From the Principal...

SWIMMING CARNIVAL -
Our annual school swimming carnival was held last Tuesday night at Epping Aquatic Centre. We had just over 100 students competing and there were countless examples of courage, personal bests, good sportsmanship and excellent competition. Five school records were broken on the night – three by Christina K. (5B) and two by Jo S. (6P). Christina broke records in: 11 years Freestyle by over 3 seconds, 11 years Breaststroke by over 2 seconds and the 11 years Butterfly by a staggering 8.43 seconds! These records had been standing for 27, 20 and 3 years respectively. Jo’s records were in: 12/13 years Freestyle by 0.1 of a second and the 12/13 years Breaststroke by over 2 seconds. These records had been held for 2 and 5 years respectively. Well done Christina and Jo!

Congratulations to all of the children who competed, and to Phillip house on winning the overall points score. Thank you to all of the teachers, office staff and parents who gave up their time to help the carnival run smoothly. The results of the carnival (top 3 in each event plus their times) can be found on our school website.

The Zone swimming carnival will be held on 6 March at Gosford Olympic Pool. The top 3 swimmers in 50m Freestyle and the top 2 for every other event, qualify for Zone, if they swim faster than the time criteria. Permission notes, including money for the bus and entry, must be returned by next Wednesday.

STUDENT INFORMATION CARDS -
The school is required to update student information every twelve months. Today, new student information cards accompany this Newsletter and I ask all parents to complete these cards. My apologies to parents of Kindergarten students and new students who completed a card late last year or early this year. However, the new cards require some additional information, in particular, information about allergies and medical conditions. Parents are reminded that it is their responsibility to notify the school of medical conditions such as asthma and allergies to food and substances. A medical plan for asthma and anaphylactic reactions must be obtained from the child’s doctor, completed, signed by the doctor and returned to school. It is imperative that the form explain what the response should be if a child suffers an asthma attack or an anaphylactic reaction.

Please take the time to complete the new student information cards and return them to your child’s class teacher, and I apologise once again for any inconvenience. It is an updated version.

PARENT / TEACHER EVENING -
Thank you to parents and caregivers who visited their child’s classroom last night to meet and greet the teacher and to gain information about class and grade routines, aims and expectations for 2013. It was wonderful to walk around to the rooms and feel the positive vibes from parents, teachers and the students who waited patiently in the playground. The staff and I value the partnership with parents and remind parents that communication is vital in this important phase of your child’s development. I take this opportunity to thank my dedicated teachers for their time and commitment last night.

SAFETY AGAIN -
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The Officer states that 90% of parents obey the rules and act in a responsible manner. However, for the 10% who do not and continue to endanger the lives of our children and others, the consequences for the entire school community is extremely disappointing. We, the P&C and staff worked so hard to have the Kiss and Drop Zone installed and now it may be removed. I quote from the letter received from Council—“The NSW Police Kuring-gai LAC support Council removing the No-Parking pick up zone from Cawthorne Street during the afternoon period”.

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- Parking across driveways is a fine.

As I have stated before, school does not finish until 3.10pm. There is absolutely no point in waiting in the Kiss and Drop Zone at 2.30pm. You are breaking the law. If Galston Road is blocked, wait in another street or area, maybe Refoe Park car park until the traffic moves and then come down. I apologise for continuing to “nag” parents about this issue, but the complaints came thick and fast to me, Council, the Police and to the Local Member. All I can do is beg, plead, call upon people’s sense of fairness and consideration. Continued abuse of this system will result in loss of the Zone.

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Marcie Sympton
Principal

HNPS Newsletter

20 February 2013

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Coming Events-----
Thursday 21 February  
Mufti Day / Ku-ring-gai H.S. School Tour 9.30am.
Friday 22 February  
Prefect Induction Assembly.
Fri. 22 Feb—Wed. 6 March  
Life Education K—4.  
5 St Ives H.S. Open Afternoon 4-7pm / 
Turramurra H.S. Open Afternoon 4-6.45pm
From the Classroom ..................


KINDERGARTEN NEWS -
Term 1 News Topic Week 5:
Bring in a picture of a monkey, a monster or a motorbike.
Thank you, Sharon Gates.

