From the Principal...

The P & C Meeting held last Monday was most informative with a presentation from Mr Terry Griffiths, Principal of Asquith Boys High School and an equally impressive presentation from Mrs Julie Hall demonstrating iPad use in classrooms to support the curriculum and to engage students in creative activities. I take this opportunity to thank the P & C and all members of the school community for providing these resources for our children. Obviously to maintain and build the program, we will need to continue fundraising for IT and related resources so that 21st century learning opportunities are available for all students at Hornsby North Public School.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY -
Walk Safely to School Day will be held on Friday, 23 May. This is a popular annual event at Hornsby North, which culminates in a healthy breakfast in the school hall. Parents and students are requested to return slips stating intention to participate in the breakfast, as numbers are required for catering purposes. The weather promises to give us a beautiful sunny morning - perfect for a brisk walk to school. Teachers will accompany groups of children and parents who wish to walk to school. The meeting points were advertised in a previous note. Places to meet teachers at 8.00am are:-
- HOOKHAMS CORNER (near the water tank)
  Mrs Butterworth, Mr Lawrence, Miss Butterworth.
- CNR OF AMOR and HYACINTH STREETS
  Mrs Stevens, Mr Howard, Miss Lam.
- CNR OF SOMERVILLE and GALSTON ROADS
  Miss Murphy, Mrs McGlynn.
- CNR OF SPEDDING and SPRINGFIELD ROADS
  Mrs Gates, Mr Pickup.

PSSA SPORT -
I have been asked by members of the P & C to clarify the position of the number of teams in PSSA Sport. A few years ago two larger schools in the PSSA Zone fielded two teams in Netball and Football. This practice has ceased and the PSSA has ruled that all schools are eligible to field one team only. As a school, we endeavor to provide as many varied sporting activities as possible. This year we have included swimming during sport time, but as parents are well aware, these activities can sometimes be costly. The Friday Sporting Program at school has been re-structured to include more competition on a Sport House level. Mr Lawrence and I are happy to discuss any aspects of the Sporting Program with parents and students.

MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVE PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION 2014 -
Yrs 3 & 4/Yrs 5 & 6 have all been asked to select a topic and prepare a speech. Yrs 3/4 may speak for up to 3 minutes and Yrs 5/6 for up to 4 minutes. As well, the students will participate in presenting impromptu speeches in their classes. Yrs 3/4 may speak for 1 minute and Yrs 5/6 for 2 minutes. Students are selected to represent their class on their ability in both the prepared and impromptu speeches. Grade and Stage Finals will take place during Weeks 5 and 6 of Term 2. We appreciate your enthusiasm in encouraging your child or children to participate to the best of their ability. Hints & Guidelines are available on the school website.

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AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS -
Teachers often find that some children on a regular basis are not sure of their travel or meeting place arrangements at the end of the day. Parents are asked to make sure their children know if they are to catch the bus, meet mum or a relative, go to After School Care or walk home with a friend. I understand that younger children often forget particularly if the arrangements are different from day to day. Kindergarten and Year 1 teachers tell me that some parents put a card in their child’s bag with the day and date indicating the arrangements for after school. Parents, please talk to your child’s teacher if you have experienced problems with after school arrangements and make a plan that is easy for all concerned.

BAND PROGRAM -
Next weekend is Band Camp! For many of our Junior Band members it will be their first Band Camp and time away from home. Thank you to Mrs Sharon Schweisfurth and the Band Committee for their organisation and preparation. Without this amazing support and volunteer work, the children would not be able to enjoy the many benefits of participating in an excellent Band Program. Following Band Camp, on Sunday 25 May, the 3 Bands will participate in the Ryde East Eisteddfod. Best wishes to all for Band Camp and for the Ryde East Eisteddfod.

HNPS NEWSLETTER -
Last Term I notified parents that from Term 2 onwards the Newsletter would be electronic only, except for Page 1. As I was unable to remind the community during the last two weeks of Term, we will cease hard copy production next week. Wednesday 21 May will be the last time the full Newsletter will be sent home. Parents who would like to receive a full copy of the weekly Newsletter should notify the Office in writing.

Principal

Coming Events......
Thursday 15 May  NAPLAN Testing.
Friday 16 May  Year 2 Muogamarra Excursion 2B, 2C & 2L / O.C. Applications Close.
Sat. & Sunday 17/18 May  Band Camp.
Tuesday 20 May  FOTM Rehearsals—Recorder & Strings / ICAS Computer Test.
Wednesday 21 May  Biggest Morning Tea.
Friday 23 May  Walk Safely to School Day / Year 1 CSIRO Incursion.
From the Classroom


KINDERGARTEN NEWS -
Week 4 News: Bring in your favourite hat to show the class.
Please Note: There is NO Kindy Farm Excursion this term. A note will be sent out prior to the Excursion. Sharon Gates.

