



HNPS Newsletter

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From the Principal...

Week 11 and the end of term is here and once again our school week has been action packed! Before I get onto our exciting events, may I say thank you to our fantastic executive, teaching, admin and support staff for their backing and encouragement whilst I've been in the Relieving Principal role, our wonderful parent and community members who have continued their tireless efforts and productive partnerships in classrooms, committee work, with band and our dance and JRock teams and of course to all our great students, who have maintained their level of learning and good behaviour right to the end of term. You've made my role in leading Hornsby North an enjoyable one and I know Mrs. Sumpton will be so happy that we've kept the "HNPS ship" sailing on course in her absence. Thank you everyone!

STUDENT ACCOLADES!

Glen Street...

Mrs. Hall has told me how proud she is of both our Company and Junior Ensemble groups. Not only have you upheld our school's reputation for exemplary behaviour but you drew audible gasps and enthusiastic applause from the audience with your dance skills. We are all sad that Mrs. Reeves' illness has prevented her from attending this very important part of her life at Hornsby North but I know she is incredibly proud that you represented the school so spectacularly. Congratulations to every member of our dance teams.

Gymnasts Excel!

Emily (5H) came into my office to proudly show me her medal and ribbons she was awarded after her performances in the New South Wales Northern Region Gymnastics Competition (State Trials) on July 5th. Emily came 1st for Senior Beam and 2nd for both Senior Floor and Bars. I also found out that Jessica (5B) gained 1st place overall in a sanctioned competition and now 5th place overall in the State Trial, gaining 1st place on Bars and 6th on Beam and Vault. Congratulations to you both!

JRock

Our big performance is tomorrow and I look forward to telling you all about it in our 1st Newsletter of Term 3. Every student has put in maximum effort and the whole JRock teaching team is excited about our big day tomorrow. **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO ARRIVAL TIME TOMORROW:** originally all the students were meeting outside the library at 9:15 after getting their names marked on the class roll, but to make sure we arrive on time and get settled before our 1st stage rehearsal, we would like all the JRock students and parents who are joining us for the day **to meet at the back gate (Cawthorne Street) by 9am.** We will mark all students on our JRock roll and then board our bus.

Please note: A pair of size 6-8 stirrup shimmer tights were lost at JRock on July 1, if found please return to the office.

PREMIER'S ADVENTURE CHALLENGE

We already have the Premier's Reading and Sporting Challenges but Mr. Rees has announced an exciting new plan to get children visiting galleries and museums, by signing up to the Premier's Adventure Challenge! The Challenge involves students collecting their free **Adventure Passport** from any participating museum or gallery in NSW. The school will receive an explanatory letter for distribution and we will forward this to you as soon as it arrives. Passport holders will be entitled to free entry on weekends, public and school holidays

from 13 July till 27 January next year. On each visit, you will receive a stamp or sticker for your passport and once you've collected three of these, you will receive an official Premier's Adventure Certificate. If you use public transport to visit a museum or on Sundays, families can get unlimited all-day travel on City Rail trains, buses and ferries for \$2.50/person. Find out more at the website: www.arts.nsw.gov.au

SWINE INFLUENZA & O.C. PLACEMENT TEST 5th AUGUST

In light of the possible spread of the human swine influenza to school populations over the coming months, we have been asked by the Department of Education and Training to advise families of Year 4 students who have applied for entry to an OC class in 2010 that there are procedures in place to accommodate students who do not sit the test due to illness or other misadventure, provided you have documentary evidence of your claim such as a certificate from a recognised medical practitioner covering the day of the test. Parents of students who do not sit the test can download an Illness/Misadventure form from the DET website, complete it and return it to the Selective High School and Opportunity Class Placement Unit by the due date with a medical certificate attached. The Department would like to reassure all parents that should a child be affected by illness at the time of the test, they can be considered through alternative procedures and ask you not to send students to the test centre if they are showing flu symptoms.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY IDEAS!

During the school holidays, let's keep the Premier's Sporting Challenge going and encourage children away from inactive video games and the TV with physically active games that improve coordination, balancing and movement skills, like...

