From the Principal...

Welcome to Week 5! With only two weeks until our Autumn Fair, the school community is very busy. Thank you to so many parents and friends who have offered and given assistance in the preparation for this wonderful event. Alexi and the organisers report that they have been "blown away" by the generosity of our school community. We have so many volunteers but of course, we will always welcome and encourage more. All classes have a class parent and the system of support and encouragement through this process is working well. Tomorrow is Mufti Day and all classes have been asked to donate small but essential goods needed to run many of the activities on the day. Parents, if you have not had time to purchase the nominated item, a donation of a gold coin would be gratefully accepted in place of the goods.

TRAFFIC PROBLEMS -

Once again, I must remind parents of the necessity to keep our children safe in and around the school in matters of road safety. A visit from the Road Safety Supervisor from Hornsby Council alerted me once again to the behavior of drivers who double park, park across driveways and park in No Stopping Zones. Accompanying this Newsletter is a flyer which explains clearly the rules and the fines which will be given if the law is broken. Drivers are reminded that with the fine comes a loss of licence points, which you may not be aware of until you are advised that the maximum points have been lost. I have been advised that Traffic Rangers will be in attendance at Cawthorne Street, Ida Street and Old Berowra Road this week and next week, not to fine parents (which will happen if the law is broken) but to keep the children safe. Please co-operate by obeying all traffic rules and showing consideration for residents and other drivers.

BAND WORKSHOP -

The musical year for our bands has had a great start. All bands are playing well and after the Band Workshop Day this Sunday they will be even better. Special thanks to Catherine Pedersen who has been working hard with the organisation for Sunday. This day will be a fun filled, hard-working learning day for the children and I look forward to the concert at the end of the day.

STRING ENSEMBLE -

There must be more string players out there!!! We are waiting for you. Please contact Miss Butterworth, who has secured places at the Opera House Concert and at this stage, does not have the students to fill these places. We do not want to give them away to other schools because it means a missed opportunity for students at Hornsby North.

PERFORMANCES AT THE AUTUMN FAIR -

Many of our performance groups will entertain at the Autumn Fair. Teachers of the following groups have accepted the invitation to perform:-

- Music & Movement
- Kindergarten
- Senior Band
- Junior Choir
- Intermediate Band
- Cantare Choir
- Junior Band
- Senior Choir

Teachers will send out a separate note next week advising parents of times and places to meet. Children will not be asked to wear school uniform. They should wear Autumn Fair clothes which will probably be in a different state of cleanliness by the end of the day.

HIGH SCHOOL FORMS -

Thank you to the parents who have returned High School Application Forms for 2016. The due date is Friday, 20 March. Failure to return these forms may result in loss of placement at a preferred school. Don't forget the AGHS and ABHS Open Evening/Night on 2 March and 3 March respectively.

BAHA'I SCRIPTURE -

Baha'i scripture classes are offered at HNPS. Baha'is believe in unity in diversity: the equality of men and women; the oneness of humanity; and that all religions come from the same Source and share a fundamental message of love and peace. Children of any background, whether religious or not, are welcome in Baha'i Scripture classes. Classes focus on eliminating all forms of prejudice, practicing our virtues, thinking for ourselves, and building peace in ourselves, in our community, and in the world. For more info visit: www.bahai.org.au. You are welcome to contact Andria at andriadurney2@gmail.com with any questions.

STUDENT SUCCESS -

Over the Christmas Holidays Max D. (6K) and his sailing partner Max B. of Brooklyn P.S. competed in the Manly Junior National Titles at Middle Harbour Skiff Club, sailing their way to 5th place on Scratch (9th on Handicap) in the Novice Division. Also, on 14 & 15 February, the two Max's competed in the final round of the Manly Junior State Titles at Point Wollstonecroft Sport and Rec. Centre, finishing off the season in 4th place on Scratch (5th on Handicap) in New South Wales in the Novice Division. A great season of sailing for these 2 boys! Well done.

HNPS AUTUMN FAIR 2014 -

Coming Events......
Thursday 26 February Mufti Day in Support of School Fair.
Sunday 1 March Band Workshop Day.
Monday 2 March AGHS Open Night 5.15pm-8.00pm.
Tuesday 3 March ABHS Open Night 6.00pm-9.30pm / Gymnastics Years 3 & 4.
Saturday 7 March ABHS/AGHS Enrichment Class Test.
Sunday 8 March Working Bee 1-5pm.
Saturday 14 March Autumn Fair.

Marie Hampton
Principal
From the Classroom ........................

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -
Term 1—Week 4:

KINDERGARTEN NEWS -
Term 1 News Topics:-
Week 6:
Using your textsas, draw a picture of your favourite toy.
Thank you. Sharon Gates.

LIBRARY NEWS -
Borrowing - Children are expected to return and borrow books during their library lessons, however they may also return and borrow books before and after school on the days the library is open. K-2 children must have their library bags. The procedure is to return 2 books and borrow 2 more. Year 3-4 may borrow one book without a library bag and 4 if they bring a bag. Years 5-6 may borrow up to 4 books without a library bag. The bags protect the books a little and make it easier for children to carry.

Please encourage your child to be responsible for the books and return them as soon as they have finished with them. We don’t issue fines for overdue books, but will suspend borrowing until the books are returned. Loans can always be renewed if the book is needed for longer.

K-2 parents - please look for your child’s Premier’s Reading Challenge information coming home from the library this week. Year 2 - next Monday, 2 March. Years 3-6 will be shown how to log on to their DEC Username and Password. Helen Stevens, Teacher Librarian. Helen.Stevens@det.nsw.edu.au.

PSSA CRICKET -
No Cricket Report available this week.

