From the Principal...

"The sun will come out" ... on Friday because it is Daffodil Day. A separate note accompanies this newsletter asking all students to support this Cancer Council event, by wearing yellow on Friday and donating a gold coin. Daffodils will be on sale and parents and students are encouraged to purchase these flowers from the Year 6 leaders. Students do not have to wear a complete yellow ensemble on this day. Yellow socks, a yellow ribbon or headband or a touch of yellow in clothing will be sufficient. Thank you all for your continued support.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - Unfortunately, the School Athletics Carnival for Tuesday of this week was cancelled. The Zone Carnival at Narrabeen is still on but Sports Organisers of all schools have been advised to bring records of student performances, particularly in the Field events in case the conditions at this venue are unsafe. We hope to hold a Fun Athletics Day before the end of the year so that all children can enjoy participating in events and so that the House Captains can enjoy their role of organising House members into teams and competing in the House Competition. Further details will follow when the event has been organised.

K-2 CROSS COUNTRY - This year, every child in K-2 will be participating in the first ever K-2 Cross Country. A cross country is an individual, long distance running race. The cross country will be run at Rofe Park on Thursday, 28th August during weekly K-2 sport time. K-2 will be participating in the cross country so that they are prepared for the cross country when they are in Years 3-6. It is important to note that this is NOT the same as the K-2 Athletics Day. The K-2 Athletics Day will still be held two weeks later on Thursday, 11th September.

40 HOUR FAMINE - We hope you enjoyed undertaking your challenge for the 40 Hour Famine last weekend. You are doing a truly amazing job raising funds to help give children your own age around the world a chance in life. To date you have raised over $3,000 in online donations alone, this is enough to feed 450 people for a whole month!

Now we need to start collecting and banking the cash you have raised so that this can be added to your team total. Please can you bring it to school this Friday. Liz Paul, Kira’s Mum will be outside the school office to collect it from 8.30 to 9.15am. It would be helpful if you could put your money in an envelope with your name, class and amount clearly marked on the front. Please don’t forget to also hand back your Receipt Book if you have finished your fundraising, if not, the final cash collection date will be Friday, 29 August. If you have any questions please email Liz at admin@morestrategic.com.au.

SPORTING SUCCESS - Last week seven of our PSSA teams were involved in the Semi-Final Championships. The teams were—Senior and Junior Boys & Girls Football teams, Senior and Junior Netball teams and the Senior and Junior AFL teams. All played well within the true spirit of sportsmanship and team work. Congratulations to all teams and best wishes to the following teams who will play in the Grand Finals this Friday:-

Senior Boys Football
Junior Boys Football
Girls Football
Senior Boys AFL

KINDERGARTEN & THE FARM - It was lovely weather for ducks yesterday as 116 Kindergarten students and their brave teachers visited a farm for Kindergarten's first big excursion. All teachers and children reported that it was a great day. When the sun came out, they went outside and fed the animals. When the rain came down, the activities were transferred to sheltered areas. The Directors of the farm made arrangements for the buses to drive right down to the barn, so that the children would not have to walk in the rain. The children have told me that they now know milk does not come directly from the Supermarket shelves.

TEEN Sport Success - Congratulations to our tennis champions of today and the future. On Saturday, 9 August Rohan, Martin, Nicholas, Arjun, David and Miles competed in the Primary Schools Tennis Challenge. Rohan & Martin won the First Division, Nicholas & Arjun and David & Miles were placed 2nd and 3rd respectively in the Second Division. Overall, Hornsby North came third. We look forward to their performances in Term 4. Great work boys!

COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS ADVENTURE WRITING PROGRAM - On Monday, 8 enthusiastic writers joined Miss Nairal at the Community of Schools Adventure Writing Program, along with seven other local schools. This was the final day of the program, which involved Year 6 taking on the role of mentor to a selected group of Year 4 writers. These talented writers will now have their stories compiled in a book which will be placed in our Library for all students to enjoy. Congratulations to Kira P. (6W), Keira D-B. (6W), Nicholas R. (6P), Tamsin M. (6W), Jessica L. (4N), Eugenie Y. (4G), Jasmine C. (4G) and Rowan C. (4R).

LIBRARY OPEN FOR HOMEWORK - On Tuesdays and Thursdays the library will be open until 4.00pm for children to do their homework. This will be a very quiet time in the library. Children are expected to complete their homework independently, however, Mrs Stevens is available for assistance if needed. Parents are advised that the library will close at 4.00pm and children must be collected at closing time. Library borrowing can also be done at this time. This is a trial for the remainder of Term 3 and will continue next term if it proves successful.

