From the Principal...

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PHOTOGRAPHS—VIRTUAL TOUR -

Yesterday preparations began for the compilation of a Virtual Tour of the school. This tour will showcase the grounds, classrooms, special facilities, the programs and most importantly, the people who make every school a special place. A photographer from the School Photographer filmed students and teachers at work in the classrooms, the library, the hall, on the oval and the ball court. Many parents will be aware of the P&C video which highlights the important and wonderful partnership of the school and parents. It is an excellent video and will be linked to the proposed Virtual Tour.

VISIT FROM NORMANHURST BOYS H.S. -

Yesterday, students from Years 1, 2 & 3 were entertained by Drama students from Normanhurst Boys’ High School. Year 1 heard stories written and illustrated by the boys, whilst Years 2 & 3 participated in their “Clown Show”. The Clown Show is designed by the boys and the teachers and parents who attended with the students to support their learning. I believe one lucky parent from 1B was given the privilege of having a reptile placed around her neck!

PREMIER’S SPELLING COMPETITION—STATE LEVEL -

Today, Elena X. (5B) will compete with over 50 other competitors in the State Premier’s Spelling Competition. Her competitors are the winners from other Regions in NSW, so the competition will be strong. However, we know Elena will do her very best and the outcome will be one of which we and Elena’s family will be very proud.

RAFFLE TICKETS - CHRISTMAS HAMPERS -

Thank you to the school community for the generous contributions for the annual Christmas Hampers. The hampers are almost ready for display but the tickets will be sent home today. If every family sells one book of tickets, the return will be extremely beneficial to the school. However, I am aware that some parents do not wish to participate in this activity. I certainly respect this wish, and ask that you simply return the tickets to your class teacher so that they can be re-allocated. Often parents and students sell tickets outside the community, e.g. at dad or mum’s work or in an area where relatives live. This does relieve the pressure of continued requests in the school community. Thank you all in anticipation of your support.

Attention Kindy parents - new date for Christmas Hamper Wrapping!

The new date for Hamper wrapping is this Thursday, 6 November in the Hall, either 9:30am-11:30am or 11:30am-1:30pm. Go to http://doodle.com/vt1mffmdzueyyc to show when you can help. Remember without your help this event can not go ahead!

We still need Kindy parent volunteers to sell more tickets on Mondays. If you can assist: Carols Night— Tuesday, 2 December School Hall - 3.00pm-7.00pm - Go to http://doodle.com/3pzxfb9mimkarvcn. We also still need volunteers to collect raffle ticket money and process it, this only involves counting the money and separating out the raffle tickets. Please call Alexi on 0424 568 712 if you can help. This job can be done by someone who is working and can help at night.

Marc Hampton
Principal

Coming Events….

Thursday 6 November Yr 5 High School Experience Day.
Friday 7 November 2015 Band Applications Close.
Monday 10 November Yr 6 Interrelate / Dance Audition Day / Band Auditions.
Monday 17 November Yr 6 Interrelate / Musica Viva / Selective H.S. Applications Close.
From the Classroom  

**SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**


**KINDERGARTEN NEWS**

- Week 6 News Topic: Recite or read your favourite poem. Sharon Gates.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

There are just 3 weeks of library borrowing left. Please encourage children to bring their books each week. 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 $5.00 towards replacement, and your child’s card will be cleared to have a fresh start next year. Thank you for your continued cooperation in ensuring that our library runs smoothly.

Don’t forget to try our ebooks from World Book.

[http://worldbookonline.com/wb/Login](http://worldbookonline.com/wb/Login)

ID - wbnps.

Password - school.

Helen Stevens, Teacher Librarian. Helen.Stevens@det.nsw.edu.au.

**STATE CRICKET KNOCKOUT**

Our State Cricket Knockout Team competed in the 5th Round of the NSWSSA competition yesterday against Gladesville P.S. at Putney. Despite a good bowling and fielding effort from our team, the opposition scored a large total of 3/145 from 25 overs, thanks to some very talented batsmen. Shaan A. (6W), Nathan C. (6K) and Martin C. (5/6B) each took a wicket.

I was very proud of the way that we fought hard in the run chase, but we fell short, reaching 7/111. Rohan R. (5/6B) scored an impressive 43 not out at better than a run per ball before he had to retire.

Congratulations to all team members on a very successful competition.

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Nadanapatham, Mrs Nicklin, Mrs Hunter and Mrs Spring (Simpson) for driving to and from the match and cheering the team on. Michael Howard.

**PSSA CRICKET**

The local derby against Hornsby Heights was played last Friday. Our Junior Team continued their excellent form to restrict the opposition to just 20 runs from 12 overs. We then batted very well to reach a score of 105.

Our Seniors batted first and compiled a total of 57 runs from 12 overs, with Shaan A. (6W) and Adam O. (5/6B) top-scoring with 17 runs from their 2 overs. An excellent bowling and fielding performance resulted in a 57-42 victory.

This Friday we play against Turramurra North at Cliff Oval. The meeting time outside the library is 8:45am and the drivers are: Nadanapatham, Nicklin, Amarasinghe, Simpson, Waldock, Stevens and Schauwecker. Thank you, Michael Howard.

**PSSA LEAGUE TAG**

Last Thursday the Annual League Tag Gala Day was held at Rofe Park and Foxglove Oval. In hot conditions and against some strong opposition, our teams did us proud. The Junior Boys made it to the quarter-finals, Junior Girls to the semi-finals and our Senior Girls progressed through to the quarter finals. Due to a miscalculation of points in the Pool Rounds, our Senior Boys should have progressed to the quarters at least. Because of this error, the organisers of the event have very kindly given the boys a wildcard entry into the NRL North Sydney League Tag Finals Day. I will get more details about this event shortly. A big thank you to our parents who helped transport the Seniors: Peter O’Brien, Oliver Ross, Deb Nicklin, Julie Campbell, Jayne Neaves, Carol Nicolas, Nicole Khalouf and Garth Powys. Congratulations to all our teams!

