Welcome to the final two weeks of Term 1. I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter break and spent quality, happy times with family and friends.

Thank you to all who read the Newsletter and responded to the School Development Day by not sending children to school yesterday. Please note that the Department of Education and Communities has gazetted two days for School Development Days in Term 2, but Hornsby North and the surrounding schools will only have one School Development Day. Students will return to school on Tuesday 30 April in Term 2.

EASTER HAT PARADE -

Last Wednesday, the School Community celebrated the creativity and imagination of our K-2 students, teachers and parents. The arrival of the Easter Bunny on his vehicle was a hit with all and his engagement with the students in the parade was endearing and exciting.

Thank you to the parents and caregivers who came to watch the parade. Your children love to see you at school and your participation and presence has many positive long term effects on their success and education well into tertiary years and beyond. Special thanks to the Year 1 team of teachers who organized the event. As usual it was thorough and efficient preparation, ensuring that the children had a great time and parents and teachers were able to enjoy the parade and view the amazing hats. More photos appear on Page 4.

From the Principal...

ANZAC DAY SERVICE -
The Annual ANZAC Day Service for K-6 Hornsby North students and special visitors will be held on Thursday, 11 April, commencing at 9.30am. We love to invite parents to join us on this special occasion, particularly parents and grandparents who have served with the Armed Forces, but as seats in the hall are limited, we ask that you notify your child’s class teacher if you would like to attend the Service. During the Service we hold a Wreath Laying Ceremony and all Class Captains are asked to provide a joint wreath for the Ceremony. Parents of Class Captains should contact the class teacher to discuss the making of the Wreathes. If there is a problem, there is always help at hand, so please do not worry if the task is too time consuming and/or materials are not available. Some students and parents enjoy this activity and others find it difficult.

WOOLWORTH’S EARN & LEARN -
The Woolworth’s Earn & Learn Program is on again in 2013. A flyer explaining the process accompanies this Newsletter. The box for the Earn & Learn stickers is in the foyer now, and the program begins next Monday, 8 April.

INTERRELATE FAMILY NIGHT -
Don’t forget the Interrelate Family Night tonight in the Library. The first session begins at 6.00pm and is suitable for Years 3-6. The second session begins at 7.15pm and is suitable for Years 5 & 6. The second session is titled “Preparing For Puberty”.

CHICKEN POX -
Parents are advised that three more cases of Chicken Pox have been reported to the school. Parents are reminded that the time from exposure to illness is 2 to 3 weeks. The symptoms include a slight fever, runny nose and a rash that begins as raised pink spots that blister and scab.

A child with Chicken Pox should be kept at home for 5 days after the rash first appears and until the blisters have all scabbed over. Immunisation is available for children over 12 months old. It is recommended for people over 12 years who are not immune.

SCHOOL DISCO -
The first School Disco for the year will be held on Friday 5 April. A flyer was sent home last week.

Details are as follows -
K-1: 4.00pm-5.00pm. 2-3: 5.30pm-6.30pm. 4-6: 6.45pm-8.15pm.
Entry is $5.00 (K-3 includes drink). Sausage sizzle, drinks & snacks will be available.

From the Principal...

Coming Events……
Thursday 4 April Meet the Principal morning 9.45am.
Friday 5 April School Disco.
Tuesday 9 April Digi Ed Year 4.
Wednesday 10 April School Cross Country at Rofe Park.
Thursday 11 April ANZAC Day Service 9.30am.
Friday 12 April Last Day Term 1.
Monday 29 April Staff Development Day—Pupil Free.
Tuesday 30 April Students Return Term 2.

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From the Classroom  

**KINDERGARTEN NEWS**

Term 1 News Topic Week 11:
Tell the class what you have liked best about school so far this year. It could be a teacher, or new friend, a lesson like library or science. Thank you, Sharon Gates.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Check the library blog for children who have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge. They are added at the end of each week. Encourage children to try the World Book Trivia Quiz, also found on the blog. They can bring in the completed certificate for library rewards. World Book Online must be used to help answer the questions. There are still a few places for Year 4 Digi Ed next Tuesday. Thank you, Helen Stevens, Teacher Librarian. Helen.Stevens@det.nsw.edu.au

**REPRESENTATIVE SHIRTS**

There are still Rep Shirts not returned. Can all school Representative Shirts please be washed and returned to Mr Howard before the end of Term.

**BORROWED SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

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

**P & C NEWS**

Upcoming dates to put in the calendar. Band Camp will be held on the 18th-19th May - every Band student is expected to attend, and more information will be given out next Term. Ryde East Band Festival will be held on Sunday 26th May. Please remember to practise over the holidays. Thanks, Sharon Schweisfurth, Band Committee.

**SCHOOL BANKING VOLUNTEER**

We are looking for a volunteer mum or dad to help with the School Banking on a Wednesday morning from 9.10am to approximately 10.30am. No banking experience is necessary. If you can help, please let the Office know and your name will be passed on to the Banking Coordinator. Thank you.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Slushies are now $1.50.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Would you like to help another adult learn English?
Hornsby TAFE is offering a FREE tutoring course: Sat. 18 and 25 May, 2013. Register now 9472 1294 or email monique.brunello@tafensw.edu.au for more details.

**LOST PROPERTY HELD AT OFFICE**

- Adult blue “Replay” prescription glasses 6/2/13.
- “I Love Australia” cloth purse 18/2/13.
- 2 usb’s—1 black with blue ribbon & 1 blue Verbatim 4/3/13.
- Size 8 girl’s pink velour jacket.
- Blue “Lorus” Water Resistant watch.
- Medium size navy blue “Alaska” t-shirt.
- Blue “Billabong” cap with name Austin Marland inside.
- Wide tortoiseshell headband.
- T-Rex dinosaur toy.
- Small toy lion.

**HANDEL'S MESSIAH AT WAHROONGA**

On Saturday 13 April 2013, at 7.00pm in the Holy Name Church, 35 Billyard Avenue, Wahroonga will present a major musical event - Handel's MESSIAH! The men and boys of the Choir of St Mary’s Cathedral under the direction of Thomas Wilson, with soloists and orchestra, and featuring soprano Kim Dover, with Paul Goodchild on trumpet, will present ‘Messiah’ by George Friderich Handel. Hear this extraordinary choir sing this - the most popular work in the choral repertoire, right here in the heart of the north shore in the superb acoustic of the former Dominican Priory of the Holy Name Church. Tickets $35 ($28 concessions and students under 25). Tickets available at www.trybooking.com/CNPF, or from the church after all weekend services between now and the day of the concert. (Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 10.15am and 6.30pm). Check out the parish website for more details www.holynamewahroonga.com.au or call Chrissie Goldrick on 9144 2652 for details.
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