



# HNPS Newsletter

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## From the Principal...

### KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION PROGRAM

The Kindergarten Orientation Program began yesterday and we were all very excited to see the fresh faced new students who were ready to learn and make friends. Congratulations to the Year 4 buddies who conducted themselves in a refined and caring manner making sure the younger children felt safe and happy. There were very few tears and I believe the parents were extremely impressive too. We look forward to meeting our new students again today and next week.

### BATHURST EXCURSION

On Thursday the Year 5 students and teachers will take part in an educational excursion to the goldfields at Bathurst. I know they will have a wonderful time and behave in a manner which brings credit to Hornsby North. Every year I request a gold nugget from the students and so far the request has not been granted. Maybe this year will be the year. Have a great time everyone!

### ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE DAY

Unfortunately the above program for Year 5 boys is on while Year 5 are at Bathurst. However, Asquith Boys have allocated Thursday November 12 to Hornsby North boys. Students who have completed the forms for November 5 are invited to attend Asquith Boys High on Thursday November 12 at 8.40am. Additional forms are available at the front office for boys who did not complete one because they knew they would be in Bathurst on the designated day. All Year 5 boys are invited to attend on November 12.

### SCOOTERS AND BIKES

A number of students travel to school on bikes and scooters. The RTA states that students from Year 4 onwards are permitted to ride bikes to school. Younger students should definitely be under the supervision of an adult. Students must walk bikes and scooters through the playground. Riding scooters and bikes on the school grounds is prohibited.

### COMMUNITY LOSS

It is with sadness that I inform parents and friends of the passing of Mrs. Julie Cowie. Julie was a young mother of our school community aged just 35, who died suddenly last Wednesday. She is survived by her husband Chris and children Ryan and Tiarne. Tiarne is a lovely little girl in Year 4 who will dearly miss her mother's support and love. I know the entire school community will support the Cowie family and Tiarne as they manage this sad time of their lives. Information regarding Julie's funeral service on Friday November 6 may be obtained from the school office.

### MOBILE PHONES

As a rule students should not bring mobile phones to school. If it is a safety issue students must leave the phone at the front office and collect it at the end of the day. Last week three phones were reported missing and teachers, whilst they are sympathetic to the loss, do not have time to investigate the missing items. Phones are attractive pieces of equipment and children often show them to their friends which can result in "too much" information about where the phone is kept or they simply put it down and walk off to play. Co-operation of students and parents in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

### STUDENT SUCCESSES

Congratulations to Training Band who played at the Galston Eisteddfod last week. The comments from the judges were positive and encouraging. Most importantly Kate, your conductor was extremely pleased with your performance.



Other students gaining success lately include - Tricia (3B) and Shawn (6M) who won the RAMS 2010 Calendar competition. Tricia and Shawn won a \$300 Harvey Norman voucher for themselves as well as one each for the school. Conor (KA) was also successful winning the RAMS slippers.



Tricia



Shawn



Conor



Campbell

Campbell (KJ) came third in the NAIDOC week colouring in competition. Campbell also won a voucher as part of his prize. Well done to all.

### GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS

Group photographs have arrived and are on display in the foyer. Order forms are available from the front office. Orders for these photographs with the correct money, should be made by the closing date, Monday 16 November 2009.

*Maree Sumpton*

Principal

### Coming Events....

Thu 5 Nov	Year 1 Australian Reptile Park Last day for Book Club orders
Thu 5-Fri 6 Nov	Year 5 Bathurst excursion
Mon 9 Nov	Year 6 - Moving into the Teen Years
Tue 10 Nov	K2010 Playgroup
Wed 11 Nov	K2010 Playgroup League Tag Gala Day at Foxglove Oval
Thu 12 Nov	Dance Audition Day Year 5 boys - Asquith Boys High School
Fri 13 Nov	Honour Assembly

## From the Classroom .....

### SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -

Luke (1B), Lauren (1P), Aidan (KJ), Edward (5G), Lachlan (4T), Vanessa (KM), Kole (1M), Jordie (2G), Cooper (5H), Dana (3C), Conor (KG), Katelyn (5H), Tyron (3W), Jason (5G), James (5B), Georgia (1M), Sophie (2G), Astrid (KM), Adam (3T), Amelia (3B), Dylan (5B), Lauren (2J), Claire (5B), Annika (1B), Lucy (2G), Andrew (3C), Connor (3B), Gabi (3C), Subyn (1J), Caitlyn (2C), Cameron (3W) and Jaime (3C).

### LIBRARY NEWS -

Just a reminder that there are only 2 weeks of library borrowing left, after this week. The library will be closed for stock-take. This year as a new initiative I will allow families to borrow a number of books for the Christmas holidays. This can be done after stock-take is completed on 11<sup>th</sup> December. Special arrangements can be made to collect the books in the last week of school, if a parent contacts me either by phone or email.

Central Books are providing books for sale in the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> November. These books are excellent value and would make good Christmas presents.

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

### KINDERGARTEN NEWS -

#### Maths and Literacy Groups for KA, KG and KJ -

The Week 4 arrangements are-

Monday's Maths Groups will start at 10am and finish at recess.

Tuesday's Literacy Groups will be at 12 noon until lunchtime.

Wednesday's Literacy Groups will be at 11.15am until 12 noon.

Thank you so much for your help this year.

### JOIN THE MOVEMBER TEAM!

The men of Hornsby North staff are growing moustaches for Movember this year and we are now looking for recruits to join the team. Movember is about raising much needed funds and awareness for men's health. The more people we get on board, the more awareness and money will be raised and so we are asking you to join the Hornsby North Public School team and grow a moustache as a Mo Bro and help out with raising funds. To join the Movember team go to <http://au.movember.com/register/55718> and follow the steps.

