From the Principal...

Last week a student asked me if it was true that all gold nuggets found during the Bathurst excursion had to be given to the Principal. He seemed quite concerned so I told him it was a joke. His reply, “But you wrote it in the Newsletter!” I wish everyone would read the Newsletter with such faith and dedication. Yes, our Year 5 students and teachers are enjoying a wonderful educational excursion at Bathurst and searching for their pot or nugget of gold. I know they will have a fantastic time but will be very weary on Wednesday afternoon when they arrive home. We look forward to hearing of their experiences upon their return.

BAND FESTIVAL -

The annual Hornsby North Band Festival took place last Sunday. It was an extremely hot day and many people worked under very difficult conditions. However, the spirit and enthusiasm of organisers and participants was not dampened. It was a most successful day with over 38 bands participating. Comments from parents and conductors were most complimentary and praise for the friendliness and superb organisation were many. Congratulations to the four bands from Hornsby North. The results were:-

- Junior Band—Distinction
- Intermediate Band—Distinction
- Senior Band—High Distinction
- Stage Band—High Distinction

Hornsby North also won the Dr Steven Capaldo Award for Commitment to Music Excellence, so it was a great day for us all. Special congratulations to our band members, many of whom worked in the morning to set up the events for the day and acted as guides for our visitors before taking a well earned break prior to their performances. On stage our children were focused, poised and extremely professional. No wonder they played so well. A big thank you to all who helped during the day, but particularly to the Band Committee and parents for their positive and practical support.

I don’t know of many schools where so many staff members would give up a day or part day of a weekend to support such activities as the Band Festival. A huge thank you to Mrs Butterworth, Mrs Moyes, Miss Butterworth, Mr Jenkins, Mrs Beencke, Mrs Gates, Miss Chessor, Mrs Narvar & Mr Strange.

BAND RECRUITMENT DAY -

Band Recruitment Day was held on Monday. All Year 2 students were tested instruments. Nominated students from Years 3 and 4 also tested instruments. Participation in the Band Program is a valuable activity and brings many added skills to personal and academic development, but it is not for every student. Parents and students should make the decision to join or not join the band after careful consideration. It is quite an expensive activity, but any student with a great desire to play in the band should speak to the Principal if finances are a problem.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS -

All Selective High School Applications for Year 7, 2016 (2014 Year 5 students) must be made online. Parents are reminded that applications close on Monday, 17 November, 2014. The school cannot lodge a paper application for students, nor can we seek permission for parents to lodge a late application.

PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS -

The new online payment system has been well received overall, and the process is going smoothly. The system is user friendly and secure. The main query has been regarding the Invoice/Reference Number, please enter through these fields, and simply enter your child/children’s Date of Birth to complete the process.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE VOLUNTEERS -

The time has come for Kindergarten Parents to help with their one big event - The Christmas Raffle! It is one of our biggest fundraisers and last year the raffle raised $8300 - lets see if you can beat that in 2014! There are 4 ways you can help and even those who work full time can assist, please go to the Doodle.com link to show when you can assist:

- Building Prize Hampers - Friday 31 October, 4R Classroom - 10am-2.00pm - Go to http://doodle.com/vti4nfmdvzuevyc.
- Putting together raffle packs for all students - Monday 3 November, School Hall 9.30-11.30am - Go to http://doodle.com/fys25vme4nmgak74.
- Carols Night - Tuesday 2 December, School Hall - 3.00pm-7.00pm - Go to http://doodle.com/3pxzf99imkarkvnc.
- Collecting/Processing Raffle Tickets - contact Alexi 0424 568 712 (good for those who work).

As always, if you have any questions, please contact Alexi on 0424 568 712.

STUDENT SUCCESS -

Max D. (5H) skippeder his way to success with his sailing partner Max B. of Brooklyn P.S. in the first round of the Manly Junior State Titles held at Port Kembla on 25 & 26 October. The two Max’s are currently placed first in the State on handicap results for their division. Congratulations Max.

GROUP PHOTOS -

The Group photos are on display in the Foyer. Completed forms need to be given to the Office by this Friday, 31 October, 2014.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER -

Please don’t forget to view a full version of the Newsletter on the school’s website.
From the Classroom ....................

