



HNPS Newsletter

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From the Principal...

Friday, leading into the weekend heralded the beginning of many successes for the students, teachers and parents of Hornsby North Public School.

PSSA SPORT

On Friday, the Junior Girls Netball team, The Junior Boys Soccer team, the Girls Soccer team and the Junior AFL team all won the semi-finals progressing to the finals and grand final. Special congratulations to the team members and coaches and thank you to the parents who have supported the teams with transport and extra coaching. I would also like to acknowledge the skills and work of the students, parents and teachers of the Senior Boys Soccer, the Senior Girls Netball and the Senior AFL team. The three teams narrowly missed the semi-finals but the teachers and I applaud them for their commitment, sportsmanship and enthusiasm particularly when decisions did not go their way.

BAND SUCCESS

GOLD and SILVER were the cries from the band members, the conductors, parents and Mrs. Moyes after our bands performed at the New South Wales State Band competition. It was a glorious sunny day on Sunday when Training Band and supporters arrived at the University of NSW for a 9.00am start. These magnificent beginners under the tutelage of Kate played their hearts out with creative actions and clear notes to win a well deserved Silver Award. At 1.00pm it was Concert Band II's turn to demonstrate their talents. Under the calm, capable guidance of Kelvin, Concert Band II prepared for their performance and when they arrived on stage they looked immaculate and ready to play in a professional manner. Concert Band II did not disappoint! Against strong opposition they too gained a Silver Award. At 3.45pm, the weather was still picture perfect as Concert Band I prepared for their performance in one of the highest grades for Primary Students. With many hours of practice behind them and a stunning performance at the Swing City Concert two weeks ago, these musicians were set to win gold. At the conclusion of this section of the performances students, parents and the Principal waited with excited anticipation. When the announcer called, "Hornsby North - GOLD", the cheers were loud and clear. Congratulations to all bands! It was a wonderful day.



NEWSLETTER TIME LINES

The Newsletter is usually completed on Tuesday afternoon and whilst we welcome additions from groups within the school, the office staff request that articles are emailed or sent to the office by Tuesday midday. At times we have missed an email and for this we apologise but many items have arrived late Tuesday or on Wednesday morning. Your help with this matter is appreciated.

INFLUENZA

The message from the Director General regarding influenza, including human swine influenza is that we are in the "protect" phase of the management of swine flu. A student in Year 3 has been told she has swine flu. She has not had a blood test, but doctors say it is probably swine flu because of the symptoms of a sore throat, fever and a cough. The student will be away from school for 1 week.

Once again, I reiterate the message from the Department of Health: **any person with flu symptoms should stay away from work or school until they are well.** Symptoms include fever, chills, sore throat, cough, unusual tiredness, muscle aches and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea.

Meanwhile it is important for parents and teachers to remind and supervise children when hand washing is required, and to insist that mouths are covered when children cough. If a teacher is absent from school, it is probably because they are obeying the directive above relating to staying home when flu symptoms are evident.

SAD NEWS FOR THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

It is with much sadness that I inform the school community of a tragic accident surrounding a family at our school. Dr Rachana Batra travelled to India last week to visit her ill father, who died within days of her arrival. On their way home from the final funeral ceremony, Dr Batra, her mother and three of her brothers died in a road accident. Noor is a beautiful little girl in 4P and along with her father and little sister Ria is absolutely devastated by the loss of so many members of her family. Yesterday they flew out to India to be with family members and will return later on this term. I know the wonderful parents and citizens in this community will support Noor and her family on their return. Words fail us all as we struggle to understand the depth of the Batra family's loss.

Don't forget Daffodil Day this Friday and the Working Bee for K-2 families on Sunday.

Maree Sumpton
Principal

Coming Events....

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| Thu 27 Aug | Fathers Day Stall Wrapping Day
Rebel Sport 20% off everything in store offer |
| Sun 30 Aug | 1-4pm Grounds Committee Working Bee |
| Mon 31 Aug | Gymnastics - 3C, 3W, 5B, 5G, 6B, 6M, 6S
Music Festival rehearsal at Wideview PS |
| Tues 1 Sep | Gymnastics - 3B, 3T, 4P, 4R, 4T, 5H |
| Wed 2 Sep | Book Week Performance for K-4 students |
| Thu 3 Sep | Arts North Combined Choir Rehearsal
Fathers Day Stall |

From the Classroom

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -

Emma (3W), Andrew (4P), Georgia (2M), Andrew (3W), Harry (3T), Sean (3C), Chris (2G), Jett (3B), Nicholas (5H), Medha (KS), Jaimie (6B), Sarah (6M), Ethan (1H), Harry (2C), Tyran (1B), Zac (5H), Piper (2C), Indiana (2M), Jasmine (KM), Jonah x2 (2C), Erin (KJ), Angus (KJ), Ben O. (KJ), Max (KG), Jacob x2 (2C) and Jake (KJ).

BALL GAMES -

Last Wednesday in sensational early spring weather the Primary children held their Ball Games carnival. Competition was strong but at the end of the event the scores were:

Phillip 215 David 169 Gilmore 159 Bates 135

Our House Captains and Year 6 Leaders did great jobs organizing and stirring up enthusiasm among their team members.

Thank you children for your efforts and also to the staff for their sterling work during the afternoon.

ZONE BALL GAMES -

The annual Hornsby Zone Ball Games carnival was held yesterday at a sunny but windy Foxglove Oval. Hornsby North competed in all of the events and our best results were: 1st in Senior Girls Tunnel Ball, Senior Boys Tunnel Ball, Senior Girls Captain Ball and Senior Boys Captain Ball, and 3rd in Junior Girls Tunnel Ball. Overall we finished in 2nd place, 1 point behind the winners. Well done to everyone who competed hard and in a sporting manner.

