From the Principal...

Preparations are well underway for our Carols Afternoon/Night next Tuesday, 2 December. The program and timetable is as follows:-

♦ 4.00pm—Food and refreshments will be available from the Canteen and the BBQ.
♦ 5.30pm-6.30pm—K-2 Performances.
♦ 7.00pm-8.15pm—3-6 Performances.

By now students and parents should have been advised of times to meet and the costumes required. Costumes should be simple and parents are advised to contact class teachers if they are experiencing difficulty with this part of the performance. Remember, we are always here to help.

Thank you to parent helpers who have volunteered to help on the afternoon/evening and thank you to the staff and students for their hard work in preparing the items which are always entertaining, celebrating the enthusiasm and joy of our wonderful students. The staff and I look forward to sharing the Carols Night with parents and friends. Don’t forget to keep selling the raffle tickets, as the prizes will be drawn on the night. Who will win the large screen television?

SCHOOL MOBILE APP -

A number of parents have spoken positively about the School App being trialed. Additionally, others have let us know that there have been problems. We are keen to receive any feedback during the next 2 weeks. We will trial others to ensure that we adopt an APP that suits our particular needs, so communication and feedback are important.

K-2 ATHLETICS DAY -

The K-2 Athletics Day was a great success and every teacher was complimentary about the participation and behaviour of the children. The decision to cut the activities for part of the afternoon was made in the best interests of the children, as the weather was extremely hot. Thank you to parents for your support on the day. This support is so important for your children. Mr Pickup says “I think it is fair to say Hornsby North has a lot of very talented athletes coming through in the next few years”.

SCHOOL LEADERS SPEECHES -

Students aspiring to be Prefects and Captains in 2015 presented speeches to the students in Years 2-6 on Monday. Once again, the students spoke eloquently and with pride in their school and all should be proud of their achievements. So many speakers supported their peers on this occasion. Six boys and six girls will be chosen from a field of over 50 candidates so I ask parents and caregivers to support their children in their disappointment for non-selection and remind them of the other avenues of leadership that will be available to them in 2015. Results of the Prefect nominations will be known on Monday, 1 December. As a number of candidates are away at Schools Spectacular, it would not be appropriate to let the students know this week.

GYMNASTICS LESSON -

The Gymnastics lesson yesterday was cancelled, and has been rescheduled for next Wednesday, 3 December. Students in the following classes should wear their sports uniform next Wednesday—IL, IM, KG, 1H, KT, KA, KM & KO.

COURTESY ON THE ROADS -

I remind all drivers of the need to be courteous and considerate on the roads, particularly the roads around the school. It is important for children to observe positive driving behaviour, rather than angry exchanges when one party feels badly done by, by another. An incident in Ida Street this week was reported to me and it was described as quite disturbing for other drivers and pedestrians. Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR -

Sixteen students, Mrs Reeves, Mrs Hall and a number of wonderful parents are in the City today and will be there until Saturday for the Schools Spectacular. A school excursion to the ‘Qantas Credit Union Arena’ will be held on Friday to view the entire Show, but of course, to watch our talented artists. Mrs Reeves is one of a number of choreographers for the Schools Spectacular performances, so we are privileged to have her working with our students.

BOOK FAIR -

Don’t forget to visit the Library to browse and buy some Christmas gifts from our Book Fair.

STUDENT SUCCESS -

Congratulations to our PSSA Senior and Junior Cricket Teams, who won their Semi Finals last Friday. Both teams play in the Grand Final this Friday at Mills Park, Asquith. Also, Isabella G. (3H) participated in her Grade 4 AMEB Piano Exam recently, and scored a High Distinction. Congratulations Isabella, this is an amazing achievement for you at such a young age.

Marcy Hampton
Principal

Coming Events......

Thursday 27 November
Bronze Medal Morning Tea / Schools Spectacular Rehearsal.
Friday 28 November
Schools Spectacular Performance.
Saturday 29 November
Schools Spectacular Performances.
Tuesday 2 December
HNPS Carols Night.
Wednesday 3 December
Yr 6 Orientation Day / K & 1 Gymnastics.
Thursday 4 December
HNPS Xmas Scripture Assembly.
Friday 5 December
Year 6 Dinner.
Saturday 6 December
Xmas Spectacular at Rofe Park—Music & Movement, Choir & Dance.
From the Classroom

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -

KINDERGARTEN NEWS -
Week 9 News Topic:
Tell the class about the item you enjoyed most at the Christmas Concert. Describe the people, costume and the item, etc. Thank you, Sharon Gates.

