



HNPS Newsletter

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From the Principal...

OPEN NIGHT ACTIVITIES AND ART SHOW

What a wonderful showcase of the talents and skills of Hornsby North students, teachers and parents was on display last night. The Art Show with a mixture of technology, enhanced pieces and pure creativity with paint, water and recyclable materials, displayed excellence from many perspectives. Well done to our artists and art teachers! I am sure that many high school teachers would appreciate the fantastic work of our young students. Thank you to our bands, Company Dance Group, the Senior Recorder Group, Music and Movement Group, the choirs, Kindergarten Choristers and the Years 3 and 4 singers who entertained parents and community members with such enthusiasm and joy. Many thanks to the behind the scenes parents who provided food and refreshments for all and a special thank you to the wonderful staff who have worked so hard to bring the night's activities in such a professional manner to the wider community. Last but by no means least...to Chris, Jesper, Bruce and helpers who set up the stage, sound system and lights. Thank you for your hard work. Without this we would not have been able to present the activities. Of course the roving announcer and photographer, Mr Barry Sumpton provided the vital link to the night's activities! In all of these events we often forget the clerical staff who tirelessly answer queries and questions and hand out extra copies of notes that disappear into the note eating parts of bags!... All with a smile and good grace. Thank you Hornsby North.



BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION

As reported at the last P and C meeting, Hornsby North was not included in Round 1 of the BER projects. However, I am pleased to inform the community that in the National Pride funding for Round 2 we have been granted \$200 000, some of which will be used for maintenance work and possibly a Cola in the 3-6 quadrangle. Concerning grants of larger amounts over \$3 million, for schools the size of Hornsby North a proposal has been sent to Canberra for the

construction of a two storey building containing six classrooms. The results of Round 2 building projects are yet to be announced. The proposal is still in the early stages and a site inspection will take place, but the initial plan is to demolish the old clinic and the wooden building containing the After School Care and the IR class. The committee is looking at other options for placement of the building and when further information is provided I will let the community know.

MEDAL WINNERS

Congratulations to the 17 students who received medals at last Friday's Honour Assembly. It was a pleasure to have the parents and relatives of our medal winners at the special assembly to share the celebration of achievement and citizenship with the school community.

EX-STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

It is also gratifying to hear of successes of our ex-students. Last week I received an email informing me that Claire Armstrong a former student of Mrs. Stinson's 6S last year won first place on the Sydney Writers Festival for NSW and ACT. Congratulations Claire. We are very proud of your achievement in this competitive field.

COMING EVENTS—DETAIL

Some members of the School Choir will represent Hornsby North at the Childrens' Voices for Reconciliation on Friday. If the choir performs as it did last night the childrens voices will be spectacular. On Sunday, our wonderful emerging musicians from the Training Band will take part in their very first eisteddfod at Ryde East Public School on Sunday May 31. Best wishes to Kate and the Training Band. Next Monday, Mrs. Butterworth, Mrs. Stinson and Miss Szita will accompany Year 6 to Canberra for a 3 day excursion. I hope all have an enjoyable educational excursion and I look forward to all reports and photos on your return.

STRATHEWEN UPDATE

We have received a thank you letter for our support given to Strathewen Public School. A copy of this letter appears on the back of this newsletter.

HEAD LICE

Recently, a number of cases of head lice have been reported to the school. The only way to stop and prevent the spread of the infection is for everyone to be vigilant and regularly check for signs of head lice. If lice or eggs are found, students are not permitted to return to school until the infestation has been treated.

A recipe for simple head lice preventative spray follows-
200 ml conditioner 7 ml pure 100% tea tree oil

Enough water to make up to 2 litres

Mix together in 2 litre milk bottle or any other clean 2 litre container. Pour into a spray bottle. Spray on hair and brush through daily.

Maree Sumpton

Principal

Coming Events....

