From the Principal...

Preparations are well underway for the activities of Week 4. NAPLAN testing is over and the students and teachers of Years 3 and 5 were happy with the papers and the dedicated efforts of all. Congratulations to all students on your work habits. I know everyone did their best and aimed for personal bests.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY -
Preparations for Walk Safely to School Day are in progress. We are expecting over 300 students and parents for breakfast. If you have not returned slips indicating your intention to attend, please do so, as we would not want to under-cater and leave some people without breakfast. If the extraordinary delightful Summery weather continues, the walk to school with friends and families should be a special morning. Thank you to parents and teachers who will arrive early to prepare breakfast and to the teachers who will accompany the children. Don’t forget to wave and smile as you walk.

THE BIGGEST MORNING TEA -
We are about to begin the annual Biggest Morning Tea. If previous years are an indication of attendance and success, we anticipate a great morning with friends and community members. This year we are delighted to have Mr Matt Kean, MP and special friend of Hornsby North and other schools in the area, at the morning tea.

TREE INSPECTIONS -
As required by the DEC, a full inspection of trees in the grounds of Hornsby North was carried out this week. This inspection was carried out by an Arborecultural Consultant W1-AQF5 qualification. The consultant has been practising since 1994 and is a member of Arboriculture Australia, Membership #2534. The Consultant has identified over 100 trees in the playground that need attention. Most need minor work, so I do not want to alarm parents and community members when you walk around the playground and see a large number of trees tagged and marked. Some only require a small branch to be removed and for some “tidying up”. The cost for the work on the trees will be covered by Assets Branch of the DEC.

SCHOOL UNIFORM -
The changeover to Winter uniform was smooth and the children look particularly smart in their warmer clothes. The new tracksuits for sport and the polo shirts also look smart on the children. Mrs Kim Urbaniak has asked me to advise parents that an order form for the new sports uniform accompanies this Newsletter. If you have ordered a tracksuit and have not collected it, it may be in one of the boxes in the hall. I am sure if you contact Kim, she will be able to advise you of the state of your order.

STUDENT SUCCESS -
Talise M. (2K) sat her Ameb Grade 1 Violin Exam recently and achieved an A+ score, which is a High Distinction. Congratulations Talise.

STOP PRESS: BIGGEST MORNING TEA SUCCESS -
A report just in from Megan Jeffrey, Biggest Morning Tea Organiser—
“A big thank you to everyone who came to support the Biggest Morning Tea today. Well done to everyone who won a prize in the raffle. Thank you for all your support. It was lovely to see so many parents who came to support such a worthy cause.”

Coming Events......
Friday 23 May    Walk Safely to School Day / Yr 1
CSIRO Incursion.
Sunday 25 May    Ryde East Band Festival.
Monday 26 May    Dav Pilkey Event / Zone Cross Country.
Tuesday 27 May   Wannabees Excursion 1H, 1M & 1L.
Wednesday 28 May Wannabees Excursion 1K, 1B & 1C.
Thursday 29 May  Yr 3 Lessons Afloat Excursion.
Friday 30 May    Yr 1 CSIRO Incursion.
Sunday 1 June    Working Bee.
From the Classroom


KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Week 5 News: Bring in a picture, or something that is really long or very light. Please Note: There is NO Kindy Farm Excursion this term. A note will be sent out prior to the Excursion. Sharon Gates.

HNPS KNIT-IN

Our 2014 Knit-In will be held in the library on Thursday, 26 June from 12.45 until 3.00pm. We will be knitting squares and sewing them together for the WRAP WITH LOVE charity who sends blankets to cold and traumatised people all over the world. HNPS donated 18 blankets last year. We are hoping for more this year. So bring along your needles and wool (Needles 4mm and 8ply wool) and join in our community service. Looking forward to seeing you there. Signora Battieri.

