From the Principal...

The countdown to the Fair is upon us. The planning and organisation is going well, enthusiasm and expectations from the children are high and we are hoping for weather that is “just right” for a Fair. Thank you to children and parents who have delivered brochures to neighbouring areas. This communication will make a difference. A reminder from Alexi … Colouring Competition, Raffles tickets and reminders about the purchase of wristbands will all be sent home today. Additionally, if you are on friendly terms with a shop owner or manager in the local area, ask them if they would put a flyer in the window of their shop.

STUDENT SAFETY -
Thank you to the large number of parents who consider the rights of children, neighbours and other motorists as they pick up their children from the Kiss & Drop Zones around the school. To date, the Rangers have not complained to me during the past week and the teachers assisting at Kiss & Drop Zones have given me favourable comments. I draw parents’ attention to two other concerns regarding child safety -

• At times parents pull over on one side of the road and allow their child/children to cross the road after stepping out from the parked car and they are not aware of oncoming traffic. Please escort your children across the road. Children under the age of 10 should hold an adult’s hand when crossing busy roads.

• If possible children should walk home with a partner or with a group of children. Reports in the local paper state that a school in the Hornsby Area has experienced problems with “strangers” approaching children and following them in a menacing manner. At school we remind students about strategies to deal with such situations if and when they occur. I ask parents to reinforce these reminders at home.

BAND WORKSHOP DAY -
Congratulations to the 100+ students and the many parents who attended the Band Workshop Day last Sunday. It was an extremely hot day but our students did not fade or wither. Like true champions they listened, focused, practiced and became better musicians by the end of the day. There were so many words of praise from the adults who were part of the day. The tutors spoke of the effort, concentration and manners of the children and Mrs Butterworth told me, “It was a pleasure to be at school on Sunday because the children were so good and happy”. The afternoon concert was entertaining and impressive and once again, I congratulate our students and the tutors for a most successful day.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY -
On Friday, 27 February Hornsby North Public School participated in Clean Up Australia Day by cleaning up our beautiful school. We put plastics in bins and food scraps in our Vegie Garden’s compost bins.

K-6 did a great job and everyone should be proud of their efforts!

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST -
The Selective H.S. Test will be held next Thursday 12 March, 2015 from 9.00am to 1.30pm at Asquith Boys High School, Jersey Street, Asquith. Parents of students sitting the Test should have received a letter with all the details. Parents should park outside the school grounds. Parents must not remain on the school grounds during the test unless specifically authorized.

PAYMENTS FOR PARENTS ONLINE -
Thank you to all the parents who have used the online payment system and we continue to encourage all our parents to use this system for all school associated payments. You can not only pay school fees but also Uniform Shop, Band Fees, Dance Fees, School Competitions, etc…you just need to put in a description & send your Receipt Number and original note if need be. Please refer to the Newsletter dated 11 February, 2015 on the school website for full instructions.

STUDENT SUCCESS -
Several Hornsby North students participated in the PSSA Tennis Zone Trials at Berowra on the Monday, 2 March. Sean W. (4N) came first in the Zone Trial selection and he will be going to the Area Trial selection next week. Arjun N. (4G) was very close in making it into the selection. The other boys from HNPS did a great job and competed really well. Well done boys.

AMENDMENT TO LAST WEEK’S NEWSLETTER -
I stated that the Junior Choir would be performing at the Fair. Unfortunately, they will not be performing on Saturday, 14 March. We will hear from them at other school functions.

Marc Sampson
Principal

Coming Events…..
Saturday 7 March
Sunday 8 March
Tuesday 10 March
Wednesday 11 March
Thursday 12 March
Friday 13 March
Saturday 14 March
ABHS/A6HS Enrichment Class Test.
Working Bee 1-5pm.
Zone Swimming Carnival at West Pymble Pool / Gymnastics Yrs 3 & 4.
Year 3 Zoo Excursion / Dance Excursion.
Selective H.S. Test / Life Education K-4.
Life Education K-4 / Interim Reports Home.
Hornsby North Autumn Fair.
Please check the library bag or email if you have been unable to find Usernames and Passwords after your child’s library lesson last week. K-2 parents should have received Children from Years 3-6 will be shown how to log on using their DEC KINDERGARTEN NEWS - Term 1 News Topics: - Week 7: Look in a book and find a picture of an insect. Thank you. Sharon Gates.

LIBRARY NEWS - The Premier’s Reading Challenge site is now up and running for 2015. Children from Years 3-6 will be shown how to log on using their DEC Username and Password. K-2 parents should have received Usernames and Passwords after your child’s library lesson last week. Please check the library bag or email if you have been unable to find it. There is more information on the school website. http://www.hornsby-north.p.schools.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-activities/library. Helen Stevens, Teacher Librarian. Helen.Stevens@det.nsw.edu.au.

PSSA CRICKET - Both teams approached this week with a couple of wins under their belt and the knowledge that Turramurra were going to be tough. The Junior team were not phased on their way to 106. Our strongest pairs were Arjun N. (4G) & Jim H. (4N) and Zen S. (4G) & Rhys M. (4R) who scored 27 and 31 runs from their 12 balls. I thought I was going to catch one of Zen’s enormous 6s from the other field. Our bowling was tested by the Turramurra batters however Matt R. (4G), Evan D. (4M), Brodie W. (4R), Ethan J. (4G) and Kaleb M. (4G) all managed to keep their overs to less than 5 runs as Turramurra scored a total of 78. The Senior team batted first in their contest and were off to a solid start with Niles N. (6B) and Bayden I-D. (5F) knocking the ball around well and taking 9 runs off their two overs. Jack S. (5F) and Max S. (6W) were the only pair to outscore our openers with 11. Jack S. batted very smartly on his was to 7. Our total was 32 from 12 overs which we knew was going to be tough to defend. Ben H. (5F) got us off to the perfect start with a wicket first ball and another on his third. Other wicket takers were Jack S. and Jackson R. (5G), however Turramurra were too strong accruing 63 runs. For the Year 5 students it was their first loss as a PSSA cricketer at Hornsby North. Unlucky boys, better luck next time. Brett Pickup.

