



HNPS Newsletter

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From the Principal...

It has been a busy week with Athletic Carnivals, Debating Competitions, Band Practices and hard work in the classrooms.

ATHLETIC CARNIVALS

The track events were held last Wednesday at Waitara Oval and the field events took place at school on Friday. Congratulations to Mr. Howard and Mr. Lawrence for their organisation and to the teachers and parents who worked as marshals, time keepers, judges, canteen workers, house supporters and enthusiastic members of the spectator group who encouraged our athletes during the entire carnival on Wednesday. As the announcer on Wednesday and the high jump judge on Friday I was impressed with the obvious improvement in the skills of the students but more importantly with the level of participation and the great encouragement the competitors gave each other; they acknowledged success with true admiration, accepted defeat with good grace and urged others onto greater achievements. A report on the carnivals appears further in this newsletter but I would like to add my special congratulations to Gabi (3C), Isabella (6M) and David (5H) who all broke school records. As stated by Mr. Howard, Gabi and Isabella broke the 100 metres records in their age groups but I was fortunate to be running the high jump event when David exceeded the record height in the Junior Boys event by 6cm! Well done David, Isabella and Gabi.



David



Isabella



Gabi

DISTRICT DEBATING COMPETITION

Each week members of our debating team and aspiring members meet to develop their public speaking and debating skills. Mrs. Stinson who watched the debate reported that Joshua, Georgina, Rachel and Monica were outstanding ambassadors for Hornsby North. Their uniforms were impeccable, they spoke confidently with decorum and a dignified presence and they acknowledged the win of their competitors in the true spirit of debating. Following is a report from the debating coordinator, Miss Szita.

'Team Brilliant debated against Waitara Public School on Tuesday. The topic they debated was that Australia should have more public holidays. Unfortunately Waitara were able to convince us that we shouldn't have anymore public holidays and won the debate. Well done to Joshua (6M), Georgina (5B), Rachel (6B) and Monica (6M) for a great debate that got us discussing this topical issue.'

TERM FEES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Reminder invoices will be sent out next week to parents and caregivers who have not paid the above fees. As stated in last week's newsletter payment, particularly for textbooks, additional programs and excursions is expected, as all children are supplied with their textbooks and no child misses out on any educational programs. However, as always stated please contact me if you have difficulty meeting these costs to avoid receiving a reminder notice. Thank you all for your cooperation.

HEAD LICE

It is always a problem in schools, pre-school and places where large numbers of children gather. The rules are very simple! Children must not come to school if they are infected with head lice and the eggs of head lice. The hair must be treated with recommended or natural products. After treatment the child may return to school. If everyone follows this very basic regulation we will not have entire classes infected and very upset parents who do the right thing when their child gets head lice.

A recipe for simple head lice preventative spray follows-
200 ml conditioner 7 ml pure 100% tea tree oil

Enough water to make up to 2 litres

Mix together in 2 litre milk bottle or any other clean 2 litre container. Pour into a spray bottle. Spray on hair and brush through daily.

NSW BAND FESTIVAL

Next Sunday all three bands will play at the University of New South Wales in the State Band Festival. I wish all band members, their conductors and parents a happy and successful day. Your hard work will be rewarded.

RUBBISH FREE DAY

Accompanying this newsletter is a flyer regarding the amount of rubbish generated by schools. It is always a sensitive issue and the recommendations are suggestions only. It is our job to heighten awareness and encourage children to look after the environment. I would be very happy if the children put their rubbish in the bin or put plastic wrappers etc in their pockets instead of leaving them around the playground for Mr. Gates, the cleaners or for other children to pick up. Parents, perhaps you could help us by talking to your child about this and if you do pick up after them at home (I know it is sometimes easier) ask them to pick up their rubbish and recycle with you.

WHOOPING COUGH

Parents are advised that one case of whooping cough has been reported this week. The illness is usually characterised by a feeling of being generally unwell with an accompanying deep harsh cough that tends to occur in bouts. Parents who are concerned should consult their doctor or call the Health Unit on 9477 9400.

SMARTBOARDS

On a happier note, five new smartboards were installed this week and as a result we have some unwanted chalk boards. If you would like one please call the office to arrange your own transportation.

Maree Sumpton

Principal

Coming Events.....

