



## HNPS Newsletter

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### From the Principal and Deputy Principal...

Accompanying this newsletter is the term calendar as it stands in Week 2, Term 3. Additional events will be posted in the Coming Events section of the newsletter. Please read both.

### *The Zifkin 'Lone...*

#### JROCK

We are excited to be performing our JRock concept tomorrow for the school - parents are welcome to attend at 11:30 in the Hall. You will notice that the audience will be on the Stage and stairs as with 80 children performing, we take up a fair bit of room, so we will perform it 4 times so each grade can fit in!

What could be even MORE exciting than that? Well Mrs Cale received a call from JRock Event Management yesterday and out of all the schools in the Sydney Region who performed (about 40), Hornsby North made it into the top 15 schools that will perform again in September in the JROCK GRAND FINAL! Congratulations JRockers - you should be very proud of your efforts and talents. So it's back to rehearsing on Tuesdays so we are really polished for the Grand Final. Mrs Cale will send notes with the details of the day, time and venue when we receive this information from JRock.

I have promised the students and JRock teachers that I will be there on their performance day/evening - I couldn't possibly miss that!

#### So long, farewell, auf wiedersehen, goodbye from Mrs Z....

Well as you know, I have some exciting but also sad news. As Mrs Sumpton reported to you last week I have been appointed as Principal at Hobartville P.S. (in the Richmond area) so that's exciting but it's also sad because my last day at Hornsby North is this Friday! I'll be packing up my house next week and starting at my new school on Monday 17th August.

To say that I've thoroughly enjoyed my time at Hornsby North - getting to know and working with every member of its wonderful staff, as well as our students who never fail to bring a smile to my face everyday and the fantastic parents who are so supportive of all we do here - is an understatement to say the least! I was really touched by Mrs Sumpton's kind words about my time at Hornsby North - I feel very blessed to have had the chance to be part of the leadership/teaching team and playing a part in doing what we do best here at HNPS, teaching our students well, helping them to be the best they can be (whether in academic achievement, performance skills, creative thinking, sport or just how we interact with others) and always being willing to extend our own learning as educators so that our teaching is always at the cutting edge of educational achievement.

I look forward to seeing many of you tomorrow afternoon in the library for afternoon tea, but if not, may I just say a little "thanks" to you all, for your kindness, encouragement and support in my role as the Deputy Principal over the last 2 & 1/2 years - it has been my pleasure to know you and to work with you and our fantastic students - and I bid you a very fond farewell....

*Anne Zifkin*  
Deputy Principal

#### GYMNASTIC CLASSES

To avoid students arriving at school on the gym class day - Mondays for 3C, 3W, 5B, 5G, 6B, 6M, 6S and Tuesdays for 3B, 3T, 4P, 4R, 4T, 5H, wearing unsuitable clothing, the staff and I request that students wear sports uniform on the day of their gymnastics class. Parents and students are reminded of the correct sports uniform which is - Boys: royal blue shorts or navy blue track pants, t-shirt in house colour, white socks and sports shoes; Girls - royal blue shorts or navy blue slammers or track pants, t-shirt in house colour, white socks and sports shoes. Please note girls should not wear skorts due to OH&S rules regarding use of gym equipment.

Navy pants with coloured stripes down the side and leggings of all shapes and colours are not sports uniform. Leggings can be worn for the class but students must then change into the correct sports uniform. This means that all students in Years 3-6 will be wearing their sports uniform 2 days per week.

#### SEEDING GRANTS—NORTHERN SYDNEY HEALTH

I am pleased to announce to the school community success in the above grant. Through the hard work of Belinda Parrett, Meredith Burke and the Grounds Committee a grant of \$900 has been awarded to Hornsby North. Further details will be given at the P & C Meeting on Monday night. The grant is for a vegetable garden to encourage healthy living and healthy eating.

