From the Principal…

Congratulations to the following students who received Silver and Gold medals last Friday ... Claudia M. (4D), Andrew B. (5B), Subyn K. (5B), Maddison L. (5H), Georgie M. (5G), Luke N. (5G), Hyo S. (5G), Kyle T. (5F), Jackson M. (6W), Jo S. (6P), Bjorn T. (6W), Emily D. (5G), Sophie T. (6W) and Darcy W. (6K). The above mentioned students are worthy recipients of these medals as they have shown strong commitment to school activities and display loyalty and respect to their school and its members. Congratulations Silver and Gold medal winners. Photos appear further in this Newsletter.

EASTER WEEKEND -

Parents and students are reminded that the Easter long weekend begins this Friday. School finishes on Thursday, 28 March and students DO NOT return until Wednesday, 3 April. Tuesday, 2 April is a School Development Day and the school is not open for student classes. I hope everyone has an enjoyable break, relaxing and spending time with their family and friends.

EASTER HAT PARADE -
The Easter Hat Parade is being held as this Newsletter goes to print. The Easter Bunny looks particularly fetching as do the girls and boys with their colourful costumes, hats and Easter baskets. A full report will appear in next week’s Newsletter.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS -

As communicated earlier this Term, Parent/Teacher interviews will be held in Week 2 of next Term. Details of times and booking procedures will be sent out in Week 11 of this Term. Some teachers report that interviews are being requested for the next two weeks. Unless the matter is urgent, I ask parents to wait until the scheduled time next Term, as the final weeks of this Term are extremely busy ones for teachers.

SCRIPTURE ASSEMBLY -
The Scripture Assembly will be held tomorrow at 9.30am. Parents who do not wish their children to attend this event should contact the Class Teacher.

HARMONY DAY -

Harmony Day at Hornsby North last Wednesday was another day of celebrating the many cultural differences that exist in our school. The day began with a colourful Parade of Flags against a background of spectacular costumes, which featured bright colours, gold trimmings and jewels of many hues and sizes. The staff and I are working on an Australian costume which equals the beauty of the paraded ones last week. At the 3-6 Assembly, the children were privileged to hear Jenny Teo, a speaker who was an Australian Ambassador for Harmony Day appointed by the Federal Government. Jenny spoke about the values that are part of our school ethos, those values being respect for each other, for yourself, for your parents and for your teachers. She also spoke to the children about the value of education and of the importance of gaining the best educational outcomes possible. Jenny told the audience that “education is something you never lose, it can never be taken away from you and it will always be a part of you”.

Harmony Day celebrated our differences. It is these differences that make us strong and ready to take on challenges.

LOST PROPERTY -

Parents and students are reminded of the importance of checking names on hats, jumpers/jackets and other parts of the school uniform. I received a letter from a parent this week stating that her daughter’s jacket was clearly marked with her name and phone number and has “gone missing”. It must have been accidentally taken by another student or parent. With the name clearly marked, it should be returned to the school immediately.

I urge parents and students to return property to their owners if a mistake has been made, because it is the right thing to do.

TERM FEES AND CONTRIBUTIONS -

As the Term draws to a close, I remind parents about payments, particularly for textbooks and school programs. All children are given textbooks and access to programs but we rely on parents to support the school through payment of accounts. As I have stated so many times before, parents who are unable to meet these costs should speak to me and all arrangements will be kept confidential.

HIGH SCHOOL FORMS -

Applications for High School enrolments in 2014 closed last Friday. There are still 13 forms outstanding. Parents are asked to return these forms ASAP.

STUDENT SUCCESS -

Congratulations to Eloise C. (5H) who participated in the State Diving Championships at Homebush Aquatic Centre yesterday. Eloise just missed out on a Bronze Medal by 0.04 of a point and came a credible 4th overall. There were 13 competitors in the event which was highly contested and Eloise deserves the highest congratulations. We are all very proud of you Eloise. You represented our school so well.

Mark Jampton
Principal
Bring in a picture of a dog or a dinosaur. Thank you, Sharon Gates.

From the Classroom .................


P & C NEWS -

BAND NEWS -
The end of Term is fast approaching. For Training Band, there is no rehearsal this Friday as it is a Public Holiday. Intermediate Band, there is no rehearsal on Monday as it is a Public Holiday, and Senior Band there is no rehearsal on Tuesday morning as it is a Pupil Free Day. Beginning Wednesday 3 April rehearsals are as normal. Senior Band will be playing at the Anzac Day assembly tomorrow.

Library News -

Parents please ensure that students are cleaning their instruments as required, this is important for the instruments up-keep. Also, for those with woodwind instruments please be careful when putting them together and pulling them apart that you are not damaging the keys when doing so. Its expensive to repair these instruments and with a little care, we can avoid this where possible.

Keep practising and keep up the great work. Happy Easter to everyone. Thank you, Sharon Schweisfurth, Band Committee.

