From the Principal...

Welcome to Week 2 of Term 1. Our new Kindergarten students began their school careers on Monday. There was hardly a tear from the children, just a few from parents and grandparents.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL -
As stated in last week's Newsletter, the Swimming Carnival will be held this Friday evening. In response to enquiries from parents and caregivers the following points are made:-
* The Carnival is for Years 3 to 6 students only.
* 8 year old Year 2 students who can swim 50 metres are eligible to participate. This is a PSSA ruling. (PSSA—Primary Schools Sports Association).
* Students who are unable to attend the Carnival because it is a twilight meeting, and they are competent swimmers who compete at a high level at Club or Squad events, are invited to submit times from their Swimming Club for consideration for inclusion in the Hornsby North Zone Squad. These times will be compared to Zone time requirements and the times of students who competed at the Carnival.
* Generally, the first two in an event are included in the Zone team. However, if the times of our swimmers do not meet the time requirements of a Zone event, we are not permitted under PSSA rules, to enter the swimmers.

Looking forward to a wonderful evening on Friday night.

CLASS ORGANISATION -
Students are settled in their 2015 classes and enthusiasm for learning and success is evident in all rooms. At this time of the year, all children are eager to strive for a successful year. As parents and teachers, we must aim to maintain this work ethic throughout the entire year. Remember, children will achieve at the level that is expected of them if they are supported and encouraged and the learning activities are appropriate for engagement and learning. Communication between home & school is vital for student success. Excursions will be covered. This is important information for all parents. They will be asked to sit quietly outside while the meeting is on. Handball and running games will not be permitted.

At the Year 5 and Year 6 meetings, topics such as Selective High School Placements and rankings, High School in general and overnight excursions will be covered. This is important information for all parents.

HEAD LICE -
These creatures are always with us, and the only way to control the infestations is for every parent to be vigilant and regularly check their child’s hair. It is easy to blame other children and I know it can be frustrating when re-infestations occur, but it is still up to every parent to take responsibility. The recipe for a more natural approach to controlling head lice follows, however, the lice and eggs must be removed: 200ml conditioner, 7ml pure 100% tea tree oil. Enough water to make up to 2 litres. Mix together in a 2 litre milk bottle or any other 2 litre container. Pour into spray bottle, and spray on hair and brush through daily.

The above accounts will be sent home today. I understand that the amounts will seem quite expensive for many parents. However, the amounts for Terms 3 & 4 will be substantially lower. Parents who are experiencing difficulty meeting these amounts for Terms 3 & 4, should make an appointment with the principal at a mutually convenient time.

All meetings except for the Year 5 & 6 meetings in the Library, will be held in individual classrooms. Parents are asked to provide alternate arrangements for their children if possible. Children playing outside or inside the classroom can cause unnecessary distraction to teachers and parents. If children accompany their parents, they will be asked to sit quietly outside while the meeting is on.

Principal
From the Classroom

**KINDERGARTEN NEWS**

The Kindergarten teachers and I would like to extend a big welcome to our Kindergarten students and parents for 2015. The children have all settled in well, and there are lots of happy faces. We look forward to a great year. Thank you. Sharon Gates.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Welcome to the library for 2015. We look forward to another year of fantastic learning. All children have a library lesson each week, when books are borrowed and returned, but the library is also open for extra borrowing before and after school.

Before school - 8.40am (Closed Friday morning).

After school - Monday and Friday until 3.30pm.
- Tuesday and Thursday homework group until 4.00pm (students only)
- Wednesday closed.

The homework group sessions are available to any student who would like to spend time independently working in the library. Kindergarten will begin borrowing next week following an orientation lesson this week. For any information about library activities please look at the library page of the school website under curriculum and activities or email me directly. Helen Stevens, Teacher Librarian. Helen.Stevens@det.nsw.edu.au.

**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.

**KINDERGARTEN WELCOME MORNING TEA**

- The P&C cordially invite you to the annual Kindergarten Morning Tea to be held on Friday, 13 February at 9:20am-10:20am after school drop off in the hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

**ATTENTION YEAR 1 PARENTS!**

Remember what it was like when you were new to the school? The P&C Kindy Morning Tea will be next Friday, 13 February, and we’d love your help. Please bring a suitable dish or drink for the morning tea and if you can come along to chat to the new Kindy parents that would be great. Any questions, please call Jacqui Taylor on 0407 937 632.

