From the Principal...

It was wonderful to see so many new faces at the P&C Meeting on Monday night. Please be reassured that the time-frame was long because the meeting consisted of an Annual General Meeting and a monthly Meeting. We hope to see you all at the next Meeting on Monday, 18 March at 7.30pm.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
A Parent Teacher Information Evening will be held next Tuesday, 19 February. The timetable is as follows:-

5.00pm—5.30pm Year 3 in Classrooms
5.30pm—6.00pm Year 4 in Classrooms
6.00pm—6.30pm Kindergarten in Classrooms
6.30pm—7.00pm Year 1 in Classrooms
7.00pm—7.30pm Year 2 in Classrooms
7.00pm—7.30pm Year 5 in Classrooms
7.00pm—7.30pm Year 6 in Library
7.30pm—8.00pm Year 5 in Library
7.30pm—8.00pm Year 6 in Classrooms

This evening is an important event in the school calendar year as it sets the tone and expectations for the year. Teachers will detail class routines, extra curricula lessons, homework procedures and communication between school and home. The scheduled time for each class is 30 minutes and parents are reminded that this time is not a time for discussion regarding individual students. A separate time should be arranged with the teacher to discuss individual student needs. Teachers are always willing to talk to parents but unless it is an emergency or a short message, parents are requested to arrange an appointment. Teachers are extremely busy before school preparing for the day’s lessons, but if they have prior warning, this preparation can be done at a different time.

SAFETY IN AND AROUND THE SCHOOL
Parents and caregivers are reminded of safe road practices in the school grounds and on the surrounding streets. The following points are brought to your attention:-

• Parents and caregivers should not enter the school car park after 7.45am, or before 4.00pm.
• The speed limit in the school car park is 8km per hour.
• The Kiss and Drop Zone works efficiently if the surname of the family is displayed clearly on the front windscreen of the vehicle. The office can make a sign for you.
• Drivers are not permitted to stay in the Kiss and Drop Zone for more than 2 minutes, so please do not arrive at 2.30pm waiting for the 3.10pm bell. You will be fined by the Police or the Council Ranger.
• Parents of students in 4R are asked to continue using the Kiss and Drop Zone rather than switching to Ida Street, because the classroom is near the front gate. The students can walk across the playgrounds.
• Ida Street is a narrow street and if possible, parents are asked to park a little further away and allow the children to walk the short distance to school. This particularly applies to older students.
• Parking across driveways in any street is not acceptable. It stops the resident leaving their home, and in some cases this can be extremely serious.

AUTUMN FAIR
The annual Autumn Fair is fast approaching. It will be held on Saturday, 16 March, a little over four weeks away. I thank the P&C Fund Raising Committee for their many hours of preparation and I am told there are many more to come. Please respond to requests to help if you can, as it is a wonderful community day for families. The children are extremely enthusiastic about the event and many Year 7 students have told me that they are looking forward to returning to their Primary School for this special day.

Further communication will follow during the coming weeks. A Fund Raising Meeting will be held tonight! ALL WELCOME. A mufti day to assist with the collection of Autumn Fair goods has been scheduled for Thursday, 21 February. A separate note will be sent home tomorrow after the Fund Raising Meeting with more details.

AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION
A number of parents remain in the school playground after school for a social chat. Parents are reminded that the supervision of their children, pre-schoolers and school age children is their responsibility. Teachers are particularly concerned about the students using the play equipment without any supervision. The 3-6 play equipment is not designed for K-2 students. At school the children use the equipment safely because they follow the rules given to them by class teachers and the supervising teacher on the playground. Parents need to be aware of these guidelines.

STUDENT SUCCESSES


As well as playing mixed cricket for Hornsby Heights U10s, Lucie V. (5/6B), also belongs to Gordon Women’s Cricket Club, part of the NSGCA (Northern Sydney Girls Cricket Association). Recently selected for the NSGCA Rep Team, Lucie participated in the Regional Mollie Dive U13 Representative Cricket Competition. Lucie’s team won all their games, but the final game was unfortunately rained out. The girls will be presented with medals at the SG Ladies’ Stand in early March. At 10 years old, Lucie has also been nominated for selection to the Cricket NSW Female Academy, which is normally open to U13s. We wish her all the best, as the Academy is the first step in the pathway to playing cricket for NSW.

