From the Principal...

COUNTDOWN TO THE AUTUMN FAIR -
With only two days to go, the excitement and high expectations continue to build. Once again, thank you to all for the support, time and organisation that has taken place over the past weeks. It has been wonderful and representative of the inclusive team spirit that exists at Hornsby North.

A number of informative pages from the Fund Raising Committee accompany this Newsletter. Please take the time to read the information as these mini newsletters will give last minute details and let parents know where extra help is needed.

TEDDY BEARS’ PICNIC -
Last Sunday, our 40+ Senior Band performed at the Teddy Bears’ Picnic at Lisgar Gardens in Hornsby. The weather was perfect, the playing was perfect and the community spirit was perfect. To play 6 pieces after three weeks of rehearsals and tutorials was an outstanding achievement. Congratulations Senior Band members, Mr Di Marzo, teachers and parents.

WORKING BEE -
In preparation for the Fair, the Term 1 Working Bee was held last Sunday. Approximately 250 parents and students attended. This was a record and the school sparkled and shone after the many maintenance jobs were carried out. We must have the most supportive parents of any school! Thank you all so much.

INTERIM REPORTS -
Last Friday, Interim Reports were sent to all parents and caregivers. These report cards reflect the outcomes that have been achieved. Teachers are working with parents and students so that the best possible outcomes are achieved. Parents and caregivers should not be alarmed if their child/children does not score in the top range for all aspects of their school life during the first few weeks of term. Teachers are available for interview and parents are asked to organise an appropriate time so that concerns can be addressed in a professional and supportive manner. Most importantly, we want to do the best we can for every child. Last year organised parent/teacher interviews were held early in Term 2. The same will occur this year. Parents will be advised of the time and dates towards the end of term.

HOLIDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERMS -
Parents are reminded of the correct protocols regarding absences from school during the school term. The law states that children are required to attend school on every day of the school year. If they are ill or if there are exceptional family circumstances, students are permitted to take leave. I am sure many parents are aware of the recent statements from the Government advising school communities that future leave will not be granted unless the circumstances are exceptional. Family holidays are not regarded as exceptional circumstances. For absences of five days or more, an application for a Certificate of Exemption from Attendance at School must be made. The first step in this process is a letter to the Principal (not the class teacher or the office ladies) stating the reason for the request. On many occasions, parents write a note which reads a little like this ... "Please be advised that my child will be absent for 10 days as the family will be holidaying in the Greek Islands". This advice will no longer be accepted. Parents need to write to the Principal and ask for permission to take their child/children out of school for a stated period. Once the request is made, the correct form will be sent home for completion. If parents download the forms from the DEC website, a request must still be made to the Principal and should accompany the completed forms. If the correct procedures are not followed, students will be marked Absent without sufficient reason.

HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION FORMS -
To date, 48 out of 106 of the above forms have been returned to the Office. However, the date for the return of these forms is not until Friday, 21 March. We are just reminding the parents of the 58 students who have not returned forms, that the due date is a little over a week away. I am positive they will all be in on time.

STUDENT SUCCESS -
Rohan R. (6B) played for Sydney North in the recently concluded NSWPSSA Cricket Championship. His team won the State Championship for the second time in a row! Rohan had a very successful tournament bagging wickets at every match including a hat-trick. He had achieved the same distinction last year becoming one of the first to take a hat-trick in succession at this level of the game. Rohan has been selected for the State Squad based on his performance, and will now attend a 3 day camp from which the State Team will be selected. Congratulations Rohan and best wishes for your progress to the next level.

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Principal

Hornsby North Public School
From the Classroom ..................

Hannah E. (2B), Charlotte G. (4G), Bronte T. (3J), Selina L. (1K), Ryan W. (1L), Bryce W. x 2 (6W), Fleur O. (6P), Brandon A. (1C), Azuro B. (3J), Kane S. (4M), Eman T. (5G), Veerein S. (2C).