**AUTUMN FAIR**

- Saturday, 14 March 10.00-3.00pm.

The Fundraising Committee are super excited to announce that the Autumn Fair planning has begun. Please read the accompanying note to the Newsletter. We are seeking new International Foods / someone to help with Publicity / a Dunking Stall Coordinator / someone to pickup prizes from local businesses.

Please contact Alexi if you would like to get involved on 0424 568 712.

**GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

- Please write the Working Bee date in your diaries! – Sunday, 8 March 1.00 to 5.00pm.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

- Volunteers:
  - Thursday 5 February: Kathy Horniman, Anabel Mendes Rivas.
  - Friday 6 February: Gaye Heap, Ting Zhou.
  - Monday 9 February: Ruta Bhide, Jen Loftus.
  - Tuesday 10 February: Megha Baran.
  - Wednesday 11 February: Nathalie Gits, Jena Teleeti.
  - Vicki Stubbs, Canteen Manager.

**BAND NEWS**

Welcome to Band for 2015! Thank you to all families who came to our Information Evening on Tuesday. For anyone who still needs to collect their instrument, please be in touch with me to arrange a suitable time. For most students private tutorials commence next week (Week 3). Please let me know your tutorial day and time. Room allocation will be advised by the end of this week via email and a note will be placed on the side hall doors. Band rehearsals for Intermediate and Senior Band commence next week (Week 3) and Junior Band rehearsals commence Week 4.

Please check your emails regularly for updated information. Also copies of notes/advice will also be put on our Band News Door at the side of the hall. Happy Music Making everyone!

Catherine Pedersen, Band Committee. cjpedersen1@bigpond.com.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

School Banking will re-commence next Wednesday, 11 February 2015.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

- **HORNSBY HEIGHTS TERM 1 SOCCER PROGRAM** - STARTS FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY @ ROFE PARK. Pre-schoolers - 4.15pm ($64 for 8wks); U6 & U7 - 4.15pm ($88 for 8wks); U8, U9, U10 & U11 - 5.15pm ($88 for 8wks). Limited spaces - must pre-register via www.t3-australia.com to attend.

**CHINESE CLASSES**

- Chinese classes in classroom 2M at HNPS Tuesdays and Wednesdays 3:15pm - 5.00pm. Please contact Helen at 0450 255 329 or helenwhua@gmail.com. Thank you.

**ASQUITOH SOCCER CLUB**

- Northern Suburbs Football Association Club Champions 2013.
- Registration Saturday, 7 February 2015, 11.00am to 3.00pm at Asquith Bowling Club or online at www.asquithsc.org.au. Junior fees start from $115. Check out the new website. Free socks with all registrations, free ball for all Mini Roos players (6-11’s). ALL SKILL LEVELS AND AGES WELCOME.

Follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/AsquithSoccerClub. If you have any questions, please contact our Registrar on registrar@asquithsc.org.au.

**STEAM TRAIN SUNDAY AT HORNSBY**

- Celebrate 125 years of the North Shore Line and experience the Excitement of Steam!
- Take a steam train journey into the past, from Hornsby to Gordon and return. A great Sunday outing for the whole family! Legend of Steam “Loco 3642 visits Hornsby for a day of Steam Excitement! Take a short 45 minute Steam Train Ride along the North Shore Line to Gordon and return. There are 5 Steam Train Rides available on this one day only—view the timetable at info@heritageexpress.com.au. Ensure you get the reserved seats on the Steam Train Ride you want by purchasing in advance. Enquiries—1300 115 599 or 02 9209 4646.

