From the Principal...

The Autumn Fair is fast approaching and I thank staff, parents and community members for their support via donations of goods and time. Hopefully the weather will follow last year’s pattern and give us a glorious day of “not too hot, not too cold or wet”. During the next few weeks, requests will be made for further donations. To parents, I say “Please give and donate where you can because the more we receive, the greater the profit and the activities will be more varied and exciting for all.”

PERMISSION TO PUBLISH -
Last year parents completed DEC forms advising the school about permission to publish and the use of technology by their children. To date 49 students do not have permission to have their work or photo on the school website. I respect parents’ rights to withhold this permission but some children seem to think that in their opinion, their parents have given permission. If parents would like to re-visit this matter with their children or the school, please let Mrs Stevens in the Library know.

SELECTIVE SCHOOL AND ENRICHMENT CLASSES TESTING -
The Selective School Tests for Year 6 students entering high school in 2016 will be held on Thursday, 12 March 2015. Neighbouring schools offer tests for positions in Enrichment Classes. The dates for local school tests are advertised in the school newsletter, the Advocate and on the testing school’s website. It is the responsibility of parents to contact the high school for application forms. Primary schools do not have the forms. Meanwhile, for students who wish to gain some experience in multiple choice testing and exam technique, Mrs Butterworth is holding an early morning class at 8.00am on Monday mornings. All interested students are welcome.

SCHOOL LEADERS -
Congratulations to our School Leaders for 2015. The final Assembly was held last Friday and I thank parents, grandparents and friends for joining us on this important occasion and making the day a memorable one for our students. The staff and I look forward to a special year of leadership by our Year 6 students. They are quality young people and I know they will carry out their duties and responsibilities with pride and respect to all.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC -
I know most people have been extremely courteous and co-operative when collecting and dropping their children at school. The neighbours in Ida Street at the school end of the street often suffer inconvenience when people park across their driveway. I remind parents that it is illegal to park (even if it is partially) driveways. Last week, a resident who is due to go to hospital for the birth of her child asked a parent to refrain from blocking her driveway, particularly if she needs to leave her home in a hurry. Unfortunately, I am told the driver spoke rudely to the resident. This is disappointing.

PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL -
Thank you to parents who have used the online payment system. Karen and I hope the instructions sent home last week made it a little easier. We are open to constructive comments about processes and procedures, so don’t hesitate to communicate these comments to us. There is a backlog of credit card slips which Karen is working her way through. Receipts will be issued as soon as possible, so please be patient.

STUDENT SUCCESS -
Jackson R. (5G) is currently on the list of the Top 10 Nationwide wicket takers for all Grades, Senior and Junior. Jackson took 10 wickets in his Club game over the last 2 weekends. Apparently, his goal in life is to be better than Bradman....! Well done Jackson.

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Principal

Coming Events....
Tuesday 24 February  Gymnastics Years 3 & 4.
Sunday 1 March  Band Workshop Day.
Sunday 8 March  Working Bee 1-5pm.
Saturday 14 March  Autumn Fair.
From the Classroom

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -
Term 1—Week 3:

KINDERGARTEN NEWS - Term 1 News Topics -
Week 5:
Draw a picture of a snake. Tell the class what sort of snake it is, how it moves, where it lives and whether it is poisonous or not. Thank you, Sharon Gates.

LIBRARY NEWS -
Next week Kindergarten and Year 1 and 2 parents will receive information about the Premier's Reading Challenge. It is a program that encourages the love of reading and promotes the reading of a variety of books. The Challenge begins on 2nd March and runs until August. Years 3 to 6 children will be taught to enter books online themselves, both at school and at home. Please support them where you can. There is more information on the library page of the school website.

The Incredible Book Eating Boy is a play based on the book by Oliver Jeffers - Seymour Centre. It sound like fun.

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

PSSA CRICKET -
The Junior and Senior Boys’ cricket teams are off to a positive start with wins for both teams. The Junior team did a terrific job of keeping Waitara to 55 runs with Brodie W., Ethan J., Rhys M. and Kaleb M. each picking up 2 wickets. Our batting started well with Brodie W. And Kaleb M. scoring 43 off their 12 balls. Our batters in the middle order came up against some tight bowling, however, Zen S. and Kent M. relieved the pressure, scoring multiple boundaries each. A hard-fought 81-55 win and a great experience for some first-time school cricketers.

The Senior team were steadily building their innings until Max S. and Mason S. came in and positively dealt with the Waitara bowling. The pair scored a much needed 22 off 1 over on our way to 69. Our bowling was unplayable as we restricted Waitara to just 26 runs. Every bowler had a terrific economy rate and the Fielding was flawless. Great job boys! This week we play Hornsby Heights in what is sure to be a tough local derby. Brett Pickup.

