



HNPS Newsletter

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From the Principal...

MULTICULTURAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

On Monday the finals of the School Multicultural Competition were held in the library. All students spoke using a wide variety of ideas and we witnessed some very creative presentations.

The overall champions were...

	1st	Runner-Up
Year 3 -	Sophia (3T)	Sam I (3C)
Year 4 -	Krishna (4T)	Aaron (4T)
Year 5 -	Amy (5B)	Georgina (5B)
Year 6 -	Rachel (6B)	Harry (6S) & Bianca (6S)

Presentations will be made at this Friday's assembly.

Congratulations to all competitors and special congratulations to our winners and runners-up. The following students will represent at Zone level tomorrow—Amy, Rachel, Krishna and Aaron. We wish them well.

GYMNASTIC SUCCESS

Our gymnastics continue to achieve success in outside competitions. At the Gala Gymnastics team competition last weekend, four girls from Hornsby North excelled. They were—Emily (5H), Jessica (5H), Tia (4P) and Anni (3B).

Emily gained first place on Floor and Beam, second place on Vault and Bars and her team came first overall.

Jessica gained first place on Bars and Beam and second place on Floor and Vault and her team came second overall.

Tia came first on Bars, Floor and Vault, second on Bars. Tia's team came first overall.

Anni gained first place on Floor and Vault, second on Bars and her team came first overall.



Emily



Jessica



Tia



Anni

Well done girls!

5-6 SCIENCE EXPO

Today, we are experiencing the scientific skills of our senior students. The Advocate will visit this afternoon and we anticipate some publicity in next week's edition.

BAND SUCCESS

Last Friday CB1 played at the Yamaha Music Festival and received a silver award for their excellent performance. Congratulations Jenny and CB1 and best wishes to CB2 members, who will compete at the same festival tomorrow.

MATHLETICS UPDATE

On Monday, the staff participated in a professional learning session on Mathletics. During this time new features of the program were introduced and the staff had the opportunity to ask questions regarding the use of this valuable program in the classrooms. All students at Hornsby North are registered to use Mathletics (most have paid the \$10 fee), so I urge parents to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the many different skill levels in Mathletics and encourage your children to use the program at home.

Parents who are not familiar with the program should speak to the class teacher or Mrs. Butterworth. If the program is used regularly the skill level of the student will improve and it is a cheaper option

than private tutoring or classes after school.

FIRST SEMESTER REPORTS

On Friday June 26 Reports for all students will be sent home. Once again I remind parents of the scale used in assessment of achievement and assessment of effort. A one to five scale is used, with 5 as the highest level of achievement and effort. If a student receives a level of 3 for their achievement it means the student is achieving at the level that is expected of them for their age and grade. Parents should not be concerned if their child receives levels of 3 across the board. A level 2 means there is some work to be done and consultation with the teacher and sometimes the student should follow so that a program to achieve further success can be planned. Levels of 4 and 5 indicate higher than grade expectation. A Parent/Teacher afternoon/evening will be held on Tuesday June 30 commencing at 3.30pm and generally concluding at 8.30pm. The finishing time may vary as some teachers for family reasons are unable to stay until 8.30pm, but they will be available at other times during the week in school hours. Parents who would like an interview with their child's class teacher must phone the office or call at the office to make a booking. Please do not ask the teacher for a time slot, because there is only one booking sheet and it is held at the front office. Bookings may be made from 9.30am on Monday June 22 until Monday June 29. Please be considerate of the office by not phoning before 9.30am on the first Monday and by not phoning or calling after 4.00pm on any designated day. The official office hours are 8.30am till 3.30pm, so we do appreciate the generosity of the Office Staff who are often here well after 4.00pm. The teacher booking sheets will not be completed until early Monday morning, so please do not call earlier than 9.30am on June 22, as the office will ask you to call back at the appropriate time.

BER UPDATE

As reported in the media, Hornsby North has been granted \$3million for buildings under the Federal Government's Building the Education Revolution. The money is for a two storey building which will contain 6 new classrooms, plus walkways and a Cola in the primary quadrangle. This Cola will be attached to the hall with a Panalift door which will have the provision of extending the hall. Additionally, under the National Pride Scheme we will receive 13 more Smart Boards.

