



HNPS Newsletter

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From the Principal...

I hope all dads had a lovely day on Sunday and enjoyed the wonderful presents selected by your children. Thank you to the Fundraising Committee and parents who helped with the Father's Day Stall.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

School photos will be taken in Week 10, on two separate days-

- Monday September 28 - Class groups and family portraits
- Wednesday September 30 - School groups which includes Sporting teams, bands, dance groups, choir.

Please note that the original notification for school photos stated that class groups and family groups would be on the Tuesday. The date has been changed to the Monday. Students who wear sports uniform on Monday for gymnastics should wear the winter uniform for photographs and bring shorts and a T-shirt for gymnastics. On Wednesday, students in the bands must bring their musical instruments and House Captains and Vice House Captains are required to bring their sports uniform. For some students it will mean more than one change of clothes, but the students affected are mainly senior students so the process will be a valuable pre high school activity.

A reminder about the above will appear in following newsletters.

Photo envelopes are going home today with each student and envelopes for family photographs are available from the office.

HONOUR ASSEMBLY

On Friday the second Honour Assembly for the term will be held. We look forward to sharing this special occasion for the twenty plus recipients with their families. Students who are to receive a medal should wear their full school uniform and 3-6 students should change into sports uniform after the ceremony.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE SCHOOL

It is definitely better for parents to correspond with the school through letters and phone messages if an immediate response is needed e.g. student needs to catch the bus, student needs to wait at a different gate or parent unable to attend a meeting after school. Sometimes the office staff may not open the e-mails until after school once the phone calls cease and other duties which deal with students, parents and teachers are over. Naturally, if you want to use e-mail to inform, to send photos or to pass on information and you realize it may not be read on the day you send it, please use this electronic means of communication. Messages will always be read within two days. I know some parents correspond with teachers via e-mail and this is an agreed form of correspondence between the parties. I am referring to the general school account and I don't want parents to be disappointed because they do not receive a prompt reply. The office staff are not always at their desks on the computer.

JROCK

Last night our brilliant J Rock team competed in the grand finals at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. Very proud parents and teachers watched from the audience and applauded them when they won awards for excellence in Concept, Stage Use and Set Design and Function. It was a very long day for everyone, particularly the younger students with a 6.30am start and home at around midnight. Parents who assisted on the day told me the children were wonderful with not a cross word from teachers, students or parents. It was

certainly a tribute to our school. Congratulations J Rock students, teachers and parents.



ZONE ATHLETICS

Today a strong contingent of athletes from Hornsby North will compete in the Zone Athletics at Narrabeen Sports Centre. Mr. Howard, Mr Lawrence and Miss Turnell have accompanied the students. We look forward to hearing of their successes and great participation.

YEAR 2 EXCURSION

Some Year 2 students were very busy yesterday, juggling a day at the Sydney Aquarium and the Imax Theatre with J Rock. At the Aquarium the students saw dugongs which was a highlight of the day. Mrs. Corney tells me that they all looked very sophisticated in the 3D glasses which enabled them to enjoy the new movie "Under the Sea". Some tried to catch the sea snakes as it was so realistic!



Maree Sumpton

Principal

Coming Events....

Thu 10 Sep	Joey League
Fri 11 Sep	Honour Assembly
Mon 14 Sep	Gymnastics - 3C, 3W, 5B, 5G, 6B, 6M, 6S Arts North Primary Choral Concert Rehearsal and Performance at the Opera House
Tues 15 Sep	Gymnastics - 3B, 3T, 4P, 4R, 4T, 5H
Wed 16 Sep	K-2 Fun Day Year 4 to Hornsby Council Area Athletics

From the Classroom

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -

Monique (3W), Ae Young (5G), Georgia (1H), Lachlan (KJ), Joshua (5G), Eric (1P), Amy x2 (2G), Laura (2J), Riley (1P), Lucy (KM), Nathan (KA), Oliver (2G), Johanna (4T), Kai (KM), Ran (4P), Wil (2G), Griffin (5B), Sophie (5H), Emma (4P), Hudson (4R), Jason (6B), Oliver (2J), Charlotte (4P), Conor (KA), Ben N. (KJ), Nicholas (5B), Rhys (3T), Tricia (3B), Joshua x2 (6M), Fleur (1P), Shane (KJ), Subyn (1J), Hyuns (2M), Luke (3W) and Jackson (3C).