Kindergarten News -

Term 1 News Topic Week 10:

Bring in a picture of a dog or a dinosaur. Thank you, Sharon Gates.

Library News -

There are still some places for Year 4 students in DigiEd. Don’t miss out on this great program. Check the notes section of the website for more information.

All children can participate in a weekly Trivia Quiz. Look on the library blog for more information. They use World Book online to help complete the quiz and then bring the completed certificate to the library. Happy Easter everyone and keep reading for the Reading Challenge. Thank you. Helen Stevens, Teacher Librarian. helen.stevens@det.nsw.edu.au

Area Cricket Trials -

Jo S. (6P) and Rohan R. (5/6B) attended the Area Cricket Trials on Monday. Both boys were successful in gaining selection for the Area Cricket Team training squad. Well done boys – an outstanding achievement! Thank you, Michael Howard.

PSSA League Tag -

The inaugural PSSA League Tag competition began this Term as part of the Summer PSSA Sports program. Our two Junior and Senior teams have shown some promising signs in the short introduction period of the competition. We have had some success over this time, however, as many of our players have not played League Tag before the main focus has been getting used to the rules and the pace of the game. All our players have shown great sportsmanship and camaraderie on the field. The competition will recommence in Term 3. Thank you. Brad Keyes, League Tag Coordinator.

PSSA Girls Softball Knockout -

Last Friday our Softball Team played Wideview P.S. at Rofe Park in the State Knockout Competition. We started off well with a great innings at bat but our fielding was a little slow. The opposition also had a strong time at bat and seeing as we were carrying several injuries, we had to reshuffle our positions at the last minute. With this reshuffle, came a hidden strength - Darcy W! She was called up to pitch, having never been in that position before and did she shine!!! With Piper’s encouragement, we were able to have a really strong innings and keep Wideview at bay. Lucky this was the case, as the game ended with only one run difference. Our girls won 7-6!!! Congratulations girls, on a very strong comeback and to all the girls who tried really hard and are representing your school with such pride. Our next game will be announced closer to the end of term and a separate note regarding this will be sent home closer to the time. Thank you, Fiona Gleeson.

Representative Shirts -

Now that Cricket, T-ball, Softball and League Tag have a break until the end of Term 3, can all school Representative Shirts please be washed and returned to Mr Howard ASAP, apart from students in the Senior Cricket and Softball Teams.

Borrowed School Uniforms -

It would be appreciated if all items of school uniform that are borrowed from the Office could be washed and returned.

Lost Property Held at Office

- Adult blue "Replay" prescription glasses 6/2/13.
- "I Love Australia" cloth purse 18/2/13.
- Size 10 red girl's t-shirt found near front gate 25/2/13.
- Size 8 girl’s pink velour jacket.
- Blue "Lorus" Water Resistant watch.
- Children’s prescription glasses, blue & silver.
- Red vinyl purse.
- Medium size navy blue "Alaska" t-shirt.
- Blue “Billabong” cap with name Austin Marland inside.
**Girl Guides meet in your area!**

Laughter, learning, friendship and fun... come along to find out what Guiding is all about!

When—Mondays 5.15pm to 6.30pm.
Where—Mount Colah Scout and Guide Hall, Mount Colah

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**Marian Street Theatre for Young People presents:**

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By Richard Tulloch

11 May - 13 July

School Hols 1-12 July weekdays 10.30am & 1pm

Note: Saturday 6 July & Saturday 13 July 1pm only

Saturdays 11 May- 29 June 10.30am & 1pm

Marian Street Theatre, 2 Marian Street, Killara.

Child $18 Adult $22 Family of 4 $68, 15 or more $15ea

BOOKINGS 1300 306 776 (Booking fees apply)


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**Children and family walks - FREE Guided Bushwalking program from Hornsby Council.**

The following activity can only be booked from one month prior and booking is essential to avoid being locked in as gates close to Park in the evening.

Crosslands Reserve Spotlight

Wednesday 24 April – 6pm start

A special school holidays event to showcase the night-time world of our local nocturnal animals and discover what animals get up to when the rest of us are getting to sleep. After familiarising ourselves with some local creatures of the night and their adaptive features, join us for an easy spotlight walk around the bushland interface at Crosslands Reserve. Please note the walk will be undertaken in the dark, after sunset. A small personal torch is advised however the guide will have lighting equipment for exclusive use to the success of the activity.

Pre-booking essential on 9847 6832 – it’s FREE ... exact location provided on booking.

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**FREE SESSIONS**

Tuesday 19 & 26 March 2013, and 2 & 9 April 2013

**U6-U8**: 4pm – 5:15pm

**U10-U12**: 5:30pm – 6:45pm

[Email info@soccercdbrasil.com to register for a free session](mailto:info@soccercdbrasil.com)

Get in quick as spots are limited
HONOUR ASSEMBLY, 22 MARCH, 2013
SILVER and GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

SILVER MEDAL WINNERS


GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

Emily D. (5G)                                         Sophie T. (6W)                                        Darcy W. (6K)