PSSA LEAGUE TAG -
Last week saw the commencement of the PSSA League Tag for 2015, with our teams getting a chance to play each other before the competition officially begins next Friday. It was a great chance for our newbies to the game to develop a better understanding of the rules of League Tag. A new competitive format will be in place this year, which now brings League Tag in line with other PSSA sports, where students have a chance to compete in finals. From what Mr Hughes and I have seen so far, there is some great potential in our teams to achieve success this year. The Summer part of the competition will run until Friday, 13 of March. Brad Keyes.

PSSA T-BALL/SOFTBALL -
The Summer PSSA competition started last Friday and our girl’s Softball and T-ball teams met their first competitors, Waitara. The girls in both games fought hard and had some exciting plays. With some great fielding from the t-ballers and steady batting and base running from the softballer’s, both teams experienced a win this week! T-ball came away with a convincing 13-9 win and softball with a close one, 8-7. They all did a fabulous job - especially seeing as a lot of girls were playing their first ever game! I know with further training on the technicalities of the game and learning to steady our nerves, we will definitely see some more wins coming our way. Players of the match were - Seiloni T. (T-ball) and Courtney F. (Softball).

Well done girls. Our opposition this Friday is Hornsby Heights. The meeting time is 8.40am outside the library. We are playing at Rofe Park therefore we will not require drivers this week. 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 -
SUSHI IS NOW AVAILABLE ON THURSDAY & FRIDAY, Supplied by Tokyo Sushi, Westfield Hornsby.
The choices are:-
Tuna & Avocado; Tuna & Cucumber; Plain Chicken Teriyaki; Beef & Lettuce; Avocado & Cucumber. The cost is $3.50 each. These MUST be ordered by 9.15am.

Volunteers:
Thursday 19 February: Luna Hraostnik, Jon Bostelman.
Friday 20 February: Julie Hughes, Rossy Champion.
Monday 24 February: Sally Johnston, Shuanghao Lai.
Tuesday 24 February: Yuki, Maki Stevens.

Vicki Stubbings, Canteen Manager.

DID YOU MISS PARENT/TEACHER EVENING CLASS LISTS?
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.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS -
Orders can now be made online via the school following link https://quickweb.wespac.com.au/OnlinePaymentServlet. You can also follow this link from the front page of the school website via Make a Payment. Please ensure that payment is made in “Other” payments and Payment description as “Uniform”. Attach this receipt with your order form and place in the P&C box or bring the receipt and form to the Uniform Shop. All orders will be filled on Thursday or Friday that week and delivered to your child’s classroom. Size 8 and Size 10 sports shorts will not be available until the first week of March 2015. Once stock has arrived all outstanding orders will be filled. Thank you, Kim Urbanik.

BAND NEWS -
All band rehearsals are up and going. Junior Band had their first lunchtime rehearsal on Monday and it was great to see so many excited faces. Looking forward to seeing you again Friday morning for your second rehearsal. Please note that morning rehearsals for all Bands start at 7.40am. Students must be on time. Some children are not arriving until after 8:00am. This causes disruption to Band members who are already seated and rehearsing.

Band Workshop Day is Sunday 1st March at School. Permission notes are due in no later than Monday 23rd February. Thank you. Catherine Pedersen, Band Committee.

cjpedersen1@bigpond.com.

SCHOOL BANKING -
School banking has commenced for 2015, on Wednesday mornings. Could all students please leave their accumulated Silver & Gold tokens in their yellow banking wallet, to assist with keeping track of rewards. Thank you.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE NEWS -
Grounds Working Bee - Sunday 8th March, 1:00 - 5:00pm. Please come along and help us with the Autumn Fair preparation to get our grounds ready for the kids to enjoy.

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.
Small Frangipani hair clip.
looking their best. Bring your sunscreen, hat and gardening gloves and check the HNPS P&C Facebook Page for further details and updates.

COMMUNITY NEWS -
STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL 2014 -
Stewart House Bags are being sent home today. Please return filled bags to the office opposite the KG/KA classrooms, by Tuesday, 10 March, 2015. This collection constitutes an important part of the annual income for Stewart House. You may be interested to know that in 2014 they received $18,032.00 from their collections. Stewart House bags always produce a high percentage of good clothing, this is put to good use by the Smith Family. Thank you for your help.

