From the Principal...

THE AUTUMN FAIR -
It was an amazing day filled with sunshine, excitement, interest and fun for all. The P&C Newsletter which accompanies this Newsletter gives an outstanding report and thanks all who were involved. I would like to extend my thanks as well and say that the Autumn Fair was a true reflection of the community spirit that exists at Hornsby North Public School. The Mayor, Mr Steve Russell spoke highly of the performances and the happy school atmosphere. He particularly liked the wide variety of foods that were available and the many inviting stalls. On the P & C’s Newsletter, a link to a survey for children is noted. Students who are willing to use their name in the survey will be eligible to go into a draw for a free wrist band next year. Thank you all!

HARMONY DAY -
Harmony Day for all schools is scheduled for this Friday, 21 March. In the interest of community harmony, the staff and I have decided to postpone our Hornsby North Harmony Day until Friday, 4 April. Yes, 4 April is Disco Day or Disco Evening. Students will be asked to wear orange to school on 4 April and extend the orange fashion to the Disco if they have clothing that is orange. However, Harmony Day is about acceptance and the integration of all cultures. It features learning from others and promoting the worth of people throughout the World no matter what the creed, colour or background. These values are integrated throughout the curriculum and the daily activities of the students at Hornsby North but it is important to stop for one day to reinforce this important concept and to ask ourselves, “Are we there yet?”. We are certainly on the way, but we can always improve.

HIGH SCHOOL FORMS FOR 2015 -
Parents and Year 6 students are reminded that application forms for High School next year are due on Friday, 21 March. Some important points …

- Please ensure there is a parental signature in Section B.
- Section E must be completed and the form returned to school if the student is not enrolling in a NSW Government school.
- Choice of non-local school should be accompanied by reasons for requesting enrolment at the chosen school.

Students who do not return forms on time risk gaining a place at a preferred local or non-local school.

STUDENT SUCCESS -
Congratulations to Georgia C. (6K) and Natalie L. (6P), who have both been selected to play Representative Netball in the 11's Talent Squad for the Kuring-Gai Netball Association.

Other successes include:-
- The Senior Cricket Team which progressed to the next level in the State Cricket Knockout yesterday, and
- Chelsea G. (2H), Lewis R. (5H), Matthew B. (6W), Santiago S. (5G) and Myra M. (6B) who all competed in T-Ball and Baseball finals and competitions last weekend.

Well done to our sports students.

LIFE EDUCATION -
Amidst the preparations for the Autumn Fair, Life Education classes for students in K-4 began last Friday. Students and teachers from the classes which have visited the Van are very positive with their comments about student engagement and the quality of the educational programs. Parents who have not paid for this program are urged to do so as soon as possible. Many paid with the term fees but a significant number of parents have not paid term fees.

COMING EVENTS…
Friday 21 March
High School Forms due back to Office.
Tuesday, 25—Mon. 31 March
Book Fair.
Wednesday 26 March
Bronze Medal Morning Tea.
Friday 28 March
Silver/Gold Medal Assembly.
Wednesday 2 April
Yr 6 NSW Parliament House / Yr 4.
From the Classroom


KINDERGARTEN NEWS -
- Week 9: Draw a picture of a creature that has feathers. If you think you are really clever, see if you can mime how this creature moves. Sharon Gates.

LIBRARY NEWS -
The Book Fair is coming next Tuesday. Children can come in and buy books for themselves during library lessons and at lunch time. Parents are welcome before and after school. Year 4 has received notes about Digi Ed. Which is a wonderful program offered just to Year 4. The note is also on the school website if your child has misplaced it. Children should return permission forms to the library as soon as possible. Helen Stevens, Teacher Librarian. Helen.Stevens@det.nsw.edu.au.

PSSA CRICKET -
Both of our teams remain undefeated heading into the Winter break, after solid victories against Waitara P.S. last Friday. Our Junior Team battled first and scored a very good total of 114 runs, with all 12 of our batsmen contributing well. Waitara had some good batsmen who challenged our bowlers, but they fell short with a score of 70 runs.

Our Seniors bowled and fielded very well to restrict their opponents to just 26 runs from 12 overs. Our best bowlers were: Martin C. (5/6B) [2/1], Noah J. (6P) [1/1] and Lucie V. (5/6B) [1/1]. We then reached a score of 40 runs from 10 overs, as the match was cut 2 overs short. Shaan A. (6W) was our best batsman with 8 runs from 8 deliveries.

On behalf of all of the PSSA Cricketers, a big thank you to all of the parents who have driven the children to and from their matches on Fridays during the first half of the season: Mrs Nadanapatham, Mrs Curtis, Mrs Onslow, Mrs Beasley, Mr and Mrs Amarasinghe, Mrs Nicklin, Mrs Spring, Mr and Mrs Stevens, Mrs Watson, Mrs Waldock and Mrs Schauwecker. Michael Howard.

CRICKET STATE KNOCKOUT -
We played our second round match of the NSW/PSSA State Knockout yesterday against Normanhurst West at Montview Oval. After winning the toss, we bowled accurately and fielded well for 25 overs to keep our opponents to a score of 5/82. Our best bowlers were: Seth M. (4R) [2/11 from 2 overs], Nilesh N. (5/6B) [1/9 from 4 overs], Shaan A. (6W) [0/9 from 5 overs], Lucie V. (5/6B) [0/6 from 3 overs] and Rohan R. (5/6B) [0/12 from 5 overs]. Lucie also ran out a batsman with an excellent direct hit.

