



## HNPS Newsletter

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### From the Principal...

Welcome to Term 3 and thank you to all who sent warm messages to Mr. Sumpton and me while we were away last term. It is wonderful to be back in Australia and at Hornsby North and as I told the children this morning, I saw many children during my travels but did not meet any who were friendlier, happier or kinder than the Hornsby North children. I thank Mrs. Zifkin for leading the school in a professional and caring manner during my absence and Mrs. Butterworth and Mr. Howard for stepping up to Deputy Principal and Assistant Principal.

#### STAFFING NEWS

It is with sadness for the school but with happiness for Mrs. Zifkin that I announce her success in gaining a position as Principal 2 at Hobartville Public School. Mrs. Zifkin has been a most valued member of Hornsby North and during her time as Deputy Principal has demonstrated a dedication to children and a professional understanding of teaching and learning across all facets of school life. Her outstanding skills in all KLAs have contributed significantly to the growth and development of our school particularly in the areas of Creative Arts, Literacy and the professional development of staff. I know Mrs. Zifkin holds a special place in the hearts of the children and the community as a whole and she will be greatly missed. On behalf of the school community I congratulate Mrs. Zifkin and wish her well in her new position. I know she will run a wonderful school. Meanwhile, Miss Karen Hewitt is replacing Mr. Rod Shoebridge as he is on leave from Hornsby North possibly until the end of this term.

#### COSTS FOR TERM 3

Accompanying this newsletter are the accounts for Term 3. Sorry to announce this so early in the term but gymnastics has begun and many excursions will take place soon. A number of accounts for textbooks and the school service fee which provides pencils, paper and general stationery are still outstanding. It is important to pay these amounts as all students have been supplied with the above. Mrs. Hughes and I would greatly appreciate prompt payment, however as stated so many times before parents who are experiencing difficulty in meeting these costs should contact me and confidentiality will always be maintained. A \$10 sport fee has been added to this term's fee. Last year the P & C and I investigated using a Sport company assist with weekly PE lessons. The cost was \$5 per child per week and a number of neighbouring schools use these companies for shorter periods. However to run the programme we run here the cost would be \$50 per child per term and \$200 per child for the year. Mr. Lawrence comes with the same skills and knowledge as the professional companies and to balance the budget I request \$10 per child for the year. You will not be billed again for this programme next term.

#### UPDATE ON INFLUENZA/SWINE INFLUENZA

The advice from the NSW Health Department remains in the "protect" phase of the management of swine flu. The Director General of Education advises that any person with flu symptoms should stay away from school or work until they are well. Symptoms of flu include fever, chills, sore throat, cough, unusual tiredness, muscle aches and sometimes, vomiting and diarrhoea. Where possible, students with these symptoms should be distanced from classmates and staff—preferably in a sick bay - and a parent or carer is to be

called and asked to take them home. Students or staff shouldn't return to school until they are well.

#### STUDENT SUCCESS

I was so pleased to hear of the many successes at Hornsby North during the last three weeks of term. The Glen Street Dancers, the J Rock team, the sporting teams, our gymnasts and artists all performed in a manner which reflected so well on the school. Special congratulations to Kai (6S), who has been selected to tour San Francisco with the Baseball NSW U12 baseball team next month. This is a fantastic achievement Kai. Your school and family are very proud of you!



#### SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

Hornsby North students participate in the annual spelling bee competition. A competition is held at school level before representatives are selected for the Zone level. The following information has been sent to the school and the coordinators have asked for it to be made available to parents and students.

'Wordlists for the 2009 Premier's Spelling Bee will be available to download shortly for the Spelling Bee website. This year, all wordlists will be password protected to ensure protection of intellectual property. To access wordlists, please visit the website at [www.pau.nsw.edu.au](http://www.pau.nsw.edu.au) and click on the 'Wordlists' tab on the left hand side. A dialogue box will open requesting a login name and password. The login name and password are as follows- Login: teacher with Password: anemone

#### EVENTS

Fairfield City Farm - Tomorrow, our wonderful Kindergarten students will participate in their first excursion. I know they will have a great day!

