From the Principal...

Today we participated in the final Presentation Assembly for 2014. I thank the parents and caregivers who supported their children on these important occasions ... on Monday for Kindergarten Presentation Assembly, on Tuesday for the Years 1 & 2 Assembly and today for the Years 3 to 6 Assembly.

At today’s Assembly the School Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects for 2015 were announced. They are:-

Lucy W. Captain
Nicholas B. Vice Captain
Claudia M. Vice Captain
James H. Vice Captain

The Prefects are:- Oliver K., William H., Guy T., Ryan C., Lachlan C., Nilesh N., Amy McF., Holly B., Eleana X., Abby T., Lashay S. and Alice L. Congratulations to these students.

The 2015 House Captains and Vice Captains were also announced. They are:-

Bates—Medha S. & Ben O'B. (Captains); Anabel W. & Santiago S. (Vice Captains).
David—Jessica R. & Kai Matejka (Captains); Erin O'B. & Mahdi F. (Vice Captains).
Gilmore—Zambia B. & Conor S. (Captains); Evelyn D. & Juyeong L. (Vice Captains).
Phillip—Chelsea H. & Nick S. (Captains); Louise R. & Conor R. (Vice Captains).

All Assemblies were most successful and a great tribute to students, staff and parents. It was wonderful to witness the progression of student participation from Kindergarten to Year 6. Students in Kindergarten led their Assembly ... some introduced items and teachers whilst others conducted choirs. At the upper end of the school, the performances were polished and professional and the students were the leaders in the entire presentations.

It was a privilege to have Matt Kean with us once again. He spoke so well to the children and is such a supportive, genuine representative for the Electorate. Matt’s agenda is for the community good and for the kids growing up in our community.

SCHOOL CAR PARK -
We have had a couple of unpleasant incidents in the car park recently and this is extremely sad as we need the community to work together and respect each other on all occasions. The car park is a Staff car park and parents and caregivers are not permitted to enter after 7.45am or before 4.00pm. On Wednesday afternoons, there is a Staff Meeting and if parents are arriving to collect students, please be courteous to the staff members who are leaving—they are leaving their workplace. The car park is not your domain. If the staff bother you as they leave after the Staff Meeting, please park outside in the street. Abusive language and rude hand signals from adults towards teachers will not be tolerated. What a bad example for children! Any person who behaves in the above manner will receive a letter from the DEC Legal Branch advising them that they are not permitted to enter the school grounds under any circumstances at all. A breach of that advice will result in legal action.

P&C FUNDRAISING -
A note from the P&C Fundraising Committee accompanies this Newsletter. In order to share the workload around, the note requests each family in the school give 8 hours a year to the fund raising activities. I urge all parents to take this initiative and support the Fundraising Committee so that we all take ownership of the activities and the provision of school resources.

LAST WEEK’S ACTIVITIES -
Last week was an action-packed week with our own Carols Night, Christmas Spectacular at Rofe Park, Scripture Assembly and the Year 6 Dinner. At the Year 6 Dinner the students were well behaved and a credit to their school and families. Unfortunately, the Christmas Spectacular was cancelled on Saturday night. I apologise to parents who were inconvenienced, but poor weather made it dangerous to continue.

Thank you to the Scripture Teachers who presented the Christmas Assembly last Thursday. The children were engaged and very receptive to the different presentation.

BATHURST EXCURSION -
Parents of eight students have not paid any money for the Bathurst Excursion. The cost of the Excursion was $345.00, which means the school has had to pay almost $3,000 for these students. I will be phoning these parents in the next few days if I don’t hear from them prior to my call.

STUDENT SUCCESS -
Max D. (5H) had another good round of sailing at his State Titles, with his sailing partner. They sailed in the 2nd round of the Manly Junior State Titles at Avalon Sailing Club on 22/23 November and after a weekend of mixed wind, are placed 3rd on Handicap in their Division - it will be an exciting 3rd round of the Titles in February! Well done Max.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER -
Please don’t forget to view a full version of the Newsletter on the school’s website.

Marcie Sumpton
Principal

Coming Events......
Thursday 11 December Semester 2 Reports Home.
Monday 15 December Year 6 Farewell Assembly 9.30-11.00am.
Wednesday 17 December Last Day for Students 2014.
Thursday 18 December Staff Development Day.
Friday 19 December Staff Development Day.
Tuesday 27 January…………………..
Wednesday 28 January Students in Years 1–6 Return 2015.
From the Classroom .................

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -
Georgina C. x 2 (6K), Julia C. (5B), Karen Y. (4N), Soleni T. (3M),
Ananya S. (3B), Joyceong L. (5F), Tom U. (5F), Charlotte G. (4G), Jack
S. (4R), Riley N. (6W), Hye S. (6K), Annabel B. (5B), Caelan B. (KO).

KINDERGARTEN NEWS -
I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Kindergarten teachers for their hard work this year, all the parents for being such great helpers and of course, our wonderful Kindergarten students who have grown and learnt so much. We know they are all ready for Year 1 in 2015. Thank you and Merry Christmas, Sharon Gates.

