



HNPS Newsletter

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From the Principal...

AUSTRALIAN EARLY DEVELOPMENT INDEX—A SNAPSHOT OF CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY

Between May and July this year, schools around Australia are taking part in a nation-wide program called the Australian Early Development Index (AEDI). The AEDI looks at how young children are developing in the years before they begin school. As part of the AEDI, schools around Australia will be collecting information on children in their first year of school. This will involve teachers completing an online "checklist" - like a survey of questionnaire—for every child in their class.

Summary results of the AEDI checklists will be available for communities based on whole groups of children in a way that means no one will be able to identify individual children. The findings will provide communities with a snapshot of young children's development. This will help communities understand how their children are developing and where improvements can be made to give children the best start in life.

Parents will receive more information about our school's involvement in the AEDI in the coming weeks. You can find out more about the AEDI at www.aedi.org.au.

SCIENCE EXPO - YEARS 3 AND 4

Congratulations to students, parents and Mrs. Garlick on a wonderful science exhibition last week. I was certainly impressed with the level of scientific knowledge displayed by many students. Following is Mrs. Garlick's enthusiastic report....

The Years 3 and 4 Science Expo was a resounding success. Each and every entry was a great display of Science and the children's explanation of their entries was wonderful.

The People's Choice awards place getters were-

1st Professor Lachlan (3W) - raising water in a candle jar. (pictured at right).

2nd Nathaniel (3B) - hovercraft king

3rd Simone (4P) + Phoebe (4P) - with their giant bubbles.

Congratulations.

Certificates of Excellence have been handed out. Unfortunately I cannot list all recipients but special mention goes to Ben (3B) and his chicken's foot, Emma's (4P) spinning

conductors, Michael's (4T) explanation of the spaces in rice, Andrew's (4P) catapult and target, Andrew's (3W) magnets, Max (3T) and Nick's (3T) enviro battery and Allannah's (3W) colours in milk.

The award for the happiest Scientists goes to Luke (4T) and Harrison (4T), as they had big beautiful grins on their faces the whole time. Why not, Science should bring a smile to all faces.

HEALTH AND SWINE FLU UPDATE

Thank you to parents and caregivers for your support in maintaining communication regarding contact with travellers and people with flu like symptoms.

Looking ahead, it will be important to give some thought to mid year

holiday arrangements if this health directive is still in place. For example, if you were to travel to the listed countries during the break and return at the end of the holidays, students would need to stay away from school for the next week. Obviously things might change, but we need to follow this health issue carefully.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to Jessica (6B) whose artwork "The Old and the New" has been selected to compete and exhibit in the Hornsby Shire Council Returned to Glory Recycled Art Competition in the Junior Category. These artworks were displayed at the Hornsby Art Gallery.



CONCERT BAND I EVENTS

On Friday Concert Band I will perform at the Yamaha Music Festival at The University of Technology Sydney Kuring-gai Campus. I wish Jenny and the band success and enjoyment as I know the students will do their best and be great ambassadors for our school.

A little further along the musical track, Concert Band I have been invited to perform at Asquith Boys High School on Saturday evening August 8. This evening features John Morrison's Swing City (brother to James). This is a night organised by Asquith Boys High in support of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. The concert commences at 7pm. CB1 will be on first performing for 30 minutes, followed by Asquith Boys Stage Band. An interval will follow and then Swing City will perform. This is a very entertaining evening as John Morrison is a very well known Percussionist. We are delighted to be part of this worthy and entertaining event and I invite parents and the wider Hornsby North Community to purchase tickets for the above event before they go on sale to the public. Red flyer accompanies this newsletter.

NEW EMAIL SYSTEM

Under the new email system recently introduced by DET, students will not have a Global Address List (GAL) in the system and therefore will not see the email addresses of students or staff members. If a staff member or student wishes to share their email address with students they can provide the details to students or simply send them an email. Once a student replies, the staff member's or student's email address will automatically go into the student's suggested contacts. Further enquiries should be directed to class teachers or Mrs. Corney, leader of the Computer and Technology Committee.

Best wishes to Claire, Amy and Karly at Area Cross Country!

Maree Sumpton
Principal

Coming Events....

Thu 11 Jun	Area Cross Country
Fri 12 Jun	CB1 Yamaha Music Festival
Mon 15 Jun	Gymnastics for KA, KG, KJ, 1B, 1H, 1M, 1P, 2J 7.30pm P & C Meeting
Tues 16 Jun	Gymnastics for KM, KS, 1J, 2C, 2G, 2M
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 -

Melissa(1P), Ai(2G), Fleur(1P), Allannah x2(3W), Sophie(5H), Marcus (1M), Thomas(4T), Alessa(5G), Maggie G.(5H), Monique(3W), Claire (5G), Harley(2C), Aruto(2C), Bianca I. x2(6S), Haley(1P) & Peter(6B).

LIBRARY NEWS -

Almost all of the donated books have been sent home with the donors. Please let me know if there are any mistakes with books or the cards inside the books. Children are continuing to work on the Premier's Reading Challenge and we now have 245 children completed. Year 4 has 75% of students finished. Well done so far Year 4. Don't forget that the MS Readathon is on this month. Quite a number of students have signed up. It is not too late to start.

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

KINDERGARTEN NEWS -

News (Week 8) - Describe your favourite outdoor activity e.g. sport, games at the park, bike riding etc.

SCIENCE NEWS -

Years 5 & 6 Expo is on Wednesday 17 June (7 sleeps away). Come on our senior students, the bench mark has been set very high by Years 3 & 4. It's now time for you to show us what you are made of. (Please note that lollies should only be part of an experiment - not handed out as prizes. The expo is about 'Pure Science' and we don't want gratuitous use of lollies to detract from the main theme of the expo.) Jenny Garlick & Helen Oakley, Science Teachers.

