From the Principal…

EASTER HAT PARADE -
The Easter Hat Parade was certainly a colourful extravaganza. There were a myriad of hats, baskets and masks and an impressive standard of creativity was on display. A special thank you to the Year 1 teachers for their organisation of this event. Thank you to all the teachers for their efforts and to the ‘Easter Bunny’ who most ably led the children as they paraded their finery.

ANZAC SERVICE -
Our ANZAC Service will be held tomorrow at 9.30am. The children should wear their full school uniform (no sport uniform for K-2 children). Children who are members of community groups such as Guides and Scouts may wear those uniforms if they wish to. A special thank you to those people making wreaths for the classes. Limited seating is available for parents.

INTERVIEWS -
Recently, Parent/Teacher interviews were held for students in Kindergarten. Thank you to parents who took this opportunity to talk with the teachers about their child’s development and to the teachers for their preparation and gathering of information to communicate this knowledge. The relationship between home and school is an important one. On Tuesday, 6 May (Week 2 of Term 2), interviews will be held for students in Years 1-6 (unless they have already taken place this week). Details about booking appointments will be sent home in Week 1 next Term.

SAFETY ISSUES -
In the interest of the safety of the children, we have been asked to remind parents that each child in a car needs to have their own seatbelt. It is important that children get in and out of the car on the kerb side and wait until the car has stopped before getting in or out. The car park is for teachers. We ask that parents do not enter the car park after 7.45am or before 3.45pm. There are a number of people that continue to do this and often in a manner that is dangerous for cars and pedestrians. Please do not make arrangements to pick up a child from the car park in the afternoon before the stated time. The Kiss and Drop Zones are a safer alternative. Additionally, we ask that you do not bring dogs into the school grounds.

LOOM BANDS -
Loom bands are an interesting and colourful activity employing many manipulative skills. However, we ask that you use these at home and do not bring them to school.

STAFFING -
There will be some changes to our staff next term. - We would like to take this opportunity to offer our congratulations to Miss Elise Kimbley on the occasion of her marriage this Sunday. We wish her and Jarred a long and happy life together and hope that their Wedding Day is everything they’ve dreamed of. Miss Kimbley will return as Mrs Dubbelman.
- We wish Mrs Kate Jones all the best for the birth of her second child. We thank her for the work she has done with the children, especially those in the Year 3 groups she has been working with. We look forward to her return in 2015.
- Mrs Annie Bala has been a valued member of our staff for the last 6 years. The children who have been in her class have benefited from the caring, nurturing environment she has provided for them. We thank her for her efforts with the introduction of iPads in the school. We are delighted for Annie and Sanjeev. We know they are very excited to be welcoming a new baby into their family—it is indeed a blessing for them. We know that Annie will have a wonderful time on maternity leave. She will be returning in 2015.
- After 12 years at Hornsby North, Mrs Denise Whyte leaves us to take up a teaching position at Jasper Road Public School. Denise has been a valued member of our staff and we are going to miss her. She has nurtured the development of so many children and her efforts with student welfare and her membership of the Learning Support Team, give great credence to this. She has an unwavering interest in ensuring that each child reaches their full potential and sees the good in all. Mrs Whyte is compassionate, kind hearted and sensitive to the needs of others. We wish her well, as she ventures forth into the next chapter of her life and hope that all her expectations are fulfilled.

CROSS COUNTRY -
The fitness and endurance of our Year 3-6 students has been tested today at the Cross Country Carnival. Congratulations to the students who were successful in crossing the finishing line in a position which gains them selection to Zone Cross Country and to all those who put their best effort into completing the course. Thank you to all the teachers and the parents who assisted to ensure a successful Carnival.

I know that you will join with the staff and myself in sending our thoughts and prayers to Barry and Maree over the coming days. We wish them the very best. Have a safe and restful holidays.

Ginette Batterworth
Relieving Principal

Coming Events……
Thursday 10 April  ANZAC Day Service.
Friday 11 April  Last Day of Term 1.
Monday 28 April  Pupil Free—Staff Development Day.
Tuesday 29 April  Students Return Term 2.
From the Classroom


LIBRARY NEWS

Keep the holiday reading going everyone. Children are able to borrow books for the holidays. If the library lesson was missed on Tuesday, children may bring their library bags and borrow again before the end of this week. Enjoy the break. Helen Stevens, Teacher Librarian.
Helen.Stevens@det.nsw.edu.au.

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KINDERGARTEN NEWS -

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Boomerangs and the Grey Wolf Award. If you are interested please email Michael O’Neill (Akela) on michael.oneill@veoliawater.com.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES—KIDS IN THE PARK -
Sydney’s largest school holiday program returns these holidays, with over 50 fun-filled activities to keep your kids active, outdoors and entertained.
A range of activities are free or under $20, making it affordable to discover Sydney’s most exciting playground this holidays! Full details at www.kidsinthepark.com.au.
Email—info@sydneyolympicpark.com.au.