Band Camp for all students in the Band programme will take place this weekend. I look forward to the concert on Sunday.

Tree Day - A separate note from Mrs. Bonner accompanies this newsletter. Students are asked to wear mufti and bring a gold coin. The monies collected will be used to purchase trees and native plants for the school grounds.

#### TERM CALENDAR

The calendar for Term 3 will be sent home with next week's Newsletter. Please refer to the 'Coming Events' section below for this week's activities.

*Maree Sumpton*

Principal

#### Coming Events.....

Thu 30 Jul	Kinder excursion to Fairfield City Farm 7.45am Music Festival Ensemble Group rehearsal
Fri 31 Jul	National Tree Day for Schools—Mufti Day
Sat 1 Aug - Sun 2 Aug	Band Camp
Mon 3 Aug	Choir rehearsal at Mt Colah Gymnastics - 3C, 3W, 5B, 5G, 6B, 6M, 6S
Tues 4 Aug	UNSW English Competition Gymnastics - 3B, 3T, 4P, 4R, 4T, 5H
Wed 5 Aug	Musica Viva for Years K-6 Year 5 Minding Me programme

## From the Deputy Principal .....

### JROCK:

**JRock** was SENSATIONAL! Congratulations to our students who performed magnificently on Thursday 9th July at the Hills Centre. For the 2nd consecutive year, HNPS won the Gemma Dale Award, which is the *Spirit of JRock Award*, voted on during the day by the other participating schools - we were thrilled to win this significant award yet again. We received great praise from the judges on the night and our performance gained awards for Choreography, Concept and Costuming: Character. It is a long but fun day and night of rehearsing and watching other school's performances and your efforts and great behaviour were substantially rewarded - you should all feel very proud of your performance skills. **Your DVD/ Merchandise order forms and instructions on ordering photos will be in the newsletter trays today.**

We have a lot of thank you's to make: **Mrs Linda Pearson**, our costume designer who worked tirelessly for many months as well as recruiting lots of mums to help sew our costumes for 80 students and came to support us on the day, even tweaking costumes that day to make sure they were just perfect! We are very appreciative of your support and your amazing skills! **Our parents** who came to help with supervision on the day - Jennifer Begg, Heather Cant, Melanie Claydon, Lisa Dean, Caroline Dennis, Liz Hiscock, Kyla Italiano and Debra Murphy. Thank you for your help and encouragement on the day - your active support of the teachers and students made the day very easy and we appreciated your ongoing positive comments. Mrs Begg also helped us find our bendy-bus so we could all travel together as well as sourcing some of our costume items. Chris Gates and Norm Midgley, who designed and made our easels for our art gallery concept. Mr Gates also made sure all our props were fireproofed and also transported them on our performance day! Thank you for accommodating our requests and bringing our ideas to life in a practical way. We'd also like to thank **Bill at Crocodile Creek T-Shirts in Berowra**, who has made our J-Rock t-shirts for 3 years now and always does a wonderful job, advising on font styles and even gets us rushed extra orders in time! On behalf of the JRock Teaching Team - Mrs Cale, Miss Gardiner, Mr Stevens, Miss Thorpe and myself, I would like to thank everyone for their incredible efforts and congratulations all our **JRockers!**

*(By the way, Mr Stevens and Miss Thorpe have already been brainstorming the HNPS 2010 concept!)*

The **full SRC (Captains, Prefects and Class Captains)** will hold a meeting Thursday of Week 2 (6<sup>th</sup> August) at 12:45 (during eating time) in the library. Please make sure you talk with your class and bring any new suggestions to our meeting.

*...Anne Eustein*

Deputy Principal

## From the Classroom .....

### SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -

Nick (3T), Jack (4P), Andrew (5G), Adam (3T), Diana (2J), Ben (3B), Lachlan (2J), Joshua (5G), Erinn (3B), Jackson x2(2C), Flynn (1M), Emma H.(4T), Jessica (5H), Eddy H.(2M), Matilda (5G), Shu (2J), Georgia (3C), Olivia (4P), Eman (KM), Cassie (3B), Jonah (2C), Mitchell (3T), Shannon (5H), Louise (3T), Andrew (3W), Jemima (2C), Ina (4R), Roger (1B), Brody (2J), Caleb (2J), Andrew (1J), Georgia (1P), Luke R. (1P), Maddison (1P) and Eddy Z.(2M).

