coin purse, blue/tan 'Friend' wallet

#### LOST PROPERTY FROM AUTUMN FAIR

Rugby World Cup 2003 jersey - large size

Pink plastic headband / Orange drink bottle labelled "Emma"

Large rectangular plastic container with white lid