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -

KINDERGARTEN NEWS -
Week 5 News Topic: Describe one of the adults at Hornsby North, (not your class teacher) the class will guess who it is. Sharon Gates.

LIBRARY NEWS -
All library books need to be returned to the library by the beginning of December. Borrowing will end on Friday, 21st November. If your child receives a yellow overdue notice, please don't ignore it. Let me know if the books have been returned to school and we can look for them here. If they are lost or damaged please contribute $5 toward replacement and your child's card will be cleared. Children are allowed the books for 4 weeks so there should not be any overdue. If they haven't finished reading a book after 4 weeks it can be renewed. Thank you for your continued cooperation in ensuring that our library runs smoothly. Helen Stevens, Teacher Librarian. Helen.Stevens@det.nsw.edu.au.

CRICKET STATE KNOCKOUT -
The Hornsby North State Knockout Cricket Team play their 5th Round match against Gladesville P.S. on Tuesday at Morrison Bay Park, Putney. The meeting time outside the library is 8:15am and the drivers are Nadanapatham, Hunter, Simpson and Nicklin. Michael Howard.

PSSA CRICKET -
Our Junior Team continued their undefeated season with a 144-11 run annihilation of Mount Colah P.S. It was another outstanding team performance, where every player contributed with the bat, the ball and in the field. Our Senior Team scored 77 runs from their 12 overs, with Rohan R. (5/68), Shaan A. (6W) and Nathan C. (6K) scoring 43 runs between them. An excellent bowling effort kept Mount Colah to just 30 runs from their 12 overs.

This Friday we play against Hornsby Heights P.S. at Mills Park. The meeting time outside the library is 8:55am and the drivers are: Nadanapatham, Hunter, Simpson and Nicklin. Michael Howard.

PSSA LEAGUE TAG -
Round 8 of PSSA League Tag saw our teams pitted against each other! This unfortunately meant there had to be a definite winner and loser in the Junior and Senior teams. Our developing Junior 2s tried hard against the Junior 1s for the first half but the 1s ran away with the game 8-3 and second half. The result in our Senior match up showed how little there is between the 1s and 2s and both teams went try for try for most of the match. In the end the 2s produced the upset edging the 1s out by two tries to take bragging rights for now.

LEAGUE TAG GALA DAY—Thursday, 30 October - Juniors: Can parents please make sure that their child is outside the library by 9.00am to meet Mr Hughes who will take the Juniors up to Rofe Park. Seniors: Students are to meet Mr Keyes outside the library at 8.50am to be transported by parent volunteers to Foxglove Oval, Mt Colah. We need to be at the ground by 9.15am. A huge thank you to the parents who have volunteered for transport. Monday Training: Due to the unpredictable weather of late, could those parents who pick their children up from Rofe Park, please keep an eye on the weather in the afternoon and if it is raining, the students will be in Mr Keyes' classroom. Thank you, Brad Keyes.

PSSA T-BALL/SOFTBALL -
Our Softball and T-Ball teams both played Mt Colah P.S. last week at Parklands Oval. Both teams were well organised and keen to play! The Softballer's started off well with some solid pitching by Myra M. Unfortunately, Mt Colah had a few strong players and even a cracker of a catch by Eva H. couldn't hold them out. With much toing and froing of the score, the girls went down 9-5. Again, they played with good spirit and a good attitude. The T-Ballers also had another close game with some tough competition. The game was neck and neck the whole way. With some exceptional fielding by Abbey C. and some solid batting and clever base running from all of the girls, Hornsby North managed to sneak away with a 10-9 win. Well done girls on a deserved win. We are playing at Rofe Park so no drivers are required this week. Meeting time is 8.40am outside the library. Thank you to all girls for really working hard and turning up to training sessions. I can definitely see a lot of development in your skills and hope you are keen to trial for the 2015! I will hopefully be holding trials later this term for 2015. Any interested students will need to listen to all announcements regarding dates and times. Fiona Gleeson, T-Ball & Softball Coach.

P & C NEWS -
Please join us on Facebook to keep up-to-date on all matters P&C. Simply search for Hornsby North Public School P&C Association on Facebook and Like us to join.