KINDERGARTEN NEWS -


LIBRARY NEWS -

The orange dot Premier’s Reading Challenge books are in big demand. Please be patient if your child brings home only one each week. I have been asking that they not be borrowed before and after school so that there are always some in the library for children who only borrow during the library lesson. It is important that the children are independent with library borrowing and I encourage parents to allow them to be independent with this task. Helen Stevens, Teacher Librarian. Helen.Stevens@det.nsw.edu.au.

FRENCH NEWS -

We are all getting excited to launch our iPADS into the classroom. There are some good French Apps available and a lot of them are free. Here are some I thought you might be interested in looking at:- Tres Bien, French for Kids, HH French, Paris, The Little Parisian & Duolingo. There is another great App, unfortunately it is not free but really worth looking at - “I can speak French”.

Hoping you have many enjoyable hours looking at these. Mme Maureen Bennetts.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL -

Yesterday, a strong group of swimmers from Hornsby North competed in the Zone Swimming Carnival. The commitment, the behaviour and the effort was second to none. We were extremely proud of all members of the team as they were great ambassadors for Hornsby North. The following students made the finals in the Freestyle events:- Lachlan McC. (2H), David C. (4M), Juyeong L. (5F), Martin C. (6B), Sarah U. (3J), Jessica S. (4G) & Eloise C. (6P). Martin came first in 12/13 Yrs Butterfly event and Juyeong came second in 11 Yrs Butterfly event. The Senior and Junior Boys Relay Teams came 3rd and the Senior Girls Relay Team came 4th. Congratulations to all swimmers.

PSSA CRICKET -

Our Junior Team bowled, fielded and batted very well last Friday, resulting in a solid 94-32 victory over Turramurra North P.S. Well done to David C. (4M) and Ben H. (4G) who filled in so capably as Captain and Vice Captain - the teacher from Turramurra North was very impressed with both of you. Our Senior Team recovered from losing 5 team members, to record a convincing 92-27 win. Our best bowlers were: Noah J. (6P)[1/2], Max S. (5H)[maiden], Jackson R. (4R) [0/2 from 2 overs] and Lucie V. (5/6B)[0/1]. Our best batters were: Max S.[8 runs from 9 balls] and Nathan C. (6K)[10 runs from 11 balls]. Thank you to Jackson R. and Seth M. (4R) for slotting into the Senior Team so easily, and to Lucie V. and Nathan C. who took over so well as Captain and Vice Captain.

Our opponents this week are Waitara P.S. at Montview Oval. The meeting time outside the library is 8:55am and the drivers are: Nadanapatham, Nicklin, Amarasinghe, Simpson, Watson, Waldock and Schauwecker.

Training will not be held on Tuesday (Juniors) and Wednesday (Seniors) mornings until the end of Term 3. Training for the State Knockout Team will continue until we lose. Michael Howard.

CRICKET STATE KNOCKOUT -

Our second round match of the NSW PSSA State Knockout will be played on Tuesday (18 March) at Montview Oval against Normanhurst West P.S. The meeting time outside the library is 8:45am and the drivers are: Nicklin, Nadanapatham and Simpson.

PSSA LEAGUE TAG -

Round 2 of PSSA League Tag resulted in mixed fortunes for our teams with our Jnr and Snr 1s winning and both our 2s teams going down. The Senior 1s were too strong for Aquisith 1s winning 8-0 against a developing side. The Senior 1s got out the blocks and quickly raced to a big lead but managed to hold out a fast finishing Berowra 1s and took out the game 9-4. The Junior 2s were soundly beaten by a strong Mt Colah side 8-0, a lack of team work proved costly. The Senior 2s went down in a nail biter to Cowan 4-3, the game was played in good spirit and sportsmanship has been displayed by all our teams. A reminder that Week 7 is the final week of League Tag as Summer PSSA makes way for the Winter sports. League Tag will recommence later in Term 3. Brad Keyes.