- * flying a kite
- * helping in the garden
- * practising skills like soccer, catching, throwing, skipping or hitting a ball against a wall
- * playing with the family pet
- * making an obstacle course and compete with friends and siblings

For more advice on school holidays see -

http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/docswr/assets/main/documents/survival_kit/activities.pdf

...and if it rains, here are some **bad weather back-up plans!**

- * having a cooking day
- * artwork, drawing or painting
- * listening to music and dancing
- * playing board games
- * writing stories and poems
- * researching something your children are interested in (there are lots of interactive websites - just GOOGLE a topic!)

"I had a professor who started every class with, 'so what are you excited about?'" [James Hallmark]

Enjoy your holidays everyone, be safe and come back rested and refreshed for exciting learning and fun activities in Term 3!

Anne Liffkin

Relieving Principal

Coming Events....

Thu 9 Jul	JRock / Florimo 7's at Foxglove Oval, Mt Colah
Fri 10 Jul	Canteen - Lolly Day / Last day of Term 2
Sat 11 Jul	Christmas in July - cancelled
Mon 27 Jul	Staff return for Term 3
Tue 28 Jul	Students return for Term 3 CB1, Training Band Blue, Recorder rehearsals

From the Deputy Principal

OPERATION ART -

Four students from our school, Jessica (6B), Betty (6B), Zoe (6S), and Laura (5G) entered their work in Operation Art. Operation Art is a joint initiative between The Children's Hospital at Westmead, DET and the Art Gallery of NSW. Their work was on display at the Penrith Regional Gallery at the weekend. Jessica's work has been chosen to go on show at the NSW Office for Children and will later go to a regional hospital for display.

YEAR 5 INTERRELATE - MINDING ME PROGRAM

Thank you to everyone who has returned the permission note and payment for the Minding Me Program which will take place on 29th July and 5th August. If you have not already done so, we would appreciate it, if you could return this by Friday.

Ginette Butterworth

Relieving Deputy Principal

From the Classroom

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -

Amy (2C), Jordyn (3T), Katie (3B), Grace (5G), Jack (3C), Sami (1J), Harrison (2M), Mikhail (3B), Emma L. (4T), Camila (4T), Elliot (1M), Laura (5G), Jessica (5B), Natalie (1J), Aaron (4T), Emily x2 (6M), Jedi (2J), Lashay (KG), Abigail (5G), Dilusha (5B), Claudia (KA), Riley (2J), Sam (3C), Sophie x2 (2G), Astrid (KM), Maya (5B), Charley (3C), Kieran (6B), Rita (6B), Emily x2 (4P), Jessica (4T), Hannah (5G), Nathaniel (3B), Johanna (4T), Lucy (2G), Alen (4R) and Vance (4P).

LIBRARY NEWS -

All children in 4P have also completed the Reading Challenge. Well done 4P. Keep reading during the holidays everyone. Some children have borrowed extra books which is a great idea. Books are borrowed during all holidays except for the long Christmas break. Have a good rest and enjoy a good book.

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

SCIENCE NEWS -

Please can all UNSW past papers be returned by Friday. Science program please needs old CDs and jar lids. Jenny Garlick & Helen Oakley, Science Teachers.

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) -

Last Friday we played against Warrawee at Auluba Oval. Our junior boys were very unlucky to only draw 1-1, while our senior team played extremely well to come back from two goals down to draw 2-2. This Friday we are playing Turrumurra at Auluba Oval. Drivers for this week are - Ludlow, Hardy, McFadden, Watt, Crochon, Campbell, Burwood, Munro. Please meet at the front of the Library at 12.15pm.

PSSA SOCCER (GIRLS) -

The team put in a good performance on Friday against Warrawee resulting in a draw. They managed to come back after half time to level the score at 1 all. This week the girls are playing Turrumurra at Auluba. Drivers are Ambrose and Jawahar.

PSSA NETBALL NEWS -

Last week the girls played Warrawee. Both games were very close and kept all of us on the edge of our seats. The junior girls won 9-5 and the seniors lost by one point 15-14, so close girls!!

Our last game this term is against the Turrumurra A teams down at Canoon courts. Drivers Bramwell, Clements, Hall and Dean.