LIBRARY NEWS -

There are just a few more days to shop at the book fair. It ends on Monday 14th September. OPSM Schools for Sight also ends next week. Please bring in any old glasses so they can be cleaned, repaired and sent to disadvantaged countries. Remember also to forward any money collected to MS Readathon, so that the list of participants from our school can be finalised.

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

KINDERGARTEN NEWS -

News (Week 8) - We saw some animals at the farm that were yellow. Describe your favourite yellow farm animal for us. You can also draw one, or find a picture in a book.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - FIELD EVENTS

This term Hornsby North students have participated in our school and Zone Field Events carnivals. Three school records were broken on the day of our school carnival: David (5H) broke the junior boys high jump record with a jump of 1.25m and the junior boys shot put record with a distance of 7.56m. Bronte (5H) broke the 11 years girls shot put record with a distance of 7m. Congratulations David and Bronte! And congratulations to Phillip House for winning the Field Events Carnival! The first two students in each of the four field events, represented Hornsby North Public School at the Zone Carnival at Foxglove Oval. Our students did very well. In particular, Bronte (5H), Claire (5/6B) and Isabella (6M) will be representing our school at the Area Carnival. Well done to all of our competitors!

JUNIOR SOCCER COMPETITION -

The Year 3 and 4 Soccer Competition has been played during this term, culminating in the grand final last Wednesday. The grand final was a terrific match between Bates and Phillip. Phillip started strongly and led 2-0 at half time. Bates came back in the second half and ended up winning a tense match, 3-2. Congratulations to Bates! The leading goal scorers for the competition were: Alen (4R) - 11 goals, Michael L. (4R) - 10, Liam (4R) - 8 and Christian (4R) - 5.

REP SHIRTS -

Please return washed school rep shirts to school as soon as possible after they have been used. All shirts should be returned to school by the end of next week, apart from children in the school cricket or softball teams.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS FOR YEAR 5 STUDENTS -

Hornsby Girls High School Information session for Year 5 students seeking admission to this Selective High School in 2011. Monday 21 Sept. 9am-11am. Parents and students are asked to meet in the Hall.

North Sydney Girls High School - Open morning on Wednesday 23 September 9.30-11.30am. Address by Principal, performances by students and tours of the school. Please note - there is no parking in the school grounds. Enquiries Mrs Jenni Cooper 9922 6666 ext 104.

Normanhurst Boys High School - Information mornings for Year 7 2011. Two information mornings will be held for those interested in the 2011 Year 7 selective intake - Thursday 1 October and Monday 19 October 9.30-11.00am. For more information phone 9489 1077.

P & C NEWS -

CANTEEN NEWS -

Volunteers: Thu 10 Sep: Julie Campbell, Belinda Greer

Fri 11 Sep: Sue Woolfenden, Linda Muncy, Jacqui Farrow

Mon 14 Sep: Caroline Campbell, Christine Griffith

Tues 15 Sep: Jennifer Gracie, Rebecca Nielsen, Phillipa Somerville

Wed 16 Sep: Kazumi Her, Terumi Vikas

Vicki Stubbings

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS -

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

BAND NEWS -

A Band Newsletter has gone home with each student after rehearsals this week. Please see the office if you didn't get a copy.