LIBRARY NEWS -
All library books should be returned by now, thank you. Children are able borrow some books for the holidays if I am contacted by a parent. Holiday books may be collected next Tuesday, 16 December and Wednesday, 17 December. Happy holidays and happy reading everyone! Helen Stevens, Teacher Librarian.

Helen.Stevens@det.nsw.edu.au.

TIMES TABLES CHAMPIONS -
Congratulations to our recent Times Tables Champions (Division 1 listed first):
Year 3 - Sean W. (3J), Zen S. (3M).
Year 4 - Katherine L. (4M), Armin B. (4G).
Year 5 - Juliet K. (5/6B), Chelsea H. (5F).
Year 6 - Erin N. (6K), Gabriel K. (6W).

INCIDENT IN IDA STREET -
A car accident happened between 9:00am and 9:15am on Tuesday, 9 December in Ida Street. The car was a Nissan Patrol, red or brown in colour. It would be appreciated if any witnesses to this accident could contact Peter on 0430 010 291.

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 -
Only uniform orders via the P&C box will be completed until the end of the year. The Uniform Shop will be closed on Thursday 11/12/2014 and Friday 12/12/2014, for stocktake. The Uniform Shop will re-open on Tuesday, 27 January 2015 (Staff Development Day) from 8.30am to 9.30am. It will be open each day in the first week, 8:30am to 9:30am. The following week, it will return to Thursday & Friday mornings. Kim Urbanik.

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 spend the balance at the Canteen before the end of term.

Volunteers:
Thursday 11 December: Debra Murphy, Belinda Greer, Linda Muncey.
Friday 12 December: Sue Walters, Jennifer Martin, Dilek Jolliffe.
Monday 15 December: Janet Parise.
Tuesday 16 December: Deb Nicklin, Mamtta Nair, Jennifer England.
Wednesday 17 December: Jean Ryan.
Thank you for all the help this year and have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Vicki Stubbings, Canteen Manager.

BAND NEWS -
All bands are having their final rehearsals this week. We are looking forward to our Band Party tomorrow night. All students are to arrive at 6.15pm. Dress is mufti and please bring a plate to share. After students have performed, all hired instruments need to be returned. If you are not coming to the Band Party and are hiring an instrument, please let Sharon Schweifurth or myself know as we need to have your instrument by tomorrow.
I am still waiting on some Band Contracts. Please place these in the P&C Box by Friday, 12 December. Thank you. Catherine Pedersen, Band Committee.

COMMUNITY NEWS -

THE ATHLETE’S FOOT -
The Athlete’s Foot Hornsby are the experts in fitting children into their new shoes. We have a unique fitting service (Fitzi) using state of the art technology to ensure we get the best fit. Here are a few tips for fitting school shoes over the next back to school period. Don’t forget we donate $5 back to the school when you purchase shoes from us. 5 shopping tips for school shoes:-
1. Make sure you measure both feet! Believe it or not, but about 60% of us have two different size feet. This can be width and length. So when fitting for school shoes we always measure length of foot (your longest toe) length of arch and width of foot. That’s right, 48% of us have a second toe longer than our big toe!
2. Bring along your school socks! If you have to wear school socks as part of the uniform, we always encourage you to bring a clean pair of school socks in when you get fitted.
3. Special Fitting. If your child wears orthotics or has any special fitting requirements, always remember to bring everything along with you. Don’t forget to touch base with your podiatrist/physio over the holidays to get a check up.
4. Laces or Velcro? Velcro is great for younger children, and we carry a range in multiple width and brands to ensure we get the best fit possible. For the older children, laces are always our first preference. The reason is that when it comes to fittings, you can adjust and change a lace shoe much more than a velcro shoe. Elastic laces are also an option.
5. How much growing room? All children grow at different rates but as a rough guide:- We find children ages 1-3 will need to update their shoes approx. 2-3 times a year, and children ages 3-10 will need new shoes approx. 1-2 times per year. Always allow about 1cm from the longest toe to ensure enough growing room. Going TOO big can lead to foot problems and doesn’t mean you will get longer out of the shoe! It’s also important to make sure your child can walk, run, hop and skip (as children do) in the shoes comfortably without tripping, rubbing or stumbling.

NIDA—SUMMER HOLIDAY CLASSES -
Our short courses provide a great opportunity for students to develop their dramatic and creative skills in a fun and supportive environment. The Summer Holiday Program runs 3-25 January, 2015. Courses are available in a range of disciplines for ages 2+ years. For more information and bookings visit open.nida.edu.au or call 02 9697 7626.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CRICKET CLINIC FOR JUNIOR GIRLS -
HKHDCCA has organised another special cricket clinic in January 2015 for girls aged 6-14 years of all standards, including beginners, club players and representative standard players. Venue: Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara Ave or Park Ave, Waitara. Dates & Times: Thursday, 15th & Friday 16th January, 2015 - 9.00 am to 12.00 pm.

