



HNPS Newsletter

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From the Principal...

EDUCATION WEEK - OPEN NIGHT

Next week, beginning May 25 schools across NSW will celebrate the achievements of our students and teachers. Activities at Hornsby North as advertised in last week's newsletter include-

- 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.

The programme for the 5.30pm to 6.30pm performance section is as follows-

QUADRANGLE ON OUTDOOR STAGE

- 5.30-6.00pm - Training Band
 - Concert Band II
 - Concert Band I
- 6.10-6.20pm - Music and Movement Group
- 6.20-6.30pm - Company Dance Group

STAIRS OUTSIDE KINDERGARTEN ROOMS

- 6.05pm - Choir
- 6.15pm - Kindergarten

OUTSIDE LIBRARY

- 6.00pm - Year 4 Singers
- 6.10pm - Year 3 Singers
- 6.20pm - Senior Recorder Group

Please note these are approximate times only.

STUDENTS SUCCESS

Three Hornsby North students have experienced success over the last fortnight.

Cassie (3B) plays in the Under 10 North Shore Representative team for tee-ball and last weekend competed at the State Tee-ball Championships held at Richmond. Her team came second overall narrowly defeated by Manly in the final. Congratulations Cassie, what a fantastic result.



Amelia (2J) began horseriding in February this year and on May 9 participated in her first Ribbon Day at the Sydney Equestrian Centre at Dural. She was awarded 3 ribbons, 1st Place-Best Lady Posture; 4th place - Feet position and 5th place - Pony Leading. Congratulations Amelia and what a great start to your horseriding career.

Laura (5G) also competed at the Ribbon Day in the Open section and was very successful obtaining 3rd place - Best Lady Posture; 4th place - Feet/Heel position and 5th place for Pony Leading. Congratulations and well done Laura.



PREMIER'S DEBATING CHALLENGE

This week two teams from Hornsby North will take part in the first round of the Premier's Debating Challenge. On Thursday, the Awesome team will challenge debaters from Waitara Public School and on Friday the Brilliant team will travel to Wideview Public for their first debate of the year. Best wishes and good luck to Rachel, Georgina, Monica, Josh, Emily, Isabella, Bianca, Zoe, Frannie and Claire.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL

The Walk Safely to School Day on Friday was an outstanding success at Hornsby North. Children, teachers, parents and many favourite toys all walked to school from different streets and directions. Thank you to the teachers for meeting the children at the various points and for staying quite late into the evening for the school disco. However, the success of the event was highlighted by a healthy breakfast provided by the School Canteen. Thank you to Vicki, the Canteen Committee and the teachers who worked extremely hard using their culinary talents to feed so many hungry children.



SCHOOL DISCO

Congratulations to Year 6 and the Year 6 teachers for their organisation of the first disco for 2009. Special thanks to Mrs. Butterworth and her team of teachers and parents for their hard work on the sausage sizzle and on the drinks and sweets stall, for music and supervision in the hall and for the general care of the students into the early hours of the evening. Kindergarten students, you were brilliant dancers! And it did not rain!!

HONOUR ASSEMBLY

On Friday, the first Honour Assembly for Term 2 will be held at 11.30am. Eighteen students will receive medals to acknowledge their citizenship and contribution to Hornsby North Public School. I congratulate these students and look forward to sharing their successes with parents, relatives and friends.

WHOOPING COUGH

Whooping Cough continues to infect members of our school community. The last reported case was a parent who did not feel sick but had a persistent cough. In adults this is often the only sign of whooping cough. We are awaiting test results for another student.

Marce Sumpton
Principal

Coming Events....

Fri 22 May	Honour Assembly / OC Applications final due date
Mon 25 May	Gymnastics for KA, KG, KJ, 1B, 1H, 1M, 1P, 2J Zone Cross Country
Tues 26 May	Gymnastics for KM, KS, 1J, 2C, 2G, 2M
Mon 25 May-Fri 29 May	Education Week
Tues 26 May	Open Night
Wed 27 May	Biggest Morning Tea / UNSW Computer Test

From the Classroom**SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -**

Simone (4P), Lily (4T), Ryan (1M), Kole (1M), Jade (4T), Liam (4R), Oscar (6M), Andrew (3C), Connor (3B), Kyle (5H) and Clara-Jane (4R).

LIBRARY NEWS -

Thank you to the parents and children who have already donated books to our library. These books will be available for borrowing in about 2 weeks. Books will be available for donation until the end of next week, including Open Night next Tuesday. Next week there will be no library borrowing until Thursday as the library will be the venue for the Education Week Art Show.

The lunch time chess competition will also be suspended for next week, but Thursday's chess lesson will be conducted as usual.