PSSA CRICKET -
The competition began on Friday and our teams started with impressive victories over Berowra. Our Juniors batted well to reach a score of 117 from 12 overs, thanks mainly to a 52-run partnership from 2 overs between Max S. (4M) and Patrick L. (4M). Our bowling and fielding was excellent, restricting Berowra to 39 runs. Jack S. (3G) (1/0), David C. (3B) (1/1), Jackson R. (3B) (0/0), Seth M. (3B) (2/5), Ben H. (3B) (1/2) and Max S. (4M) (0/1) were out best bowlers. Our Seniors also batted first and reached a score of 89 runs from their 12 overs, with everyone contributing, and Rohan R. (5B) and Jo S. (6P) with some big-hitting towards the end. We then bowled and fielded quite well to keep Berowra to just 35 runs. This Friday our opponents are Hornsby South Public School at Montview Oval. The meeting time outside the library is 8:55am and the drivers are: Stevens, Paisley, Curtis, Beasley, Nadanapatham, Watson and Schauwecker. Thank you, Michael Howard.

CRICKET—STATE KNOCKOUT -
Our first round match of the NSW PSSA State Knockout will be played on Tuesday morning against West Pennant Hills Public School at their school. The meeting time outside our school library is 8:40am sharp and the drivers are: Stevens, Paisley, Curtis, Beasley, Nadanapatham, Watson and Schauwecker. Thank you, Michael Howard.

PSSA SOFTBALL/T-BALL -
The Summer PSSA competition started last Friday and our girl's Softball and T-ball teams met their first competitors, Berowra P.S. The girls in both games fought hard and had some exciting plays. Unfortunately, both teams experienced a loss this week with the Softball team going down 8-4 and the T-ballers 13-8. They all did a fabulous job - especially seeing as a lot of girls were playing their first ever game! I know with further training on the technicalities of the game, we will definitely see some wins coming our way. Our opposition this Friday is Hornsby South Public School. The meeting time is 8.50am outside the library. We are playing at Rofe Park, therefore we will not require drivers this week. Thank you, Fiona Gleeson.

BAND NEWS -
Tutorials have begun this week. If you are unsure of your tutorial times please contact Anna Broady for Brass/Percussion and Sophie Dyson for Woodwind. Their contact details are on the Band Committee list. Senior Band have been asked to play at the Teddy Bear's Picnic at Lisgar Gardens on the Sunday 10 March; a note regarding this will go home early next week.
Workshop Day permission notes are going out this week (you will receive them by Wednesday) and they are due back by this Friday 22 February. Band Invoices have been sent out. We would encourage everyone to pay by the due date to ensure you make good use of the discounts available. Please don't hesitate to contact our Band Treasurer, Mary O'Brien 0439 777 332 if you have any problems. If you have any issues with Band or need to return instruments please contact those responsible on your Band Committee list, not the front office. Thank you. Sharon Schweisfurth, Band Committee

P & C NEWS -
CANTEEN NEWS -
Volunteers:
Thursday 21 February: Luna Hrastnik, Yuki Tatsuta, Jan Bostelman.

Friday 22 February: Katrina Humphreys, Anna Landgren, Emma Smith, Yihang Wang.
Monday 25 February: Sandra Hughes, Susan Dai.
Tuesday 26 February: To Be Advised.
Wednesday 27 February: Lucy Bal, Sharyn Seery, Estrella.
Thank you, Vicki Stubbings, Canteen Manager.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS -
The Uniform Shop is open 8.30am - 9.30am on Thursday and Friday. If you are unable to attend the shop, please place orders in the P&C Box with payment (Cash/Cheque/Credit Card) and I will complete and forward to classrooms on Thursday and Friday. A Uniform List and Credit Card Slip can be found on the school website. Boys Navy Blue socks are now in stock at a cost of $4 a pair.

SCHOOL BANKING -
School Banking will re-commence next Wednesday, 27 February. Looking forward to a great year of banking.

COMMUNITY NEWS -
STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL 2013 -
Stewart House Bags went home last week. 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. You may be interested to know that in 2012 they received $19,352.50 from their collections. Thank you for your help.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS -
St Ives High School:
The school will be holding an Open Afternoon on Tuesday, 26 February, 2013, 4.00-7.00pm. Come and join us as our school swings into action for you to see the diverse programs and opportunities for your child.
The Assessment Test for our 2014 Year 7 Gifted & Talented class will be held on Friday, 22 March, 2013. It is important to note that the deadline for receipt of applications is Wednesday, 13 March, 2013. Application Forms are available from the school website: www.sihs.nsw.edu.au or from the HNPS office. Please phone 9144 1689 for further information.

