



## HNPS Newsletter

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### From the Principal...

#### TRAINING BAND SUCCESS

Unfortunately I was unable to attend Training Band's first eisteddfod last Sunday and from all accounts I missed their finest hour. Comments from the organizers to other schools.... " Look how quietly Hornsby North are standing", plus "You all look splendid in your smart school uniforms and bow ties!" From the music angle, the percussion group in the Ozzie Mozzie piece received praise and the group as a whole received comments such as "good solid sound" and a "strong sense of rhythm." Well done Training Band! We knew you could do it!



#### VOICES FOR RECONCILIATION

Once again Hornsby North was well represented at the above event. Every year our students make a significant contribution to this community based activity and this year Shyanne, Nakarli, Ellanah, Brianna, Dylan and Ethan performed in the Hornsby Aboriginal Network Dance Group. Their performance of Heads and Shoulders in Darug and Guringai language and the Leaf, Water Lily and Long Grass dances brought admiration from the wider community. Our spectacular Choir shone with a beautiful rendition of You Raise Me Up with Ellanah demonstrating her talent as a solo performer.



#### YEAR 3-4 SCIENCE EXPO

Today we celebrate scientific achievement and budding scientists from Years 3 and 4 at Hornsby North. The experiments and models arriving at school today look bigger and grander than some in previous years. Creative thinking and ideas for the future will be a strong component of the expo. The students will set up in the period between recess and lunch. Demonstrations for parents and classes will take place from **1.45-3.00pm** and this evening from **6.00-7.00pm**. This expo will be held in the school hall. This information has been previously advertised. I look forward to viewing this exciting event. Parents of students in Years 5 and 6 are reminded that the Science Expo for our senior classes is scheduled for Wednesday June 17 (2 weeks from today). The same arrangements as for Years 3 and 4 apply for viewing the Year 5 and 6 expo, with demonstrations

in the afternoon and the evening.

#### BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Thank you to all who attended the Biggest Morning Tea last Wednesday. The school raised close to \$500 towards cancer research. The generosity of the Hornsby North School community can always be relied upon to contribute towards worthy causes. Special thanks to teachers and parents who donated prizes for the raffle and a big, big thank you to Mrs. Jeffrey and Mr. Stevens who did a magnificent job in organizing the event.

#### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Maggie G. 5H who is a budding poet. On Wednesday, May 13 Maggie and her mother were interviewed by radio station 2OC. During the interview Maggie read original poems in English and her mother read them in Chinese. The poems appear on the school's website.



#### BER UPDATE

The proposal to build a two storey block containing six classrooms at Hornsby North Public School is still a proposal in Canberra. The announcement of Round 2 recipients should be made next week. I will keep the community informed as soon as I receive notification.

#### SCHOOL PAYMENTS - EXCURSIONS, TEXTBOOKS AND SCHOOL SERVICE FEES

A number of parents have not paid the above charges. As you know all students at Hornsby North are treated in a fair and equitable manner with access to all excursions, resources and in school programs. Parents who are genuinely in financial hardship should contact the school to arrange part or time payment. It is not appropriate to continually ignore requests for payment for textbooks, excursions etc without consultation. Parents do not need to tell the class teachers or the office staff. A phone call or a letter to the Principal in confidence is all that is required. Help is always available, so I ask parents to contact me to arrange this assistance. Meanwhile, thank you to all parents who have paid promptly and to those who make regular time payments throughout the year. Reminders will be sent home this week.

#### KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2010

A reminder to parents of students presently enrolled at Hornsby North. If you have a younger child requiring a place in kindergarten next year please phone the office and have the child's name noted on the 2010 list or call at the office, collect an enrolment form and complete it as soon as possible. We have a number of out of area requests and preference must be given to local students and siblings of students already at the school. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

*Maree Sumpton*  
Principal

#### Coming Events....

Tues 9 Jun	Gymnastics for KM, KS, 1J, 2C, 2G, 2M
Wed 10 Jun	Year 5 and 5/6B Imap / UNSW Science Test
Thu 11 Jun	Area Cross Country
Fri 12 Jun	CB1 Yamaha Music Festival
Wed 17 Jun	Year 5 & 6 Science Expo / Year 4 Muogamarra
Thu 18 Jun	Year 4 Muogamarra / CB2 Yamaha Music Festival
Fri 19 Jun	Honour Assembly

## From the Classroom .....

### SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -

Tamsin (1H), Connor (5B), Emma (1M), Jonathan (5H), Alexander (5H), Lucie (1H), Kate (5G), Michael (4T), Nathan (1P), Emily (3C) and Noah (4P).

### LIBRARY NEWS -

Donated books are being distributed this week. Once again thank you all for your generosity. Please check our school website for updates about the chess competition and library activities. In recent weeks I have had several children come into the library to borrow books that they have discovered at home by looking at the link to the library catalogue on the school website.

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

### KINDERGARTEN NEWS -

News (Week 7) - Describe your favourite hat and then show it to your class.

### SCIENCE NEWS -

Expos - What a great day. The Years 3 and 4 Science Expo has finally arrived. As this letter goes to print the expo hasn't yet started, so all the wonderful details will be in next week's newsletter, but the atmosphere is palpable and huge numbers of bubbling, bouncing, oozing and amazing entries are all set up in the hall ready to go. Parents, family and friends come and witness this scientific extravaganza tonight between 6.00-7.00pm. Anyone wishing to stay behind and clean up will be greatly appreciated as wonderful scientific events tend to result in large and not so wonderful messes. Don't feel let down at the end of the night because the Years 5 and 6 Expo is only 2 short weeks away on Wednesday 17th June in Week 8. (A detailed note will be sent home separately). Please visit this between 1.45-3.00pm and 6.00-7.00pm on the 17th June.