LIBRARY NEWS -
Please come to the library before or after school to browse at the Book Fair and buy some Christmas gifts. The Book Fair continues until next Tuesday. Library stocktake begins very soon so all books need to be returned as soon as possible. Children may borrow some books for the holidays if I am contacted by a parent. Holiday books may be collected on the last two days of school. Helen Stevens, Teacher Librarian. Helen.Stevens@det.nsw.edu.au

MOBILE NEWS -
The Hornsby North Mo Bros have been parading their tea strainers around school for almost a full month now. The team has raised over $1600 thanks to their efforts last week. Staff donated money for Mo Bros to do their duties which brought in $250, and the tally from students stands at $182.20. The most sought after duty was Friday lunchtime and what a scorcher of a day it was. This week the challenges have been set for the proud moustache wearers and the guys are preparing for the big shave-off at the end of the week.

ZONE ATHLETICS SHIRTS -
Could all Zone shirts, please be returned to Mr Lawrence as soon as possible. Thank you.

PSSA CRICKET -
Our Junior Cricket Team played against Asquith P.S. in the Semi Finals of the Hornsby Zone competition on Friday. The boys overcame stifling conditions to put in yet another polished performance in which every single player contributed well in a great team effort. We batted first and averaged 12 runs per over throughout our innings to score an excellent total of 144 runs. Accurate bowling and focused fielding then restricted the opposition to a total of 38 runs. The boys will play in the Grand Final this Friday at Mills Park against Turramurra P.S. Our Senior Team played against Hornsby Heights P.S. in their Semi Final and bowled first. We bowled and fielded very well to restrict the opposition to 41 runs from 12 overs. Our best bowlers were: Martin C. (5/68)[2 wickets for 2 runs], Nathan C. (6K) [wicket maiden] and Tejas P. (5/68)[0/1]. Our run chase quickly gained momentum and we overtook the opponent’s total early in the 7th over. Some late aggressive hitting by Shaan A. (6W) [14 runs from 6 deliveries] and Rohan R. (5/68)[18 runs from 7 deliveries] saw us win by 94-41. The Grand Final will be played at Mills Park this Friday against Warrawee P.S. The meeting time outside the library this Friday is 8:40am sharp and the drivers are: Nadanapatham, Amarasinghe, Onslow, Simpson, Curtis, Stevens and Schauwecker. Thank you, Michael Howard.

CRICKET TOURS FOR 2015 -
The Cricket tours will commence next week for the 2015 season. Junior trials (current Yrs 2 & 3) will be on Tuesday 8.15am-9.00am and Senior trials (current Yrs 4 & 5) on Wednesday 8.15am-9.00am. Both sessions will be at the cricket nets on the bottom oval. Any boy in Years 2-5 who is interested in playing cricket next year is encouraged to come down to the trials. If the trials clash with Mr Lawrence’s football training, please see Mr Pickup or Mr Lawrence and arrangements will be made to accommodate your circumstances.

PSSA LEAGUE TAG -
Round 12 of the PSSA League Tag was another successful round for our teams. The Junior 1s played well and put on another fine performance in their victory over Warrawee 2s 5-2. The Junior 2s tried very hard in their loss to Berowra 2s and were in the game for most of the match but went down 8-6. The Senior 1s produced another great team effort in their victory over Warrawee Is 4-0. The Senior 2s were just as entertaining in their victory over Asquith 2s - 10-6. Thank you, Brad Keyes.

NORTH SYDNEY LEAGUE TAG FINAL -
On Monday, 24 November, 12 of our Senior boys competed in the North Sydney League Tag Final at Foxglove Oval. Against some strong competition and in very hot and humid conditions, the boys tried hard but unfortunately could only string together one good performance to win one of the five games we played. Poor execution and a lack of teamwork let the boys down. All of the boys conducted themselves well, represented the school in a fine manner and displayed great sportsmanship towards each team they played. Thank you, Brad Keyes.

HNPS CHRISTMAS SCRIPTURE ASSEMBLY -
The HNPS Christmas Scripture Assembly will be held next Thursday, 4 December. K-2 at 9.30am and 3-6 at 10.15am. "Quiz Worx" presents "The Story of the Greatest King Ever", with puppets, music and drama. Parents and friends are very welcome.

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 NO LONGER AVAILABLE.
Volunteers:
Thursday 27 November: Lisa Mc Clemont.
Friday 28 November: Stephanie Pratt, Emma Smith.
Monday 1 December: HELPERS PLEASE.
Tuesday 2 December: Zoe Pook.
Wednesday 3 December: HELPERS PLEASE.
Vicki Stubbing, Canteen Manager.