BLACKBOARDS FOR SALE

With the installation of Smartboards we have a number of chalkboards to offer to parents. If you are interested see Chris Gates who will advise and help.

Finally, some parents do know and most children know I will be taking long service leave this Friday to travel to Europe and Dubai (where my daughter lives). The trip will take five weeks, so I will be back first day next term. While I am away Mrs. Anne Zifkin and Mrs. Ginette Butterworth will move into the roles of Principal and Deputy Principal. I know the school will be in very capable hands and I wish you all a very relaxing and restful holiday.

Maree Sumpton

Principal

Coming Events....

Thu 18 Jun	Year 4 Muogamarra /CB2 Yamaha Music Festival
Fri 19 Jun	Honour Assembly
Mon 22 Jun	Gymnastics for KA, KG, KJ, 1B, 1H, 1M, 1P, 2J
Tues 23 Jun	Gymnastics for KM, KS, 1J, 2C, 2G, 2M
	UNSW Spelling and Writing

From the Deputy Principal

The Zifkin Zone...

Hi everyone - hope you're travelling well in this chilly weather!

The **SRC Executive (Captains & Prefects only)** will hold its meeting tomorrow at 12:45 (during eating time) in the library to discuss the latest SRC suggestions. Mr Sumpton & I will see you there!

JROCK:

All JRock members should have taken home a large envelope with detailed notes about our performance day, costume requirements, pick up arrangements etc. If your JRock student did not bring this home, there are spare copies at the front office.

TICKETS - THIS FRIDAY IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO ORDER TICKETS FOR THIS YEAR'S PERFORMANCE. After that tickets will only be available from the Hills Centre directly. Don't miss out!!!

As in previous years, we will be having a whole-day workshop/dress rehearsal before our performance day. This will happen on **WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY** - full details to follow!

Have a truly fabulous week learning and experiencing all you can...

...Arne Zifkin

From the Classroom

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -

John(1H), Adrian(6B), Mia(2C), Sandy(4R), Bradley(2C), Luna(6S), Kai(6S), Hugo(2C), Matthew(4T), Matthew C.(6S), Lachlan(3B), Harley(2C), Lily(1B), Rachel(6B), Olivia(2G), Mark(2G), Lauren(2J), Brittany(6M), Emily(1H), Myra(1J), Lachie(4T), Amy(5B), Chloe(1J), Sophia(3T), Kaito(6M), Tina(2C), Bianca(6S) and Bronte(5H).

LIBRARY NEWS -

The MS Readathon has been extended. Children can participate and support this wonderful organisation by reading for any 30 days in June, July or August. More information can be found at the following website or in the library. <http://www.msreadathon.org.au/> A list of the children participating is in the library page of our school website. Helen.Stevens@det.nsw.edu.au Helen Stevens, Teacher Librarian

KINDERGARTEN NEWS -

News (Week 9) - Bring in your toothbrush and demonstrate how you clean your teeth.

CLUBS -

It's that time of year again and we are collecting items for Clubs. Clubs will begin in Term 3, but we are beginning to collect some things now. Items we need include stockings, wool, toilet rolls and recycled items for junk craft. These donations can be brought to KA/KG in the next few weeks. Thank you. Kindergarten Teachers

SCIENCE NEWS -

Years 5 & 6 Science Expo is about to happen as this letter goes to print. A full report will be in next weeks newsletter.

Please can all UNSW past papers be returned, so the resources can be collated and made available for next year.

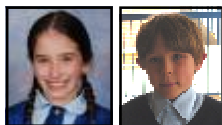
Science program please needs old CDs and jar lids.

Jenny Garlick & Helen Oakley, Science Teachers.

PSSA AFL -

Congratulations to the Hornsby North Blues with a 33-14 point victory, our 3rd win of the season! The Hornsby North Roos were trailing at the beginning of the final third, but came back fighting and kept the Warrawee Saints from scoring, sadly we left our run too late and lost 38-25. Well done to both teams, your efforts have been noticed! There has been a mistake in the draw and as such I cannot state which teams we will be playing next week.