HORNSBY HEIGHTS FOOTBALL CLUB -
U6 to U11 Soccer Registrations OPEN NOW! Would your child like to be the next Tim Cahill or Elyse Perry? Registration fee includes weekly T3 Australia Coaching - 1hr training one afternoon per week. MUST REGISTER ONLINE AT www.hhfc.org.au BEFORE SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY (Grading Day @ Mills Park, Baldwin Ave, Asquith) to GUARANTEE a placement in a team - DON'T MISS OUT! Season starts mid-April - Saturday morning games (Mixed Boys and Girls) and Sunday morning games for Girls Only. Beginners of all ages welcome.

WHAT'S ON IN YOUR LOCAL SHIRE -
Gardening and Composting in a Small Space Free Workshop. Friday 20 February, 10.30am to 12.00pm. Hornsby Library. Bookings essential, 9847 6614 or online Hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library.

ASQUITH NURSERY & PRE-SCHOOL -
We are looking for students who attended Asquith Nursery & Pre-School. Hornsby Council have decided to close the Asquith Nursery & Pre-School to make way for a high-rise residential development. Due to this, about 15 staff who have been employed there for between 10 and 17 years, are losing their jobs. Some of the parents are planning to make a photo book of past and present children and their families as a ‘thank you’ gift to all members of staff. If anyone in your family attended the Centre and would like to be involved and included, please email Kristy Probst at ANPS.gift@gmail.com for more information.

TURRAMURRA HIGH SCHOOL
Creating future focused learners
Year 7, 2016
Gifted and Talented Placement Test

Year 6 students have the opportunity to sit the Placement Test for our Year 7 Gifted & Talented Class for 2016.
Friday 6 March, 2015
9.30am to 2.00pm
In the school’s Multi-Purpose Centre
Please note: There will be only one test date and pre-registration and pre-payment is required. A test place cannot be guaranteed if you attempt to register on the day.
For further information and application form: www.turramurrahighschool.com.au

Turramurra High School has developed and implemented highly successful programs and options for gifted and talented students.
Principal: Mrs Stephanie McConnell
Hornsby North Public School Newsletter

Asquith Girls High School

Year 5 & 6 students and parents Invitation to our OPEN NIGHT
Monday 2nd March 2015
School Hall, Stokes Ave, Asquith
4.30pm to 6.45pm
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 innovative and exciting educational environment catering to the specific needs and abilities of our students.
The gifted and talented program is supported by extensive, accelerated and extension academic opportunity that cater for individual learning.
We are committed to developing young women who are independent, enterprising, ethical and global citizens who are able to work cooperatively as future global citizens.

I look forward to meeting you at our Open Night.

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Principal

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

Turrramurra
HIGH SCHOOL
Maxwell Street, South Turramurra

OPEN AFTERNOON
Tuesday 24 February 2015
4:00 to 6:00pm

Let our students show you the rich variety of opportunities available at our high achieving school.
www.turramurrah.schools.nsw.edu.au

St Ives High School

Open Afternoon
Tuesday 3 March 2015; 4 - 7 pm
St Ives High School, Tarragon Road, St Ives, NSW, 2075. P: 94516839 www.stives-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Come and join us as our school swings into action for you to see the diverse programs and opportunities for your child.
• Meet our Principal, Mr Matt Webster
• Visit our Trade Training Centre, Library, connected teaching space, and technologically equipped classrooms.
• Take part in fun activities in all subject areas.
• Meet our talented students and experienced teachers who are proud of their school and keen to answer all your questions.
• Be informed about our Gifted & Talented Program and extension classes.
• Learn about extra curricula activities such as Duke of Edinburgh, Sport Trials, Debating, instrumental and representative sport, Performing Arts (Dance, Acting, Musical Theatre and Vocal Tuition), Band and Music Tutorial program, and multicultural activities.
• Hear about student leadership opportunities eg. SRC, peer leaders, interschool, and student volunteering programs.
• Find out how our high school works - we’d love to see you in 2016!
Parking is available in the car park but not on school grounds.

The Derwent School of Irish Dancing

Classes are held at:
St Peters
Anglican Church Hall, Hornsby
Students Taken from 4yrs to Adults
Also at: Waitara
Ann: 9579 5919 Louise Ph: 9773 4110
www.derwentschool.com.au

Exceptional learning opportunities for boys

Open Night
Tuesday 3 March 2015
6:15pm for a 6:30pm start in the hall with the official program, followed by tours of the school and faculty displays.

AGHS
Asquith Boys High School
Come and hear about our exciting and innovative programs designed specifically for the needs of boys.
Pacific Highway, Asquith
Phone: 9477 3588
Website: www.asquithboys-schools.nsw.edu.au

2016 Enrichment Class Examination
Asquith Boys High School is offering places in 2016 for a Year 7 Enrichment Class. Entrance into this class for academically gifted students, is based on the results of a placement test. The Enrichment Class placement test will be held on Saturday 7 March 2015.

Applications close Wednesday 4 March.