LIBRARY NEWS -
Thank you all for the lovely new books that will be soon circulating in our Library. There are still books available if you would like to have your child’s name placed inside as the donor. Find more information on the Notes Page of the website. We have close to 300 students now who have finished the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Students who complete it before 1 June, will have it recorded on this Semester’s report. It will be included next Semester for those who complete it after that date. Helen Stevens, Teacher Librarian. Helen.Stevens@det.nsw.edu.au.

PSSA AFL -
Our first game of the Season was against Berowra P.S. There were nerves, anxiety and tears and these were just the Coach! Both games hung in the balance right up until the Umpire blew the whistle to start. From there on in our Forwards were catching marks while our Backs were catching colds. The Juniors won 89-1 and the Seniors 77-0. Both teams were ultra impressive with every player having an impact. Sydney Swans Coach, John Longmire phoned me requesting footage of both games to inspire his misfiring team. It paid dividends with the Swans defeating leaders Hawthorn. Nice one Johnny! This Friday we play Wahroonga P.S. and to quote from Robot, “Warning, Warning, Danger.” Wahroonga always field strong teams and it’s going to be a huge challenge ... will the bubble burst? ... stay tuned. Peter Hughes.

PSSA BOYS FOOTBALL -
Last Friday, our football SAP Teams played arguably their best football so far this season. Last Friday we played against Turramurra P.S. at Montview Oval. Junior SAP played a 1-1 draw, and like last week, after dominating the majority of the game, conceded a late goal. The Senior SAP team looked comfortable and played a composed game to win 2-1. This Friday we play Asquith P.S. at Montview 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 who have indicated that they are able to drive, please meet outside the library at 12.00pm this week. chad Lawrene.

PSSA GIRLS FOOTBALL -
9 May 2014 Vs Turramurra P.S. 2-0 win. This was our most complete performance of the season so far. Turramurra P.S. is a very good team with a number of Zone Reps and our team put pressure on them right from the first whistle. Our Captain, Monique S. (6W), dominated the midfield and Myro M. (6B) kept the defence well structured. Lucie V. (6B) followed up a shot that was spilled by the Turramurra Keeper to score our first goal. In the second half we maintained the intensity and Milly S. (6W), having her best game of the season, scored our second goal early in the second half. Congratulations girls on an impressive team performance. Ian Jenkins.

PSSA NETBALL -
Round 4 Vs Turramurra P.S.—Juniors 6-3 & Seniors 9-10. Strong defence from Jessica L. (4N) - my Player of the Week, and Ashlee H. (4M) ensured that the Turramurra attackers were worked extremely hard to gain any possession. Outstanding goal shooting by Jessica S. (4G) guaranteed the score showed how dominant the Junior Team played.

The Senior Team played very well, but unfortunately were unable to catch Turramurra after they came out strongly in the first quarter. The girls should be very proud of their efforts and a special thank you to Mia H. (6P) who played out of position most of the game. It was extremely hard this week to judge the Player of the Week, but Natalie L. (6P) and Lilly J. (5F) worked tirelessly. Congratulations girls from your very proud coach. Congratulations girls! This week’s game is against Asquith P.S. at Montview. Drivers as per roster, but please let me know if you are unable to make it.

The State PSSA Knockout Game will be held this Friday, 16 May at 10:00am for the Senior Team only Vs West Pennant Hills P.S. on our school court, so we would love some supporters if you are free. Mary McGlynn.

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.

P & C GROUNDS COMMITTEE -
P & C Grounds Committee - Term 2 Working Bee - SUNDAY, 1 June. The date for the Term 2 Working Bee is Sunday, 1 June 1-5pm, we look forward to seeing you all there! A BBQ will be provided and all students who actively participate will earn a blue merit card. Check the P & C Facebook page for wet weather updates, and signs will be on each gate regarding wet weather.

P & C FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE -
Sumpton prize update. The first round of canvases have been distributed today (for those who paid by Friday, 9 May) and more canvases will be coming every few days. If you don’t receive the canvas within a week of paying, please text Alexi on 0424 568 712 with your name of the student. For the rest of you, time is running out to get your $10 canvases, so get your money into the P & C Box as quick as you can!

