From the Principal...

Welcome to Term 2, 2014. It is a 9 week term and like all terms, it will be a busy and productive one. As I look at the first four weeks of the term, I note the following events:- K2015 Open Morning, Glen Street Auditions, Mother’s Day Stall, Band Camp, NAPLAN testing and Walk to School Day.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the entire school community for their thoughts and wishes at the end of last term regarding my husband’s major operation. The messages from members of the school and the wider community made us feel humble and so pleased to belong to such a warm caring and compassionate part of the world. Thank you all! Barry’s progress is slow, but hopefully he will reach a new level of health soon.

ANZAC DAY -
Reports from staff and parents re the annual Anzac Day Service at school on the final Thursday of Term 1 were complimentary and appreciative of the students, staff and parent participation. Thank you to Mrs Butterworth who stepped in to complete the organisation of the Commemorative Service. It is wonderful to know that the school is held in high esteem by all stakeholders who are determined to maintain high standards across all areas of learning. I had the pleasure of attending the Dawn Service with Captains & Vice Captains Emma, Rohan, Alice and Martin. These young people represented Hornsby North admirably.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL -
The Mother’s Day Stall will be held at school on Wednesday, 7 May. A separate explanatory note from the P&C accompanies this Newsletter. I urge dads to support this activity as the children love to select a special gift for mum at school and share the excitement with their friends, and in the case of Kindergarten children, with their buddies.

TERM 2 CALENDAR -
The Term 2 calendar accompanies this Newsletter. I remind parents that it is correct at the time of printing, but additions and adjustments will be made during the term. These changes can be viewed on the website and in the Coming Events of the Newsletter.

TERM 2 FEES -
Accounts for Term 2 Fees and contributions will be sent home tomorrow. It is important for parents to return the monies for these accounts as early as possible, so that we do not have to send reminders for excursions and subject fees towards the end of term. A $10 levy for Information Technology has been included in this term’s fees for as parents would appreciate, to maintain our Technology Program it is important for replacement and additions of hardware and software to be continually made. The P & C has spent over $70,000 on Technology over the last 6 months and together with the school, will need additional funds to extend and maintain technological resources in the future.

Parents who experience difficulty with paying the Term 2 Fees should speak to me, so that alternate arrangements can be made.

KOREAN FERRY TRAGEDY -
A family in our school community has been touched by the ferry disaster in Korea on 16 April. Two students, one in 3M and one in 1B lost their uncle in the tragedy. He was a teacher who accompanied the students and lost his life whilst helping his students escape. I know the entire school community will be ready to support the children and their family when they return to Hornsby North next month.

GYMNASTICS—TERM 2 -
Parents are reminded that children should wear sports uniform on their designated gymnastics day. Hair should also be tied back.

STUDENT SUCCESS -
* Eloise C. (6P) achieved outstanding results in two recent diving competitions, at both the National and State level—Representing NSW, Eloise competed in Melbourne, in the Australian Age Diving Championships, held 11 - 13 April 2014. She earned the title of National 5m Platform Champion, gaining a medal in every event on the National stage, attaining four medals in total. Representing both Hornsby North P.S. and Sydney North Region, Eloise competed at the PSSA NSW State Diving Championships, held on 6 April 2014. She earned the titles of State Schools 5m Platform Champion, and the PSSA NSW “Female Diver of the Meet”. She achieved a medal in every event. Her accomplishments have qualified her to compete at the National Schools level, at the Schools Sports Australia Diving Championships, to be held in Melbourne, Victoria, in July 2014. * Rohan R. (6B) has been selected for the NSW Cricket State Team. The team was announced by the Selectors after an intensive 3 day State Squad Camp at St Gregory’s College during the holidays.

* Lucie V. (6B) has also been selected to represent NSW in the Invitational Cricket Team which consists of two representatives from each State. Rohan and Lucie will both compete at the National School Sport Australia Championship in Darwin, in June.

Congratulations Eloise, Rohan and Lucie.

Marcia Sumpton
Principal

Coming Events……

Monday 5 May
Glen Street Auditions
Gymnastics Each Tuesday 1C, 2H, 2B, 2K, 2L, 2C, 1B & 1K / Parent-Teacher Interviews Yrs 1—6.

Tuesday 6 May
Wednesday 7 May
Mother’s Day Stall.

Monday 12 May
P&C Meeting 7.30pm.

Tuesday 13 May
NAPLAN Testing / Year 2 Muogamarra Excursion 2K & 2H.

Wednesday 14 May
NAPLAN Testing.

Thursday 15 May
NAPLAN Testing.

Friday 16 May
Year 2 Muogamarra Excursion 2B, 2C & 2L.
From the Classroom .................