RECORDER NEWS -

This week the Junior Recorder children will have received a note about next term also a receipt for this term's fees. Please practise over the holidays;- 'Jingle Bells', 'Down at the Station' and 'London's Burning'. We are going to do some exciting things with these songs next term. **First lesson for Term 3 is on Tuesday 28th July (first day back!).** Happy Holidays. Fiona Blair

LOST AND FOUND

Lost 1/07/2009 at JRock rehearsal day—size 6-8 stirrup shimmer tights, If found please return to office.

Found 30/6/09 - Gold chain with pearl pendant

Found - pearl and black drop, from an ear-ring / key on black lace

AFTER SCHOOL CARE NEWS -

Our Centre is going through accreditation this year. To help us in this process please fill out a Validation Survey for families provided at the Centre and place it in the Survey Box near the Sign Out desk before August 1. Thank you.

We will be open for the pupil free day on July 27. Cost \$35 including breakfast, lunch and snacks. See staff for more details.

P & C NEWS -

The Christmas in July event has been cancelled.

CANTEEN NEWS -

Lolly Day Friday 10 July - 50c and \$1 bags can be ordered before school. Paddlepops are now 75c each until the end of term.

Please remember to place your lunch orders before school, especially on a Friday when it is extremely busy. If you are going to PSSA sport, please advise when placing your order. Volunteers:

Thu 9 Jul: Julie Campbell, Belinda Greer

Fri 10 Jul: Rosemary Springer, Lucinda Stott

Tues 28 Jul: Nicole Khallouf, Natalie Wall

Wed 29 Jul: **Helpers please**

Vicki Stubbings

BAND NEWS -

Thank you to everyone who has returned their Band Camp forms. We are still missing a small handful from each band. Please return by Friday. Thank you to all parents who have volunteered their time during band camp. A note will go home first week back after the holidays advising your time.

Swing City permission notes for CB1 on 8 August are due in now. Please return by Friday. All ticket orders for interested parents of all 3 bands are due in no later than 9.10am tomorrow morning. I will be clearing the P & C box then and after this time all ticket purchases will need to be made via Asquith Boys High School.

There are still a handful of families who have not paid their Term 2 Band Fees. Please pay by Friday.

Our Training Band White Group is in need of another coordinator to assist Tracey on Wednesdays at band practice. This could even be staying assisting with pack up. If you can help out, please contact me.

To all students in CB1 and Training Band Blue Group, band practice will start first day back Term 3 i.e. Tuesday 28 July and Training Band White Group Wednesday 29 July.

Term 2 has been a very busy but productive term. Well done and thank you to all students, conductors, band committee and parent helpers. Have a great and relaxing holiday everyone and to all students, don't leave your instrument hidden in the corner of your room-keep practicing!! 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 -

Karate for Self Defence, Fitness and Self Discipline - Who: World Goju Ryu Karate Do Academy. New Children's Classes commence July 28 from 6.30pm - first introductory class free. New adult classes commence July 21 from 6.30pm. Hornsby Heights Community Centre 104A Galston Road, Hornsby Heights, Contact Phillip 4th Dan instructor on 9940 3677 or 0403 821 022.

Lilfeline Annual Book Fair - 23-26 July Thu & Fri 9am-9pm, Sat & Sun 9am-5pm at Knox Grammar School, Pacific Hwy, Wahroonga.

Hornsby District Cricket Club - Registration Days - July 18 & 19 Westfield Hornsby; July 25 & Aug 2 Hornsby Heights Sports Club, Kookaburra Road, 10am-2pm. hornsbyscricket.asn.au

 <small>Be Active. Have Fun. Learn Skills.</small>		SCHOOL HOLIDAY SUPER SPORTS DAY AT HORNSBY NORTH	
Date:	Tuesday 21st July 2009	Sports will include:	
Time:	9:30am – 3:30pm	- Soccer, oz tag, rugby skills	
Ages:	5 – 14	- Dance, netball, basketball, t-ball	
Venue:	Hornsby North Public	- Gymnastics, cricket, skipping	
Cost:	\$35 per child or \$65 for a family (2 kids)	- Circus Skills including: fling nets, flip n flyers, spinning plates, etc!	
*Rebel Sport gift vouchers and other prizes to be won on the day.			
To book your child in for the Sports Day, please email your child's details to sportsday@live.com.au or call Greg on 0419 124 369.			