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY -
Friday, 23 May - volunteers wanted! The P & C would like to ask for volunteers from across all Years to help walk to school with serving the traditional breakfast for Walk Safely to School Day on Friday, 23 May. Please leave your NAME and MOBILE number in our doodle event: http://doodle.com/ct5abdsdgddin4wnd Choose from one or all of the following! * pick up & cut up fruit (pick up from Canteen Thursday 2.30-3.30pm and drop off on Friday 7.00am). * lend the P & C your toaster (drop off to Canteen Thursday 2.00-3.00pm). * volunteer to serve breakfast 7.00am-9.00am. * help out with clean up 9.00am-10.00am. Please remember to add your name and mobile number when offering to help.

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.
• Blue box of Loom Bands found in Year 6 area 6/5/14.
• Royal blue satin headband.
CANTEEN NEWS -
Raisin Toast is now available at Recess—50¢ a slice.
We currently have 2 days per month where we need volunteers—
Monday and Wednesday. If anyone is interested and can help, please
see Vicki in the Canteen.
Volunteers:
Thursday 15 May: Luna Hrastnik, Ice Han.
Friday 16 May: Helen Whua, Rajvir Hansra, HELPERS PLEASE.
Monday 19 May: Janet Parise, Debbie Berman.
Tuesday 20 May: Leanne Franks, Mamt Nair.
Wednesday 21 May: Jean Ryan.
Vicki Stubbings, Canteen Manager.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS -
THE NEW SPORTS UNIFORMS HAVE ARRIVED AND ARE FOR
SALE. A big thankyou to the volunteers in the Uniform Shop
assisting with the high demands of selling the new sports uniform
last week. I would like to remind parents that those assisting you
are volunteers, and it would be appreciated if you could be polite and
patient with them due to the long queues. If you would like to avoid
long delays, place an order with us or place it in the P & C Box and we
will deliver to the classroom. This THURSDAY we will be selling the
sports uniform in the Hall from 8.00am to 10.00am as well as on
MONDAY morning from 8.00am to 10.00am, please enter through the
side doors at the rear of the stage, as dance will be on in the Hall.
If you can volunteer your time to assist it would be much
appreciated, please let me know via email: pkmurby@bigpond.net.au.
All other school uniform items will be sold from the Uniform Shop.
Thanks, Kim Urbaniak.

BAND NEWS -
Band Camp is this weekend, Saturday and Sunday with a concert at
12pm on Sunday for families. Please remember your instruments, all
music and books, pencil and note paper and also for those who need
them, REEDS and lipgloss. Please also pack a drink bottle for your
child.
Ryde East is the following weekend on Sunday 25 May. I have as yet
not been told our times, so as soon as I know I will send a note home.
Generally Junior Band is the morning session, Intermediate the late
morning and Senior section being later in the day.
Monday Intermediate Band rehearsal WILL be on as normal.
Thank you. Sharon Schweisfurth - Band Committee

COMMUNITY NEWS -
SCHOOL BANKING -
We are looking for parent/grandparent volunteers to help with the
Student School Banking. This only takes a small amount of
time each Wednesday morning 9.10am to approx. 10.30am.
If you can help, please let the Office know or come to the
Staff Room during Wednesday morning banking.

NORTH SYDNEY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL CENTENARY -
On Saturday 17 May, 2014 we will be celebrating a century of
excellence and contribution to the wider community.
11.00am—3.30pm: Unveiling of a reproduction of the original school
crest, archival displays, performances by current students and
primary school students, jumping castle, food stalls, buskers & face
painting.
North Sydney Girls High School, Cnr David Street and Pacific
Highway, Crows Nest, 2065.
P (02) 9922 6666
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E northsydgi-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au. Register your interest at
nsg100.net.
CHILDREN’s Meditation, Relaxation & Yoga Half Day
Saturday 24th May   1:30pm – 4.00pm

Children will learn:
♦ how to use breath for calming,
♦ muscle relaxation (great to help with sleep),
♦ simple yoga poses,
♦ creative activities to build confidence & understand emotions,

2 Marina Close, Mt Kuringai
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ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL
MOVIE THEMED TRIVIA NIGHT
24TH MAY 2014

♦ Come as your favourite Movie Star or Movie, only limited by your imagination
♦ Where??? Asquith Boys High School Hall
♦ When??? Saturday 24th May 2014
♦ Time??? 6.30pm Set up your table, 7pm Sitting at your table
♦ Cost??? $20 per person
♦ Get 10 Friends together and reserve a whole table
♦ There will be Silent Auctions
♦ Lots of Games
♦ BYO Food and Drinks (including Alcohol if desired)
♦ We will have a great night, come and join in the fun

INTERESTED IN ATTENDING OUR TRIVIA NIGHT?? CONTACT ASQUITH BOYS HIGH ON 9477 3848
$20 per person OR $200 for the table
Table Contact Names:
Table Themed Names:

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