LIBRARY NEWS

Because we have had many books donated, there is a small backlog with the cataloguing and placing children's names in the books. Your child should receive the book they donated very soon. If they don't have it in the next two weeks, please let me know. Thank you for your support of our library. Tomorrow chess lessons will be in 2K classroom above the library, because there is electrical work being carried out in the library. Helen Stevens, Teacher Librarian. Helen.Stevens@det.nsw.edu.au.

FRENCH DAY YEARS 4-6

On Wednesday, 18 June we are having French Day at H.N.P.S. It promises to be a fun day filled with French activities. Monsieur Dupont will be at the school, making his renowned French crêpes. An order form for crêpes was sent home today, which should be returned to Class Teachers by Friday, 6 June. Students in Yrs 4, 5 & 6 are encouraged to come to school looking 'French' or wearing red, white and blue. Looking forward to a wonderful day. Mme Bennett.

TIMES TABLES CHAMPION

Congratulations to our newest round of Times Tables Champions. The overall improvement in accuracy and speed is demonstrating the continued success of Hornsby North Mathematicians!

Year 3 - Joanne S. (3J)
Year 4 - Katherine L. (4M) (Division 1).
- Sammy H. (4M) (Division 2).
Year 5 - Julian K. (5/6B) (Division 1).
- Jason W. (56) (Division 2).
Year 6 - Eric N. (6K) (Division 1).
- Antonio R. (6W) (Division 2).
Kaneeta Flarey

PSSA AFL

Hornsby North vs Wahroonga. What a difference a week makes! The Junior's game began with both teams treating the ball like it was the last Tim Tam on the plate—everyone wanted it, but no one was game to pick it up. Thankfully Hornsby North were greedier and managed to pick up the Tim Tam and kick it between the posts for a 25-8 win. Both coaches had visibly aged, but there was more punishment yet to come... In stark contrast, the Seniors attacked the ball like it was the last ticket to a One Direction concert. The only problem was... so did the other team. It looked more like World Championship Wrestling than AFL! The game swung to and fro. While Wahroonga clung to a slender lead, Hornsby North were missing shots and the coach was chowing on blood pressure pills like they were a packet of Tic Tacs. Finally, Hornsby North clawed back to level the scores and then with seconds to go... GOAL!! The jubilation on the faces of the Hornsby North players was a bizarre reflection to the lined, weary face of the ageing coach. Peter Hughes.

PSSA BOYS FOOTBALL

Match Day 5 of the PSSA Boys Competition was played against Asquith P.S. at Montview Oval. Junior SAP were outstanding, demonstrating wonderful passing and movement, winning 8-0. The Senior SAP team were completely dominant, to win by a record score 20-0! Both HNPS teams continue to demonstrate skills acquisition progress and individual student feedback will be available soon. This Friday we play Turramurra North P.S. at Samuel King 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 parent drivers for this week please meet outside the library at 12pm. Chad Lawrence.

PSSA GIRLS FOOTBALL

Round 5 vs Mt Colah P.S. 4-0 win. Last week we dominated the game from the start and made our possession count. Anabel W. (5H) and Monique S. (6W) scored our goals in the first half. In the second half, Georgia P. (6W) came out of goals and made the most of her time on the field, scoring twice. This is a team that plays with enthusiasm and is reaping the rewards of their training.

20 May 2014 State Knock Out Round 2 Vs Wideview P.S. 10-0 win. Another dominant performance by the whole team. State KO games are longer than regular PSSA games, so we were able to get into a rhythm and build up the pressure on the opposition. Myra M. (6B) played Centre Forward for the first time and started the scoring after two minutes and added another a few minutes later. Monique S. (6W) played her usual outstanding game in the midfield and scored two goals in each half. Georgia P. (6W) came out of goal in the second half and scored a quick hat-trick. Everyone played very well, but Holly B (5H), Grace M. (5F) and Jamalia B. (6P) were particularly strong. Congratulations girls! Ian Jenkins.

