From the Principal…

Welcome to the final week of Term 3 which has been a most successful one with achievement and strong participation in academic, sporting, cultural and the wider community events. Students return on Tuesday, 7 October for Term 4. The changeover to Summer uniform begins on the first day of Term 4.

COMMUNITY DAY ABHS -
The Community Day at ABHS was a wonderful event with school and community group performances, market stalls and a vintage car display. The Senior and Stage Bands performed well and our Senior Football team put in a great effort against a very strong Year 7 team. Thank you to parents and teachers who supported this event and demonstrated the value of importance of Community involvement.

YEAR 5 OLD GOVERNMENT HOUSE/EXPERIMENT FARM EXCURSION -
There have been many outstanding excursions this term and some have been reported on in the Newsletter, but comments from the students and teachers regarding the above excursion to Old Government House at Parramatta and Experiment Farm generated great enthusiasm and some inquisitive comments from the children. History is an important element of the National Curriculum and is welcomed by many teachers and community members.

AREA ATHLETICS -
Congratulations Matthew R. (3M), Brodie W. (3J), Sione K. (4M), Anabel W. (5H) and Monique S. (6W) for fantastic individual performances at the 2014 Sydney North Athletics Carnival, Olympic Park. All students represented Hornsby Zone with an outstanding attitude, achieved PB’s, and demonstrated wonderful sportsmanship, both on and off the track! Well done!

NAPLAN RESULTS -
NAPLAN results arrived at school at the end of Week 8. Notes were sent home to parents advising of the availability of these results. Parents, if you have not collected these, please do so by the end of term. The School Learning Support Team is analyzing the school’s performance and growth from Year 3 to Year 5 and discussions will take place next term so that strategies for further improvement can be developed. Parents who wish to discuss individual student performance, should make an appointment with the class teacher or me.

SCHOOL FEES AND CONTRIBUTIONS -
Reminders were sent home last week. Thank you to parents and caregivers who have made prompt payments, however, the response has been slow. Please speak to me about any concerns regarding payment of school fees, and remember, payment ensures that every child receives opportunities for an enriched education. Fees for Term 4 will be sent home within the first 2 weeks of next term.

HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL PROGRAM—READY, SET, GROW -
Congratulations to Miss Heikkonen and Miss Chessor who have worked hard with students in the Vegie Patch. Last week, Hornsby Shire Council awarded us three prizes, a Certificate of Excellence and 2 gardening books for the Library. Well done to all students who assist in this environmental activity.

WRITING AWARDS -
Earlier this year, all students participated in the Young Writer’s Competition. A panel of teachers selected Class winners and finally Stage winners. The Stage winners were awarded trophies at the School Assemblies. The winners were:- Garrick W. (KG), Selina L. (1K), Heewon M. (2B), Bryan W. (3J), Eugenie Y. (4G), Zambia B. (5H), Subyn K. (6B) [Winner] and Keira D-B. (6W) [Runner-Up].

STUDENT SUCCESS -
• After representing Hornsby Oztag at the Junior State Cup in Wollongong, Ben O’B. (5/6B) has gained selection in the Sydney Warriors Under 11’s team. Ben and his team will contest the National Titles in Coffs Harbour next month. Congratulations Ben.
• Congratulations to Rohan R. (6B) who placed first for the violin in the Strings category at the recently held Eisteddfod at Peats Ridge. Rohan played "Allegro" for which he received the highest score of 94 on 100 by the adjudicator! Well done boys.
• Eloise C. (6P) has qualified to compete in 3 board heights at the "2015 Diving Australia Age Nationals", to be held in Hobart in April 2015. This follows from her National competition record, where she medalled in all 7 of this year’s National events. Well done Eloise.

Marie Hampton
Principal

Coming Events…….
Thursday 18 September - Arts North Choral Concert.
Friday 19 September - Last Day Term 3.
Monday 6 October - Public Holiday.
Tuesday 7 October - Students & Staff Return for Term 4.
SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS-
Bianca M. (4N), Jade D.P. (3M), Davi d L. (3M), Ben O’B. (5B), Isabel L.

LIBRARY NEWS -
Chess Club will not be on this Friday – the last day of term.

PSSA CRICKET -
The competition resumed last week with a tough trip to play against Turramurra P.S. Our Juniors put in a very complete performance, with every player bowling, fielding and batting extremely well. We restricted Turramurra to just 28 runs from 12 overs and then replied with 66 runs. Our Senior team batted first and reached a solid score of 55 runs. However, a bit of rustiness with bowling and fielding saw our opponents record a 71-55 victory.

This week we play Asquith P.S. at Montview Oval. The meeting time outside the library is 12:15pm and the drivers are: Nadanapatham, Nicklin, Beazley, Simpson, Watson, Waldock.

PSSA LEAGUE TAG -
PSSA League Tag recommenced last Friday and our teams achieved a very successful start with 3 out of 4 teams gaining victories. The Senior 1s displayed some great skill in their 8-2 victory over Cowan and scored some great tries. The Junior 2s went down 7-2 to Worrawee 1s, more focus and energy is needed by the 2s. If they conduct themselves during their respective matches. Mr Hughes and myself were very impressed. The Senior 1s displayed some impressive teamwork in their narrow 6-5 win over Mt Colah and the Senior 2s were equally impressive in their 5-4 win over the Worrawee 1s. Considering it has been a long time since our teams have played League Tag, the skill and enthusiasm our students showed on Friday was very pleasing to watch.

Thank you, Brad Keyes.