Ku-Ring-Gai Creative Arts High School:
School Tour—Meet the Principal on Thursday 21 February at 9.30am or Thursday 21 March at 9.30am.
See the school at work during our normal school day. Please register your interest by contacting the school by phone or email. Phone: 9144 3477, Email: zuringgai-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

LOST PROPERTY HELD AT OFFICE
- Small key with black top (KRY-G) 26/11/12.
- Blue and grey bracelet 2012.
- Wide tortoiseshell head band 2013.
- Brown "Billabong" wallet 2012.
- 1 pink stud found at Canteen.
- Blue & white "Robbie Barsman" cap 2013.
- 1 Stirling silver hoop earring.
- Small silver ring with bow-shaped stone.
- Adult blue "Robbie Barsman" cap 2013.
- Blue metal Kiwi 15/2/13.
- Adult blue "Replay" prescription glasses 6/2/13.
- Rubber NRMA Mechanic usb 15/2/13.
- Blue metal Kiwi 15/2/13.
- "I Love Australia" cloth purse 18/2/13.
- Narrow headband with pink stones 19/2/13.

FROM THE CLASSROOM
Turramurra High School:
There will be an Open Afternoon on Tuesday, 26 February 2013, 4:00pm to 6:45pm. Let our students show you the rich variety of opportunities available at our high achieving school.
Year 6 students have the opportunity to sit the Placement Test for our Year 7 Gifted and Talented Class for 2014 on Friday 8 March 2013, 9:30am to 2:00pm in the school’s Multi-Purpose Centre.
Please note: There will be only one test date and pre-registration is required. A test place cannot be guaranteed if you attempt to register on the day. For further information and application form: www.turramurra-h.schools.nsw.edu.au. Turramurra High School has developed and implemented highly successful programs and options for gifted and talented students.
Principal: Ms Stephanie McConnell
Telephone: 9449 4233 Fax: 9983 9332
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, 23 February, 2013. "Mary Poppins", Forest Park, Forest Grove, Epping. 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.
DON'T FORGET TO LABEL YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS -
You can:
◊ Use a permanent laundry marker to label clothes, hats and shoes, or sew or iron on personalised labels.
◊ Go through your child's bag with them each night.
◊ Check that labels haven't faded with washing.
◊ If something doesn't come home, ask at the office where your school's lost property area is.

Your friendly local police now have their own facebook page. Please 'like' the page at the following address: www.facebook.com/KuringGaiLAC.
Thank you.

Five reasons to follow Kuring Gai Local Area Command (which includes both Hornsby & Ku-ring-gai Council areas):
Find out about crimes in your area;
Get emergency alerts and warnings;
Help police solve and prevent crime;
Ask police for advice or assistance;
Attend eyewatch meetings.

CHILDREN’s Meditation, Relaxation & Yoga Half Day Saturday 2nd March 9:30am – 12pm
Children will learn: *how to use breath for calming • muscle relaxation (great to help with sleep) • simple yoga poses • creative activities to build confidence & understand emotions
2 Marina Close, Mt Kuringai
visit www.movingbodiescentre.com.au or call 9940 5240.
Northern Sydney Local Health District

PARENTING PROGRAMS
Strategies to accept & express feelings, develop optimistic thinking & coping skills

Chatswood (14/3 7.00-9.30pm).
Learn how to restore a respectful & positive relationship between you & your teenager.
Chatswood (6/3 7.00-9.30pm).

Enquiries: 9887 5830

Asquith Girls High School
Proudly developing young women as independent, responsible learners and leaders for cooperative citizenship

Asquith Girls High School is offering places in its Year 7 Enrichment Class for 2014. Entrance into this class, for academically gifted students, is based on the results of a placement test. The enrichment class placement test will be held on Saturday 9th March 2013. Please ring Christine Davis on 9477 6411 for an information package and to secure a place for your daughter in this examination

www.asquithghr-schools.nsw.edu.au

NAB AFL AUSKICK
Hornsby Come & Try NAB AFL Auskick Program. Rofe Park, Hornsby Heights.
Wednesday, 20th Feb.-20th March, 2013; 3.30-4.30pm. $45.00 includes 5 week Auskick Program; Fully trained and qualified coaches; AFL Auskick pack, including footy, cap, water bottle, pump, cards and much more.
Enquiries: chris.beachley@aflnswact.com.au or call Chris on 0415 751 576.