From the Principal...

Welcome to Week 7, Term 4. Important activities for the week include Year 4 Science Expo today, K-2 Athletics Day, a Band Workshop for Intermediate & Senior Band with Dr Steven Capaldo and the much awaited School Leaders speeches on Friday. This week is also a lead in to the next three weeks of Schools Spectacular, Carols Night, Year 6 Dinner and Presentation Day Assemblies.

CAROLS NIGHT -
As shown on the calendar, our annual Carols Night will be held on Tuesday, 2 December. The schedule is:

- **5.00pm onwards**—Sale of food and refreshments. Thank you to helpers.
- **5.30-6.30pm**—K-2 Concert.
- **7.00–8.15pm**—3-6 Concert.

Parents will be advised of times and costumes required during the next week. Some advice has already gone out to parents advising that costumes should be simple. Flexibility is the key and teachers are always available to help if parents are experiencing difficulty.

TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS -
Our Technology Programs continue to expand and enrich student learning. The iPads are well used in the classrooms and on Friday students from 2-6 will use these devices to vote for our School Leaders. On Monday 4R visited the Apple Shop at Westfield Hornsby and received a lesson on iMovies from an experienced staff member. From all accounts, it was a great excursion. Thank you to the P&C and the school community for continuing to support the use of technology in our school.

SCHOOL MOBILE APP -
Whilst on the subject of technology, the school is trialling a School Mobile App for 30 days. The features of this App include:-

- Pop up messages and alerts.
- School calendar.
- School notes.
- Absentee notes can be sent by parents.
- School Newsletter published.
- Location of school activities & events with Google maps, eg. PSSA, Swimming Carnival.
- Payments online.
- Secure & easy to use.

If the School is happy with the App and goes ahead, it will be specific & purpose-built to meet the needs of our school. It will be free to parents and the school community making communication with school more accessible and immediate. To view this trial, please go to your App Store on your mobile device and download "Preview Your App", which looks like a large magnifying glass, then enter the code HNPS, no passwords needed. We would value your positive and constructive feedback.

K-2 ATHLETICS DAY -
As stated above, the K-2 Athletics Carnival will be held tomorrow at Rofe Park. A separate note has been sent to parents of K-2 students but once again, I remind all of the importance of sun-screen, hats and water. Please remember to bring bottles of water, which can be replenished during the day. The weather forecast is for quite warm weather and I advise parents that if it becomes too hot for the well-being and safety of students, the Executive teachers will make a professional call to change or cancel parts of the Program. I say this so that parents who perhaps take an hour off work in the afternoon, find their child’s event is no longer on the Program, will not be too disappointed. We do not anticipate making any changes at this stage, but parents are advised that if we need to, we will do so without hesitation. Here’s hoping for a wonderful day for our youngest athletes.

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From the Classroom

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS - 

KINDERGARTEN NEWS - 
Week 8 News Topic: Tell the class a Christmas Story or put into words a Christmas song. Sharon Gates.

LIBRARY NEWS - 
This is the last week for borrowing. Children should begin to return all books next week, so that the library stocktake can begin in Week 9. The Christmas Book Fair begins this Thursday and will be here all next week, so that the library stocktake can begin in Week 9. This is the last week for borrowing. Children should begin to return

ZONE/REP SHIRTS - 
Could all Zone/Rep shirts please be returned to Mr Lawrence as soon as possible. Thank you.

PSSA CRICKET - 
The final round of the competition was held last Friday as we took on Waitara P.S. Our undefeated Junior team played against the team coming 2nd on the ladder. We bowled first and kept the opposition to 54 runs from 12 overs. Ben H. (4G)[1 wicket for 1 run], Matthew B. (4G)[1 wicket for 2 runs] and Miles F. (4M)[2 wickets for 5 runs] were our best bowlers. Our run chase started slowly as we crept to 18 runs from the first 4 overs. However, some powerful, intelligent hitting, highlighted by Zen S. (3M) hitting four consecutive sixes, saw us reach a total of 113 runs from 12 overs. Our Seniors have finished as Minor Premiers of the competition and will play against the 4th placed Asquith P.S. at Mt Kuring-gai Oval on Friday.

PSSA LEAGUE TAG - 
Round 11 of the PSSA League Tag was a great round for our Senior Teams and not the best for our Junior Teams. The Junior 1s went down 7-6 to Warrawee 1s in a sewasing game where we matched it try for try, but in the end, a lack of effort in defence proved the difference. Our Junior 2s struggled against Berowra 2s and were never really in the game, losing 10-5. The outcome for our Senior Teams was much better and both our teams have really gelled and there is now very little between the two teams. The Senior 1s ran in 9 tries to 4 against Berowra 2s and displayed some great defence and flare in attack. It was the battle of the compass points in the Senior 2s with Hornsby North and Hornsby South 3s facing off. Due to the opposition being short on players, the game was reduced to a 6-a-side game, in an entertaining game our 2s were too strong in the end winning 9-4. Next week will be the last Round of the competition with Week 8 being a Finals day of sorts with teams being matched up based on their results during the rounds. Thank you, Brad Keyes.