Players of the Week: Rachel (6B) and Hailey (3B) are this week's players of the week for their un-dwindling motivation throughout their games. Well done!



PSSA BOYS SOCCER -

Last Friday we played against Mt Colah at Foxglove Oval. Our junior team had a brilliant 4-2 victory, while our senior team went down in a



SCHOOL HOLIDAY SUPER SPORTS DAY AT HORNSBY NORTH

Date: Tuesday 21st July

Sports will include:

Time: 9:30am – 3:30pm

Ages: 5 – 13

Venue: Hornsby North Public

Cost: \$35 per child or

Cost: \$65 for a family (2 kids)

- Soccer, oz tag, dodge ball

- Dance, netball, basketball

- Gymnastics, t-ball, cricket

- Circus Skills including:

flip n flyers, fling nets, spinning plates, spin stix & twirling poi!

*Rebel Sport gift vouchers and other prizes to be won on the day.

To book your child in for the Super Sports Day please email his/her details (name, age, parent's name, phone no) to sportsday@live.com.au

For more information please call **Greg 0419 124 369**.

controversial match 2-1. This Friday we are playing Waitara at Foxglove Oval. Drivers for this week are - McFadden, Hardy, Stevens, Campbell, Watt, Kirk, Crochon, Burwood. Please meet at the front of the Library at 12.15pm.

PSSA NETBALL NEWS -

Last week the girls played Mt Colah. Junior girls won 14-1 and the seniors went down 28-6. Good effort girls! This week we play Waitara. The juniors have a bye and the seniors will play at Montview. Drivers are Italiano and Bramwell.

PSSA GIRLS SOCCER TEAM -

This Friday the girls are playing against Warrawee at Foxglove. Drivers this week are Ambrose and Jawahar.

RECORDER NEWS -

The Junior Recorder Group will be playing at the Honour Assembly this Friday June 19. The children will meet Mrs. Blair outside the staff room straight after recess on Friday. Of course, parents are welcome to come along for our first exciting performance. Please remember to bring your music and recorder on Friday! Many thanks.

P & C NEWS: CANTEEN NEWS -

Volunteers: Thu 18 Jun: Luna Hrastnik, Michiko Beattie, Yukie Tatsuta

Fri 19 June: Melanie Clark, Debby Inglis, Debra Murphy

Mon 22 Jun: Jeong Seon Min, Yao Shen

Tues 23 Jun: Nicole Khallouf

Wed 24 Jun: Anna Scholey, Christina Martin

Vicki Stubbings

BAND NEWS -

Congratulations to Jenny and CB1 students for their fantastic performance at the Yamaha Music Festival last Friday. Silver was a great result! On behalf of Mrs. Sumpton, Mrs. Moyes and all parents who attended, we all thought you did a terrific job and should be very proud of yourselves. Thank you to all parents who assisted on the day.

It is our CB2 students turn to perform at Yamaha tomorrow. We wish you the very best of luck and know you will do an equally fantastic job. Full winter uniform is to be worn. Girls to also wear navy stockings and boys long trousers and long sleeved shirts. Please note that Kelvin will be holding a rehearsal at 1pm tomorrow before we head off to Lindfield.

So please have your lunch and proceed to the hall to help set up. Most importantly, don't forget your music and instrument. To all parents that have requested assistance with transport for their child to and from Lindfield, please note that we anticipate arriving back to school (Ida St entrance) at approx 4.45pm. If you could meet the parent drivers there, that would be great. Children who attend After School Care will be walked around on returning to school. 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 -

Rebel Sport - Thursday 18 June - 20% off for MVP holders. If you do not have an MVP card, please contact the school office.

Parents Promoting Resilience - Clinical Psychologist and author of "The Resilience 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.

Holiday Club - for children in School Years K-6 in the next school holidays. Dates: Tues July 14, Wed July 15 and Thur July 16. Time: 9.30am-12.30pm. Venue: St Luke's Anglican Church, 155 Galston Road, Hornsby Heights. Cost: \$5 per child each day or \$12 for three days. Third child in family free. Information & forms from school office.