University of NSW Science Competitions - the University of NSW Science Competition is on Wednesday 10th June. I have sent home two past papers and answer grid with all participating students. Please bring a ruler, 2B or 4B pencil and rubber to the test.

Jenny Garlick & Helen Oakley, Science Teachers

### DEBATING NEWS -

Team Brilliant debated Wideview Public School on Friday and had a great result with a win. Well done!

### PSSA AFL -

Another fantastic result for our Junior team this week with a 30-20 win against the Warrawee Swans, and a loss (19-1) against the Warrawee Bombers. Our Senior team worked really hard and showed a lot of skill and determination, but sadly lost to the Warrawee Hawks (47 -6). This week the Junior team is playing the Warrawee Dockers and the Senior team is playing the Warrawee Cats.

**Players of the Week:** This week's 'Players of the Week' are Luke (4T) and Daniel (6S). Well done boys!



### PSSA BOYS SOCCER -

Last Friday we played against Wideview at Montview Oval. Our junior team had a very good 1-0 win, while our senior team played out a well deserved 0-0 draw, and were unlucky not to take all three points! This Friday we are playing Mt Kuring-gai at Mt Kuring-gai Oval. Drivers for this week are - McFadden, Hardy, Stevens, Campbell, Watt, Gracie, Crochon, Burwood.

### PSSA NETBALL NEWS -

Last week the girls played Wideview. The Junior team had another big victory 29-0. The Senior girls played well but went down 33-10. All the girls put in a huge effort and should be proud of themselves. Thank you again to the parents for all your help and support. This week we play Mt Kuring-gai at Mt Kuring-gai school. Drivers - Bramwell, Binet, van Leeuwen and Clements.

### PSSA GIRLS SOCCER TEAM -

The girls played Warrawee on Friday and had a great win 4-2. Well done girls! This week we have a bye and there will be no soccer training this week.

### STUCK ON YOU LABELS

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### P & C NEWS: CANTEEN NEWS -

#### Volunteers:

Thu 4 Jun: Catherine Milner, Catherine Pedersen, Bettina Harris

Fri 5 June: C. Ashton, Gaye Heap, Lucinda Stott, Kim Thomasson

Mon 8 Jun: Caroline Campbell, Sylvana Vandertouw

Tues 9 Jun: Mardi Thorley, Phillip Chin Quan

Wed 10 Jun: Johanna Louwen, Heather Cant Vicki Stubbings

### BAND NEWS -

Congratulations to our Training Band students for their wonderful performance at the Ryde East Festival last Sunday. This was their first competitive performance. They looked great, played extremely well and were rewarded with some very encouraging comments from the festival adjudicators. Well done everyone! A big thank you must go to their conductor Kate, for her tremendous efforts and dedication in getting this large band sounding great in such a short time. Thank you to Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Parrett and parents for supporting our talented children. A special thank you also to Caroline Campbell who carted all the percussion to and from the event. We appreciate your assistance. Just a reminder that all permission notes for CBI's performance at the Yamaha Music Festival are due in this Friday. Please note that Jenny will be holding an extra rehearsal on Thursday 11 June from 8.30-9.30am in the hall. This is in addition to the normal Tuesday morning rehearsal next week. Thank you.

Catherine Pedersen, Band Committee President

### UNIFORM SHOP NEWS -

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

### COMMUNITY NEWS -

**The Free Range Butcher** - When: Tuesday 16 June 2.45-3.30pm.

Where: Inside the school grounds at the Cawthorne Street gate.

Order: on the website [www.freerangebutcher.com.au](http://www.freerangebutcher.com.au) by Monday PM (15th June) and pick up from the school on Tuesday.

Ongoing Special: Meat pack: 1kg Gluten Free Beef Sausages and 1kg of Premium Lean Mince for \$15.

**Fun 'n' Stuff** - Family Fun Day at Asquith Church of Christ 13 June 2009 from 11am-3pm. Collectors Expo, Jumping Castle (\$1 a go), fun and games, prizes, bbq (\$1). For more info call Sharon 0407 682 362.

**Normanhurst West Public School Family Fun Day** - 14 June 2009 11am-4.30pm. All Welcome. Entry by Gold Coin. All day ride tickets \$30 prepaid or \$35 on the day. Dartford Rd, Normanhurst.

**Bully Busting Workshop for Parents** - Tuesday 16 June 7-9pm. Free workshop. Venue: Epping Leisure & Learning Centre, 1 Chambers Court (off Pembroke St), below Epping Library. Bookings are essential on 9847 6050. For information call 9887 5830.

**School Parents Issue #2** - Helping Mums and Dads with School Life. This edition offers a smorgasbord of great information. Visit [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolparents](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolparents).

**Newcomers Club Inc** - Are you new to the area and feeling like a bit of company? Newcomers Club is a registered, non-profit women's social club providing women of all ages (& their families) with an opportunity to meet and make new friends through a range of regularly held social events. To learn more call 0412 768 609 or look at [www.sydneynewcomers.com.au](http://www.sydneynewcomers.com.au).

### LOST AND FOUND

**Found** - Pair of black Clarks school shoes size 3.5 E.

**Lost** - 26 May - silver filigree heart earring.

**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.