UNIFORM SHOP -
New Summer dresses will arrive 1/12/2014 and all outstanding orders will be filled immediately. The last day the Uniform Shop will be open is Friday 5/12/2014. Only orders via the P&C box will be completed after this date until the end of the year. The Uniform Shop will be closed on Thursday 11/12/2014 and Friday 12/12/2014, due to stocktake. The Uniform Shop will open again next year on Tuesday, 27 January 2015 (Staff Development Day) from 8.30am to 9.30am. It will be open each day after that in the first week, 8.30am to 9.30am. The following week, it will return to being open Thursday & Friday mornings. Kim Urbaniaiak.

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 next Wednesday, 3 December.

ATTENTION YEAR 4 PARENTS - Volunteers are still needed for Carols night! Thanks to those who have volunteered already, however we still need some helpers on the BBQ and canteen, especially between 3.00pm & 6.00pm!!

ATTENTION YEAR 4 STUDENTS - You are invited to attend the last day of school Friday 5/12/2014. Your teachers will be giving you a special gift then.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE -
HUGE PRIZES up for grabs!!!
Did you know the major prize for this year’s Christmas Raffle is a 42inch TV from JB HiFi? Did you know 2nd prize is a massive Christmas Tree Pack plus a Huge Christmas Ham?? AND did you know there are 32 hamper prizes this year?!! NO???? Well, get selling! Tickets are only $2 and spare ticket books are available from the Office. So far we’ve raised $3438 but there’s still a LONG way to go!
BAND NEWS -
Band auditions are virtually done except for a small number that will be finalised within the next week. Congratulations to all students who have completed an audition. This can be a nerve racking experience but you have all handled it very well. Contracts for 2015, audition feedback and Band Party invitations will be sent home this week after band rehearsals. Please complete all necessary pages in the Band Contract and return to the P&C box asap. The Band Party on Thursday, 11 December is our last event on the Band Program and is compulsory for all students. At the end of the evening all students hiring an instrument will be asked to return it, so we can get them ready for the annual maintenance. Please return the rsvp slip for the party to the P&C box asap. Just a reminder that it is still compulsory for all Band members to attend all Band rehearsals and tutorials up until our Band Party. There have been a number of Junior Band students not turning up for their lunchtime rehearsal. There are only 2 more to go so we expect full attendance please.

COMMUNITY NEWS -
KMART WISHING TREE -
The Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal aims to make Christmas brighter for Australian’s in need, by collecting gifts for people who would otherwise go without during the festive season. The Appeal has collected more than six million gifts over the past 26 years and this year, aims to raise more than 500,000 gifts nationally. Our Hornsby store received 5,632 gifts from members of the local community in 2014, but you have all handled it very well. Contracts for 2015, audition have completed an audition. This can be a nerve racking experience but you have all handled it very well. Contracts for 2015, audition feedback and Band Party invitations will be sent home this week after band rehearsals. Please complete all necessary pages in the Band Contract and return to the P&C box asap. The Band Party on Thursday, 11 December is our last event on the Band Program and is compulsory for all students. At the end of the evening all students hiring an instrument will be asked to return it, so we can get them ready for the annual maintenance. Please return the rsvp slip for the party to the P&C box asap. Just a reminder that it is still compulsory for all Band members to attend all Band rehearsals and tutorials up until our Band Party. There have been a number of Junior Band students not turning up for their lunchtime rehearsal. There are only 2 more to go so we expect full attendance please.

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We highly recommend you book a half hour time slot so your child can be professionally fitted for their new school uniform.
This will ensure you avoid the queues!
Booking open online 1st September and fitting appointments commence 1st October.
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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).
- 3 keys on “Winnie The Poo/Piglet” keyring.
- School Headband.
- “Yolo” adult cap, Cancer Council straw hat and ladies purple/black/white hat left after Band Festival.
- “Kenko” Digital UV Filter found at K-2 Athletics Day.
- Adult “Osiris” prescription glasses in hard cover left 13/11/14.
- Black/white hat left after Band Festival.
- “Yolo” adult cap, Cancer Council straw hat and ladies purple/black/white hat left after Band Festival.
- 3 keys on “Winnie The Poo/Piglet” keyring.
- Gold Coast aqua blue cap found on oval 18/11/14.
- Various keys (one on red tag, one on black plastic spring, two on a keyring and one on a keyring).

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Morning Tea

International Volunteer Day December 5th 2014
We invite all our wonderful Hornsby volunteers to attend a morning tea at Hornsby Council to say THANKS Volunteers do such a wonderful job for so many in our community and on IVD we want to say Thanks.
Come along and meet other wonderful volunteers.
Date: Friday 5th December 2014 10.30am – 11pm
Venue: Hornsby Council Chambers 266 Peats Ferry Road (formerly Pacific Highway)
Details: Morning Tea provided
Mayor Hornsby to attend.
RSVP to Alison Greally
volunteers@kmc.nsw.gov.au or 9424970 for catering before 30/11/2014

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