KINDERGARTEN NEWS -
Week 2 News: Find some sort of food that is orange, or an article of clothing that is orange, or a flower from your garden that is orange. Collect one of these things or bring in all three!

Sharon Gates.

LIBRARY NEWS -
Book Club catalogues are coming out this week. Look for those in the school bags. Many children have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge in the holidays. Well done! It is not too late to start now. If the logon details have been misplaced, K-2 parents please email for them. Year 3 - 6 are able to log on and complete the challenge themselves with their regular school log on details. Helen Stevens, Teacher Librarian. Helen.Stevens@det.nsw.edu.au.

PSSA AFL -
The competition commences this Term, and all our games will be at Rofe Park. Peter Hughes.

STATE KNOCKOUT CRICKET -
Our third round match of the NSWPSSA State Cricket Knockout Competition will most likely be played in the second half of this term or even next term. Therefore, training on Wednesday mornings will not be held until further notice. Michael Howard.

PSSA BOYS FOOTBALL -
Match Day 2 of the PSSA Boys Competition, was played against Wideview P.S. at Berowra Oval. Both HNPS teams continue to demonstrate skills acquisition progress, despite the frustration of wonderful goalkeeping from Wideview! Jnr and Snr SAP recorded a 0-0 draw. This Friday we play Mt Colah P.S. at Foxglove Oval. Please remember that the HNPS Football Program follows the FFA National Curriculum Skill Acquisition Phase. If you are unfamiliar with the program, please make an appointment to see me. All PSSA information, including parent driver information, will be updated each week via the blog and twitter (@chad_lawrence_). Could parents that have indicated that they are able to drive, please meet outside the library at 12pm this week. A roster will be available when all notes are returned. Chad Lawrence.

PSSA GIRLS FOOTBALL -
11 April 2014 Vs Wideview P.S. 3-0 win.
We were lucky to get a game in the last week of Term 1, and Berowra Oval was very boggy in patches, but it didn't stop us playing with great spirit and determination. Lucie was unwell today and could only play in goal, so it gave Georgia a chance to play a full game on the field. She took the most of her opportunities and scored our 3rd goal. This followed earlier goals from Lorelei and Anabel. Grace and Amy provided intelligent support play throughout the game. Well done girls. This week we will be playing Mt Colah P.S. at Foxglove Oval. A roster for drivers will be sent out shortly. Drivers please meet outside the Library at 12.00pm midday. Ian Jenkins.

PSSA NETBALL -
This week we will be playing Mt Colah P.S. at Mt Colah School. Meeting time is outside the Library at 12.00 midday. Mary McGlyn.

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 -
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.

P & C FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE -
Volunteers:
Thursday 1 May: Gina Holbrook, Kathy Harniman.
Friday 2 May: Stephanie Pratt, Amelia Shaw, Gaye Heap.
Monday 5 May: Nazeela Ahmad.
Tuesday 6 May: Zoe Pook, Jennifer Lim.
Wednesday 7 May: HELPERS PLEASE.
Vicki Stubbings, Canteen Manager.

BAND NEWS -
Band Rehearsals are as follows and please be on time with instrument, reeds and music.
Junior Friday mornings 7:40am and Monday lunch times as listed below:
Intermediate Band : Monday 7:40am and Wednesday 3:15pm.
Senior Band : Tues 7:40am and Thurs 3:15pm.
Junior Band A : Monday lunch time as follows: (5th May the Hall is being used, so no rehearsal), 12 May, 26 May, 9 June, 23 June.
Junior Band B : Monday lunch times as follows:
19th May, 2 June, 16 June, 30 June.
Stage Band is beginning next Monday lunch time in Miss Butterworth’s room.
Our Band Camp is coming up on the 17-18th May - a note is being sent home and emailed to all band students. Please also follow the link for the helpers list on doodle.com (this will be emailed to you). Ryde East Festival is Sunday 25th May.
All band students are required to attend these functions. Thanks, Sharon Schweisfurth – Band Committee.

COMMUNITY NEWS -
Stewart House Donation 2014 envelopes were sent home today. Please donate $2.00 and complete the back of the envelope to go in the draw for a $4,000 holiday. These must be returned to school by Friday 9 May, 2014.

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LOST PROPERTY HELD AT OFFICE
- Children’s blue metal prescription glasses found in Library 21/3/14.
- Red silk purse with silver elephant on front.
Thursday 8th May, 6pm-8pm
Kids make a gift for Mum
Ladies make a recipe book holder or book ends
Free mini hand massage for all mums
Magic show for the kids
Pizza demonstrations and tastings
Various D.I.Y. demonstrations
Games, prizes and more!

All welcome. Bookings are essential online or In Store.
Ph: 9479 9000 Email:thornleighao@bunnings.com.au
**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?