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From the Principal...

CONCERT BAND II EXCELS

Congratulations to Concert Band II who performed admirably last Saturday at Grevillea Kindergarten. The band members looked smart in their school uniforms and were great ambassadors for our school as they entertained the crowds. We all loved the new gong!



WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

On Friday, May 15 Walk Safely to School will be held at many schools nationwide. At Hornsby North, teachers and parents will join the students in the morning walk. A separate note was sent home on Monday, but just in case the note didn't arrive at the correct destination, the following information is provided for you.

Some teachers will be walking to school on this day and we would love to have as many children as possible walk with us. Parents are also welcome to join in the fun. The following teachers will be at these meeting points at 8am.

- Hookhams Corner (near the water tank) - Mrs. Sumpton, Mrs. Butterworth and Mr. Lawrence.
- Corner of Amor Street and Hyacinth Street - Mr. Howard and Mr. Thurecht.
- Corner of Somerville Road and Galston Road - Miss Melville, Mrs. Moyes, Miss Murphy, Mrs. Parrett and Mrs. Whyte.
- Corner of Spedding Road and Springfield Road - Mrs. Corney, Mrs. Gates and Mrs. Oakley.

On arriving at school, there will be a special Walk Safely to School Breakfast provided by the canteen committee in the hall for the nominal cost of \$1. We look forward to seeing you on Friday.

SCHOOL DISCO - FRIDAY MAY 15

After the healthy walk to school in the morning, students are invited to continue their exercise in the late afternoon and evening at the school disco. Once again an information flyer was sent home last week. The times for the disco are as follows -

5.00pm-6.00pm K-2 students

6.30pm-8.00pm 3-6 students

Sausage sizzle, drinks and snacks will be available on the night. Entry to the disco is \$5 and K-2 students will be provided with a free drink. For Kindergarten students this will be their first disco. We encourage parents to leave their children in the care of the teachers during the disco, as parents are asked not to stay in the hall whilst the students are dancing. It is an important step in independence for the children, but if there are special circumstances please let us know.

NAPLAN TESTS

Naplan tests are in progress for students in Years 3 and 5. The teachers report that they have been very pleased with the concentration and work ethic of the students during the tests. I await the results, as valuable information for parents, students and teachers will provide direction for future teaching and learning programmes.

OC APPLICATIONS

Parents wishing to apply for positions for their children in a Year 5 OC class in 2010 are reminded that applications close this Friday, May 15. We cannot extend the date, so avoid disappointment and many hours of extra work and be on time. Too often we receive calls and messages stating that parents did not receive notification about the tests. The time frame is often very short but all students in Year 4 received information about these tests and application forms. Parents, if you did not receive this information call the office or ask your child to collect an application form at the office asap.

EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week begins in Week 5, on Monday May 25 through May 29. Activities for Education Week at Hornsby North are -

- Art Show - Tuesday May 26, Wednesday May 27.
- The Biggest Morning Tea - Wednesday May 27 at 11.00am.
- Voices for Reconciliation - Friday May 29 at Hornsby Mall.

The programme for Open Night is as follows-

- 5.00-5.30pm - Opening of Art Show for official guests, staff and P & C Executive.
 - Food available.
- 5.30-6.30pm - Art Show open to all parents and community.
 - Performances by students.
 - Food still available.
- 6.30-7.00pm - Classrooms open for parents and community members.
- 7.00pm - Classrooms close.

Performances by Students -

This year the performances begin at 5.30pm and conclude at 6.30pm. The following groups will perform - Kindergarten, Concert Band I, Concert Band II, Training Band, Girls Company Dance Group, Music and Movement Years 1-2 (Miss Havron's group), the Senior Recorder Group, Year 3 Choir, Year 4 Choir and the Senior Choir. Performances will be outside in the 3-6 quadrangle and on the steps outside the Kindergarten rooms. Programmes of exact times will be sent home next week.

