



HNPS Newsletter

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From the Principal...

MEDAL WINNERS

Congratulations to the 12 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.

YEARS 5 AND 6 SCIENCE EXPO

Congratulations to students, parents and Mrs. Garlick on another magnificent science expo last week. Following is Mrs. Garlick's report....

I have been running Expos at HNPS for over 10 years now and they never cease to amaze and delight me. The Years 5 & 6 Expo last Wednesday was absolutely spectacular with a wonderful number of very high level entries. Maya (5B) and Jessica (5B) had an astounding demonstration of pendulums complete with a power point presentation, Georgina (5B) baked for weeks and produced scones, pikelets, cakes and biscuits all made without one variable such as butter, self raising flour or eggs and these were compared to the control group that had the complete quota of ingredients - brilliant. Some entries were huge: Dilusha (5B) and Nicholas (5B) designed and made an enormous spider, created with wire and solder, another vibrating spider, made a table stand of spider and robotic facts and had an eight legged robot spinning around their drawn web. Other entries were tiny but only in size not scientific prowess: Joshua (5G) made and demonstrated the miniscule and very cute 'Bristle-bot'. Monica (6M), Veronica (6S) and Karly (6M) drew the crowds with their entertaining quest to see whether the feline or canine was smarter. Their ever compliant dog and cat need a special mention. Tyrone's (6S) Bearded Dragon Jub-Jub was a welcome visitor to the expo and Max's (6M) auto bath is an environmental must have, as is Dylan (5B) and Justin's (5B) solar powered car. Jacob (5G) had 4 exhibits in one and delighted all as he challenged people to a sailing race. Joshua (6M) was a very eloquent speaker about his great selection of optical illusions and Monica (5B) was the most resourceful Scientist as she felt her 'Hair measuring device' from the day expo was not working as she had hoped, so she returned in the evening with a completely new entry mirror writing complete with a write up about Galileo's secret mirror messages. I'm going to finish with a bang and mention Luke (5H) and Cooper's (5H) catapult and Aidan's (6S) exploding paint tin. I wish I could mention everybody as each as every entry added to the rich tapestry of Scientific ingenuity and the amazing atmosphere of the Expo. Thanks to all the participants and their behind the scene helpers.

GYMNASTIC SUCCESS

Further to last week's gymnastic success news, I would like to congratulate Nikkita (2G) who also competed in the competition. Nikkita was a member of the Level 1 team and gained second place on the bars.



Last weekend Ben (3B) competed at Narrabeen in the Sydney Invitational Level 3 Mens Gymnastics competition. He gained a bronze in pommel horse and qualified to compete later this year at the NSW State Championships.

Well done Nikkita and Ben. I look forward to your further success in the future.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Amy (5B), Rachel (6B), Aaron (4T) and Krishna (4T) represented Hornsby North Public School at the Zone Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition last Thursday. Ms. Giblin accompanied the students and reported that their performances were outstanding, particularly their impromptu speeches.



Amy 5B



Rachel 6B



Aaron 4T



Krishna 4T

CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS

Claire (5B) and Amy (5B) represented the Hornsby Zone in the Sydney North Area Cross Country event held the Thursday before last. Claire finished in the 30's and Amy in the 60's. A great effort for both girls as our championship marathon winner Robert de Castella came 49th in his primary school cross country run so many years ago!



Claire 5B



Amy 5B

CONCERT BAND 2 SUCCESS

Congratulations to Concert Band 2, who competed at the Yamaha Music Festival last Thursday. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend, but Mrs. Zifkin tells me that you played with great enthusiasm and were wonderful ambassadors for Hornsby North. The result was Bronze. Well done Concert Band 2.

EDUCATION TAX REFUND - DON'T FORGET TO CLAIM

The following information has been received from the Department of Taxation.

How Do I claim the Education Tax Refund?

- In your tax return;
- If you don't lodge a tax return, claim on a separate form or over the phone.
- If you use a tax agent, make sure you ask them to claim for you.

The Education Tax Refund lets you claim up to 50% of eligible education expenses for school children. If you are eligible, you can get back up to \$375 for each primary student and up to \$750 for each secondary student. You can claim things like text books, stationery and even internet costs.