#### THIRD TERM FEES

A big thank you to the parents and caregivers who have responded so promptly with Term 3 fees. Mrs. Hughes has been kept very busy but we don't mind because the school commitments will be met. A reminder to parents who have not paid, prompt payments would be appreciated, but alternate arrangements can be made if parents are experiencing financial difficulty. However, it is important to make contact so that reminders are not regularly sent requesting full payment. Reminders will be sent out in Week 5.

#### KINDERGARTEN EXCURSION

Congratulations to the Kindergarten team - children and teachers who had a wonderful time at the Fairfield Farm last week. The children were enthusiastic, inquisitive and very well behaved. Particular enjoyment was found in the whip cracking and shearing activities.



Looking forward to seeing as many parents as possible tomorrow to farewell Mrs. Zifkin.

*Maree Sumpton*  
Principal

**Coming Events....**

Thu 6 Aug	3.20pm Afternoon tea for Mrs. Zifkin
Sat 8 Aug	Swing City at ABHS - CB1 performance
Mon 10 Aug	Gymnastics - 3C, 3W, 5B, 5G, 6B, 6M, 6S 7.30pm P & C Meeting in Staff Room
Tues 11 Aug	Gymnastics - 3B, 3T, 4P, 4R, 4T, 5H
Wed 12 Aug	Primary Athletics Carnival - Waitara Oval
Fri 14 Aug	Field events carnival

**From the Classroom .....****SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -**

Andrew (4T), Harrison (2M), Hannah (1P), Lily (4T), Nilank (1B), Piper (2C), Millie (6M), Tobey (4T), Georgina (5B), Nathan (1P), Aidan (KA), Stina (5G), Mia (1B), Gabi (3C), Yong Yong (3W), Charlotte (1H), Georgia (3T), Samantha (5H), Sonia (1J), Jaap (1M), Chris (3C), Taylor (4P), Sonny (1H), Linda (3C), Lucas (1H), Hannah (1J), Marko (2G), Ethan (4R), Tae Woo (1J), Alexander (5H), Georgie (1J), Max (3T), Madelynne (KA), Amy (3T) and Colby (1P).

**LIBRARY NEWS -**

Next week the children will be able to begin a colouring competition for Book Week. Entries can be collected from the library and should be returned to the special box before 21<sup>st</sup> August. All classes will be shown the box during library time. We have registered for the OPSM Schools for Sight program where unwanted glasses are collected to help OPSM to care for people in disadvantaged countries. Thank you to those people who have already sent glasses to the library. Don't forget that the Reading Challenge finishes on 1<sup>st</sup> September.

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**KINDERGARTEN NEWS -**

News (Week 3) - Talk about how we got to the farm. Describe the bus, the bus driver and some things that you saw on the way.

**CLUBS -**

Soft wood off-cuts are needed for Clubs, held on Fridays for our K-2 students. If anyone has any suitable wood, please drop off to the school or contact Chris on 0424 396 256.

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL -**

The Hornsby North Athletics Carnival (Track Events) is on next Wednesday, 12 August, at Waitara Oval. Permission notes were due back at school yesterday. Please return the permission note tomorrow if you have not done so, as we need to know how many buses to book. Children catching the bus to the carnival need to be at the back gate at school by 8:45am. Children going straight to Waitara Oval need to be there by 9:00am. Parking near Waitara Oval can be quite difficult in the morning.

Our Field Events Carnival will be held at school next Friday, 14 August. Children have been practising discus, shot put, high jump and long jump with Mr. Lawrence and in school sport time. Lists of competitors for these events will be posted in the classrooms next week. Children who are not selected for the field events will be involved in other sporting activities.

**PSSA SOCCER (BOYS) -**

Last Friday we played against Wahroonga at Montview Oval. Our junior team had a solid 2-1 victory, while our senior team went down 1-0. This Friday we are playing Turramurra Nth at Samuel King in the final round game. Drivers for this week are - Stevens, Ludlow, Patterson, Kirk, Mays, Stewart. Please meet at the front of the Library at 12.05pm.