ZONE TRACK EVENTS -

The Zone Track Events carnival will be held two weeks from today, 9 September, at Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen. Permission notes should be returned to school by now. Many people have indicated that they require a lift for their child, and a note will be sent home early next week saying which children are going with parents who are driving to Narrabeen.

CRICKET TRIALS -

The PSSA cricket competition resumes in Week 8 of this term. Trials will be held over the next week for the junior and the senior teams. These trials will be held as we have some new students at school and many boys have just started to play cricket. The Senior Boys' trials will be held before school tomorrow, on the oval at 8:15. The Junior Boys' trials will be held next Tuesday (1 Sept) on the oval at 8.15am.

SOCCER COMPETITION -

The Junior Soccer Competition has reached the semi final stage. Bates (1st) is playing against David (4th) tomorrow at lunch time, while it is Gilmore (2nd) v Phillip (3rd) on Tuesday. The winners of these matches will play in the Grand Final next Wednesday, 2 September.

LIBRARY NEWS -

Kindergarten to Year 4 has been enjoying Book Week with reading special books that will feature in our show Jungle Bungle next Wednesday. Please make sure the note to attend the Book Week performance has been returned to the class teacher.

The Book Fair also begins next Wednesday. Children can buy books for themselves. Parents are also welcome to purchase books before and after school. There will not be another book club catalogue this term, so please visit our book fair to purchase some books from Scholastic. Please keep sending in old glasses for the people in disadvantaged countries. 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.

The MS Readathon is coming to an end. The Society will inform me of all those students who have completed, when the money has been collected. The names of students will be published, when I have received the results.

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

KINDERGARTEN NEWS -

News (Week 6) - Find out how wool from a sheep is made into a jumper. How do the farmers get it from the sheep, and what happens to the wool before we can wear it.

PSSA SOCCER (GIRLS) -

Last Friday the girls put in a great effort to win 2 - 0 against Turramurra North. This has taken them through to the finals this week against Berowra. The game will kick off at 12.40pm. Drivers are Ambrose and Jawahar.

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 \$5 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

PSSA SOCCER (BOYS) -

Last Friday our Junior Boys had a fantastic 2-1 win against Mount Colah! We now progress to the Final where we will meet Berowra. The game will again be played at Montview Oval. Could any parents that are interested in attending the game and are available for transport, please notify either the office or myself tomorrow. We will be leaving from the Library at 12.15pm.

PSSA NETBALL NEWS -

Last week we played the Turramurra A team in the semi finals. The girls and I were just a little nervous as we took the court but once we settled into our game we began to show our skills and team work. The first 2 quarters were neck and neck but by the end of the third quarter we finally got up a couple of points. Our last quarter was when we showed Turramurra that we meant business winning 11-6! Congratulations girls on making the grand final!! The game location and time is yet to be confirmed for this week but I will notify everyone at training on Thursday. Drivers Hall, Liddelow and Clements.

PSSA AFL NEWS -

The Hornsby North Roos (seniors) got the win they so rightfully deserved this week when they beat Wahroonga 40-9, this secured their place as 5th on the ladder in the senior competition. This week was an elimination round and the Hornsby North Blues (juniors) tackled their way to victory winning 41-21. This means that next week the Hornsby North Roos (1:45pm) will be having a fun match whilst the Hornsby North Blues will be competing in the grand final (starting at 1pm at Rofe Park).

Player of the Week: Congratulations to both Simone (4R) & Ryan W. (5H) for being this week's players of the week! Keep up the hard work!



P & C NEWS: CANTEEN NEWS -

Volunteers: Thu 27 Aug: Toshiko Shimizu, Jennifer Martin

Fri 28 Aug: Linda Pearson, Rebecca Nielsen,

Mon 31 Aug: Christine Taylor

Tues 1 Sep: Anne-Lii Hardy, Ashwini Sapre

Wed 2 Sep: Lucy Bal

Vicki Stubbings

BAND NEWS -

WOW! What a great bunch of talented children we have in our Band Program. Students in all bands displayed extraordinary talents at the UNSW Band Festival last Sunday and came away with fabulous results - Training Band Silver, Concert Band 2 Silver and Concert Band 1 Gold! Congratulations everyone. You looked smart, played exceptionally well and your behaviour was just fantastic. Thank you Mrs. Sumpton and Mrs. Moyes for coming along and supporting our students. Thank you to all parents who assisted with driving their children and additional students to and from the festival. We truly appreciate the assistance. To give up a Sunday shows dedication and support of our children and it certainly was worth it. Last but not least, a huge thank you to our 3 Conductors, Jenny, Kelvin and Kate for their continual devotion in getting all students ready for these performances and bringing out the best in them. I have said it many times, but we are so very fortunate to have them teaching at Hornsby North. Thank you.

Catherine Pedersen, Band Committee President

GROUNDS COMMITTEE NEWS -

We are having a dads and kids working bee on Sunday 30 August from 1-4pm. We are planning to repaint, fix up and secure the K-2 lunch tables and also relocate some plants. Of course mums are welcome too! Every child that actively helps will receive a Merit card. We will also be having a sausage sizzle at the end of the day.

Meredith Burke and the Grounds Committee

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE NEWS -

Fathers Day Wrapping Stall - Thursday 27 August, please meet in the hall at 9.15am. All welcome!

COMMUNITY NEWS -

Cuppa for Kids - Monday 31 August 9-10am at Wahroonga Preparatory School. Phone Leonie Saunders on 0438 009 710 for information.