From the Principal...  

THANK YOU -
Thank you to parents and caregivers who worked co-operatively with the teachers this week on the Kiss and Drop Zones. I know the introduction of the Zone in Old Berowra Road has changed arrangements for some parents. I encourage all to use the Zone rather than calling children across the road to the area marked NO PARKING or asking children to walk up or down the road to meet them. Reports from Mrs Hall indicate that the Cawthorne Street Zone was much smoother and that cars were not banked up on Galston Road. As a school community we have all worked hard to ensure the safety of our children and I thank everyone for their patience and understanding. Please continue to remind people who “forget” the rules about the combined responsibility we have for our children. Both Zones were completely clear by 3.25pm on Monday and Tuesday. Please ask the Office to make a family name sign, if you do not already have one.

STUDENT SUCCESS -
Congratulations to Maddie F. (3G) on her outstanding success on Sunday in the Evolution Martial Arts Competition. Maddie received a gold medal in the Green to Purple Belt category for 8 year olds. Also, Brodie W. (2K) recently competed at the State Multi-Event Championships in Orange. He competed in 6 Track and Field Athletics events against 31 boys from across NSW and placed 5th overall coming 1st in Shot Put. Well done Brodie.

INTERIM REPORTS -
Mid Term Reports will be sent home this Friday for all students in Years 1–6. Best Start Reports for all Kindergarten students will also be sent home on Friday. Parents and caregivers are advised that the communication in the Years 1–6 Reports is intended to give parents a snap shot of their child’s progress and attitude towards learning during the first half of the Term. Do not hesitate to contact the classroom teacher if you have any concerns after receiving this Report. Please make an appointment with the teacher so that the discussion is beneficial to all concerned. Quick comments and questions on the run can lead to misunderstandings and misinformation.

BAND WORKSHOP DAY -
The Band Workshop Day, last Sunday was an outstanding success thanks to the wonderful organization of Sharon Schweisfurth, and the Band Committee. Special thanks to Jacqui Taylor who organized the Tutors for the day. It is always heartening to see the development and progress a sustained period of tutoring and practice makes.
Congratulations to all Bands on their performances at the afternoon concert. Thank you to parents who support their children in the program, by transporting them to tutorials, rehearsals and performances, encouraging and supervising practice of the musical pieces and not the least, paying Band and instrument hiring fees! Special thanks to my wonderful staff members, Mrs Anne Moyes, Mrs Michelle Beencke and Miss Calise Butterworth for their continued support of the Band Program and for attending the Workshop on a Sunday.

AUTUMN FAIR -
The Autumn Fair is fast approaching. A number of flyers will be sent home today. Please take the time to read them all, as they are very informative and show the high level of organization that has taken place with Lynne Slevin and her Fund Raising Committee. I am receiving numerous comments particularly from Kindergarten students, informing me that I am going to “be wet”…. “very wet”!

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER -
Please don’t forget to view a full version of the Newsletter on the school’s website.

Maree Sampson  
Principal
From the Classroom ..................


KINDERGARTEN NEWS -
Term 1 News Topic Week 7:

Draw a picture using your textas, draw a picture of your favourite toy.
Thank you, Sharon Gates.

LIBRARY NEWS -
The Library is open each day for half an hour before and after school. Parents are welcome to borrow and read with students at this time. (Closed - Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning, for Staff Meetings). The Premier’s Reading Challenge site is now active. Please enter books as soon as possible. There is an information session for new parents on Thursday this week at 3:15pm and again next Monday. Please go to the Library page on the school website for other information about the Reading Challenge. Look at the Library blog for other library activities. If there is anyone who could spend some time in the Library covering books at any time, please let me know. Just half an hour at a time would help. Thank you. Helen Stevens, Teacher Librarian. Helen.Stevens@det.nsw.edu.au

PSSA CRICKET -

Last Friday’s matches were called off due to the rain. This week we play against Turramurra North at Cliff Oval. The meeting time outside the Library is 8:40am and the drivers are: Stevens, Paisley, Beasley, Curtis, Nadanapatham, Onslow, Watson and Schauwecker. Thank you, Michael Howard.

CRICKET—STATE KNOCKOUT -

Our Senior Cricket team is playing against Normanhurst West Public School in the second round of the NSW/PSSA State Knockout on Monday, 11 March. The meeting time outside the Library is 8:40am and the drivers are: Supple, Paisley, Morgan and Beasley.