PSSA T-BALL/SOFTBALL -
Last Friday our T-Ball and Softball girls went off to the ‘Field of Dreams’ at Turramurra to play against Turramurra P.S. Our T-Ball’s batted well and really worked together as a team. They put up a good fight and unfortunately we went down 7-6. Our Softball girls also played really well after a shaky first innings. They came across some even opposition who had an accurate pitcher. After a good battle, our girls won 3-2. Well done girls. Training will resume in Week 3, Term 4 as I am on leave for Week 1 & 2. Please remember to be on time to training, listen to all announcements regarding your team and have all equipment ready for training and the game (especially your glove and shin-pads). This week we are playing at Rofe Park, so we will not require drivers. Remember to keep practising in the holidays. Thank you, Fiona Gleeson.

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 -
Volunteers:
Thursday 18 September:  Luna Hraščnik, Jan Bostelman. 
Friday 19 September:  Julie Hughes, Rajvir Hansra.

Thank you to all the parents who have helped this term.
Vicki Stubbing, Canteen Manager.

UNIFORM SHOPS NEWS -
CHANGE-OVER TO SUMMER UNIFORM IS THE FIRST WEEK BACK TERM 4. The Summer uniform is currently being sold. Orders with payment can be made and will be filled. Please place orders in the P&C Box. Request for volunteers to assist in the Uniform Shop next term on the Kindy Orientation Days (listed below) between 9.00am and 11.00am. Please email me on pkmurby@bigpond.net.au if you can assist as help is greatly needed.

Monday: 13/10/14
Wednesday: 15/10/14
Monday: 20/10/14
Wednesday: 22/10/14
Wednesday: 29/10/14

Thanks, Kim Urbaniaik.

WORKING BEE TERM 4 -
SAVE THE DATE for Term 4 Working Bee Sunday, 19 October. We look forward to seeing everyone there! 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.

PARENT BUSINESS DIRECTORY -
Are you a parent who owns your own business? The P&C Association is launching an exciting new initiative! Whether you’re a restaurant, a tradesman or in business-to-business sales we welcome you to be a part of the new Parent Business Directory. It’s all about keeping it local, and encouraging all parents to support one another. The P&C hopes this will be a boost for small business in the area and help develop business relationships between parents. See the accompanying note or email Alexi on alexandra@themustardfactory.com.au for more details.

LOST PROPERTY HELD AT OFFICE
• Various keys (one on red tag, one on black plastic spring, two on a keyring and one on a keyring).
• Near new Clarks ‘Lochie 1G’ black school shoes.
• Bright pink satin purse with Lexar USB.
• Rose gold-coloured decorated ring, found 1/9/14.
• “Pumpkin Patch” mottled colour knitted beanie.
• “Miss Understood” black long sleeve t-shirt.
• Black “Tomkid” jacket with pink sequined T on front.
• “Hello Bill” tiny photo booklet.
• 3 keys on “Winnie The Poo/Piglet” keyring.
• Owl keyring made from leather.
• Brand New School Sports Jacket size 12—no name.
STUDENT SCHOOL BANKING -
Please be advised that from 3/9/14, the Penguin—Plush Toy Keyring reward will not be available.

Thank you to students who are leaving their accumulated Silver & Gold tokens in their yellow banking wallet, which makes it easier to keep track of rewards.

Also, we are looking for a parent/grandparent volunteer to help with the Student School Banking. This only takes a short time on a Wednesday morning, until approx. 10.30am. If you can help, even on a monthly basis, please let the Office know or come to the Staff Room during banking time. Thank you.

BAND NEWS -
Congratulations to our Senior and Stage Bands for their awesome performance in the SUN at Asquith Boys Community Day last Sunday. You played extremely well.

Sunday, 26 October is our Band Festival, during the holidays, please practice your pieces.

Junior Band A will be rehearsing first up on Monday, 13 October, and Band B will rehearse on Monday, 20 October at lunch time. Thanks, Sharon Schweisfurth - Band Committee.

COMMUNITY NEWS -
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, students/athletes will be grouped according to age and ability. Details for this camp and others can be found on our website http://www.sportscampsaustralia.com.au/multisport/#overnight-multi-sport-camps-locations where campers are also able to register.

KICKSTART HOLIDAY PROGRAMME -
22-26 September, 2014. Come along for a week of awesome KickStart fun to be held at Hornsby North Public School, which includes brilliant games, sport, crafts & exciting workshops. For more information please call Caroline On 0422 287 251 or Kate on 0401 833 302. Brochures were sent home last week, or can be found in the Office foyer. Register online at www.cch.net.au. KickStart is a Ministry of Community Church Hornsby.

“WILDCATS” YOUTH GROUP -
Attention Year 6 parents! We’re inviting all Year 6 kids to attend Wildcats Youth Group in Term 4. We understand that moving from Primary School into High School can be a big transition for kids; so we look to offer a small step in between. Wildcats is for all High School aged Young People in Years 7-12. We meet at Unit 4/67-71 Jersey Street, Hornsby. 7.30pm-9.30pm every Friday of the School term. For more details visit www.cch.net.au/youth/. Wildcats Youth is a Ministry of Community Church Hornsby.

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.
BUSH SCHOOL LEARN TO SWIM
Swimming lessons for children 4 years to 12 years (Year 6, 2014) taught by our qualified and experienced instructors at the Bush School pools on Saturdays, November – March.
Season Cost: 30 min lesson.
$100 for 1 child,
$155 for 2 children,
$180 for 3 or more children (plus $17.50 insurance per child)
Enrolments: Saturday 25th October 2014 at 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm (or on later Saturdays from November) at the Bush School pools.
New enrolments should wear a swimsuit for grading.
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