**ASQUITOH MAGPIES—NRL**

- “Come and Try Day” for girls and boys, 4 to 12 years. It’s fun and it’s free. The Asquith Magpies Junior Rugby League Club in conjunction with the NRL and North Sydney Junior Rugby League are conducting a Come and Try Clinic to introduce children to the skills of rugby league. For more information please contact:- Michelle Kelly 0403 506 148 or Jessica Palmer 0411 159 428.
- Under 15’s on Saturday, 7 February from 10.30am to 1.30pm at Berry Park, Myall Road, Mount Colah. Registration Day will be held for new players only from Under 6’s to Under 19’s on Saturday, 7 February from 10.00am to 3.00pm at Asquith Leagues Club, Alexandria Parade, Waitara. Please bring a birth certificate or passport for proof of age when registering. Playing gear provided free for all ages. Current players must register online.

**LOST PROPERTY HELD AT OFFICE**

Please ensure names are on all items, so they don’t end up in lost property.

- Assorted keys.
- School head band.
Asquith Girls High School

Year 5 & 6 students and parents invitation to our
OPEN NIGHT
Monday 2nd March 2015
School Hall, Stokes Ave Asquith
5:15pm BBQ
6pm – 8pm School Information and Tour

Message from the Principal
I extend a warm welcome and invitation to all Year 5 and 6 parents to our Open Night.
Asquith Girls High School is proud to offer an inclusive and nurturing educational environment catering to the specific academic and wellbeing needs of our students.
The Gifted and Talented program is supported by extensions, acceleration and extra curricular opportunities that cater for individualized learning.
We are committed to developing young women who are independent, responsible learners and leaders who are able to work cooperatively as future global citizens.
I look forward to meeting you at our Open Night.
Elizabeth Amannas
Elizabeth Amannas
Principal

2016 Enrichment Class Examination
Saturday 7th March 2015
Visit our website to download an application
www.asquithgir-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Go4Fun family fun day

Free activities for primary school aged children.
Come and try the Goldilocks program at the FREE
Family Fun Day which includes a range of sports and fun activities for kids.
Find out about the free program which helps children
and families develop healthy eating habits, build
self-confidence and become more active. Most
importantly, we have an exciting and enjoyable family fun day!

Details
What to bring:
- Drinks, hats and sunscreen
- Change or Pennies/Bills
- Suitable sports footwear
- A healthy snack for your child
Children must be supervised by an adult for the duration of the session.
This event will be cancelled if raining... please check Council facebook page and website.

For more information visit
hornsby.nsw.gov.au

THE ATHLETE’S FOOT HORNSBY
REWARDS PROGRAM IS A PROUD SUPPORTER OF HORNSBY NORTH PS

The School Rewards Program is a great fundraising opportunity with $5 from every pair of shoes purchased being donated back to your school.
This applies to the whole family across our fantastic range of school, sports, work and casual shoes.
Ask one of our friendly staff in store for more details.

$5 FROM EVERY PAIR OF SHOES PURCHASED IS DONATED BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL

SCHOOL REWARDS PROGRAM

LOWER GROUND FLOOR
WESTFIELD SHOPPINGTOWN
Experience The Magic Of Hosting

In July, our exchange student, Toon, joined our family. And when I say joined, he literally did this. He has become my teenage son. Our experience as a family has been amazing and unforgettable.

Toon is leaving this week and I feel like my son has grown up and left home. There is nothing negative that I can say about our time with Toon. Toon has been through all sorts of things with our family. Through good times, like the birth of our new daughter, and not so good times (but nothing bad).

I would like to say my respects to Toon’s parents. They have done a wonderful job raising such a courteous, well mannered, well balanced son. We have so many funny stories from this exchange experience. We have enjoyed it so much that we are hosting again next July. We will have a friend for life and will never forget Toon.

Thank you WEP for the chance to meet Toon. It wouldn't have been possible without the WEP team. Only a quick few words to show my appreciation in meeting Toon and to WEP.

Enrich your home with a curious exchange student in July 2015

Request student profiles now to find out more!

www.wep.org.au  1300 884 733  info@wep.org.au

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2016 YEAR 7 GIFTED AND TALENTED TESTING

When:  Monday, 30 March 2015 : 8.45 am – 12 noon

Where:  St Ives High School Hall, Yarrabung Road, St Ives

Cost:  $70 (non refundable)

Applications close Monday, 20 March 2015.

An information pack will be sent on receipt of payment and application form.

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After school classes in juggling, trapeze, unicycling, acrobalance, stilts and more! Fun, affordable and conveniently located a short walk from Hornsby station.

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