HORNSBY NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
6 AUGUST, 2014

From the Principal
Once again, thank you all for a wonderful week of activities for Education Week 2014. This week began with continued parental involvement with the World of Maths Day for Kindergarten students. The director of the World of Maths Day complimented me on the engagement and interest of the children and most importantly, the support from the parents. We had at least 12 parents assisting on Monday morning and the comment was that this support was the best of all the schools he has visited. Take a bow parents!

COMPUTER SYSTEM DOWN!
As many parents know, but some would not, the school has been unable to access the internet or any IT services since Monday. A fibre optic cable 6.9km from the school was severed and this was the cause of the loss of services. However, our modem is now dead and Telstra are sourcing a new one for us. Parents, if you have sent a message via email to the school or to teachers on the school server, we are not ignoring you. I have a number of reports due to the DEC this week and I suspect they are sending me a message to tell me that they are late. Anyone with a carrier pigeon for hire?
This Newsletter will be delivered today because of the flexibility and ingenuity of the office staff and Gary Edmonds. Thank you Gary and office staff.

MONEY TO THE OFFICE
A number of parents have visited the office this week to purchase Music Festival tickets or to pay other fees. Thank you for your continued support. However, it would be appreciated if parents could bring the correct money for these payments. The office banks daily, and does not hold large amounts of change.

SOME DO'S AND DO NOT's
Please keep the streets around the school safe and the neighbours happy.
- **DO** come after 3.10pm for Kiss and Drop.
- **DO NOT** park across driveways. It is most inconsiderate.
- **DO** use Rofe Park or nearby streets as a meeting point if your children are old enough to walk to these places.
- **DO NOT** break the law and receive a fine!

DAFFODIL DAY
Daffodil Day will be on Friday, 22 August. All students are asked to wear some yellow accessories with their school uniform on this day. For example, yellow socks, yellow ribbons, etc. Students are being asked to make a gold coin donation on this day. Fresh daffodils will also be available for sale. From next week, Daffodil Day merchandise will be on sale each morning at the Ida Street and Cawthorne Street entrances before school. The following items will be available:- Pens $6.00, Pins $5.00, Fitness Teddy Bears $10.00, Chef Teddy Bears $10.00. Thank you for your support.
TALENTED WRITERS

On Monday, four talented Year 6 writers joined Miss Nailard at the Community of Schools Adventure Writing Program along with 7 other local schools. They each partnered with a Year 9 student from Asquith Boys’ High School and together created exciting adventure stories involving danger and intrigue. Later this term, the Year 6 students will complete the program, this time taking on the role of Mentor to a selected group of promising Year 4 writers. Congratulations Kira, Nicholas, Tamsin and Keira.

Kira P. (6W)  Nicholas R. (6P)  Tamsin M. (6P)  Kiera D-B. (6W)

Maree Sumpton
Principal

Coming Events....
Mon. – Fri. 28/7/14-8/8/14 Swim School
Tuesday 12/8/14 Arts North Rehearsal.
Wednesday 13/8/14 Year 3 Excursion / Music Festival Evening Performance.
Thursday 14/8/14 Year 2 IMAX & Aquarium Excursion.
Tuesday 19/8/14 Kindy Farm Excursion / 3-6 Athletics Carnival.
From the Classroom......

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -

KINDERGARTEN NEWS -
Week 5 News
Do you have a favourite place? Is it a room at home, your grandparent’s house, a cubby house, the library, etc? Tell us about it and why it is your favourite place.

LIBRARY NEWS
Please try to complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge by Friday 22 August. If you or your child need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Library. Helen Stevens.

PSSA AFL -
Charles Dickens wrote “A Tale of Two Cities”. I’m writing “A Tale of Two Teams”. It’s a modern twist on the original classic. This story is about two AFL teams in the Hornsby PSSA competition. Let’s call them Hornsby North Seniors and Hornsby North Juniors. Like the cities, one team is continually building making themselves stronger and unbeatable while the defences of the other team are crumbling and have recently been defeated by two marauding teams from Warrawee and Wahroonga. I feel an uprising against this injustice is brewing and a revolution is in the air. Stand united Juniors and together we will release the shackles and become heroes of our city or at least our school. Peter Hughes.