There are quite a few stories outlining our talented students successes. Included in this newsletter is a list of our committee positions. We will be asking for volunteers for next year, in particular 2 instrument co-ordinators. We need 2 volunteers to start in Term 4 this year so that our current ladies, Cathie and Jacqui can explain and show the ropes of what is entailed. If you can assist, please contact me. Thank you. Catherine Pedersen, Band Committee President

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE NEWS -

Trivia Night moved to October 24. Information will be coming home regularly on the details and prizes we will have, stay tuned! If you are able to help or donate a prize please contact Lisa 0414 320 742 or Jodi 0414 465 491.

LEGACY WRISTBANDS AND BADGES -

On sale at front office, wristbands \$3, badges \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20 Please support this worthwhile cause.

COMMUNITY NEWS -

Brooklyn Spring Fair - Sunday 13 September - 10am-4pm Great live entertainment all day, stalls, great food, belly dancers, petting zoo, rides for the kids (wristbands for unlimited rides), bbq and more! Crocodile encounters 12 noon, pony pooing 2.30pm, raffle drawn at 3.30pm. Brooklyn Primary School, 106 Brooklyn Road, Brooklyn.

Eco Kids Festival - Sunday 13 September - Australia's first eco festival just for kids!! This is your day to be inspired with music, magic, dancing, singing, face painting, show bags, video games, solar gadgets, worms & spiders, possums & pythons, yummy organic food, arts & crafts, clowns, workshops, tree planting, puppetry, eco-jesters and some of Australia's best children's entertainment including - Dorothy the Dinosaur. Luna Park Big Top 10am to 5pm. More info and tickets www.ecokidsfestival.com.au

Bushland Shire Festival - Sunday 20 September - at Fagan Park, Arcadia Road, Galston from 10am to 4pm. Two live stage shows by Dora the Explorer at 10.30am and 1.30pm, crocodile encounters shows, magic shows and rides. Drop by the petting farm, Manly Oceanworld touch pool and Life Be In It games. Sheep shearing, whip cracking, wood chopping demonstrations, more than 100 food and market stalls, gardening displays and a variety of live demonstrations. Entry to the festival is free, parking on-site for \$5 donation to the SES and RFS. For info. call 9847 6379 or visit www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson.

2009 Kids Proms Storytime - Sunday 20 September 2.00pm and 3.30pm with Ku-ring-gai Philharmonic Orchestra. St Ives Uniting Church, cnr Mona Vale Road and Douglas St, St Ives. MCA Ticketing 1300 306 776 or www.kpo.org.au. Tickets \$10 each or Family of 4 \$36, includes refreshments for the kids and free concert programme.

Hey Mum! Parenting After Separation - Group program provides education about child-focussed parenting after separation. Centacare Waitara Family Centre Monday evenings 7,14,21,28 Sept, 19 and 26 Oct 7pm-9.30pm. For details contact Ros at Centacare on 9488 2531.

Separated Men's Pre-Mediation, Family Law and Services Information Workshop - Saturday 12 September 9.45am-4pm. One day workshop. Free service offered by Centacare. Call Sean on 9488 2523, Greg (Mon & Wed) 9488 2532 or 8969 5100 (Tues & Thurs).

HORNSBY AMATEUR SWIM CLUB

Registration Day - Saturday 12th September 2009

8.00am- 10am at the H.A.S.C Club House, Hornsby Pool.

Come along to find out more about your local swimming club!

Season Starts: 25th September 2009. Freestyle and form strokes, 25m, 50m, 100m, 200m and relay races each week! Come along for a "Guest Swim" and "Test the Waters" free of charge (Pool Entry fee Applies). Bring the whole family and see what you think! The kids will love it for sure!

Club Races/Season: Every Friday Night: 26th September '09 to March '10

Entries Close: 6.45pm (suggested arrival time 6.20pm)

Racing Starts: 7pm

Fees: 1st Swimmer \$85, 2nd Swimmer \$75, 3rd Swimmer \$65

Who to Contact:

For further information or arrange a free "Guest Swim" call: Stuart Ellicott : 0411 883 235 or visit: www.hornsbyswimclub.com or email us at hornsbyswimteam@yahoo.com.au