PSSA T-BALL/SOFTBALL -

Wow a week! Our Softball and T-ball teams both played Turramurra North P.S. last week at Cliff Oval. In warm and dry weather conditions, both teams were keen to play and play they did! The Softballer’s started off a little slow but soon got into their groove. As the game wore on their confidence grew and had the opposition rattled with their clever tactics. With some outstanding catching by Medha, the girls were strong enough to keep this team somewhat at bay. The girls ended up going down 14-7, which is a respectable score seeing as the opposition was in the grand final in 2013! Great work girls you should be very proud of yourselves. The T-ballers had another close game with some tough competition. The game was neck and neck the whole way right until the last play. Sarah S. shocked the opposition with a huge hit and there was some exceptional fielding by many of the girls including Annalyse L., Ria B. and Megan W. After two very close innings, we were ecstatic to come back with a 14-13 win. It was a fabulous team effort and a well-deserved victory. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the girls from both the Softball and T-ball teams on their exemplary manners, behaviour and level of respect and commitment that they display at every game. They are nothing but encouraging of others, helpful, keen and most importantly, always enjoy themselves. Thank you girls, as it makes Friday morning very enjoyable and you are an asset to Hornsby North. I would also like to thank the parents, who come to watch and provide moral support to the girls as well as drive them to and from the games. Your assistance is invaluable and very much appreciated by me as well as the girls. This week is our last game for this part of the season. We are playing at Rofe Park so no drivers are required. Meeting time is 8.40am outside the library. This week was the last week for training. Trials will commence in Term 3 for the latter part of the season.

Fiona Gleeson, T-Ball & Softball Convenor.
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 NEWS -
The winter uniforms have arrived and are currently being sold. *ALL* second hand items are only "$1.00" including dresses, come in and grab a bargain. The discontinued sports uniforms are on SALE until sold out. SHORTS $10, POLO'S $15, SKORTS $15 AND SLAMMERS $17. Orders are being taken for the new sports uniform. Rollout for the new tracksuit will begin June 2014. Rollout for the new sports uniform will begin August 2014. The change of sports uniform (tracksuit not included) is COMPULSORY for students starting KINDERGARTEN 2015. For students in other years (K2014 to Year 6) the new sports uniform is OPTIONAL.

The Uniform Shop will be open Thursday and Friday mornings between 8.30am to 9.30am. Thanks, Kim Urbanik.

CANTEEN NEWS -
Online ordering has commenced. Over the counter sales are still available. Please come and collect your Munch Monitor tag from the Canteen. If you have any queries, please see Mrs Stubbings in the Canteen.

Volunteers:
Thursday 13 March: Debra Murphy, Belinda Greer, Linda Muncey.
Friday 14 March: Sue Walters, Jennifer Martin.
Monday 17 March: HELPERS PLEASE.
Tuesday 18 March: Deb Nicklin, Mamta Nair.
Wednesday 19 March: Yuka Fujita, Jean Ryan.
Vicki Stubbings, Canteen Manager.

BAND NEWS -
Congratulations to our Senior Band who put on a wonderful performance at the Teddy Bears Picnic on Sunday, well done.

Our Autumn Fair is this Saturday and all 3 Hornsby North Bands will be performing. Please make sure you bring your child to KA at the following times.

Senior Band: 10:00am to be on stage at 10:15am.
Intermediate Band: 10:15am to be on stage at 10:30am.
Junior Band: 10:30am to be on stage at 10:45am.

It is your responsibility to get the children to KA at these times. We are running to a tight schedule and won't be able to run around the Fair looking for them.

Children will need to bring music and instruments and they do not have to wear school uniform. Thanks - Sharon Schweisfurth - Band Committee.

COMMUNITY NEWS -
DRAMA WORKSHOPS -

Call 9498 7671 or info@mstyp.org.au.


HORNSBY NORTH BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE -
We will be running Vacation Care in the April holidays in the second week only, from 22-24 April. We will also be running the pupil free day on Monday 28 April. Registration forms will be available on Monday 10 March from the Centre.

