From the Principal…

Congratulations to so many Hornsby North students on their performances at the Hornsby District Music Festival. Students from eight local schools formed the massed choir and many schools demonstrated their individual performing arts skills in dance, drama, band and choral works. Our children represented at Kindergarten level right through to Year 6. Special congratulations to Rohan who was the MC for the Matinee on Monday and Emma will host the Evening Performance on Wednesday. Thank you to the Hornsby North teachers and office staff for their amazing work with the overall organisation of the Music Festival. All schools have contributed but the efforts from this school have been outstanding.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Field events are almost finalised. With absences due to sickness, Mr Lawrence is keen to give every child an opportunity to compete if they were selected as a finalist. Please contact Mr Lawrence if your child was absent on the day of the event. The Track events carnival will be held on Tuesday, 19 August at Foxglove Oval. Parents have been advised of the arrangements for the day via a note last week. The note can be viewed on the School’s website and/or students can ask for another note at the office.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photographs are scheduled for next Wednesday, 20 August and for Thursday, 28 August. Information packs were sent home yesterday. Parents are advised to read the information carefully so that photos are ordered and disappointment does not occur. Payment for orders can be made by cash (correct money only), cheque (payable to The School Photographer) or online by credit card. For all orders, the white envelopes must be returned to school by photo day. Please talk to the class teacher if you have any queries or concerns.

DAFFODIL DAY

Daffodil Day is fast approaching. Merchandise is on sale this week and next week. The following was communicated in last week’s Newsletter…

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. 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.

SCHOOL CAR PARK

The sign at the School Gate, states that parents should NOT enter the school car park after 7.45am or before 4.00pm. An increasing number of parents continue to disregard this request. If the practice continues, the gates will be locked and parents will not be permitted to enter at all. This does not apply to parents who have sought temporary permission for special circumstances.

KINDY FARM EXCURSION

It is an exciting time for Kindy students. On Education Open Day they all came to school in their pyjamas, on Monday they wowed us all with their enthusiasm and joy as they sang at the Hornsby District Music Festival and next week they are off to the Golden Ridge Farm for their first excursion.

FUTURE EXCURSIONS

Meanwhile, students in Years 1-6 all have an excursion or an incursion in store for them. Such excursions include—Author visits for all students, Rouse Hill for Year 1, IMAX & Aquarium for Year 2 and of course, the Year 4 Camp. We are a very busy school.

COMPUTER PROBLEMS FIXED!

Our computer network is up and running again. Thank you all for your patience, in particular, the Office Staff. We needed a new router and a new modem! The fault was not at school, but 6.9 kilometres away from the school.

40 HOUR FAMINE

The 40 Hour Famine is fast approaching. It starts this Friday at 8pm and runs until 12 noon on Sunday. The Hornsby North 40 Hour Famine Team now has 46 members and we are confident that we will exceed our fundraising target of $1,500. To date the team has already raised $1,025 in on-line donations alone. They are doing a brilliant job. If you would like to support our team please visit our web page at: https://40hf2014.everydayhero.com/au/hornsbynorthpublicschool. Thanks for your continuing support in helping us raise community awareness and much-needed funds to help fight global hunger, we could not do it without you. If you have any questions regarding this event please email either martin@morestrategic.com.au or Liz at admin@morestrategic.com.au.

Principal

Future Events......

Thursday 14 August  Year 2 Imax & Aquarium Excursion.
Tuesday 19 August  Kindy Farm Excursion / 3-6 Athletics Carnival.
Wednesday 20 August  School Photos—Classes.
Thursday 21 August  Zone Athletics Carnival.
Tuesday 26 August  Years K-4 Author Visit (Michael Salmon).
Wednesday 27 August  Year 5 Intermediate / K-3 Italian Day.
Thursday 28 August  School Photos—Groups.
From the Classroom

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS-

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Week 6 News-
Find a picture or bring in something that “jumps” or bring in something that is full of “juice”. Sharon Gates.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Premier's Reading Challenge website closes to students and parents on Friday, 22nd August. Please contact the school if you or your child would like some extra assistance to complete the challenge. On 26th August we will have a visit from author Michael Salmon, who will be speaking to children from K-4 and demonstrate his skill as an illustrator. The cost is included in the Term 3 School Fees. Michael will be available to sign books after school on the day of the visit. His books will also be for sale on the day.

Another date for your diaries – 31st August “Big Book Day Out”. Children can see illustrators and listen to favourite authors at the NSW Writer’s Centre, Callan Park, Roselle. It runs from 10.00am-2.30pm and is free for all the family. Contact the library for further information. Friday afternoon Chess Club will begin again this week.

Helen Stevens, Teacher Librarian. Helen.Stevens@det.nsw.edu.au.

PSSA AFL

There was no AFL news available today.

MILO CRICKET

Two Hornsby North teams competed in the annual Years 5 & 6 Milo Cricket gala day yesterday at Rofe Park. Our first team won their opening match easily before recording two narrow victories against very good opposition. This placed us first in the group and pitted us against Hornsby Heights in the Grand Final. An excellent all-round display of bowling, fielding and batting saw us win by around 50 runs.