Online registration is easy via the following website: http://eepurl.com/83Ew5.

Enquiries: Josh Miller (HKHDCCA Secretary) josh.673@hotmail.com 0434 820 806 OR Bruce Wood (HKHDCCA President) bgwood@optusnet.com.au 0412 688 629.

LOST PROPERTY HELD AT OFFICE
At the end of Term 4, unclaimed lost property will be donated to charity.

• 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 “Oziris” prescription glasses in hard cover left 13/11/14.
• Gold Coast aqua blue cap found on oval 18/11/14.
• Purple Smiggle watch with ice blocks on the band, left at Rofe Park Tennis Court 4/12/14.
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**Hornsby Shire Council—Summer Holidays Guide**

See the website for a fun range of activities for kids and families—hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson.

**NSW Sport & Recreation—Holiday Camps**

Sport and Recreation has some great holiday options for kids and families this Summer. Our Kids’ Camps provide 5 to 16 year olds with the chance to branch out and be their own person while trying lots of fun activities. Then there’s our all-inclusive Family Camps, which give parents and guardians a well-earned rest with accommodation, meals and instructor-led activities included in the price. With over 40 outdoor activities to choose from, including fishing, mountain biking, kayaking, abseiling and rock climbing, there’s plenty to do to keep everyone entertained. dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps, dsr.nsw.gov.au/familycamps, Phone 13 13 02 or facebook.com/nswsportandrecreation.

**Building Blocks Occupational Therapy**

The January School Holidays 2015 are jam packed with programs for your pre-school and school aged children. Run by our experienced Occupational Therapists, each group has been tailor-made to suit the various requirements of our young clients.

Take a look what’s on offer. Go to our website for more information, and get your registration forms back to us as soon as possible to secure a spot in these popular groups.

Building Blocks Occupational Therapy
1C Burdett Street
Hornsby NSW 2077
Phone: 9482 3082
Email: admin@bbot.com.au
Website: www.bbot.com.au

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**School Holiday Cricket Coaching Clinics**

January 2015 – school holidays

Run by HKHDCCA and Northern District CC

Comprehensive coaching program for boys & girls aged between 6-15 years – beginners, club & reps

**Venues** – Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara (2 clinics)
George Thornton Reserve WPH and Turramurra

**Accreditation:** Level 1 & 2 qualified coaches

**Cost:** $130 (if registered by 22 Dec. 2014)
Further discounts apply – clothing, siblings, etc.

**Enquiries** – contact Bruce Wood (HKHDCCA)

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**Recreational Holiday Gymnastics**

Hornsby RSL Youth Club Gymnastics
1 Ashley Lane, Hornsby, NSW, 2077
Phone: 9476 6689
Email: hornsbyrls@gymnastics.org.au
Website: www.hornsbyrls.gymnastics.org.au

Our popular recreational holiday gymnastics program will be running again throughout the January holidays for all children aged 5-12 years (no experience necessary). The days are filled, fast moving and exciting and include use of all the apparatus. Classes are run by fully accredited Gymnastics Coaches, holding Senior First Aid Certificates. **Bookings are Essential.** Class numbers are limited, so hurry and get your friends together so you don’t miss out.

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**Walk on the Wild Side @**

**Kids Fun Days Holiday Club**

Jan 12 - 16, 2015 (Mon - Fri)

Untamed Ovens & Big-uns-Play Stampede - Cutters Cafe - KidVid Cinema & Bible Adventures - Big Screen Movie - Water Fun - Fancy Dress Day - New Friends

**Times**
- Grades 1 - 6 (2015): 8:45am - 3:00pm
- Preschool & Kindy (aged 4-6): 8:45am - 11:45am

**Venue**
Chinese & Australian Baptist Church - Thornleigh

**Cost**

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* Please contact us for family discount (3+ kids).
* Limited availability for Preschool & Kindy Program.
* Forms available online or from the church office.

**CABC - Thornleigh**

235 Tennant Hills Rd, Thornleigh NSW 2120
T 9464 3920  F 9464 2978  E kfd@cabc-t.org.au
www.cabc-t.org.au/kfd

CABC Thornleigh Kids Fun Days 2015
ASQUITH LEAGUES

KIDS

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY 14 JANUARY
10.30am
MR PEABODY AND SHERMAN
12 noon - $5 Kids Meals from the Brasserie

WEDNESDAY 21 JANUARY
10.30am
MUPPETS MOST WANTED
12 noon - $5 Kids Meals from the Brasserie
1pm - Kids Craft Workshop - $7 per child (3yrs and over)
Book your Craft Workshop ticket through Reception
11-37 Alexandria Parade, Waitara Ph. 9487 1066

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Hornsby Heights Public School
Somerville Road, Hornsby Heights
THURS Juniors: 6:00pm
For children aged 5 yrs to 12 yrs
See website for more locations

Phone: 04 1300 4094
www.tkma.com.au

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This applies to the whole family across our fantastic range of school, sports, work and casual shoes.
Ask one of our friendly staff in store for more details.

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