From Term 2, there will be a price increase of $1.00 for the morning session and $2.00 for an afternoon session.

STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL 2014 -
Stewart House Bags have been collected today. Thank you to those who have returned filled bags.

There will be another collection date of 30 July, 2014. Empty bags will be sent home prior to this date.

NORMANHURST OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE -
Maternity Relief Position:
We are seeking an OOSH Coordinator for a 6 month maternity relief starting mid March to work with our enthusiastic staff and fabulous students at Normanhurst Public School. Above Award Wages will be offered to the right person and possible ongoing employment as a casual staff member at the completion of the maternity relief appointment.

Email resume to attention Ellen: normanhurstoosh@optusnet.com.au

Please peruse our website for further details about the Centre: http://www.normanhurts-p.schoo ls.nsw.edu.au/noon

NEED TO DISPOSE OF AN OLD TV OR COMPUTER?
Recycling these items recovers valuable metals, plastic and glass, preventing dangerous materials from entering the environment.

Council is running a free trial e-waste drop off service until 30 June, 2014 at Council’s Waste Depot at 4 Chilvers Road, Thornleigh. Weekdays 9.00am to 4.00pm and late night Tuesday until 7.30pm. Batteries, light globes, ink and toner cartridges and mobile phones can also be dropped off at this location. For more information about what can be dropped off, check our A-Z Waste and Recycling Guide on our website or call the Waste Hotline on 9847 4856.

HORNBSY SHIRE COUNCIL—CHIPPING FOR MULCH DAYS -
Bring along your green waste for chipping and take home free mulch. For information about what is accepted and not, see Council’s website for full details. This Sunday, 16 March, 8.00am—2.45pm. Hornsby Council Depot, Johnson Road, Galston. FREE

SINGLE WITH CHILDREN -
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. For more information and to get a free copy of our social calendar, please call 1300 300 496, or visit our website www.singlewithchildren.com.au.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES -
Convict Escapades Vacation Program—Discover Cockatoo Island with our brand new Convict Escapades Program during the Easter Holidays! Only an 8 minute ferry ride from Darling Harbour. Our experienced guides will take your group on a two-and-a-half-hour tour of the Island, exploring the many aspects of its history and travelling through 175 years of stories. Groups will experience the escapades of the early convicts through engaging games, shadow puppetry and performance, as well as nautical-themed craft activities. The unique experience of Cockatoo Island makes this an excursion kids will remember. Vacation Care April 2014. Dates: Monday 14th - Friday 18th April, Monday 21st - Friday 25th April.

Time: 11:30am tour commences on Cockatoo Island and concludes at 2.00pm.

$12 per child. (Price does not include ferry travel). One supervising adult per ten children free of charge. Minimum 10 and maximum 100 students per booking.

Email: info@harbourtrust.gov.au. Phone: (02) 8969 2100.

LOST PROPERTY HELD AT OFFICE

- Blue “XU1” cordless drill found in the school car park.
- “Zoggs” purple/clear swimming goggles.
- Screen & back door keys on split ring found 24/2/14 near back gate.
- Black Smiggle cloth wallet with Zebra on front.
- Red silk purse with silver elephant on front.
- Faded blue “Piping Hot” sun hat left from Working Bee.
- Blue and lime green hat left from Mufti Day.
- Silver sleeper found outside Library 10/3/14.
Open Day
SATURDAY 15TH MARCH, 11AM - 3PM
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Our Bookstall relies on donations for all its stock. We would love your unwanted clean, saleable books, DVDs, CDs and PC and console games disks. No encyclopaedias, atlases or text books, sorry! Please box or bag your donations and bring them to the front office at school. If you have any queries regarding items you wish to donate, or need assistance transporting a large donation, please contact Jennifer Martin on bazandjen@optusnet.com.au using subject line “bookstall donation”.

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