If you receive Family Tax Benefit Part A for a child at primary or secondary school, you will be eligible. Some other people are eligible too, to find out more about this and other information such as what you can and can't claim go to australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund or call the Tax Office on 132861. Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.

Maree Sumpton
Principal

Coming Events....

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| Thu 25 Jun | Florimo 7's at Foxglove Oval Mount Colah Science Expo Years 1 and 2 |
| Fri 26 Jun | Semester 1 Reports home |
| Mon 29 Jun | Gymnastics for KA, KG, KJ, 1B, 1H, 1M, 1P, 2J |
| Tues 30 Jun | Gymnastics for KM, KS, 1J, 2C, 2G, 2M Parent / Teacher interviews |

From the Relieving Principal

The Zifkin Zone...

Week 9 already and so much is happening! As you can see, Mrs. Sumpton was very organised and prepared her final Newsletter before boarding the plane for her well-deserved overseas holiday! I had a text message from her last night and she sends everyone her best wishes from England!

The **full SRC (Captains, Prefects and Class Captains)** will hold a meeting tomorrow at 12:45 (during eating time) in the library to discuss the latest SRC suggestions.

JROCK: All JRock members will receive a note today about the all-day workshop next Wed, 1st July. Any queries please come and see me.

COLD WEATHER: I've been a little concerned with the number of students arriving at school on these very chilly mornings without a warm jumper or jacket and worse, they tell us that their jumpers are at home! There are a number of pretty nasty flu and stomach bugs around and staying warm is important to maintaining our good health. Please make sure you come to school prepared for the chilly weather and stay warm!

Have a great week and remember that being a happy person isn't about what you have or what happens to you, it's about your attitude!

...Arne Zifkin

From the Classroom**SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -**

Caillin (4R), Jordan (1J), Kane (2G), Jess (1H), Charlotte (2G), David (3C), Grace (1B), Cecilia (6S), Sophia (1H), Felix (1J), Pahul (2J), Max (5H), Jenna (4T), Megan (3C), Angela (5G), Alex (2J), Marcus (2J), Shakira (3W), Paul (2M), Matthew B.(3T) and Caleb (2C).

LIBRARY NEWS -

300 children have now completed the Premier's Reading Challenge and had their entries validated on line. It is not too late to start, especially for children in K - 2. They have had more than 15 books read to them in the library lesson and can continue from there. Please email me for details.

The MS Readathon is continuing until the end of August. Look at the library page on the school website for more details.

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

SCIENCE NEWS -

Parents and friends are invited to the Year 1 and 2 Science Expo in the hall tomorrow between 1.45 and 2.30pm. Students should take their entries to their classroom in the morning.

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.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS -

News (Week 10) - Show your class your lunchbox and explain to the class how it was prepared before school, e.g. who made the sandwich and what's on it.

In Week 11, there will be **NO** Reading or Maths groups.

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

PSSA SOCCER (BOYS) -

This Friday we are playing Cowan at Cowan 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 SOCCER (GIRLS) -

This week the girls are playing Hornsby Heights at Montview Oval. Drivers this week are Ambrose and Jawahar.

PSSA NETBALL NEWS -

This week we are playing Cowan at Cowan school. Drivers are Hall, Binet, van Leeuwen and Liddelow.

YEAR 5 MINDING ME PROGRAM -

At the start of Term 3 Year 5 students will be taking part in the 'Minding Me' program. There will be two sessions in weeks 1 and 2, notes for all Year 5 students accompany this newsletter. Please complete and return with payment prior to the end of this term.

STEWART HOUSE BAGS -

Bags have been sent home today with the Newsletter. Please return filled bags to the office near the kindergarten rooms by Wednesday 8 July. This collection constitutes an important part of the annual income for Stewart House. Thank you for your help.

CALLING ALL STRING PLAYERS!

We still have vacancies in our string ensemble. Please come to 5/6B (Mrs Butterworth's room) on Wednesday afternoons straight after school. Thank you.