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| Fri 29 Jun | Childrens' Voices for Reconciliation - Hornsby Mall |
| | Debating Challenge Team Brilliant vs. Wideview |
| Sun 31 Jun | Training Band - Ryde East Music Festival |
| Mon 1 Jun - Wed 3 Jun | Year 6 Canberra excursion |
| Mon 1 Jun | Gymnastics for KA, KG, KJ, 1B, 1H, 1M, 1P, 2J |
| Tues 2 Jun | Gymnastics for KM, KS, 1J, 2C, 2G, 2M |
| Wed 3 Jun | Years 3 and 4 Science Expo |

From the Classroom

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -

Emma S. (4R), Georgia (3C), Oliver (2G), Mimi (5G), Monica (5B), Darcey (2G), Jasmin (3W), Jerry (6B), Emily (5H), Kaitlin (4T), Selina (4T), Samantha (5H), Jaimie (6B), Betty (6B), Nicholas T. (5H) and Hassan (4P).

LIBRARY NEWS -

Thank you to everyone who has donated books to the library. We have about 200 new books. They will be available for children to borrow possibly next week but certainly the week after. There are still books available for donation so please come in to the library and have a look.

The Art Show is being removed on Thursday morning but we will find a space for chess lessons.

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

KINDERGARTEN NEWS -

News (Week 6) - Describe your favourite vegetable or fruit. Remember all of your senses when describing it.

SCIENCE NEWS -

University of NSW Science - test paper is in Week 7. I am sending past papers home with all participating students (answer grid included). I strongly recommend doing the past papers so students are familiar with the type of questions. These papers are very difficult and are not based on the syllabus. They require a high level of literacy and are a stimulating challenge for interested and capable students.

Science Expos - Wow! The Years 3 and 4 Science Expo is a week away. Please parents, friends and family come and visit the hall from 1.45-3.00pm or 6.00-7.00pm. Volunteers are please needed to help clean up afterwards. A separate note with all the details went home last Friday.

Years 5 and 6 your moment is fast approaching as your Expo is on Wed 17th June. Jenny Garlick & Helen Oakley, Science Teachers

DEBATING NEWS -

Team Brilliant will be debating Wideview on Friday for the debating challenge. Good luck!

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY -

The Hornsby Zone Cross Country carnival was held on Monday at Rofe Park. We had some terrific results and all of our children tried their hardest. Our best results of the day were: Karly (6M) - 5th in 12/13 years; Amy (5B) - 6th in 11 years; Claire (5B) - 6th in 10 years; Ivan (6S) - 8th in 12/13 years; Alex (5H) - 8th in 11 years; Lachlan (4T) - 10th in 10 years; Millie (6M) - 11th in 21/13 years and Tyler (4T) - 14th in 8/9 years. Karly, Amy and Claire will represent the Hornsby Zone at the Sydney North Area Carnival at Gosford on June 11.

Overall, Hornsby North finished the carnival in 5th place out of 15 schools - a good result. Congratulations to all of our competitors.

PSSA BOYS SOCCER -

This Friday we play Wideview at Montview Oval. Drivers for this week are - Hardy, McFadden, Mays, Ludlow, Patterson, Munro, Gracie. Please meet outside the Library at 12.15pm.

PSSA NETBALL NEWS -

Round 5 will be played at Montview this week against Wideview. Could the following parents please drive the girls from choir straight to the courts- Hall - Emma H, Emma S. and Jess S; Thompson- Phoebe, Sarah B., Bianca and Brooke; Smith - Abby, Sophie and Kaitlin. Could these other parents please meet at school as normal- Liddelow and Italiano.

PSSA GIRLS SOCCER TEAM -

The girls will be playing Warrawee this week at Montview Oval. Drivers this week are Ambrose.

VIRTUES WORKSHOP REPORT -

The following report has been received from a parent who attended: I found the virtues workshop run last week very inspiring, practical and encouraging for parents, and empowering for children. It was interesting to learn that this approach is used by the UN and by many schools around the world, and that it is relevant for everyone whether they belong to a particular faith or not. It is lovely to think

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 June 2 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 will be announced in a separate note.

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!

of children as already possessing gifts and virtues and our job as parents being to help them to develop these (as well as our own!). I look forward to hearing another talk on this topic later in the year.

P & C NEWS: CANTEEN NEWS -

Volunteers:

Thu 28 May: Toshiko Shimizu, Jennifer Martin, Lucinda Stott

Fri 29 May: Phillip Chin Quan, **Helpers please**

Mon 1 Jun: Christine Taylor, Kerrie Moreau

Tues 2 Jun: Anne-Lii Hardy, Ashwini Sapre

Wed 3 Jun: Lucy Bal

Vicki Stubbings

BAND NEWS -

Well done to all bands for your wonderful performances at last night's Open Night. You all sounded fantastic.

