From the Principal...

The following students received Bronze Medals at a special morning tea last Thursday:—Justin J., Olivia B., Abby B., Serena C., Kaitlyn C., Anushka C., Phillip D., Alayna D., Henry E., Chelsea G., Jennifer H., Kevin H., Esther K., James L., Talise M., James M., Jeffrey M., Sebastian M., April M., Carolyn T., Lynden W., Jerry Y., Hayden B., Jade D.P., Aarik H., Chelsea K., Colum R., Lachlan B-C., Gus D.P., Charlotte G., Patrick L. & Timothy V.L.

Congratulations girls and boys and thank you to parents, caregivers and relatives who joined us on this important occasion. Special thanks to Mrs Edmonds who was largely responsible for the organisation including the baking of the delicious scones. Photos of the recipients of the medals appear further in the Newsletter.

CAROLS NIGHT

We dodged the storms and the rain and enjoyed a marvelous night of entertainment and celebration. Thank you, thank you to the staff and parents who worked together to make such a function possible and successful. Special thanks to the Encounter Church, Hornsby for allowing us to use their sound system. We look with envy at it, enjoy the incredible sound and at the same time, wish we had a similar system for our everyday use.

The joy and happiness the children brought us last night is something you cannot buy or manufacture. It was a natural response from lovely children. An unbiased member of the audience made the following comments -

- "The children were great—happy and well behaved".
- "The items were varied and entertaining".
- "I didn't hear one teacher making a cross remark to a child, because they didn't need to".
- "The children were allowed to be and behave as children having a great time".
- "The Senior Band and Cantare Choir combination was second to none. Something I have never heard before. Something I believe has never been heard in many places before. It should be recorded".

Whilst there may be some bias there, I believe the above comments sum up both concerts and I congratulate and thank the entire school community for their team work in "Caring for Children, Educating for Life". Please see more photos on Page 3.

SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR -

It was a time of colour, movement, energy, creativity and wonderful talent. Sixteen students from Hornsby North joined over 3,000 students to participate in 4 shows at the Schools Spectacular which were 'spectacular'. As mentioned in last week's Newsletter, Mrs Reeves was a choreographer and an integral part of the Show's success. The students representing Hornsby North were:- Lewis R., Oliver K., William H., Patrick B., Claudia M., Sarah U., Nicola R., Georgia O., Eloise C., Myra M., Kira P., Haley McC., Abbey C., Charlie J., Jess B. & Jamalia B.

Once again the parental support was outstanding and Mrs Reeves said that the children were "the best ever" - kind, caring, supportive of each other, hard working and full of fun and energy. I believe the mums and dads had a great time too!

With only two weeks until the end of term, I urge everyone to read the Newsletter and Notes online, so that information regarding times and events is communicated to all.

Looking forward to seeing parents and community members at our activities next week and in the final week.

MORE STUDENT SUCCESS—PSSA CRICKET TEAMS -

Congratulations to the Senior and Junior Cricket Teams. Both won the Grand Finals last Friday. I went to the field to watch promising the Office ladies I would be back in 20-30 minutes. Unfortunately, I did not return for quite a while and fortunately, I was able to watch both teams play superbly and receive the winners' trophies. Well done boys, Lucie and Mr Howard.

Coming Events......

Thursday 4 December
Friday 5 December
Saturday 6 December
Monday 8 December
Tuesday 9 December
Wednesday 10 December
Thursday 11 December
Monday 15 December
Wednesday 17 December

HNPS Xmas Scripture Assembly.
Year 6 Dinner 6.30pm.
Xmas Spectacular at Rofe Park—Music & Movement, Choir & Dance.
Kindy Presentation Day 9.30-11.00am.
Yrs 1 & 2 Presentation Day 9.30-11.00am.
Yrs 3-6 Presentation Day 9.30-11.00am.
Semester 2 Reports Home.
Year 6 Farewell Assembly 9.30-11.00am.
Last Day for Students 2014.

Maree Hampton
Principal
From the Classroom  

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -

LIBRARY NEWS -
Most students have now returned all borrowed books. If you still have some at home please encourage children to bring them to the library as soon as possible.  Stocktake will take place during the next two weeks.  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.

There will be no Chess club this Friday, 5 December but there will be one last session on Friday, 12 December.  Helen Stevens, Teacher Librarian. Helen.Stevens@det.nsw.edu.au.

MOVEMBER 2014 -
Movember has finished and the lip foliage has been removed, much to the delight of the MoBros partners.  The team of Mr Pickup, Mr Keyes, Mr Lawrence, Mr Jenkins, Mr Strange and Mr Gates raised $2095!  Mr Jenkins was the team’s leading donation earner with a final total of $696.66.  Last week the team were challenged to singing “Let It Go” and to dress up for the day.  Last Thursday, we said goodbye to the moustaches with the great shave off.  This year Movember has been a great success—thankyou to everyone who supported the Hornsby North MoBros.