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

KINDERGARTEN NEWS -

Recall a story that you have read or heard in class, library or reading groups. 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 are on sale now 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.

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.

Jenny Garlick & Helen Oakley, Science Teachers

PSSA AFL -

On Friday May 15, the PSSA AFL competition began at Rofe Park. With a flying start our junior team, Hornsby North Blues defeated the Warrawee Bombers 49-7. Our Senior team, Hornsby North Roos, played a tight game against the Hornsby Heights Eagles. We lost in the final seconds of the game (49-30), keeping spectators on the edge of their seats. Congratulations to both teams!

Player of the Week- Every week I will be choosing a 'Player of the Week' in both the Junior and Senior teams. They will be chosen for good behaviour on and off the field, good sportsmanship, enthusiasm and participation. I will be watching students at training as well as on game day. This weeks 'Players of the Week' are Rohan (4P) and Aidan (6S). Congratulations boys, keep up the great work!

Week 4 Games: Hornsby North Blues have a bye and will have a practice game at Rofe Park, while the Hornsby North Roos will be playing the Wairoonga Hawks at 1.45pm.

PSSA BOYS SOCCER -

A fantastic result last week with both teams winning! The senior boys recorded their first win 1-0 against Turramurra, after the junior boys had a solid 4-0 victory! This Friday we play Hornsby South at Montview Oval. Drivers for this week are - Hardy, McFadden, Mays, Ludlow, Patterson, Munro and Gracie. Please meet outside the Library at 12.15pm.

PSSA NETBALL NEWS -

The girls had two big wins last Friday against the Turramurra 'B' team. The juniors won 30-0 and the seniors won 18-6. Congratulations girls! This week we play Hornsby South at Montview. Drivers are Clements, Smith and O'Brien.

PSSA GIRLS SOCCER TEAM -

This week we are playing Hornsby South. Drivers are Vikas, Jawahar and Ambrose.

KU-RING-GAI CREATIVE ARTS HIGH SCHOOL -

Open Day Thursday 28 May from 9.00-11.00am. Tours commence from the Tagore Courtyard from 9.15am. Enquiries: 9144 7617, 9144 3477.

P & C NEWS: CANTEEN NEWS -

Volunteers: Thu 21 May: Luna Hrastnik, Michiko Beattie, Yukie Tatsuta
Fri 22 May: Linda Pearson, Katrina Humphreys, Lynne Slevin, R. Nielsen
Mon 25 May: Jeong Seon Min, Yao Shen

Tues 26 May: Nicole Khallouf, Natalie Wall

Wed 27 May: Anna Scholey, Christina Martin

Vicki Stubbings

BAND NEWS -

To all CB1 students, you are performing at this Friday's Honour Assembly (22/5). Please remember music and instrument and meet in the hall at the start of recess.

Our Training Band students are performing at the Ryde East Music Festival on Sunday 31 May. Notes have been sent home to all students last week. If you didn't receive one, please see the office for a copy. Please note that this event is compulsory for all students.

All 3 bands will be performing at the School Open Night next Tuesday 26 May. The Bands performances will commence from 5.30pm. A note has gone home this week stipulating exact times for students to meet. Full winter uniform is to be worn. Thank you.

Catherine Pedersen, Band Committee President

STUDENT BANKING -

Student Banking is done every Wednesday morning by volunteer parents. This is a great way to encourage your child to start saving, even if it is only a dollar a week. All you have to remember is to bring it in each week and our volunteer parents will take it to the bank for you. Our school also benefits by way of commission. For an application form, please see the office. Thank you.

FUNDRAISING: EDUCATION NIGHT -

HELPERS NEEDED FOR TUESDAY MAY 26. The Fundraising Committee urgently needs help for food preparation, cooking, serving and cleaning up. If you can help in any way, please fill in the blue form accompanying this newsletter and return to the P & C box (in office) asap. Thanks. Jodi 0414 465 491 Lisa 0414 320 742.

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. For more information visit www.virtuesproject.com.

Lost - white gold cross with pin at disco.

Lost - red razor-style scooter last Wednesday from bike rack.

Found - NRMA Silver membership tag number 4597114 02.

Found - CD : ABBA Playalong for Clarinet.

Giant Garage Sale and Delicious Food - 9am-2pm Saturday May 23 at the Uniting Church, corner of Pacific Highway and Amaroo Ave, Mt Colah. Bargains include furniture, electrical, computers, toys, books, plants etc. plus bbq food, cakes, desserts and Devonshire teas.

ROOM WANTED DURING JUNE

Kate Lord, the Training Band Conductor will be a prac. student in KA during June. She is looking for a room to rent or a house to sit near Hornsby from the 1st to the 26th June. She is happy to look after pets and gardens! Please call her on 0427 528 301. Thank you.