Thu 20 Aug	Year 1 Powerhouse Excursion Castle Hill Cumberland State Forest for 3C and 3T
Fri 21 Aug	Cumberland State Forest for 3B and 3W
Sun 23 Aug	State Band Festival - all bands at UNSW
Mon 24 Aug	Gymnastics - 3C, 3W, 5B, 5G, 6B, 6M, 6S
Tues 25 Aug	Gymnastics - 3B, 3T, 4P, 4R, 4T, 5H Zone Field Athletics / Zone Ball Games 2.45-3.30pm Free Range Butcher Cawthorne St
Wed 26 Aug	Rubbish Free Day - see flyer with this newsletter
Thu 27 Aug	Fathers Day Stall Wrapping Day
Sun 30 Aug	1-4pm Grounds Committee Working Bee

From the Classroom

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -

Rachel (1B), Amy (2M), Peter (2C), Sarah (6M), Julia (KJ), Claudia (2M), Bradley (2C), Madeline (4R), Noor (4P), Sarah (4R), Mathew (KS), Melissa (6S), Alice (2M), Emma (3W), Oscar (6M), So Ae (3C), Ned (2C), Darcy (2G), Eddy (2M) and Kimberley (4R).

UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS -

Congratulations to the following students on their results in the recent University of NSW Competitions in:

WRITING

High Distinction - Amy (5B).

Distinction - Lorrain (3B), Simone (4P), Elizabeth (5H), Stina (5G), Connor (5B), Dilusha (5B), Claire (5B), Monica (5B), Steven (6B), Kieran (6B), Oscar (6M), Zoe (6S).

Credit - Barry (3B), Tricia (3B), Isabella (3T), Charlotte (4P), Michael J. (4R), Matthew (4T), Krishna (4T), Jenna (4T), Hassan (4P), Johanna (4T), Georgina (5B), Jessica (5B), James (5B), Felicity (5B), Maya (5B), Dong (5G), Nicholas (6B), Junaid (6S), Ivan (6S), Joshua (6M), Rachel (6B), Jaimie (6B), Peter (6B), Max (6M), Rita (6B), Betty (6B).

COMPUTER

High Distinction - Aidan (3C), James (5B), Dilusha (5B), Adrian (6B), Kaito (6M).

Distinction - Johanna (4T), Nancy (4R), John (4T), Jenna (4T), Sophie (5H), Dylan (5B), Ae Young (5G), Alessa (5G), Jessica (5B), Max (5H), Max (6M), Kieran (6B), Siamack (6B).

Credit - Jett (3B), Ellie (3B), Barry (3B), Sean (3C), Jessica (3B), Krishna (4T), Ran (4P), Selina (4T), Emma L. (4T), Emma H. (4T), Alex (4T), Emma (4P), Kye (5B), Maya (5B), Claire (5B), Sara (5B), Justin (5B), Nicholas (5B), Connor (5B), Fletcher (5H), Nicholas (6B).

DAFFODIL DAY -

Hornsby North is once again supporting Daffodil Day. Merchandise is being sold before school at the Ida Street and Cawthorne Street entrances. Below is a list of items for sale:

Wristbands \$4 Footballs \$7 Pens \$4 Pins from \$5

Bunches of daffodils will be on sale Friday 28 August for \$4 bunch. Please join us in supporting this worthwhile cause.

M. Jeffrey, N. Stevens, D. Whyte

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL—TRACK EVENTS

On a beautiful, sunny day last Wednesday, we held our school Athletics Carnival at Waitara Oval. The children tried their best and competed in a tough but sporting manner, in typical Hornsby North style. Two school records were broken on the day: Gabi (3C) broke the 9 years girls 100m record with a time of 17.03 and Isabella (6M) broke the 12/13 years girls 100m record with a time of 14.50. Congratulations girls! Both of these records were previously held by last year's School Captain, Tahlia. A list of finals results from the carnival can be picked up from the office. Congratulations to Phillip house for winning the Track Events Carnival.

The first three children in each of the 100m finals, and the first two in the 200m and 800m finals, will represent Hornsby North at the Hornsby Zone Track Events Carnival on 9 September, which is being held at the Sydney Academy of Sport at Narrabeen for the first time.