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

PSSA CRICKET -
Our Junior and Senior teams both competed in the Hornsby Zone Grand Final last Friday at Mills Park.  A touching minute’s silence was held before the match for Australian Cricketer Phillip Hughes, who tragically died the previous day from a cricket injury.  Our players learnt that Hughes was a product of the Public School system and that he made the NSWPSSA cricket team just 14 short years ago; that he lost his life just 14 years after he represented that same team that Rohan R. (5/6B) and Lucie V. (5/6B) represented when they won this competition since joining in 2008.

In our final, our Captains hit the runs that took our team total to that symbolic number.  Jackson R. and Rohan R. have led their team magnificently this season, leading by example as well as having cricketing brains beyond their years.  They have been ably and actively supported by their Vice Captains, David C. and Shaan A.  Congratulations boys on such an outstanding job!

A huge thank you to all of the parents who have driven our cricketers to and from their matches and supported the teams so well:  Mrs Curtis, Mr and Mrs Nanadanapatham, Mr and Mrs Amarasinge, Mr and Mrs Stevens, Mrs Onslow, Ms Spring (Simpson), Mrs Nicklin, Mrs Beasley, Mr and Mrs Waldock, Mrs Schauwecker, Mrs Massingham and Mrs Watson.

To all cricketers - Please return your washed cricket shirt to Mr Howard by the end of this week.  Thanks, Michael Howard.

CRICKET TRIALS FOR 2015 -
The Cricket trials will resume 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 -
The last round of PSSA League Tag was an unofficial Finals day, whereby teams were matched up against opponents of a similar ability.  Thankfully, the conditions were a little cooler than previous weeks which was a relief for all involved.  The Junior 1s tried hard against a strong Mt Colah side but lost 4-1.  Self doubt got the better of them and they did not play to their full potential.  The Junior 2s put in a much better effort last week and almost ended the year on a high.  They matched Asquith’s try for try but ran out of time in the end going down 7-6.  It was a different story in the Seniors with both teams winning comfortably in their matches.  Against a determined Mt Colah side, the Senior 1s came home with a wet sail and ran away with the game 8-2 displaying skill, flare and speed in the tries they scored.  Not to be out done, the Senior 2s once again showed the teamwork and skill that has been on display throughout the year in their 7-2 victory over Warrawee 1s.  Congratulations to both Teams.  It has been a fun competition and Mr Hughes, Miss Behn and myself have been impressed with the way the teams have conducted themselves and the spirit they have played the game in.  We look forward to next year.  Thank you, Brad Keyes.

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.
UNIFORM SHOP -
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 Urbaniak.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE -
Congratulations to the winners!!! Thanks to everyone who helped by selling their tickets for the Christmas raffle and to the wonderful Kindy parents who made it all happen!! Could hampers be collected by this Friday, 5 December no later than 3.30pm. Winners of the major prizes will receive instructions on how to pick them up. We will announce how much money was raised before the end of term. Thank you everyone! The winners are:-


MANGO FUNDRAISING -
Collection of the mangoes will be on Friday, 12 December from the School Office after 2.00pm (TBC). If you ordered mangoes, you will receive a note about finalised pickup arrangements. If you have any questions or don’t receive the note, please email Kerryn on kbinham@bigpond.net.au.

CANTEEN NEWS -
For Year 6 parents who would like to close their Munch Monitor account, please download an Account Closure Form, from the website or email munchmonitor.com, and a form will be emailed back to you, or send the balance at the Canteen before the end of term.

Volunteers:
Thursday 4 December: Kathy Harniman.
Friday 5 December: Anna Landgren, Gaye Heap.
Monday 8 December: Christina Martin.
Tuesday 9 December: Toshiko Shimizu.
Wednesday 10 December: HELPERS PLEASE.
Vicki Stublings, Canteen Manager.

BAND NEWS -
Congratulations to our Senior Band members on their wonderful performance last night at our Carols. The combination of the Band and Cantare Choir was brilliant. Well done!

Most students should now have received a Band Contract for 2015 if continuing, audition feedback if you did an audition, and an invitation to our Band Party on Thursday 11/12. There are still a few Contracts to be sent out and this will be by the end of the week. Due date for Band Contracts is this Friday and RSVP to Band Party is tomorrow 4/12. Please put all paperwork into the P&C box ASAP. All students who have hired an instrument this year will need to return them at the end of the Band Party, so we can get them ready for their annual clean and maintenance. A reminder to all Junior Band students to turn up for Friday morning’s rehearsal and the last rehearsal before the Band Party will be next Monday, 8 December. All students in both A and B groups are expected to attend this final lunchtime rehearsal. Thank you. Catherine Pedersen, Band Committee.

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. Today was the last day for school banking. It will resume early in Term 1, 2015.

COMMUNITY NEWS -
LEARN TAE KWON DO -
(Australian Tae Kwon Do Chung Do Kwan Association). Established in the Northern Suburbs of Sydney since 1974. Training: Tuesday 7.30-8.30pm (Hornsby North Public School Hall); and Saturday 12.00-1.00pm (Asquith Community Hall, Storey Park). For enquiries please phone 9981 7788.
BRONZE MEDAL MORNING TEA, THURSDAY 27 NOVEMBER, 2014