**PSSA SOCCER (GIRLS) -**

Last Friday the girls put in a superb effort playing against Wahroonga resulting in 3-0 win. This week we are playing Turramurra North at Samuel King Oval. Drivers are Ambrose and Jawahar. There will be no girls soccer training this Thursday.

**PSSA NETBALL NEWS -**

Last week the girls played Wahroonga. The junior girls won 12-4 and the seniors tried their hardest but went down 32-8. This week we play Turramurra North at Turramurra North Public School. Drivers are Bramwell, Clements, Hall and Liddelow.

**PSSA AFL NEWS-**

Both teams played really well and should be proud of their efforts. The Hornsby North Roos lost 35 - 22 and the Hornsby North Blues lost 45 - 7.

**Players of the Week:**

This week the players of the week are John (4T) and Kye (5/6B). Congratulations boys, keep up the hard work and great sportsmanship!

**P & C NEWS -**

The P & C meeting is next Monday August 10 at 7.30pm in the staff room. All welcome.

**CANTEEN NEWS -**

Next Wednesday August 12 is the Primary Athletics Carnival at Waitara Oval. There will be a canteen operating at the oval, a separate sheet will be sent home with the items available on that day.

We need someone to manage the school canteen for our K-2 students on Wednesday August 12, please see Vicki if you are able to help.

**Volunteers:** Thu 6 Aug: Catherine Pedersen, Bettina Harris

Fri 7 Aug: Gaye Heap, Christine Ashton, **Helpers please**

Mon 10 Aug: Caroline Campbell

Tues 11 Aug: Mardi Thorley, Phillip Chin Quan

Wed 12 Aug: Johanna Louwen, Heather Cant

Vicki Stubbings

**BAND NEWS -**

What a fantastic weekend we had at Band Camp! The sun was shining, our students were exceptional in their behaviour and they worked extremely hard during rehearsals and tutorials. It wasn't all hard work though. The children managed to fit in some sport, craft, drama, a talent quest and even a couple of movies, oh and yes, they did manage to squeeze in a bit of eating! They didn't stop!! Family and friends were rewarded at the end of the camp with a brilliant concert, certainly showing us all how hard they worked over the weekend. Well done students. Thank you to everyone involved who made this weekend such a fabulous success. Without your support, this weekend just couldn't happen. A big thank you to Jenny, Kelvin and Kate who worked tirelessly all weekend. There is quite a bit of lost property on the benches at the back of the hall. If you are missing something, please go and have a look.

We wish our CB1 students all the very best when they perform this Saturday at Asquith Boys High School in John Morrison's Swing City Evening. The students will be playing for a full half hour. Good luck guys and have an enjoyable night. A note with final details went home after yesterday's rehearsal.

Please note that all 3 bands will be performing at the University of NSW Band Festival on Sunday 23 August. This event is compulsory. A note has gone home this week regarding details and arrival times. Please see the office if you didn't get one. 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, 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 Junior Touch** - 2009 Registrations - Wed 12th August 4pm-6.30pm. Cost \$45 including playing shirt, Family Discount. More info: google Hornsby Touch.

**Hornsby Heights Preschool Kindergarten** - Enrolling now for 2010! AS of July 13, 2009 under new Management. 28 Galston Road, Hornsby. Phone 9987 4896 for more information.

**Easy Care Gardening - Garden and Market Day** - Saturday 8 August 10am-3pm at 'Claremont' 40 Telegraph Road, Pymble. Entry:\$5 (includes raffle tickets). Children- free entry. Market stalls and guest speakers.

**Centacare Broken Bay - Hey, Dad! For Separated Fathers** -

Wednesdays 12,18 August and 2,9,16,23 September from 6.45-9.30pm at Waitara Family Centre, 29 Yardley Avenue, Waitara. Ph: 94882523.