PSSA LEAGUE TAG -
Last Friday was the first round of competition for PSSA League Tag and our teams kicked off the season in an emphatic way with all 4 teams tasting success. The Junior 1s played Warrawee 2s in what was a great game to watch. The match sawsawed for most of the game, but our guys were too strong in the end winning the game 9-5. Special mention must go to Kevin Y. who scored 4 tries! The Junior 2s were equally as impressive in their victory over Hornsby South 1s, 6-4. It was great to see the fun and excitement our new players are getting out of the game. Our Senior 1s came up against Warrawee 2s in another game that was in the balance for most of the game, but a combination of our old and new players saw them to a comfortable victory in the end, 8-5. The Senior 2s were victorious over Hornsby South 2s, 7-5. They produced some great team work to score some entertaining tries and were solid in defence. Congratulations to all our players on the way they conducted themselves on and off the field. Let’s hope our success is a sign of things to come. Brad Keyes.

PSSA T-BALL/SOFTBALL -
What another great week for our Hornsby North Softball and T-ball teams! We both played Hornsby Heights P.S. last week at Rofe Park. In pleasant conditions, both teams started off strong. Thanks to the Softballer’s reliable batting and the T-ballers outstanding fielding, both teams came back with another win! The T-Ball score was 16-15 and the Softball score, 13-7. Players of the Match were Abbey C. for a spectacular catch and making a game turning double play and Megan W. for excellent batting and aggressive base running. Special mention also goes to Lio M. for an amazing hit against a very fast pitcher and Charlotte H. for being a tough competitor. Well done girls. This Friday’s game is at ‘Field of Dreams’, Turramurra. Could all players and available drivers, please meet outside the library at 8.40am sharp? 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.

CAIITEN NEWS -
SUSHI IS NOW AVAILABLE ON THURSDAY & FRIDAY ONLY, SUPPLIED BY TOKYO SUSHI, WESTFIELD HORNBSY.
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 26 February: Lisa McClymont, Dilek Jolliffe.
Friday 27 February: Katrina Humphreys, Anna Landgren, Lisa Rawling.
Monday 2 March: Anna Broady, Emma Smith.
Tuesday 3 March: Zoe Pook, Marilyn Kho.
Wednesday 4 March: Sophie Dyson, Alejandro Sanchez.
Vicki Stubbings, Canteen Manager.

AUTUMN FAIR VOLUNTEERS—THANK YOU!
Can I just say... This year has been phenomenal in terms of the fantastic response by HNPS parents to offer their help to fundraising. We’ve had over 100 responses to the 8 Hours of Power initiative, ALL Classes have a Class Parent, ALL stalls have at last a couple of volunteers (remember if they’re full please help elsewhere) and I have lots of offers to help from parents out there - working or not. So I personally just wanted to say than you, for making my role that little bit easier.

WANT A FUN JOB TO DO FOR THE FAIR?
How about you make coloured powder for the Holi Festival? This one is great for people who work full time. We have instructions and a video on how to make it. If you’d like to make a batch, please text or email Alexi 0424 568 712.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are having difficulty finding the Tapioca Starch for the Mufti Day tomorrow, please just send in a gold coin.

HELP US ON FACEBOOK -
If you’re on Facebook, please SHARE the FLYER with your friends who will be posted on the P&C Facebook page shortly.

BAND NEWS -
Looking forward to seeing everyone on Sunday at our Band Workshop Day. Don’t forget to bring morning & afternoon tea, lunch, music and your instrument. Please remember any lip balm, cork grease, slide oil, neck straps and spare music reeds if you play clarinet or saxophone. Make sure everything is labelled with your name and class. Dress for the day is mufti. Arrival time is 9.45am for sign in. See you then! Please email or phone me if you have any last minute questions. Thank you. Catherine Pedersen, Band Committee. cjpedersen1@bigpond.com.

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 Fanjipani hair clip.
- White leather band with glittery “PERISHER” letters on it.
- “Mister Minute” silver house key found in Rofe Park playground 24/2/15.
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, 8 March, 1:00 - 5:00pm. Please come along and help us with the Autumn Fair preparation to get our grounds looking their best. Don’t forget your sunscreen, hat and gardening gloves, and check the HNPS P&C Facebook page for further details and updates and a full note will be sent out next week. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS -
STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL 2014 -
Stewart House Bags were sent home last week. Please return filled bags to the office opposite the KG/KA classrooms, by Tuesday, 10 March, 2015. Thank you for your help.

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); Saturday 12.00-1.00pm (Asquith Community Hall, Storey Park). For enquiries please phone 9981 7788.

WHAT’S ON IN YOUR LOCAL SHIRE -
Willow Park Garden Party. Join us for a fun morning as we launch our Fruit & Herb Pocket Garden. Willow Park, Hornsby, Cnr. Edgeworth David Avenue & Sherbrook Road. (Limited parking). 10.00am to 1.00pm, Saturday 28 February. Free giveaways / enjoy a light morning tea / kids activities / Rotary fundraiser sausage sizzle. Come and chat to us about Community gardening, learn more about recycling & energy saving. For more information call Council’s Waste Hotline 9847 4856. hornsby.nsw.gov.au/communitygardens.

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 -
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.
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Ms Terri Anne Kamasz on
Tuesday 10th March at 9:30am
Bookings are essential

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Asquith Girls High School
Year 5 & 6 students and parents’ invitation to our
OPEN NIGHT
Monday 2nd March 2015
School Hall, Stokes Ave
Asquith
5:30pm BBQ
6pm – 8pm School Information and Tour

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OPEN DAY
Friday 6th March
9.15am – 11.45am

• Principal’s Welcome 9.15am - The Light of Christ Centre
• Meet the Principal, staff and students • School tours around classrooms, facilities and grounds • Light refreshments

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