CANTEEN NEWS -
SUSHI IS NOW AVAILABLE WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS.
New Varieties: Tuna, Tuna & Cucumber, Chicken, Chicken & Cucumber or Vegetarian (carrot & cucumber) - $3.00 each.
Volunteers: Thursday 30 October: Jan Bostelman, Luna Hrastnik.
Friday 31 October: Leanne Franks, HELPERS PLEASE.
Monday 3 November: Anna Broady.
Tuesday 4 November: Zoe Pook.
Wednesday 5 November: HELPERS PLEASE.
A new Canteen Menu accompanies the Newsletter. Vicki Stubbings, Canteen Manager.

APPRENTICE P&C TREASURER -
Expressions of interest are sought for the position of Apprentice Treasurer for Hornsby North P&C for 2015, with the intention of fully handing over the role in 2016. Ideally, the Treasurer would have bookkeeping experience, although most skills and responsibilities can be easily taught. Should you have any interest in taking on this position, please contact Tracey Watson on 0420 413 225.

LOST PROPERTY HELD AT OFFICE
• Various keys (one on red tag, one on black plastic spring, two on a keyring and one on a keyring).
• Bright pink satin purse with Lexar USB.
• "Hello Bill" tiny photo booklet.
• 3 keys on "Winnie The Poo/Piglet" keyring.
• Owl keyring made from leather.
• School Headband.
• Hair elastic with sparkles.
• Hair clip with green flower.
• Senior Asquith Boys High School Tie.
• "Yolo" adult cap, Cancer Council straw hat and ladies purple/black/white hat left after Band Festival.

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STUDENT SCHOOL BANKING -
We are still looking for parent/grandparent volunteers to help with the Student School Banking. Banking only takes a short time on a Wednesday morning, until approx. 10.30am. If you can help, even on a monthly basis, please let the Office know or come to the Staff Room during banking time.
Please be advised, the Whale Shark Pencil Cases are no longer available.

BAND NEWS -
Congratulations to all our Bands for their performances at the annual Hornsby North School Band Festival, and thank you to our hard working Conductors! Thank you also to everyone who helped out, teachers and parents. A special thanks to Kerryn Binham, Catherine Pedersen, Jesper Pedersen, Mary O’Brien and Kai Schweisfurth who stayed all day and also gave up their Saturday, Chris Roberts for arranging our cake stalls, Alexi Boyd and Nathalie Gits who arranged the market stalls and sponsor.
Recruitment Day was on Monday and thank you to all the students that tried out. A Band Handbook was sent home with each child. If you are interested in joining the band in 2015, the yellow Band Application Form must be completed and returned to the P&C box no later than next Wednesday, 5 November. For any student in Years 2 -4 who were away and would like to try out, please contact Catherine Pedersen 0408 113 693 to arrange a time. This also applies to the Years 5 students who were away in Bathurst. Thank you, Sharon Schweisfurth & Catherine Pedersen, Band Committee.

COMMUNITY NEWS -
AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS -
ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AND GIVE BLOOD. The Mobile Blood Service is visiting the Hornsby War Memorial Hall at 2 High Street, Hornsby on Tuesday 5 November, between 10.00am and 3.00pm.
Drink Up! Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate. Eat! Have a good sized breakfast or lunch. Please bring photo I.D. with you. CALL 13 95 96 or visit donateblood.com.au.

FREE PUBLIC DENTAL SERVICE -
North Sydney Oral Health Service recommends that all children have a dental check prior to starting school to ensure their mouth is healthy. What you can do to look after your child’s/children’s teeth:-
• Provide them with a wide variety of nutritious foods.
• Avoid giving them sugary and sticky snacks between meals.
• Tap water is the best drink between meals and before bed.
• Avoid giving them acidic or sugary drinks between meals.
• Brush your child’s teeth with a fluoride toothpaste twice daily.
Please note: Adult residents of Northern Sydney who hold one of the Government Concession Cards are also eligible for free dental care through a public dental clinic. Clinic locations—Hornsby / Top Ryde / Royal North Shore Hospital / Dee Why. Phone 1300 732 503.
PLEASE HELP ME GET HOME FOR CHRISTMAS
My name is Tussock and I have been lost since 20/7/14. My family has been looking everywhere for me but they have no idea where I am. If you know someone who has found a dog like me, please ask them to take me to a Vet so they can scan my microchip, as all my details are on there. (02) 9440 2008, 0430 830 280 or 0403 412 298. They will give $4,500 if you can help me get home.