PSSA SOFTBALL/T-BALL -

As with the Cricket, our games were a washout last week. This week our opponents are Turramurra North at Cliff Oval. The meeting time is 8:40am outside the Library. Our drivers for this week are Waldock, Brown, Watt, Judge, Thomasson, Johnstone and Marsden. Thank you, Fiona Gleeson.

P & C NEWS -

GROUNDS COMMITTEE -

Calling all green thumbs for our first Working Bee for 2013! Please come along this Sunday from 1.00pm - 5.00pm and join us in beautifying our grounds for the School Fair. 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.

St Tves High School:
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.silhs.nsw.edu.au or from the HNP5 office. Please phone 9144 1689 for further information.

BAND NEWS -

The Band Workshop Day was held last Sunday. After the day of tutorials and intensive rehearsals, all our bands sounded fantastic at their concert. I would like to thank everyone who helped out on the day, especially Jacqui Taylor and Liz Hiscott who co-ordinated the day and a special thank you to Catherine Pedersen who looked after the food side of things.

Senior Band are playing at the Teddy Bear’s Picnic this Sunday at 11:30am. We will know by 10:00am on Sunday if the event will be cancelled due to weather.

All our Bands will be playing at the School Fair on Saturday 16 March. A note will be going home later this week, with details of times and where to meet. Thank you. Sharon Schweisfurth, Band Committee.

CANTENE NEWS -
Please return your Harmony Day pre-orders as soon as possible.

Volunteers:
Thursday 7 March: Christina Martin, Pip Bostanci.
Friday 8 March: Sue Walters, Jennifer Martin, Dilek Jolliffe, Linda Muncey.
Monday 11 March: Leanne Franks, Lisa Dunne.
Tuesday 12 March: Toshiko Shimizu, Eva Austin.
Wednesday 13 March: Yun Li, Nathalie Gits.
Thank you, Vicki Stubbings, Canteen Manager.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS -

Winter uniforms have arrived. All boys and girls Winter uniforms are available. Changeover to Winter uniform is Monday, 13 May (third week back in Term 2). If you don’t have a jacket or jumper yet, it would be advised to come in and purchase one so your child can wear it just in case there is a sudden cold day. Orders with payment can be placed in the P&C box and will be filled on Thursday and Friday. Boys Navy Blue socks are now in stock at a cost of $4.00 a pair. Thank you, Kim Urbania.

COMMUNITY NEWS -

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS -
Selective High School Placement Test Year 7 2014:
Applicants for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2014 are required to take the Selective High School Placement Test, to be held from 9:00am to 1:15pm on Thursday, 14 March, 2013. The test centre for students from your school is:-

Asquith Boys High School
Jersey Street
ASQUITH NSW 2077

Turramurra High 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.

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LOST PROPERTY HELD AT OFFICE

• Blue & white “Robbie Barsman” cap 2013.
• Adult blue “Replay” prescription glasses 6/2/13.
• “I Love Australia” cloth purse 18/2/13.
• Narrow headband with pink stones 19/2/13.
• Size 10 red girl’s t-shirt found near front gate 25/2/13.
• Children’s black sunglasses with stars on them.
• Block & orange prescription glasses left in Library 4/3/13.
• 2 usb’s—1 black with blue ribbon & 1 blue Verbatim 4/3/13.
• Size 8 girl’s pink velour jacket.
CULTURAL FUN DAY OUT -
The Hornsby Greek Festival invites members of the community to explore Greek culture, music, dancing and delicious food in a family friendly atmosphere. Loads of entertainment including dodgem cars, Camel rides, and jumping castles. Everyone welcome!
Where: Greenway Park, Shepherds Drive Cherrybrook.
When: Sunday 10 March - 11.00am to 7.00pm.
Free Admission.

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

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.

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BEDWETTING
A new DVD based program, Bedwetting Cured, has been developed by Dr Mark Condon, and Physiotherapist, Margaret O’Donovan. It outlines a successful program for parents to implement at home with their children. For more information and a free Bedwetting Fact Sheet please visit the website:
www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au
or phone 1300 135 796
Asquith Girls High School

Proudly developing young women as independent, responsible learners and leaders for cooperative citizenship

2014 Enrichment Class Examination
Saturday 9th March 2013
Ph. 9477 6411

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

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