Good luck to our Training Band as they perform in their first competitive music festival this Sunday at the Ryde East Music Festival. We know you will do your very best but most importantly, enjoy yourselves! Remember full winter uniform is to be worn. Girls must wear navy stockings and boys long pants. There are still quite a few permission notes still outstanding. Please return them to the P & C box asap.

Notes have gone home this week to students in CB1 and CB2 regarding upcoming performances at the Yamaha Music Festival. Please ensure permission notes are returned by the due dates.

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 -

Thank you to the 40 families who attended our very productive working bee for Term 2. The rain disappeared and we completed all our projects in K-2 and a few extra throughout the school. Everyone worked very hard building, planting and weeding. The kids worked just as hard collecting lost property, planting, weeding and picking up rubbish. They really earned their Merit Cards. We would especially like to thank Alan Rate for donating \$100 worth of plants, Four Seasons Nursery for providing all the plants in the canteen beds, Mark Massingham for his horticultural knowledge and the O'Donohue family for donating the sausages for our sausage sizzle.

Thank you to the Gates, Pedersen, Parrett, Warne, Khalouf, Wall, Schweisfurth, Binet, Begley, Massingham, Jolliffe, McCudden, Train, Ackerman, Murphy, Wilkinson, Asprey, Livingstone, Chen, Murname, Bingham, Yu, Roberts, Hall, Ashton, Onslow, Hampson, Luperdi, Scott, Bushby, Hiscock, Nicklin, Son, Rosa, Downey, McFadden, Lee, Chan and Broady families who all gave up their time to help. Many hands really do make light work. If I have missed anyone's name please contact the office, so we can add you into next week's newsletter.

Please see Belinda Parrett if you are missing any garden tools from Sunday. Meredith Burke & the Grounds Committee

FUNDRAISING NEWS -

Thank you to all the fantastic volunteers who helped with the BBQ and canteen last night, we really appreciate your help.

Jodi Wilkes and Lisa Dunne, Fundraising Committee

LOST AND FOUND

Found - 26 May in Cawthorne St - cream bear with pouch.

Lost - 26 May - silver filigree heart ear-ring.

Found - 26 May - pink heart dangle

Lost - 15 May - white gold cross with pin at disco.

Lost - 13 May red razor-style scooter from bike rack.

Found - NRMA Silver membership tag number 4597114 02.

Found - CD : ABBA Playalong for Clarinet.

MEDAL WINNERS

BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS



Harry 2C



Claudia 2M



James 2C



Jo 2M



Tom 2J



Jemima 2C



Isabella 3T



Amelia 3B



Aiden 3W



Connor 3B



Callum 4P



Luke 4T



Tia 4P



Mason 5H

SILVER MEDAL WINNERS



Claire 5G



Junaid 6S



GOLD MEDAL WINNER



Jessica 6B





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Dear Maree,

Thank you so much for the donations to support the re-establishment of our school.

As you are aware, our school community has suffered immeasurable losses as a result of the recent bushfires. In the midst of this intense grief the knowledge that people from the wider community are thinking of us is a source of great strength. We have been touched by the generosity of people who share a connection with our school. Equally moving have been the many acts of kindness offered by former strangers.

Strathewen students have resumed their schooling at Wattle Glen Primary where we have established a school within a school. We are focussing on creating a consistent routine and comfortable learning environment for the students and a support base for families. Our priority is to care for our students and to ease their sense of displacement. The abundant donations of thoughtfully selected activities, equipment, gifts and time have definitely lifted the kids' spirits. Spirits that are robust and resilient.

Importantly, the empathy and compassion shown by you is a great lesson to our children in how to respond to people in need. Once again we sincerely thank you for your generous and thoughtful support.

Warm regards,


Jane Hayward
PRINCIPAL


Darren Bradshaw
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

P.S We are all looking forward to commencing the rebuilding of our unique school in Strathewen. If you would like to stay in touch, our soon to be updated website at www.strathewenps.vic.edu.au will contain information and progress reports about the re-establishment of Strathewen Primary School.