PSSA NETBALL

Round 5 vs Asquith P.S. Juniors 7-1. Another fabulous week of goal shooting by Jess S. (4G) who I think even surprises herself, when her shots don't even touch the goal ring as they go straight through. Georgia P. (6W) who I think even surprises herself, when her shots don't even touch the goal ring as they go straight through. Georgia P. (6W) played Centre Forward for the first time and started the scoring after two minutes and added another a few minutes later. Monique S. (6W) played her usual outstanding game in the midfield and scored two goals in each half. Georgia P. (6W) came out of goal in the second half and scored a quick hat-trick. Everyone played very well, but Holly B (5H), Grace M. (5F) and Jamalia B. (6P) were particularly strong. Congratulations girls! Ian Jenkins.

LOST PROPERTY HELD AT OFFICE

- Children's blue metal prescription glasses found in Library 21/3/14.
- Blue box of Loom Bands found in Year 6 area 6/5/14.
- Royal blue satin headband.
- Navy blue plaited satin headband.
- “Teamlife” multi-coloured cap.
NSWPSSA Sydney North Knockout Comp. Hornsby North 14-5 West Pennant Hills. As well as our game on Friday afternoon the Senior girls played their first knockout game on Friday morning. The girls were spectacular. West Pennant Hills were a very strong team and the girls played fabulous netball. It’s hard to single out one player, but Jess B. (5/6B) played the best game I have seen from her. Georgia C. (6K) and Chloe T. (6K) rewarded their work with great goal shooting. Our next game will be against Oakhill at their venue but we will be waiting till Jess B. returns before we schedule a game. Thank you also to our spectators, it was great to have a home team advantage. 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 -
The date for the Term 2 Working Bee is Sunday, 1 June 1.00-5.00pm, 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.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY -
This Friday, 23 May - a few more volunteers wanted!
Thanks everyone who has already offered to help at Walk Safely to School Day. There are still a few slots left if you can spare just an hour of your time?
See http://doodle.com/ct5bdsgdjin4wd.
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 7am).
* Lend the P & C your toaster (drop off to Canteen Thursday 2:00-3:00pm).
* Volunteer to serve breakfast 7:00am-9:00am.
* Help with clean up 9:00am-10:00am.

Please remember to add your name and mobile number when offering to help. Thank you, Alexi Boyd.

CANTENE 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 22 May: Lisa McClymont, Dilek Jolliffe, Seema Tomar.
Friday 23 May: Katrina Humphreys, Anna Langgren.
Monday 26 May: Sally Johnston, Shaddha.
Tuesday 27 May: Yuki So, Maki Stevens.
Wednesday 28 May: Lucy Bal, Sharyn Seery.
Vicki Stubbings, Canteen Manager.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS -
THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY DUE TO WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY.
Tomorrow we will be selling the new Track suit and Polo’s 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 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. Full Track suit $90, Jacket individual price $55, Track suit Pant individual price $45, Sports Polo’s $30 and shorts $20. Thanks, Kim Urbaniak.

BAND NEWS -
2014 Band Camp was a load of fun for the students, they came a long way musically and sounded awesome at the concert on Sunday. They worked extremely hard and their behaviour was fantastic and they all went home very tired. Thank you to everyone who helped out, especially Mary O’Brien and Catherine Pedersen who took charge of the catering. Mrs and Ms Butterworth who stayed the entire weekend to make sure the camp ran smoothly, and Mrs Beenecke who helped on Saturday.
Ryde East Festival is on this Sunday the times are as follows:
Junior Band - 7:30am.
Intermediate Band - 11:45am.
Senior Band - 2:45pm.
Please do not be late, these Festivals run to a very tight schedule. You are to wear full Winter school uniform, girls that means tights please (no leggins). Remember your music and instrument.
Stage Band and Junior Band please remember your lunch time rehearsals, bring instruments and music to school.
Please work on your Band Awards Program, if you need another copy please email me, shakai@optusnet.com.au. 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.