Our batsmen then timed the run chase extremely well, with our run rate just below 4 for most of the innings. A second-wicket partnership of 28 runs between Nathan C. (6K) and Shaan A. and a fourth-wicket partnership between Rohan R. and Martin C. (5/6B) of 27 runs guided us to a comfortable 3/78 from 21 overs. However, an England-esque batting collapse saw us fall to 6/81, before Jackson R. (4R) and Seth M. saw us overtake our opponent's score with 11 deliveries to spare. Nathan C. was our top-scorer with an impressive 21 runs.

Congratulations boys and Lucie! Thank you to Mrs Nadanapatham, Mrs Nicklin, Mrs Spring and Mrs Hunter for driving the players to and from the match and giving up so much of your time. Our third round match will hopefully be played towards the end of this term. Training on Wednesday mornings will continue until further notice. Michael Howard.

PSSA LEAGUE TAG -
The final round of this instalment of the Summer PSSA League Tag Competition was a successful one for our teams, winning 3 from 4. The Junior 1s put on a fine display of League Tag and once again showed some great sportsmanship during the game. They again encountered a developing side in Hornsby South 1s and ran away with the game 11-0. Our Junior 2s tried hard against a strong Waitara 1s side who proved too strong in the end winning the game 8-4. Our Senior sides completed the double with both having comfortable victories. The 1s beat Hornsby South 4s by 6 tries to 1 and our 2s beat Asquith 1s by 7 tries to 2. A special mention must go to Grace D. (6K) whose sportsmanship was noted by a teacher from Hornsby South. Well done Grace. Mr Hughes and I look forward to the competition recommencing in Term 3. We have enjoyed watching the joy our players have gained from participating in this great game which has been a great addition to the PSSA program. Could all players please return their washed rep shirts to Mr Lawrence as soon as possible. Thank you, Brad Keyes.

PSSA T-BALL/SOFTBALL -
Our Softball and T-Ball teams both played Waitara P.S. this week at Rofo Park. Both of our teams played well, unfortunately we only had time for 1 innings due to time constraints and this restricted the final scores. T-Ball come away with a 7-7 draw and the Softball girls, a 7-5 win. This was the last game for Term 1 and I'd like to congratulate the girls on a great effort. We've had some games against very strong opposition, and as I mentioned last week, all girls are to be commended on their positive attitude and effort. Every week other teachers from our neighbouring schools compliment our girls on their behaviour, manners and general attitude. Well done. Trials for the latter part of the season will be in Term 3. Any girls, who have borrowed school mitts, are welcome to keep them throughout Winter. Team shirts will be collected shortly, before the end of this term. Fiona Gleeson.

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 -
FROM MONDAY, FRESH HOT CROSS BUNS ARE ON SALE AT THE CANTEEN. Online ordering has commenced. Please order online and collect your Munch Monitor tag from the Canteen. If you have any queries, please see Mrs Stubbs in the Canteen.

Volunteers:
- Thursday 20 March: Luna Hrstnik, Jan Bostelman.
- Friday 21 March: Helen Whua, James Xiong, Melinda Low, Rajvir Hansra
- Monday 24 March: Sally Johnston, Shadratha.
- Tuesday 25 March: Yuki So, Maki Stevens.
- Wednesday 26 March: Lucy Bal, Sharyn Seery.

Vicki Stubbs, Canteen Manager.

BAND NEWS -
Congratulations to all the Bands for playing at the Autumn Fair last Saturday, you all sounded amazing!

LOST PROPERTY HELD AT OFFICE
- Blue “XUI” cordless drill found in the school car park.
- “Zogs” 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 snub nose outside Library 12/3/14.
There is only one more event before the school holidays and that is for Senior Band who are playing at our Anzac Assembly on Thursday 10 April. Please remember to bring in your music and instruments.

A reminder of our Band Awards Program, please work with your tutors on this program. It is most important for your journey through the Bands.

After the school holidays we have our Band Camp and the Ryde East Music Festival in May. More information will be coming on these.

Don’t forget the Band Meeting 7:30pm in Staff Room this Thursday, for anyone interested in learning more about the Bands and to discuss general direction. Thanks, Sharon Schweisfurth - Band Committee.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS -

CHANGE TO WINTER UNIFORM IS THE 12/5/2014 (beginning of the 3rd week, Term 3). The Winter uniform is currently being sold. There has been a delay in receiving the jackets from the supplier. The supplier has informed me they will be arriving early next week and orders will be filled ASAP. New school bags will also be in next week and orders will be filled. The ONLY discontinued sports uniform items now available are the Royal Blue sports shorts ($10) and sports polo’s ($15). These items will be available until all sold.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS -

SINGLE PARENTS FAMILY BBQ -

Do you want to make friends with other single parents who share similar experiences to you? Come along to the Single with Children family BBQ. Lake Parramatta, Lackey Street, North Parramatta, Sunday 30 March. 10.30am, sausage sizzle starts at 11.30am. Bring picnic rugs and/or folding chairs. BYO snacks, etc. For information, please call 1300 300 496 or go to www.singlewithchildren.com.au.

HORNSBY NORTH BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE -

Registrations for Vacation Care are now open for the April school holidays. Please collect a Registration Form from the Centre. We will be running Vacation Care in the 2nd week only— 22 to 24 April, and we will also be open on the Pupil Free Day on Monday, 28 April, 2014.

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.

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.
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Venue: Hornsby Heights Pharmacy
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Phone: (02) 9987 4777

NORMANHURST BOYS & HORNBY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL PRESENT

The Scarlet Pimpernel

NORMANHURST BOYS HIGH SCHOOL HALL
TUESDAY 29 APRIL
WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL
FRIDAY 1ST MAY
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7.30PM

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