SCHOOL WEBSITE
The school website is undergoing a change. Please be patient, as not all pages from the old site have been uploaded.

Principal

Coming Events....

Wednesday 13 February
Fund Raising Committee Meeting
7.30pm in Library

Tuesday 19 February
Parent/Teacher Evening 5.00-8.00pm

Wednesday 21 February
Mufti Day to assist Autumn Fair

Friday 22 February
Prefect Induction Assembly,
Life Education K–4

Wednesday 6 March
Zone Swimming Carnival at Gosford

MUSIC & MOVEMENT GROUP - Music and Movement is starting this Friday, 15 February at lunch time. This is open to all students in Years 1 and 2, who love to sing, dance and have fun! The Music and Movement Group performs at a variety of events throughout the year. We ask that all children interested in joining are committed to coming every Friday lunch to ensure that everyone knows the songs and actions. If you have any questions, please see the Music and Movement Teachers; Miss Kimbley (1K) and Mrs McGill (1M). Thank you.

CALLING ALL STRING PLAYERS - If there are any students in Years 3—6 who play the violin, viola or cello and would like to join the String Ensemble, please see Miss Butterworth in her classroom (1B) after school on Friday or next Tuesday.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS - Our Kindergarten students for 2013 have made the transition to “big school” extremely smoothly, and are doing very well. If there are any students in Years 3—6 who play the violin, viola or cello and would like to join the String Ensemble, please see Miss Butterworth in her classroom (1B) after school on Friday or next Tuesday.

TERM 1 NEWS Topic Week 4: Talk about or bring in an ant, an apple or an alligator. You might like to find a picture of them on the computer, or in a book. Thank you, Sharon Gates.

PSSA CRICKET - The PSSA Cricket competition begins this Friday and our opponents are Berowra P.S. at Warrina Street Oval. The meeting time is 8:45am outside the library and the drivers are: Stevens, Curtis, Paisley, Simpson, Lee, Nadanapatham and Onslow. Thank you, Michael Howard.

PSSA SOFTBALL/T-BALL - Permission notes have gone home and should have been returned to the school by now. The PSSA competition commences this Friday against Berowra P.S. at Berowra Oval. The meeting time is 8.45am outside the library. Thank you, Fiona Gleeson.

BAND NEWS - Our first week of rehearsals has commenced. All rehearsals are in the Hall and the times are as follows: 
Training Band : Friday mornings 7:45am.
Intermediate Band : Monday mornings 7:45am and Wednesday afternoons 3:15-4:15pm.
Senior Band : Tuesday mornings 7:45am and Thursday afternoon 3:15-4:15pm.

Tutorials are beginning next week, and you should all have your times allocated. If you don’t, please contact me ASAP.

P & C NEWS - Thank you to all the Yr 1 parents who catered for and came along to welcome the new parents at the Morning Tea last Thursday! It was a great success. A special thanks to the newly opened Honing’s Bakery in Hornsby for their generous donation of yummy flans!

Are you interested in becoming a 2013 Class Parent? To register or find out more info email Alexi, alexandra@themustardfactory.com.au thanks to those who have already nominated themselves!

The P&C Facebook page is now LIVE! To join us and get updates on P&C events, simply search for “Hornsby North Public School P&C Association” and like us. You will also have to agree to our Code of Conduct. Contact Alexi for more info. Thank you.

CANTEEN NEWS -
Volunteers: Thursday 14 February: Debra Murphy, Belinda Greer.
Friday 15 February: Helen Whua, Melinda Low, Sheanagh Hutt, Yehong Wang.
Monday 18 February: Jenny Flood, Susan Dai.
Tuesday 19 February: Deb Nicklin, Mantta Nair.
Wednesday 20 February: Kazumi Her, Maki Stevens, Yuka Fujita.

Thank you, Vicki Stubbings, Canteen Manager.