### LIBRARY NEWS -

Welcome back to a term that sees us complete the Premiers Reading Challenge on 1<sup>st</sup> September and we have the fun of Book Week in the last week of August. We will be having a Book Week performance for Kinder to Year 4 in the week following Book Week as well as a Book Fair for everyone. We will also be registering for the OPSM Schools for Sight programme where unwanted glasses are collected to help OPSM to care for people in disadvantaged countries. We will collect any unwanted glasses in the library.

There is a lot to look forward to in the library this term.

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

### KINDERGARTEN NEWS -

News (week 2) - Describe some of the vegetables or herbs that you saw on our excursion to the farm. Draw a picture of them if you like.

### SCIENCE NEWS -

A special thank you to the family of Aidan (3C) and Tamsin (1H) for the wonderful Galileo telescope they purchased for the school. They also donated some terrific fossils.

Jenny Garlick & Helen Oakley, Science Teachers.

### DANCE NEWS -

Dance starts this week. Rehearsals: Thursday morning 7.45am - Music Festival Ensemble only; Wednesday morning 7.45am Company. Lunch time practices will be as normal.

### PSSA SOCCER (BOYS) -

This Friday we play Wahroonga at Montview Oval. Drivers for this week are Ludlow, McFadden, Watt, Crochon, Campbell, Burwood, Munro. Please meet at the front of the Library at 12.15pm.

### PSSA SOCCER (GIRLS) -

This Friday the girls are playing Wahroonga at Montview Oval. Drivers are Ambrose and Jawahar.

### PSSA NETBALL NEWS -

This week the girls are playing Wahroonga PS at Montview. Drivers are Italiano, Binet, van Leeuwen and Thompson. I hope to see you all at training on Thursday afternoon.

### PSSA AFL NEWS-

Congratulations to the senior team who won their first match last term! Well done! The junior team had a bye and are looking forward to showing their great skills this Friday. PSSA AFL starts again this term on Friday of week 1 and training begins on Monday of week 2 (3:15pm on the bottom oval).

**Players of the Week:** Emma (3W) and Cooper (5H) were the players of the week for the last round of PSSA AFL last term, excellent work you two! Keep up the great work!



### P & C NEWS - CANTEEN NEWS -

**Volunteers:** Thu 30 Jul: Yukie Tatsuta, Michiko Beattie, Luna Hrastnik

Fri 31 Jul: Phillip Chin Quan and helpers please

Mon 3 Aug: Christine Taylor, Kerrie Moreau

Tues 4 Aug: Anne-Lii Hardy, Ashwini Sapre

Wed 5 Aug: Lucy Bal

Vicki Stubbings

### BAND NEWS -

Welcome back to Term 3 everyone. Hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing couple of weeks. Only 3 more sleeps until Band Camp! I hope everyone is geared up and ready to go for a fabulous weekend. Make sure you get to bed nice and early Friday night!! A last minute note has gone home this week either after rehearsals or with this newsletter with parent helper times attached. Please see the office if you didn't get one. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me on 9476 4890/0408 113 693. We ask that any students who have a lightweight music stand at home, please bring it along with you. Please make sure everything is labeled. Thank you and I look forward to seeing everybody at 9.45am on Saturday.

Tickets for the Swing City performance have arrived. I will hand them out when parents come to assist on the weekend.

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, Discipline and Fitness** - 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.

**Hornsby District Cricket Club** - Registration Days - Aug 2 Hornsby Heights Sports Club, Kookaburra Rd, 10am-2pm. [hornsbyscricket.asn.au](http://hornsbyscricket.asn.au).

**Hornsby Junior Touch** - 2009 Registrations— Wed 12th August 4pm-6.30pm. Cost \$45 including playing shirt, Family Discount. More info: [google.com/Hornsby+Touch](http://google.com/Hornsby+Touch).