Our second team had a good victory to begin the day, before losing two close matches. This resulted in finishing third in the group and a play-off against the third-placed team from the other group, which we lost by just 2 runs.

Our first team will now compete in the Sydney North Area Final at Morrison Bay, Putney, on 27 August. A special mention to Nathan C. (6K), who won the catching competition and a huge box of Milo, which he readily shared with his teammates and coach! Michael Howard.

PSSA BOYS FOOTBALL

Match Day 15 of the PSSA Boys Competition was played against Waitara P.S. at Montview Oval. The Junior SAP team drew 1-1 and Senior SAP were impressive, scoring a 7-0 victory. At the beginning of the season, the objective for both teams was to develop, through skills acquisition, a positive, proactive style of football. Results were not the focus. I could not be more proud of the boys, as both teams secured first position and finished the regular competition undefeated. For full match reports, please check the HNPS Sport Blog or Twitter @chad_lawrence for game information. This Friday we play Turramurra P.S. in the semi-Final round at Montview Oval. Could parent drivers please meet outside the library at 12pm.

Chad Lawrence.

PSSA GIRLS FOOTBALL

8 August 2014 Vs Waitara PS 5-0 win. We finished the regular season in impressive style with a 5-0 win against a Waitara team that made us work hard for a 3-0 win earlier in the season. The girls deserve to be very proud of finishing the season in first place, undefeated, scoring 40 goals and conceding only 1. We concentrated on passing at training this week and it was evident on the field. For extended passages of play Waitara found it difficult to get a touch on the ball. Monique S. (6W) and Lucie V. (5/6B) each scored two goals and Annika N. (6K) scored our other. Back to the training ground next week to prepare for the Semi-Final! Ian Jenkins.

PSSA NETBALL

Extra Round Vs Waitara—Juniors 2-2. It was a tough game last week against a strong and skilful Waitara team. I will have confirmation of our Semi Final spot by the end of the week when all results are in but hopefully the girls will have held their position in the top 4. My Player of the Match this week goes to Jess L. (4N), who played well in the Goal Keeping role, a position she is working hard at perfecting.

Seniors 24-7. The girls ensured our shooters had plenty of attempts at goals as they enjoyed the majority of the possession throughout the game. My Player of the Match this week goes to Mia H. (6P) who shot some amazing goals. Again this convincing win keeps the girls in the top 4, thus ensuring our place in the Semi’s. As soon as I receive notification of results I will let the girls know, however at this stage I will need 4 drivers to help transport the girls to Montview, so I would appreciate if you could let me know your availability as soon as you can. Congratulations girls on a wonderful season and reaching the top 4 positions in both the Senior and Junior competitions.

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.

REMEMBER – TERM 3 WORKING BEE SUNDAY 31 AUGUST
We look forward to seeing everyone at the Working Bee on Sunday 31 August 1-4pm. A BBQ will be provided and all students who actively participate, 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.

FATHER’S DAY STALL 2/9/14 – CALLING ALL YEAR 5 PARENTS! The annual Father’s Day stall will be held on Tuesday, 2 September and we need Year 5 Parents to assist with helping between 8am - 12pm. Even if you can only spare an hour, it means others won’t need to be there all morning. Other parents are of course welcome... It doesn’t matter if you haven’t done it before, no previous experience required! Remember, this event simply can’t happen without the support of parents and it really is such a lovely event which the children love taking part in. Please go to Doodle.com http://doodle.com/fpgemd5unpmc52exrt event to indicate the time you can volunteer. Any questions, contact Alexi on 0424568712.

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST 5/9/14 – CALLING ALL YEAR 1 PARENTS! The annual Father’s Day Breakfast will be held on Friday, 5 September and we need Year 1 Parents to assist with volunteering. You can collect the $2 contributions-(4 people required to collect the $2 from the P&C Box and mark the names off an excel spreadsheet / Cutting up Fruit – collecting on Thursday, cutting it up, and delivering at 7am on the morning of the Breakfast / Volunteering time at the breakfast. Even if you can only spare an hour it means others won’t need to be there all morning. Other parents are of course welcome... It doesn’t matter if you haven’t done it before, no previous experience required! Remember, this event simply can’t happen without the support of parents and it really is such a lovely event which the children love taking part in. Please go to Doodle.com http://doodle.com/fpgemd5unpmc52exrt event to indicate the time you can volunteer. Any questions, contact Alexi on 0424568712.

CAINTEEN NEWS

No mini potato pies available, and Banana Bread available for $1.00 per slice.