Minette Vogrig

P & C NEWS: CANTEEN NEWS -

Volunteers: Thu 25 Jun: T. Shimizu, J. Martin, L. Stott

Fri 26 June: L. Pearson, K. Humphreys, L. Slevin, R. Nielsen

Mon 29 Jun: Christine Taylor, Kerry Moreau

Tues 30 Jun: Helpers please

Wed 1 Jul: Lucy Bal

Vicki Stubbings

BAND NEWS -

Congratulations and best wishes to two of our CB1 students, Rachel (6B) and Jason (6B) who have been fortunate enough to be selected to attend the NSW State Band Camp at Stanwell Tops from this Saturday 27/6 for 6 nights. This is an excellent achievement to be selected as participants. We hope that this camp is a rewarding and memorable experience for you both.

Congratulations to Kelvin and CB2 students for their great performance at the Yamaha Music Festival last Thursday bringing home the Bronze. A truly pleasing result. Keep up the good work. Thank you to Mrs. Zifkin and parents who came and supported the children. Thank you also to the parents who assisted with transportation on the day.

Term 2 fees are now overdue. We still have a few outstanding. Please place payments in the P & C box marked "Band Fees". Unfortunately no discounts apply to late payments.

Two notes have gone home to all students in the last week or so regarding Band Camp and CB1's upcoming performance at Asquith Boys High School. Please see the office for a copy if you didn't get one. Band Camp forms are due back by next Friday 3 July. Ticket order forms for CB1's performance on 8 August are due in by 2 July.

All three bands will be performing at the UNSW Band Festival on Sunday 23 August. Please put this important date in your diary. This event is compulsory for all students. Exact times will be advised closer to the date. 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 30 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 (29th 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.

Brooklyn Public School - A Fireworks Spectacular—Sunday July 5. Fun starts at 4pm. Great food! Fantastic prizes to be won. Family \$20 or Adults \$6, Children \$4. Live Music. 106 Brooklyn Road, Brooklyn.

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, registration forms and box for the completed Registration forms are at the office.

MEDAL WINNERS

BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS



Oliver 2G



Mark 2C



Olivia 2C



Harley 2C



Aruto 2C



Tina 2C



Thomas 4T



Noah 4P



Sandy 4R

SILVER MEDAL WINNERS



Jonathan 5H



Rachel 6B



SCHOOL MEDAL WINNER



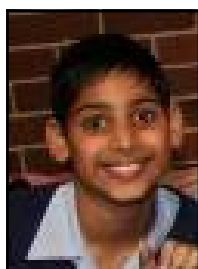
Peter 6B



MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVES PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION



Sophia Year 3 Champion



Krishna Year 4 Champion



Amy Year 5 Champion



Rachel Year 6 Champion

SPORT 4 SCHOOLS
Be Active. Have Fun. Learn Skills

SCHOOL HOLIDAY SUPER SPORTS DAY AT HORNSBY NORTH

Date: Tuesday 21st July
Time: 9:30am – 3:30pm
Ages: 5 – 13
Venue: Hornsby North Public
Cost: \$35 per child or
Cost: \$65 for a family (2 kids)

Sports will include:
- Soccer, oz tag, dodge ball
- Dance, netball, basketball, t-ball
- Gymnastics, cricket, skipping
- 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.
Payment: Please leave a cash payment and your child's details (name, age, contact number) in an envelope with the ladies at the school office. For more info please call Greg 0419 124 369.

LEARN TO SWIM

We specialise in classes for
★ Primary age ★ Pre-school children
★ Parents and babies

Holiday course starts Mon 13 July
3rd Term classes begin Mon 27 July

INDOOR HEATED POOL (32°)
DENIS PONTIN'S SWIM SCHOOL
48 Tennyson Ave Turramurra

BOOK NOW 9489 4771



HORNSBY SHIRE LIBRARIES
July School Holidays activities at Hornsby Shire Libraries

Magic Jester Shows
Epping Library - Wed 15 Jul 10-11am Hornsby Library - Wed 15 Jul 2-3 pm
Come and be entertained by the Magic Jester's magic and juggling tricks.
Cost: \$10 per child. Ages 5-12.
Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult

Circus Skills Workshops by Woo Hoo Entertainment
Berowra Library-Fri 17 Jul 10.30-11.30am Pennant Hills Library - 1-2pm
Cost: \$10 per child. Ages 5-12.
Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult. Participants will be trained in using specialised circus equipment such as diablo, spinstix, twirling poi and juggling balls, skipping, ball play & hoola hoops.