Go4Fun FAMILY FUN DAY 13/4/14 -
Free holiday activities for primary school aged children. Come and try the Go4Fun program at this FREE Family Fun Day which includes a range of sports and fun activities for kids. Find out about this free program which helps children and families develop healthy eating habits, build self-confidence and become more active. Meet other families and have an exciting and enjoyable family fun day! Sunday, 13 April from 1.30pm to 4.00pm, Ruddock Park, Coral Heath Avenue, Westleigh. Bookings Essential. For more information visit:- hornsby.nsw.gov.au/go4fun.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER -
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain and Colombia will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@sccce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship! Genevieve Eyerl, Program Coordinator, Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

RECREATIONAL HOLIDAY GYMNASTICS -
Hornsby RSL Youth Club Gymnastics, 1 Ashley Lane, Hornsby. Phone 9476 6689. Email: hornsbyrsl@gymnastics.org.au or www.hornsbyrsl.gymnastics.org.au. Monday 14/4/14—Thursday 17/4/14 and Tuesday 22/4/14—Thursday 24/4/14. 9.00am to 3.00pm. Member’s Price *$38 per day, Non-Member’s Price *$43 per day. (*A member is a person who is registered for term time gymnastic classes in 2014). Bookings are essential. Class numbers are limited, so hurry and get your friends together so you don’t miss out!

LOST PROPERTY HELD AT OFFICE
♦ Children’s blue metal prescription glasses found in Library 21/3/14.
♦ Black Smiggle cloth wallet with Zebra on front.
♦ Red silk purse with silver elephant on front.
♦ Silver sleeper found outside Library 10/3/14.
♦ School headband.
♦ Silver headband with bow.
♦ “Charlie & Me” Size 9, navy blue L/S hoody.
♦ Purple plastic ring.
ANY UNCLAIMED LOST PROPERTY WILL BE DONATED TO CHARITY AT THE END OF EACH TERM
Future ‘tahs start here!

Enjoying the NSW Waratahs’ exciting play in the Super Rugby comp? Want to be a part of it? You’re in luck!

Wahroonga Tigers are looking for more players in their U10 age group.

We train Thursdays at 6pm and play Friday night or Sunday morning. Play with us and still play Saturday sport for your school or club. Interested?


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Normanhurst Boys & Hornsby Girls High School

PRESENT

The Scarlet Pimpernel

Normanhurst Boys High School Hall

Tuesday 25th April

Wednesday 30th April

Friday 3rd May

Saturday 4th May

7.30PM

No adults $5 concession

Tickets available from http://www.normanhurst.nsw.edu.au

Book and tickets by Ham Shipton

Music by Frank Wildhorn

Based on the novel “THE SCARLET PIMPERNEL” by Baroness Orczy

Orch: Nick Lockett - Ripponlea Sounds, Windham College Wind Ensemble

Sung by students of Normanhurst Boys, Hornsby Girls and Wahroonga Public High Schools

Narratives by Scott Snowball

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Protect yourself against the flu

The flu is highly contagious and each year thousands of Australians are affected. The best protection is an annual vaccination. If you are immunised, you are less likely to catch it and pass it on to those close to you.

Book in for your - 30 minute* appointment with our vaccination nurse. Get vaccinated and take home valuable knowledge about colds and flu.

You will also receive a vaccination record card and an information brochure to help you stay flu free this winter.

*The vaccination itself will only take a couple of minutes - but you will need to wait for 15 minutes observation afterwards.

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Galston Library in the Eco Garden!

Join us for a Storytime with a difference! This session will be set in the lovely Fagan Park Eco Garden.

Come along to enjoy a story, a song and get busy with some craft. Aimed at older preschool and primary school aged children.

Eco Garden Gazebo, Fagan Park

Wednesday 23 April

10am

Enquiries: 9847 4856

Cost – Free. Bookings are essential as spaces are limited. Book online or call the Waeto Hotline 9847 4856.

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Earthbeats children’s music

Children will sing with the guitar, explore the keyboard and get involved in movement, dance and hands on experience with many different instruments, including authentic drums and percussion from all around the world.

Pennant Hills Library

Tuesday 22 April

10.30am-11.30am

Enquiries: 9847 8100

Hornsby Library

Tuesday 22 April

2.30pm-3.30pm

Enquiries: 9847 6614

Cost $10.00. Ages 5-12. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Payment must be made at time of booking – no phone bookings.

Tickets are not refundable.

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Taekwondo

1st Lesson Free

FREE Uniform (Limited Time Only)

Call: 9477 6204 or 0412 669 834