Once registered you'll be sent all the information you need to get donations and get growing as part of the Movember team. We will be doing a whole school activity to assist in raising the funds! Stay tuned for further details in the following weeks.

2009 is Movember's sixth consecutive year. If you are interested in learning more about the work that is being carried out as a result of Movember funds, check out the details at -

<http://au.movemberfoundation.com/research-and-programs>.

Shave day will be Thursday 26th November.

We hope to welcome you to the Movember team.

### PSSA CRICKET -

Both of our sides recorded victories against Turramurra North on Friday. The Juniors won 53-27 while the Seniors won a close match, 33-24. This Friday our opposition is Berowra at Warrina Street Oval. The meeting time is 8:45 am outside the school library and the drivers are: Chin Quan, Stewart, Steedman, Kirk, Claydon, Watt and Gracie.

### PSSA SOFTBALL -

Well done to both softball teams for playing great games last Friday. Unfortunately both teams were defeated by Turramurra North. The Seniors score was 8-3 and the Juniors score was 13-9. Thanks to those wonderful parents who drove and supported the girls last week. Please let Miss Turnell know as soon as possible if you are able to drive this week. We are playing Berowra at Berowra Oval this Friday, Good luck girls!

### BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE -

Our AGM will be held on 24th November 2009. A sausage sizzle will be held at 6.30pm outside the centre for all parents, guardians and caregivers who would like to attend the meeting.

Free childcare and fun activities will be provided during the meeting.

Reminder to all parents to hand in their registration form for next year. No registrations will be accepted, if current accounts are not paid and the \$40 registration and \$100 fee in advance is not paid. The registration forms are due **NO LATER** than the end of November.

### THE FREE RANGE BUTCHER

Now coming weekly on Thursdays!

When: Each week on Thursday from 2.45pm—3.30pm

Where: Inside the schools grounds at the Cawthorne Street gate.

You can order on the website [www.freerangebutcher.com.au](http://www.freerangebutcher.com.au) or buy on the day.

Ongoing special: 1kg Gluten free beef sausages & 1kg Premium Lean Mince for \$18.

### P & C NEWS -

#### FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE NEWS -

Reminder: Warehouse Shopping bus trip orders in by next Wednesday November 11.

#### CANTEEN NEWS -

We still have some ravioli available for \$2.80. Volunteers:

Thu 5 Nov: Catherine Pedersen, Bettina Harris

Fri 6 Nov: Christine Ashton, Gaye Heap, Kim Thomasson, Lucinda Stott

Mon 9 Nov: Caroline Campbell, Christine Griffith

Tues 10 Nov: Mardi Thorley, Phillip Chin Quan

Wed 11 Nov: Heather Cant

VickiStubbings

#### BAND NEWS -

Congratulations to our Training Band students for their very enthusiastic performance at the Galston Eisteddfod last week. You sounded great and did Hornsby North proud. Thank you to their wonderful conductor Kate for leading them. Unfortunately we didn't get a placing but were rewarded with some very encouraging comments from the adjudicators. Keep up the great work guys!

Our Recruitment Day last Friday was a great success with music enthusiasts trying out all the different instruments. A big thank you to Jenny, Denise Whyte, Jacquie Rodgers, Anne Foster and Cathie Schauwecker for giving up their time to make the day run as smoothly as it did. Thank you also to all the CB1 students who helped us during the day. You showed great patience and dedication. To parents of all students who tried out, a Band Handbook went home with your child on Friday. If you are interested in joining, we would ask for the yellow Application Form to be filled out and returned to the P & C box by this Friday, November 6.

To all CB1 students, you have been invited to perform at the St Ives High School Twilight Fair on Saturday November 21. You all did such a great job last year, they want you back!! Performance time will be around 7.00pm. We are waiting on confirmation for the exact time. A note will come home in the next week or so, but in the meantime, please put this date in your diary. 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 -

**Movies under the Stars** - Free Movies in Hornsby Shire. Journey to the Centre of the Earth on Saturday 7 November at Forest Park, Forest Grove, Epping; WALL-E Saturday 14 November at Warrina Street Oval, Warrina Street, Berowra; Bedtime Stories Saturday 21 November at Ruddock Park, Quarter Sessions Road, Westleigh; Bolt Saturday 28 November at Asquith Oval, Mills Avenue, Asquith. All movies start at approx 8pm. Children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. For info call 9847 6739 or visit [www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson/](http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson/)

**Christmas Fair** - Saturday 7th November 9am-2pm. Gifts, fun and food. Come to the Fair, do your Christmas shopping and have a snack while the kids have fun. Food for Sale - morning tea, bbq lunch, yummy cakes, desserts and ice cream. Mt Colah Uniting Church, cnr Amaroo Ave & Pacific Highway, Mount Colah.

**Norwood Community Preschool** - is turning 50! Saturday 14 November 10am-2pm. Come join the fun and celebrations at their Family Fun Day. Entry Fee Donation \$2 per person. 2A Chelmsford Road, Asquith.

**Asquith Girls High School** - 20 November 2009. Asquith Girls is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2009. There will be a formal dinner on the evening of Friday 20 November 2009 and a family Open Day on Sunday 22 November 2009. For more information visit [www.aghs.nsw.edu.au](http://www.aghs.nsw.edu.au) or contact C. Davis on 9477 6411.

**Arcadia Public School Markets** - Saturday 21 November 8am-3pm. Fashion, food, wine tasting, art, accessories, plants, gifts, craft, jewellery, homewares, furniture, books and lots more. For information visit [www.arcadiaschool.com.au](http://www.arcadiaschool.com.au)