PSSA AFL -

With great spirit the 2 Hornsby North PSSA AFL teams ran, marked and kicked with amazing skill, keeping the opposition on their toes. Our junior team, the Hornsby North Blues, lost 32 -15 and the senior team, the Hornsby North Roos, came out with a 16 - 14 loss (a very close match!). Next Friday the Hornsby North Blues will be challenging the Warrawee Swans and the Hornsby North Roos will be playing the Warrawee Saints.

Players of the Week: This week's 'Players of the Week' are Josh C. (6M) with his marvellous marks and Ethan (4R) for chasing that footy, well done boys, keep up the great work!



PSSA BOYS SOCCER -

Fantastic performance boys! Last week we played Mt Kuring-gai, with both teams winning well. Junior boys had an 11-0 win while the senior boys had a 9-0 victory! This week we travel to Foxglove Oval to play Mt Colah. Drivers are - Hardy, Fowler, Kirk, Ludlow, Patterson, Munro, Mays. Please meet at the front of the Library at 12.15pm.

PSSA NETBALL NEWS -

The girls had 2 very exciting games against Mt Kuring-gai last week. The juniors dazzled us with more skill and team work to win 22-0. The seniors kept us on the edge of our seats the entire game but went down in the final minute 14-13. Well done girls, you all played beautifully. This week we play Mt Colah at Mt Colah school. Drivers—Smith and Clements. The girls in the band (Katelyn, Sophie, Bianca, Zoe and Jess S.) will be picked up by Mrs. O'Brien and be taken straight to the game.

PSSA GIRLS SOCCER TEAM -

This week Hornsby North have another bye. There will be no training on Thursday afternoon. We will be well rested and ready to play the following week.

RECORDER NEWS -

The Junior Recorder Group will be performing at the next Honour Assembly on Friday 19th June. Children keep practicing.

P & C NEWS: CANTEEN NEWS -

Volunteers:

Thu 11 Jun: Julie Campbell, Sharon Spring, Belinda Greer

Fri 12 Jun: Sue, Linda Muncey, Jacqui Farrow

Mon 15 Jun: Michelle Khan, Mabel Jawahar, Vanessa Lane

Tues 16 Jun: Jennifer Gracie, Rebecca Nielsen

Wed 17 Jun: Kazumi Her, Terumi Vikas

Vicki Stubbings

FORBES FOOTWEAR

SHOE SALE 13/06/2009-20/06/2009

All stock reduced – Prices slashed on major brands - Children's, ladies and men's styles.

153 Pacific Highway, Hornsby www.forbesfootwear.com.au

BAND NEWS -

We wish Jenny and our CB1 students the very best of luck when they perform at the Yamaha Music Festival this Friday. We know you will do your very best and represent Hornsby North with great pride. Full winter school uniform is to be worn. Girls to also wear navy stockings and boys long trousers and long sleeved shirts. For students in PSSA sport, please bring your sport uniform in a separate bag. In preparation for your performance Friday, Jenny is holding an extra rehearsal in the hall tomorrow morning from 8.15am-9.30am. Don't forget music and instrument.

Just a reminder that all permission notes for CB2's performance at the Yamaha Music Festival on Thursday 18 June are due in this Friday.

To all students that are in Year 4 and also in CB2, please note that you will be going on the Year 4 excursion to Muogamarra on Wednesday 17 June, so you are free to perform at Yamaha on the Thursday. 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 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.

Asquith Boys High School Variety Night - Thursday 11th June 7pm @ABHS Hall. Entrance off Pacific Highway, Asquith, Tickets \$7 or Family \$20. Purchase at door. Enquiries 9477 3508.

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.

1st Hornsby Heights Scout Group - Saturday 13 June from 8am to 1pm. Second Hand Book Sale, BBQ, Cake stalls, mini Garage Sales. Hornsby Heights Community Centre, Galston Road, Hornsby Heights.

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.

Rebel Sport - Thursday 18 June - 20% off for MVP holders. If you do not have an MVP card, please contact the office. Stocktake Sale on now! Massive savings on selected stock see in store for more details.

Parents Promoting Resilience - Strengthening children's ability to bungy jump through the inevitable pitfalls of life. Speaker: Lyn Worsley. Clinical Psychologist and author of "The Resilient Doughnut. The Secret of Strong Kids". Seminar for parents and carers Monday 22 June 6.45pm for a 7pm start. Finish at 9pm. Hornsby North Public School, Ida Street, Hornsby.

Outreach Courses 2009 Semester 2 - Hornsby TAFE Outreach Semester 2. Courses include: Introduction to Business Administration Wed 29 July 9.30am-2.30pm; Introduction to Basic Computing & Work Skills Mon & Wed 9.30am-2.30pm July 27 & July 29; Introduction to Retail Skills—Fri 9.30-2.30 from July 31; Introduction to Basic Computing - Wed 6-9pm from July 29; Introduction to Photoshop - Tues 9-12pm from July 28; English Conversation - Wed 10-1pm from July 29. All courses are free of charge. Please call Hornsby TAFE Outreach 9472 1239 to enrol or for info 131 674 or visit www.nsi.tafensw.edu.au

LOST AND FOUND

Lost 04/06/09 Macquarie Computer Dictionary—lime green/silver colour

Found - key on black lace

Found 30/5/09 - Silver cross—possibly from a pendant

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

Found 26/05/09 - pink heart dangle

Found - NRMA Silver membership tag number 4597114 02.