PSSA NETBALL -
The Juniors had a tough game against a strong and focused Junior Team who were determined to make our girls work hard for a win. Another great game from our strong defence who continually put in 100% to ensure the goal shooters could have as many chances as possible to score. The girls have been very successful in their first season together and have secured a place in the semi-finals which is exciting. Player of the Week goes to Ella B. (3H) who continues to keep on giving with her gutsy efforts in whatever position she plays.

Seniors 18-6.
The girl’s perseverance with fitness each week at training certainly showed last week with a dominating final quarter, 11 goals to 1. Hornsby North stormed away and have now ensured their place in the semi-finals also. Player of the Week goes to Natalie L. (6P) who continues to show her versatility and speed with great feeding as well as goal shooting.

Our final game of the season is against Waitara P.S. at Montview. I am still in need of one more driver for Friday so please let me know if you are available. Mary McGlynn.

PSSA BOYS FOOTBALL
Match Day 14 of the PSSA Boys competition was played against Berowra P.S. at Montview Oval. An under strength Junior SAP team won 1-0 and Senior SAP were also successful, scoring a 2-1 victory. With one round of football remaining before the finals, both teams currently occupy 1st position. For full match reports, please check the HNPS Sport Blog or Twitter @chad_lawrence_ for game information. This Friday we play Waitara P.S. at Montview Oval. Could parent drivers for this week please meet outside the library at 12pm. Chad Lawrence.

PSSA GIRLS FOOTBALL
1 August Vs Berowra P.S. 2-0 win.
We played with all our usual enthusiasm last Friday and had most of the possession throughout the game but Berowra P.S. is a spirited and determined opponent and we found it difficult to make our passes stick in the cold and windy conditions. Anabel W. (5H), playing her first game in 6 weeks, was in goals and needed to make one great save at the end of the first half. Kira P. (6W) and Jamalia B. (6P) were dependable in defence when needed. Both our goals came in the last five minutes of the game. Ian Jenkins.
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 -
No mini potato pies available. Banana Bread is available for $1.00 per slice.

Volunteers:
Thursday 7/8/14: HELPERS PLEASE.
Friday 8/8/14: Sue Walters, Jennifer Martin, Dilek Jolliffe.
Monday 11/8/14: Leanne Franks, Christina Martin.
Tuesday 12/8/14: Toshiko Shimizu, Eva Austin.
Wednesday 13/8/14: Nathalie Gits.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS -
NEW GIRLS SPORTS SKORTS are in and can be purchased for $25. New school tracksuits and new sports uniforms are available. Tracksuit Set $90 (jacket/pants), Shorts $20, Polo $30.
SECOND HAND SALE: 2nd hand jumpers and jackets "FREE". 2nd hand girl's tunics/dresses $10, and all other 2nd hand items are $1.00. Kim Urbaniak.

BAND NEWS -
Junior Band A will rehearse on Monday 18 August.
Junior Band B will rehearse on Monday 11 August & Monday 25 August.
Our next big event is our very own Band Festival in October. Information about this will be sent home shortly. Thank you. Sharon Schweisfurth, Band Committee.

SCHOOL BANKING -
IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Could all students please leave their accumulated Silver & Gold tokens in their yellow banking wallet, to assist with keeping track of rewards. Thank you.

40 HOUR FAMINE NEWS -
Time is running out to join the Hornsby North Public School 40 Hour Famine Team. Without enough food, children in Rwanda miss out on school, miss out on play and miss out on a childhood. We want children from Years 4, 5 and 6 to just give up technology, furniture or even talking for 40 hours between 15 and 17 August and raise as much money as possible using the 40 Hour Famine Online Fundraising page (we will help you set up and use this great tool). Every $40 we raise will feed a family of 6 for a month! Register by this Friday, 8 August by seeing Kira Paul (6W), collecting a Registration Form from the office or emailing martin@morestrategic.com.au.