Maree Sumpton

Principal

Coming Events....

- Thur 14 May National Testing Years 3 & 5
- Fri 15 May Walk Safely to School Day / Disco
 - OC Application Forms due
 - 3.15pm Dance Meeting in Mrs. Reeves' classroom for all Company & Ensemble parents
- Mon 18 May Gymnastics for KA, KG, KJ, 1B, 1H, 1M, 1P, 2J
- Tues 19 May Gymnastics for KM, KS, 1J, 2C, 2G, 2M
 - 9.45am Meet the Principal morning for K2010 parents
 - Class 5/6B excursion to Art Gallery of NSW
- Wed 20 May Book Club orders due
- Fri 22 May Honour Assembly
- Mon 25 May-Fri 29 May Education Week

From the Classroom

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -

Sophia (3C), Hyo (1J), Jessica (6B), Tricia (3B), Jack (3W), Georgia (1P), Elijah (1B), Will (2G), Jessie (1J), Aiden (3W), Claudia (2M), Sarah (6M), and Amelia (2J).

LIBRARY NEWS -

Today you should have received information about book donations to the library next week and during Education Week. A selection of books for donation to the library will be available from next Monday. Parents are welcome to select books before and after school, on the days the library is open (Not Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning).

Chess Competition - The competition ladder is on the school website and updated regularly.

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

KINDERGARTEN NEWS -

Recall a story that you have read at home (bring in the book to show us). Remember to tell us the beginning, middle and end of the story.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA -

Hornsby North will be holding our annual Biggest Morning Tea on Wednesday May 27 outside the Year 6 classrooms beginning at 10.55am. We would love to see you all there.

Tickets for our huge raffle will go on sale from Monday May 18 in both the K-2 and 3-6 playgrounds. Tickets will be 50c each or 3 for \$1. Donations to the Cancer Council can be made on the day of the Biggest Morning Tea. All donations of \$10 or more have a chance of winning a \$5000 holiday voucher to be used anywhere in Australia. Thank you for your continuing support.

M Jeffrey, N. Stevens, D. Whyte

SCIENCE NEWS -

Great news—it's Science Expo term and it's all go. Dates & times are:

Years 3 & 4 - Week 6 Wednesday 3 June from 1.45-3pm and 6-7pm.

Years 5 & 6 - Week 8 Wednesday 17 June from 1.45-3pm and 6-7pm.

Years 1 & 2 - Week 9 Thursday 25 June from 1.45-2.30pm.

Kindergarten - Week 10 Thursday 2 July from 1.45-2.15pm.

All expos are in the hall.

For anyone who has not encountered a Hornsby North Science Expo before, they are a well loved and exciting event. We do everything possible to reduce parental stress. The K-2 expos are held after the Years 3-6 expos, so that the younger children witness an expo before they have theirs. Parents may also visit older children's expos, if they want to collect ideas and see what it's all about.

Every child will have time in their Science class to research magazines and books for their chosen activity and to photocopy them for home reference. Nearer the time a list of very simple and inexpensive experiments will be sent home with the children.

Mrs Oakley is available on Monday and Thursday and Mrs Garlick on Tuesday and Wednesday in the Science Room to help.

Participation in the Expos is strongly recommended but not compulsory. More detailed notes will follow.

Jenny Garlick & Helen Oakley, Science Teachers

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY -

Last Friday in magnificent autumn weather, we held our school cross country at Rofo Park. The children were excellent on the way they participated and supported each other. Many a team chant spurred competitors onto greater effort.

Thank you to parents and teachers for your assistance on the day helping to make the carnival run smoothly and calmly.

The results were-

1st Gilmore 688 points 2nd Phillip 620 points

3rd Bates 580 points 4th David 550 points

Results by age group are available at the front office.

PSSA NETBALL NEWS -

Congratulations to both Junior and Senior netball teams! Last week we played Berowra. Juniors won 28-0 and the Seniors also had a big win 22-4. This week we play Turramurra B at Canoon. Drivers are Thompson, Bramwell, Binet and van Leeuwen.