Holiday & Evening Storytime sessions
Pennant Hills Library-Tues 14 July 6.30-7.30pm.
Hornsby Library - Mon 20 Jul 10-11am
Berowra Library-Fri 24 Jul 10.30-11.30am Gold coin donation, family event.
Bookings Essential for all activities. Please ring Hornsby Library 9847 6813; Epping Library 9868 1711, Pennant Hills Library 9481 9630; Berowra Library 9847 6813 (Circus skills) 9456 3913 (Storytime).
Tickets must be paid for one week prior to each event.

Marian Street Drama Workshop
13th – 17th July Workshop
for 5-12 year olds.
Fun, action-packed 5 days!
Something for everyone.
Improvisation, voice, movement & scripts.
Information & enrolment 9498 7671
info@mstyp.org.au
www.mstyp.org.au
MSTYP 2 Marian Street Killara

Marian Street Theatre for Young People presents Pied Piper
A participation play for 3-12 years old!
Mon 13-Sat 25 July 10.30am and 1pm Mon-Sat
Child \$16 Adult \$20 Family of 4 \$60, 15 or more \$13 each.
Bookings 1300 306 776.
The Lighthouse Theatre—
Macquarie University Gate # 2
Gymnasium Rd (Enter from Culloden Rd) North Ryde. Top Car Park only - 2 hours free

Kim Warwick Tennis Academy

COMP PLAYERS WANTED

- FRIDAY LADIES - 3 SETS DOUBLES
- TUESDAY LADIES - 2 SETS DOUBLES, 1 SET SINGLES
- MONDAY MENS - 2 SETS DOUBLES, 1 SET SINGLES
- TUESDAY MENS - 2 SETS SINGLES, 1 SET DOUBLES
- SATURDAY AFTERNOON JUNIOR - 2 SETS SINGLES, 1 SET DOUBLES

Call us on 9477-6377 to inquire



asthma friendly schools

Asthma Foundation NSW launches new information service-

ASTHMA ASSIST

At the Foundation we know that credible health information is highly sought after but often difficult to find. Asthma Foundation NSW aims to provide the community with evidence based and user friendly information to help people better understand and manage their asthma to avoid unnecessary asthma attacks, and to minimise asthma symptoms so people with asthma can lead full and productive lives.

To this end, Asthma Foundation NSW has developed a free information service "Asthma Assist" for anyone with asthma or an interest in asthma.

By registering you will receive:

onAIR – our free email newsletter
Sent up to 6 times a year onAIR features information about topics such as asthma research, medications and devices, and asthma triggers.

An Asthma Control Pack
This includes an Asthma Emergency Card and other useful information to help you manage your child's asthma, or the asthma of someone you know and care for. You can request up to 3 packs per household.

A free asthma first aid magnet
Be sure you know what to do in an asthma emergency.

If your child....

- Ever wakes in the night coughing or wheezing
- Gets breathless or wheezy during the day
- Needs to take their blue reliever puffer more than 3 times a week
- Find their asthma limits physical activity & exercise

It is possible that their asthma is not as well controlled as it could be. Many people with asthma put up with these symptoms without realising it's their asthma that is letting them down.

Find out how you can better manage your child's asthma. Join our free information service - **Asthma Assist** at www.asthmansw.org.au

Any questions please contact our free **Asthma Information Line 1800 645 130**

School Holiday Handwriting Happenings
We offer small group tuition for Primary School children.

Building Blocks Finger Fun: K-2 9.00-10.00am
Happy Hands: Yr3-6 10.30-11.30am

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Correcting grasp/posture errors, organisation, improve legibility, writing rules of spacing & size, creative writing FUN & more!

WHEN: School hols, Th 16, Fri 17 then Wed 22, Th 23, Fr 24 July
WHERE: Building Blocks OT, Hornsby
PHONE: 9482 3082 for more details or to book.
COST: \$45/session - \$225 for the week (claimable thru health funds).

Babies | LTS | Squad | Adults

HOLIDAY INTENSIVE SWIMMING

WEEK 1 Monday 13th—Friday 17th July
Normanhurst 8:00-11:00am

WEEK 2 Monday 20th—Friday 24th July
Normanhurst 8:00-11:00am
Normanhurst (02) 9473 7466
Seven Hills (09) 9838 4422
Thornleigh (02) 9484 8008

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