Mark Hampton
Principal
From the Classroom

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -

KINDERGARTEN NEWS -
Week 7 News: Describe your favourite "weather", or bring in something that is "wet" or "white". Sharon Gates.

LIBRARY NEWS -
The Premier's Reading Challenge website closes to students and parents this Friday 22nd August. Please contact the school if you or your child would like some extra assistance to complete the challenge. Next Tuesday 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. Michael will be available to sign books after school on the day of the visit. His books will also be available for sale on the day. This week is Book Week and children have been participating in special activities. The colouring competition needs to be returned to the library by Friday 22nd August. The prize for each grade will be a Book Voucher for the Book Fair commencing on Tuesday, 9th September. Helen Stevens, Teacher Librarian. Helen.Stevens@det.nsw.edu.au.

ITALIAN DAY -
On Wednesday, 27 August children in K–3 will be having an Italian Day. They will be enjoying a puppet show and mask making. Please dress in green, white and red! A special note has been sent home today for you to return to the class teacher with payment of $7. It will be a wonderful Italian cultural experience.

Grazie, Signora Baitieri.

PSSA AFL -
Semi Finals arrived last Friday and there was more excitement than an episode of Behind the News, more expectation than a visit to the dentist and more nerves than standing outside the Principal's Office. Our Juniors took on Turramurra, who they had soundly beaten during the season. All of a sudden, Turramurra took to the field 30cm taller, 2 metres faster and with new found skills. We tried valiantly to compete but alas, were outgunned and eventually lost 26-9. ASADA is investigating! Congratulations on a great season Juniors. You should be very proud of your efforts!

Our Seniors took on Hornsby Heights and I was praying that another ambush wasn’t about to happen. Again, the opposition played out of their skin, but the class of our Seniors shone through and we won a tough encounter 26-11. With nerves frayed, the coach now has to construct a plan to beat Wahroonga in next week’s massive Grand final… if it ever stops raining. Peter Hughes.

MILIO CRICKET -
Ten students will be representing our school next Wednesday, 27 August at the Milo Cricket Regional Final at Putney. The meeting time outside the school library is 7:55pm. Mrs Nadanapatham is driving, but we need one more driver. Please return permission notes by the end of this week. Thanks, Michael Howard.

PSSA BOYS FOOTBALL -
The Semi-Final round of the PSSA Boys Competition was played against Turramurra P.S. at Montview Oval last Friday. The Junior SAP team came from a goal down and played some very intelligent football to win 3-2. The Senior SAP team were dominant in possession early, however left it late, scoring in extra time, golden goal to win 1-0! Both teams have now progressed to the Final of the PSSA Boys Football Competition! The Junior team will play Berowra P.S. at 12:30pm and the Senior team will kick-off against Wahroonga P.S. at 1:20pm. For full match reports, please check the HNPS Sport Blog or Twitter @chad_lawrence_ for game information. All games are at Montview Oval this week. Could parent drivers please meet outside the library at 12pm. Chad Lawrence.

PSSA GIRLS FOOTBALL -
15 August 2014 Semi-Final Vs Berowra P.S. 2-1 win. This was not a game for the faint hearted! Berowra always seem to lift against Hornsby North and they took us by surprise, scoring in the first 5 minutes. Anabel W. (5H) responded almost immediately with a great equaliser. The rest of the first half was an arm wrestle, where no team dominated or scored. In the 2nd half our passing improved and we had a number of shots that the Berowra goalkeeper fumbled, but the score remained 1-1 until extra time. Holly B. (5H) made some incisive passes in extra time and put us in good field position. Lucie V. (5-6B) worked tirelessly on the forward line and eventually put a ball through to Milly S. (6W), who scored a very special birthday goal! One more game to go girls. Ian Jenkins.

PSSA NETBALL -
Juniors 3-13. The Juniors played an eventful game against a strong Warrawee team. The girls gave it everything they could but were beaten by a stronger and more experienced side. Thank you for your dedication with training and commitment this season and for understanding my job when positioning them on the court. Congratulations girls on a great season, see you all at the trials in 2015. Seniors 6-15. The Hornsby North Senior girls should be very proud of their 3rd place ranking. I am very proud of all they have achieved this year. The Senior girls have been especially supportive of the Junior players. They have helped out at training sessions with encouraging words and skills to help develop and extend the confidence of the Juniors players. Thank you girls for a great season this year, I am going to miss my All Stars team!
A special and heartfelt thanks to my wonderful parent helpers, who have supported me throughout the netball season. They have helped with transporting the girls, given advice and encouragement to me as coach, as well as the girls when needed, and just made my Friday’s fun. Thank you also to Miss Lisa Duncan who during her practicum at Hornsby North, willingly and enthusiastically provided a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our lucky netballers. Roll on 2015 season! Mary McGlynn.