FREE RANGE BUTCHER

The Free Range Butcher is making it easier to purchase his wonderful free range meat.

Ben will be at the school on Tuesday May 19 from 2.45-3.30pm inside the school grounds at the Cawthorne Street gate. This will be a fortnightly service. Order on the website www.thefreerangebutcher.com.au by Monday PM and pick up from the school on Tuesday.

Ben is also offering specials each fortnight which do not require ordering via the website. Next Tuesday's special is 'Premium Low Fat Mince' (usually \$13.99kg) on special @ \$11.99 per kilo or 2 kilos for \$20. Just a reminder every \$ spent with The Free Range Butcher, he is donating a percentage to the school to put towards our school functions. Not only can you get wonderful produce with the convenience of delivery to the school but you will be helping the school raise funds to help our kids!

PSSA GIRLS SOCCER TEAM -

After an exhausting effort in the cross country the girls managed to find some energy and play against Berowra. They put in a great effort but didn't manage to beat the opposition resulting in 2-4 loss. This week we have a bye and there will be no training on Thursday.

PSSA BOYS SOCCER -

Last Friday we played against Berowra at Berowra Oval. Our junior team were unlucky to go down 2-1, while our senior team played out a well deserved 1-1 draw. This Friday we are playing Turramurra at Auluba. Drivers for this week are - McFadden, Hardy, Stevens, Campbell, Watt, Kirk, Crochon, Burwood.

P & C NEWS: CANTEEN NEWS -

Volunteers: Thu 14 May: Julie Campbell, Belinda Greer

Fri 15 May: Melanie Clark, Debby Inglis, Debra Murphy, Steven Ackerman

Mon 18 May: Michelle Khan, Mabel Jawahar, Vanessa Lane

Tues 19 May: Jennifer Gracie, Rebecca Nielsen

Wed 13 May: Kazumi Her, Terumi Vikas

Vicki Stubbings

BAND NEWS -

Congratulations to Kelvin and the Concert Band 2 students who performed at the Grevillea Preschool Fete last Saturday. You all played brilliantly and you looked so smart in your uniform, representing our school with great pride. Thank you to Mrs. Sumpton and Mrs. Moyes for coming along to listen. Thank you also to all parents who took time out of their busy weekend to bring your children along and support them. A special thank you must go to Tim Baker and Robert and Vicki O'Brien who helped transport the percussion and keyboard to and from the event. We truly appreciate your assistance. Thank you.

Catherine Pedersen, Band Committee President

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS -

Opening hours are Thursday and Friday mornings 8.30 am—9.30 am.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE NEWS -

Our next working bee for Term 2 will be on Sunday 24 May 1-4pm in time to get the school looking fantastic for Education Week Open Night. This is for K-2 families and anyone else who would like to come and help. Even if you can only make it for a short time the help will be greatly appreciated. So get some friends together from your class and make it a fun day for everyone. Each child who actively helps at the working bee will receive a Merit Card. We will also be having a sausage sizzle at the end of the day. Meredith Burke & Grounds Committee

COMMUNITY NEWS -

Virtues Workshop - Wednesday 20th May at 7pm in the school library. The Family Virtues Guide is part of an initiative called the Virtues Project whose vision is to empower adults and children in diverse cultures around the world to live by their highest values. For more information visit www.virtuesproject.com.

Private Singing Lessons - for those students interested in private singing lessons at school, forms are available at the front office. Lessons begin next week and enrolment forms must be returned to school by this Friday.

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

Taekwondo World - 1st lesson free! Best club award 2004-2008. Tel: 9477 6204 or 0412 369 874.

Rebel Sport - Footy Boot Clearance Sale! - Nike, Adidas, Puma, Blades, Reebok. All this season's boots reduced to clear. Prices as marked.