Volunteers:
Thursday 14 August: Debra Murphy, Belinda Greer, Linda Muncey.
Friday 15 August: Julie Hughes, Rajvir Hansra.
Monday 18 August: Janet Parise.
Tuesday 19 August: Deb Nicklin, Mamtta Nair, Jennifer England.
Wednesday 20 August: Jean Ryan.
Vicki Stubbings, Canteen Manager.
BAND NEWS -
Good luck to our Stage Band who are playing their first performance together at the Music Festival at Hornsby RSL tonight.
Junior Band A are rehearsing Monday lunch times as follows:
- 18th Aug.
- 1st September
- 15th September
Junior Band B are rehearsing Monday lunch times as follows:
- 25th August
- 8th September
- 15th September
Upcoming events are:
- 5th September Stage Band perform at the Father's Day breakfast.
- Junior Band rehearsal as normal.
- 14th September - Senior and Stage Bands perform at Asquith Boy's High School Community Day.
- 27th October - Hornsby North Band Festival
Please put these into your diaries.
Thanks Sharon Schweisfurth - Band Committee

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

HORNSBY HEIGHTS NEWSAGENCY -
Hornsby Heights Newsagency is in your local shops, Shop 4 - 110 Galston Road, Hornsby Heights, with parking behind the Caltex Service Station. Please call in and browse—we carry all school and office supplies. You can buy or order your spare toners.
We have children’s activity books and magazines on many categories like home & garden, woodwork, hobbies, motoring, boating, health and many more. As well as only the best available Greeting Cards and Wrapping, Party Balloons, Streamers, Candles etc. 9476 2060.

PARENTING ANXIOUS CHILDREN -
A Seminar for Parents of children aged 4-10 years discussing:-
The nature of anxiety and the different ways it may present in children, risk factors and potential implications for parents and children, as well as identification of practical strategies and resources to assist. Bookings are essential and the seminar will be run at Hillview Community Health Centre on Thursday 21 August 11.30am-1.30pm. Call 9485 6155.

BABY SITTER REQUIRED -
A parent of one of our students requires a baby sitter to look after her 8 year son.
If you can help, please Call Cynthia on 0469 960 320.

OZ TAG -
OZTAG football is the latest craze in recreational sport that now has competitions running all over Australia. The game is a low/medium contact sport and the rules are designed to encourage this. OZTAG is a great way to keep active and maintain fitness in the summer months and pre-season training.

Who: Junior Boys, Girls and Mixed teams U/6 - U/16.
Registration Fee: $70 per player
Oztag shorts: $25
Team Shirts: $15 Polyester, $10 Cotton
NOTE: Registration is available for teams and individuals.
Location: Foxglove Oval, Mt Colah. Starts Monday 8/9/14
Registration Dates: 19 & 26 August between 4pm - 6pm.
22 & 29 August between 4pm-6pm.
For more information, please Scott on 0418 467 233.

LEARN TAE KWON DO -
(Australian Tae Kwon Do Chung Do Kwan Association). Established in the Northern Suburbs of Sydney since 1974. Training:- Tuesday 7.30-8.30pm (Hornsby North Public School Hall); and Saturday 12.00 -1.00pm (Asquith Community Hall, Storey Park). For enquiries please phone 9981 7788.

LOST PROPERTY HELD AT OFFICE
- Pair of 7B shoes found 27/6/14 at BASC.
- Navy blue plaited satin headband.
- Loom bands found in Year 6 area.
- Crane Kids tennis racquet.
- ’DG’ sunglasses with diamante on frame.
- Various keys (one on red tag, one on black plastic spring, two on a keyring and one on a keyring).
- Red headband with feathers.
- Large black Westfield jacket found in hall.
- Near new Clarks “Lochie 16” black school shoes.
- Silver Kiwi ring.
- Light blue “Smiggle” watch.
- Lockwood key on curtain ring left in Computer Room 29/7/14.

AFL family fun day
Activity for children 4 to 13 years old.
Come and join us and learn AFL skills by playing fun games with other families. Meet AFL accredited coaches and have an exciting and enjoyable family fun day!
Activities include:
- Basic AFL skills and games
- Show bags with a football and information of local services
- Morning tea and picnic

Details
When: Sunday 24 August from 10.30am to 12.30pm
Where: James Park, Corner of Low and Palmerston Roads, Hornsby
Cost: Free
Bookings: Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au or send transfers to families

Clement Art School
An excellent program and syllabus is essential to a good education. Clement Art School’s creative program features a comprehensively prepared art syllabus, and is exclusive to Clement Art. Best of all, we have a team of qualified and experienced teachers teaching our classes.
Clement Art has a reputation for excellence since its establishment in 1983 in Sydney and 2013 in Hong Kong. For more information, visit www.clementart.com.au

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Warrah's Inaugural Community Open Day - Saturday 13th September

In just over one month Warrah in Dural is opening the doors for its first Community Open Day. Everyone is invited to come and see what makes Warrah so unique on Saturday 13th September from 10am-3pm.

There will be farm tours giving an inside look at how Sydney's ONLY certified biodynamic farm operates, go hunting for freshly laid eggs from Warrah's certified free-range chickens; tour Warrah Special School and talk to the principal & teachers; browse and shop from the boutique markets; taste our own biodynamic produce; visit our art exhibition and vote on your favourite and participate in the fun that is the bush dance & spring festival.

Warrah is a Rudolf Steiner organisation providing services to adults and children with disabilities with our main campus set on 30 acres, an environmental haven. Our services include residential and day services for people with intellectual and other disabilities, and Warrah Special School for children ages 5-18. Warrah's main campus includes a biodynamic farm. Individuals with & without disabilities can also learn about biodynamic farming through visits, courses and volunteering.