COMMUNITY NEWS -
STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL 2013 - Stewart House bags have been sent home for K—4. Bags for Years 5 & 6 will go home as soon as we receive more bags. Please return filled bags to the office opposite the KG/KA classrooms, by Wednesday, 6 March, 2013. This collection constitutes an important part of the annual income for Stewart House. Thank you for your help.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS -
Asquith Boys High School: The Open Night for ABHS will be held Tuesday, 5 March 2013 from 6.30pm. Come and hear about our exciting and innovative programs designed specifically for the needs of boys. Principal’s address at 7.00pm followed by tours of the school and faculty displays. The 2014 Enrichment Class Examination will be held on Saturday, 9 March, 2013. Entrance into this class for academically gifted students is based on the results of a placement test. For an application package go to the website: www.asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.edu.au. Applications close Thursday, 28 February, 2013.

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LOST PROPERTY HELD AT OFFICE

- Boys 'space walk' watch 2012.
- Boys watch with soccer balls on blue band 2012.
- Boys watch with basketballs on blue band 2012.
- Small key with black top (KRY-G) 26/11/12.
- Blue and grey bracelet 2012.
- Wide tortoiseshell head band 2013.
- Pink children's sunglasses 2012.
- Brown 'Billabong' wallet 2012.
- Ladies brown sunglasses left in Library.
- 1 pink stud found at Canteen.
- Boys 'space walk' watch 2012.
- 1 st stirring silver hoop earring.
- Small silver ring with bow-shaped stone.

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SKATEBOARDING WORKSHOPS -
Hornsby Shire Council and Skateboarding Australia have got together to bring you seven free skateboarding workshops this year! Skateboarding Australia will run their new Hubs Program, which introduces young people to the sport and improves the skills of those who already take part. The workshops will be held 10.00am to midday on the following dates:

Sunday 24 February  Berowra Skate Park
Sunday 17 March   Thornleigh Skate Park
Sunday 31 March   Galston Skate Park
Sunday 7 April     Berowra Skate Park
Sunday 26 May     Galston Skate Park
Sunday 23 June     Thornleigh Skate Park

The program is free and no bookings are taken. Registrations are taken on the day. Participants under 18 will need to have a parent or guardian to sign the registration form. All participants need to wear a helmet. For further information please contact Kim Harris on 9847 6531 or visit our website www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au.

MOVIES UNDER THE STARS -
Pack a picnic and get along to Council’s Movies Under the Stars this Saturday, 16 February at Asquith Oval, Mills Avenue, Asquith—“Chitty Chitty Bang Bang”. Movie starts at approx. 8.15pm. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. This an alcohol-free event.

CHILD AND FAMILY TEAM (CAFT) HORNSBY KU-RING-GAI SEMINAR FOR PARENTS—TERM 1 2013 -
Thursday, 14 March, 2013, 11.30am to 1.30pm.
Parenting Anxious Children. A Seminar for parents of children aged 4 -10 years discussing:- The nature of anxiety and the different ways it may present in children, risk factors and potential implications for parents and children, as well as identification of practical strategies and resources to assist. The Seminar will be at Hillview Community Health Centre, 1334 Pacific Highway, Turramurra. (Entry via Boyd Avenue). To confirm your place, please call CAFT on 9477 9190. Registration is essential as groups fill quickly.

BABY SITTER AVAILABLE -
Rachel-Anne O’Brien past student of HNPS, currently Senior Prefect at Asquith Girls High. Responsible, kind, fun, mature and has a First Aid Certificate. I am available for babysitting Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons and evenings. Please contact: H: (02) 94777478 M: 0437649347.

Northern Sydney Local Health District PARENTING PROGRAMS
Communicating with Kids Course (based on PET) (4-12yrs)
Communication skills for building effective long term relationships with your children & family
Chatswood 6 wks/2.5hrs (5/3—9/4, 7.00-9.30pm).
Aims to increase your understanding of your adolescent’s needs & behaviour with skills to relate to them.
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Enquiries: 9887 5830

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to one of our international students arriving in July 2013. Our students from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands and South America are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon. Find out more! Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved.
Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.
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Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: info@wep.org.au
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No Stopping
- Stopping is not permitted at any time

Bus Zone
- Stopping is not permitted during the times shown on the sign

Double Parking
- Drivers are not permitted to stop or park between the centre of the road and another vehicle that is parked at the side of the road.