Michael Howard, Carnival Convenor

LIBRARY NEWS -

Book week is next week. All colouring competitions need to be in the library by Friday afternoon for judging. We will be continuing our Book Week activities into the following two weeks, as well. There is a Book Fair beginning on 2nd September. Children can purchase books for themselves. Parents are welcome to purchase books before and after school. There will be a special Book Week performance called Jungle Bungle for Kindergarten to Year 4 on Wednesday 2nd September. A separate note is accompanying this newsletter.

Please keep sending in old glasses for the people in disadvantaged countries. OPSM will donate books for our efforts with this program. All reading Challenge entries must be in the library by Thursday 27th August. I need a couple of days to finalise entries on line by 1st September.

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Helen Stevens, Teacher Librarian

KINDERGARTEN NEWS -

News (Week 5) - Talk about one of the pigs that you saw at the farm. How did it move, sound, look and feel.

DANCE NEWS -

Could all Glen Street performers please return their costumes to Mrs. Hall by the end of the week. Thank you.

SCHOOL SPECTACULAR PARTICIPANTS -

Please note that the first meeting involving the students participating in Schools Spectacular will be held at Sandra Reeves' house on the 28 August. Please read emails for updates and contact list. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sandra Reeves

PSSA SOCCER (BOYS) -

Last Friday we played against Hornsby South at Montview Oval. Our Junior team had an impressive 5-0 victory and progress to the finals, while our Senior team had a good 2-0 win in their last game. This Friday our junior team are playing at Montview Oval. Drivers for this week are - Kirk, Watt, and Crochon. Please meet at the front of the Library at 12.15pm.

PSSA SOCCER (GIRLS) -

Last Friday Hornsby North girls played Turrumurra North. It was a tough game but the girls were able to put away a goal resulting in a 1-0 win. A great effort was made by every team member. Well done!! The girls team have made it into the semi final round. This will be played at Montview Oval on Friday.

PSSA NETBALL NEWS -

Last week was the last game of the season and all the girls played brilliantly! The junior girls won 22-0 and the seniors won 18-9. We now hit the serious end of the season with semi-finals this week. Unfortunately our senior team just missed out making the finals but I would like to congratulate them for all their effort and team work and for an enjoyable season, well done girls! This week the juniors will be playing the Turrumurra 'A' team at Montview. The game is scheduled to start at 12.50pm. Drivers are Liddelow, Hall and Clements. Good luck girls!!!

PSSA AFL NEWS -

The Hornsby North Blues had a convincing win against Warrawee with a score of 60-9. The Hornsby North Roos played an excellent game on Friday and are to be congratulated (Warrawee won 43-19).

Player of the Week: Luke (4T) is the junior player of the week for his amazing skills as a goal kicker and the entire senior team are the senior players of the week for their great sportsmanship and for proving what wonderful children we have here at Hornsby North Public School!



Well done to all of you!

P & C NEWS: CANTEEN NEWS -

Volunteers: Thu 20 Aug: Luna Hrastnik, Michiko Beattie, Yukie Tatsuta

Fri 21 Aug: Debbie Inglis, Christine Ashton, Steven Ackerman

Mon 24 Aug: Jeong Seon Min

Tues 25 Aug: Nicole Khallouf, Natalie Wall

Wed 26 Aug: Anna Scholey, Christina Martin

Vicki Stubbings

BAND NEWS -

We wish all 3 bands the very best of luck when they perform at the University of NSW Band Festival this Sunday. We know you will do your best and represent our school in the true spirit of Hornsby North. Full Winter uniform with navy stockings for girls and long sleeved shirts and long pants for boys is to be worn. Black school shoes are a must. Don't forget music and instrument. Please make sure your instrument is in good working order and take any spare reeds etc with you on the day. To our CB2 and CB1 members, please allow plenty of time to arrive, as parking will be quite difficult as the day goes on. Thank you.

Catherine Pedersen, Band Committee President

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE NEWS -

Stuck on you flyers were sent home this week and you can place your order for labels via www.stuckonyou.biz/hornsbynorth.

Hornsby North Weight Loss Challenge - so far have lost 23 kgs. Great work everyone! Sponsors of our participants gladly welcomed.

Father Day Wrapping Stall - Thursday 27 August and Fathers Day Stall 3 September. Gifts are \$5 and there is a great selection.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS -

Opening hours are Thursday and Friday mornings 8.30 am - 9.30 am.