PSSA League Tag Round 9 saw our teams put in another great effort, particularly after backing up from the day before. We previously undefeated Junior 1s couldn’t quite peg back a strong Mt Colah side, going down 8-6. The Junior 2s gained another victory overcoming Hornsby South 5-3, a great effort guys! The Senior 1s bounced back from last week’s defeat to the 2s with a convincing 14-0 victory over Hornsby South 2s and the Senior 2s edged out Waitara 1s 6-3. Thank you, Brad Keyes.

**PSSA T-BALL/SOFTBALL**

In the sweltering heat on Friday our girls braved the diamond to play against Hornsby Heights! With a positive attitude and a strong belief in themselves, our girls played brilliantly. The score for the Softballer’s was very close until the last innings, where our sensible batting saw us through with a 6-2 win! Unfortunately after another very close game with some amazing fielding by Abbey C. (4M), our T-Ballers went down 13-9. Unlucky girls as from all reports, it was very exciting game until the end. In the last few weeks it has been most pleasing to see most of the girls turn up to training. I was also very proud of both teams on Friday and am always happy with how our girls conduct themselves and represent their school. This week we are playing at Cliff Oval against Turramurra North, so we will require drivers. If you are able to drive, please meet outside the library at 8.40am. Fiona Gleeson, Softball & T-Ball Coach.

**TIMES TABLES CHAMPIONS**

Our most recent times tables champions are:

- Year 3 - Sean W. (3J)[Division 1]; Sienna L. (3J).
- Year 4 - Katherine L. (4M)[Division 1]; Lachlan L. (4N).
- Year 3 – Sean W. (3J)[Division 1]; Sienna L. (3J).
- Year 5 – Jenny Z. (5H)[Division 1]; Malavika N. (5F).
- Year 6 - Jaap B. (6K)[Division 1]; Josh B. (6K).

**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 6 November: Kathy Hanniman.
- Friday 7 November: Stephanie Pratt, Gaye Heap.
- Monday 10 November: Christina Martin.
- Tuesday 11 November: Toshiko Shimizu, Eva Austin.
- Wednesday 12 November: Nathalie Gits.

Vicki Stubbings, Canteen Manager.

**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.
- 3 keys on “Winnie The Poo/Piglet” keyring.
- School Headband.
- Hair elastic with sparkles.
- Hair clip with green flower.
- Senior Aqui th Boys High School Tie.
- “Yolo” adult cap, Cancer Council straw hat and ladies purple/black/white hat left after Band Festival.
- Black OPSM hardcover glasses case found in Computer Room 28/10/14.
AUTUMN FAIR SURVEY WINNER -
Thank you to all the students who participated in the Autumn Fair 2014 Survey; we received valuable comments, suggestions and praise! We discussed them all at the last P&C meeting and those minutes will be available soon. Congratulations to Brendan W. (KO) who has won a FREE RIDES WRISTBAND FOR NEXT YEAR’S FAIR! Congratulations Brendan.

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.

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 -
Band Auditions are on next week. Dates have been emailed to all families. Award paperwork needs to be completed and signed by your Tutor and handed in to the P&C box or given to your Band Coordinator by the end of this week! Please talk to your Conductor or Coordinator if you are unsure of what to do.

Band Application Forms for 2015 need to be in the P&C box by this Friday, 7 November.

Apologies Junior Band A Monday lunch rehearsal for next week (10/11/14) has been cancelled, due to Band Auditions. The next rehearsal for Junior Band A is lunchtime on Monday, 24 November.

Junior Band B lunchtime rehearsal Monday, 17 November. Thank you.

Catherine Pedersen, Band Committee

COMMUNITY NEWS -
TINNED FOOD APPEAL -
1st Hornsby Heights Scouts are again helping the Salvation Army by collecting tinned food and non-perishable items for the needy & homeless in the Hornsby area. Our Joeys, Cubs and Scouts are asking all our classmates to donate some tinned food or non-perishable items for those less fortunate, which will be passed on to the Salvation Army. For example:- soup, baked beans, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tuna, tinned ham, biscuits, tea, sugar, cereal, pasta, jam, pasta sauce, coffee, cordial, rice, noodles, condiments, sauce & jelly crystals. There is a box in the office foyer from now until 21 November.

BEROWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL FAIR -
Saturday, 8 November between 10.00am & 4.00pm in the school grounds, corner of Berowra Waters Road & Hillcrest Road. Some of the attractions include:- KindiFarm, Dodgem Cars, Ferris Wheel, Super Slide, Side Show Alley, Plant Stalls, Sausage Sizzle, Pancakes, Hot Dogs, Market Stalls, 2nd Hand Books, 2nd Hand Clothes, Café & Cake Stall, Trash & Treasure, Rides, Silent Auction, Entertainment, and lots, lots, more. Come along for a fantastic family day full of fun!

For more information, please contact Lisa Jewkes on 0413 367 580, bpsfaircoordinator@gmail.com / www.berowra-ps.schools.nsw.gov.au.

ARE YOU A SINGLE PARENT?
Every week Single with Children provides fun and exciting activities especially for single parents and their children (many activities are subsidised or even free).

It’s a great way to meet and get to know people in your area. To find out more and get a free copy of our social calendar, contact us today on 1300 300 496 or go to www.singlewithchildren.com.au