SCIENCE NEWS -
This week is National Science Week. On Wednesday, 10 September we will be holding our Year 6 Science Expo. The students are planning some exciting new exhibits to ensure that this Expo is their best yet!

AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR -
The Australian Girls Choir will be holding a Workshop on Friday, 29 August at 10.15am. Girls from Years 1 to 6 who wish to take part, please return the permission notes to Mrs Bonner (Yrs 1-3) and Ms Giblin (Yrs 4-6), before Friday, 29 August.

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.
REMINDER - TERM 3 WORKING BEE SUNDAY 31 AUGUST - Check the P&C Facebook page for wet weather updates and signs will be on each gate regarding wet weather.

CAFE NEWS -
Banana Bread available for $1.00 per slice.
Volunteers:
Thursday 21 August: Luna Hrashtick, Jan Bostelman.
Friday 22 August: Katrina Humphries, Anna Landgren, Emma Smith.
Monday 25 August: Sally Johnston.
Tuesday 26 August: Yuko So, Maki Stevens.
Wednesday 27 August: Lucy Bai, Sharyn Seery.
Vicki Stubbings, Canteen Manager.

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 North Public School Newsletter
FATHER'S DAY STALL 2/9/14 -
The annual Father's Day Stall will be held on Friday, 5 September and we need Year 5 Parents to help 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. 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/fpgemd5unpmc52xt event to indicate the time you can volunteer. Any questions, contact Alexi on 0424 568 712.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST 5/9/14 -
The annual Father's Day Breakfast will be held on Friday, 5 September and we need Year 1 Parents to help. 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.

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BAND NEWS -
I wanted to congratulate our Stage Band on their performance at the Music Festival last week. You sounded amazing and made us very proud!

I would like to remind all Band students that they are to be working on their Awards Program. We will be issuing the dates for auditions ASAP. For those who passed the last auditions, your certificates will be awarded soon.

Junior Band A are rehearsing Monday lunch times as follows:
- 1st September, 15th September will be a combined rehearsal.
- 25th August, 8th September, 15th September will be a combined rehearsal.

Upcoming events are:-
- 5th September—Stage Band performing at Father's Day Breakfast,
- Junior Band rehearsal as normal.
- 14th September—Senior and Stage Bands performing at Asquith Boys Community Day.
- 27th October—Hornsby North Band Festival.

Please put these dates into your diaries.
Thanks Sharon Schweisfurth - Band Committee

COMMUNITY NEWS -
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.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM—RHUBARB JAM PRODUCTIONS -
Create. Perform. Produce.

We invite participants aged between 5 and 12 to embark on a creative journey to put on a theatrical performance at the end of a week-long workshop. Explore our theme of 'ARCADE ACTION' drawing inspiration from the movie 'WRECK IT RALPH' and popular video games including Super Mario Brothers, Pacman and Tetris.

Venue: 'The Light of Christ' Centre, Yardley Ave, Waitara
Dates: 29/9 - 3/10, 3 or 5 day bookings available
Time: 9am-3pm with extended care options
Cost: $300 for the week / $200 for 3 days
Phone: Anna—0410 309 298 or Kim—0423 381 864
Email: info@rhubarbjam.com.au
Website: www.rhubarbjam.com.au

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th September, 2014. 9.30am to 12.00noon.

All K-6 children are welcome to come to this fun club of games, puzzles, stories, craft, songs and morning tea. Cost: $20 for your first child for the week, and $15 for your second (maximum of $50 a family), and this includes a family BBQ on Friday evening. Registration Forms are available from the Office foyer.

HOLIDAY CAMP -
Big Fun Camps have partnered with Sports Camps Australia to provide a 3-day/2-night multi sports camp of all ability levels between the ages of 10-15 years at Broken Bay NSW Sport & Rec Centre on the Hawkesbury River. Held at Broken Bay in the school holidays from Sept 30-Oct 2, student/athletes will be grouped according to age and ability. Details for this camps and others can be found on our website http://www.sportscampsaustralia.com.au/multisport/#overnight-multisport-camps-locations where campers are also able to register.

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 diamantes 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.
- 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.

AFamily 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: Jeanes Park, Corner of Lew and Palmerston Roads, Hornsby
Cost: Free
Bookings: Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/childrensfamilies

What to bring:
- Drinks, hats and sun protection.
- Chairs or picnic blankets
- View suitable sports footwear

Children must be supervised by an adult for the whole duration of the event. This event will be cancelled if raining.

For more information visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au
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.

Warrah’s Community Open Day is on at 20 Harris Road Dural on Saturday 13th September from 10am-3pm.
For more information visit warrah.org or contact Christine on 9651 2411 or cchiarella@warrah.org