PSSA T-BALL/SOFTBALL - 
Our Softball and T-ball teams both played Waitara P.S. at Waitara Oval in very hot conditions. Our girls played well, however, Waitara have proven to be very strong in both Softball and T-ball. Due to this, the Softballer’s had a tough time fielding as well as batting. The T-baller’s were also against some very big hitters. No matter how well our girls fielded, they just kept hitting. Unfortunately our Softball girls went down 6-3 and T-ballers down 17-8. From all reports, both scores do not reflect the quality of the game. This was the last game of the season and I’d like to congratulate the girls on a great effort. We’ve had some ups and downs and a few injuries but all girls are to be commended on their positive attitude. Many teachers from other schools complimented our girls on their behaviour, manners and general attitude. Unfortunately neither team was successful in gaining a place in the Finals.

SUSHI IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE.

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.

CAROLS NIGHT—2 DECEMBER
The time has come for Year 4 Parents to help with their one big event - Carols Night! This involves helping out in the Canteen and BBQ area. There are activities to help with during and after work hours so that everyone can help out.

LOST PROPERTY HELD AT OFFICE -
- Various keys (one on red tag, one on black plastic string, two on a keyring and one on a keyring).
- “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.
- Adult “Osiris” prescription glasses in hard cover left 13/11/14.
- Gold Coast aqua blue cap found on oval 18/11/14.
HNPS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE -
Don't forget to have a look at the fabulous hampers in the Office foyer. There are no less than 29 hampers to be won, PLUS the best Major prizes ever!
1st Prize - A 42" TV from JB HiFi Hornsby! PLUS a Massive Christmas Hamper!
2nd Prize - A Christmas Tree Pack donated by Hornsby Heights Plants! PLUS a beautiful home made Christmas Cake!
3rd Prize - A HUGE Christmas Ham from Mt Kuring-gai Village Butchery! PLUS a Massive Christmas Hamper!
Tickets are only $2.00 each, and if you need more tickets to sell, please see the Office. Remember if every child sells their raffle tickets, that's over $16,000 we could raise! Prizes are drawn on Carols Night, and all winners will be notified by text.

UNIFORM SHOP -
Girl's Summer uniforms are due to arrive 1/12/2014. School backpacks are now available for sale. Thank you for your patience. Kim Urbaniak.

STUDENT SCHOOL BANKING -
Handballs and swimming bags are now out of stock. 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. The last day for school banking is Wednesday, 3 December.

BAND NEWS -
Band Auditions will be finished next Monday, 24 November. Results and Contracts for 2015 will be sent out soon after this. Thanks for your patience.
At the Hornsby North Band Festival, our school was awarded the Dr Capaldo Award for Musical Excellence. For winning this award, Dr Capaldo has offered to run 2 Workshops with our Intermediate and Senior Band students tomorrow, 20 November. This is a brilliant opportunity for our Bands and Conductors to work with an expert and a reward we are very fortunate to share with our students. Intermediate students are to remember to bring in their music and instrument, and Senior Band students this Workshop will be in your normal rehearsal, but finishing at 4.30pm instead of 4.15pm. Intermediate students, your Workshop will be in school time just after lunch. An email has been sent home to all families in these 2 Bands. Junior Band A lunchtime rehearsal next Monday, 24 November and Junior Band B Monday, 1 December. Thank you, Catherine Pedersen, Band Committee

COMMUNITY NEWS -
ST LUKE'S CHURCH COLOURING COMPETITION WINNERS -
Thank you to all the students who submitted colouring competition entries recently. The winners are as follows:-
Kindergarten:
2nd—Wesley S. (KG) & Matilda C. (KA).
Year 1:
1st—Joseph W. (1K) & Evelyn K. (1B).
2nd—Kevin N. (1M) & Samantha B. (1K).
Year 2:
1st—Bennett L. (2K) & Isabel C. (2B).
2nd—Kevin L. (2B) & Vicky L. (2K).
HONOUR ASSEMBLY, FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER, 2014
SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

Kane S. (4M)                          Katie W. (4M)                         Vanessa C. (5H)                       Shane O. (5H)
Shiv S. (5F)                             Aidan S. (5H)                            Eleana X. (5B)                  Nilank B. (6B)

GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

Claudia M. (5B)                        Astrid T. (5H)