PSSA LEAGUE TAG - After our perfect start to the competition, Round 2 of the PSSA League Tag saw our win ratio cut by 50%. Both our 1s teams gained victories and both our 2s went down. The Junior 1s were slow to get going in their 6-2 victory over Berowra 2s. For much of the game they lacked any go-forward but luckily found some groove in the second half. The Junior 2s went down 2-7 to Berowra 1s, although they tried hard, the 2s seemed to have forgotten what they have learnt at training. The Senior 1s came up against Berowra 2s and the scores were close in the first half, then our guys came home with a wet sail in the second half to run away with game 11-5. The Senior 2s tried hard in their match against Berowra 2s but the competition was too strong in the end, winning the game 9-5. Brad Keyes.

PSSA T-BALL/SOFTBALL - This week our Softball and T-ball teams both played Turramurra P.S. at Field of Dreams. In rainy conditions, both teams started off a little shaky against some very strong batters. Our Softballers worked hard and after a long innings, kept the opposition to 5-3. Unfortunately, time was not on our side and we ended up going down by this score. A great catch by Mhairi G. (6P), and another double play, showed our girls are really starting to understand the technicalities of the game. A great effort girls. Our T-ballers, however, found it hard to score runs with the opposition just too strong in their fielding. With greater concentration and focus as well as team-work, we should see the girls come back this week. The score was 14-2. Player’s of the Match were – Chelsea G. (3M) for her great fielding and batting as well as Charlie J. (5G) for her effort in pitching. Special mention must also go to Anabel W. (5P) who played catcher for the first time and did an outstanding job, as well Genevieve M. (4N) for her consistent batting and leadership. Thanks to the families that drove us, after a frantic start, we all managed to get the players there on time. This week’s game is at Rofe Park so no drivers are needed. Our opposition is Warrawee P.S. The meeting time is 8.40pm outside the library. Please be on time. Training for T-Ball will not be on Wednesday 11th March as Year 3 has an excursion. The T-ballers are welcome to come to the Softball training on Monday instead. All players please come prepared with your mitt. Fiona Gleson.

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.

HNPS MUMS & DADS FACEBOOK GROUP Join the Facebook group called “Hornsby North Public School Mums & Dads”. It is a place where parents can connect with each other, share information or ask questions about the school.

CANTEEN NEWS - SUSHI IS NOW AVAILABLE ON THURSDAY & FRIDAY ONLY, SUPPLIED BY TOKYO SUSHI, WESTFIELD HORNBY. 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.


BAND NEWS - What a successful Workshop Day we had last Sunday, happy faces everywhere, all day, despite the extremely hot weather. Congratulations to all students on your efforts. Family and friends were rewarded with a fantastic concert at the end of the day just proving to all how hard the children had worked. Thanks so much to our 3 conductors, Rob, Lachlan and Rowan for their hard work and the
fabulous tutors who took our students. A combined effort from everyone resulting in a great day. Thanks again to all parent helpers, Mrs Sumpton, Mrs Butterworth and Miss Butterworth whose support and help throughout the day, made the day run like clockwork. A special thank you to Jacqui Taylor who organised all 12 tutors to come to the school. Many hours were spent emailing and completing paperwork to ensure everyone knew what they were doing. Tutors comments included “great day, well organised and well fed!!”

All bands will be performing at the school Autumn Fair on Saturday, 14 March and Senior Band will be performing at the Lisgar Gardens Teddy Bear’s Picnic on Sunday, 15 March. Notes will be coming home this week. Please ensure you complete the forms and place into the P&C box asap. Catherine Pedersen, Band Committee.

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.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE NEWS -
This Sunday 8 March between 1:00PM – 5:00PM - please join us for your grounds working bee. Don’t forget your sun protection and gardening gloves and be sure to label any equipment you bring. Please join us at the end for a sausage sizzle / BBQ. Check the HNPS P&C Facebook page for any updates. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS - WHAT’S ON IN YOUR LOCAL SHIRE -
Library Weekly Knitting Groups. Hornsby Library every Friday 10.00am to 12.00pm. Contact Sue on 9847 6804.
Pennant Hills Library every Monday 2.00pm to 4.00pm (From March). Contact Penny 9847 6100.

STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL 2014 -
Stewart House Bags were sent home 2 weeks ago. More bags are available from the Office. Please return filled bags to the building opposite the KG/KA classrooms, by next Tuesday, 10 March, 2015.

Thank you for your help.

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.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS BLOOD SERVICE -
Mobile Blood Service visiting: William Street Car Park, Hornsby. Monday 16 March 9.00am to 2.00pm, Tuesday 17 March 10.00am to 3.00pm and Wednesday 18 March 9.00am to 2.00pm. Drink Up! Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate. Eat! Have a good sized breakfast or lunch. Please bring photo I.D. with you. Call 13 95 96 or visit donteblood.com.au.

ASQUITH LEAGUES NETBALL CLUB -
2015 Registrations. We are looking for netball players of all skill levels to join our teams. If you have a child born between 2003 and 2008, and are thinking about joining a netball team, we would love to hear from you. Contact: Linda Wilton 0403 214 410. linda70@optusnet.com.au.
**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.

For further information and application form: www.turramurrahighschool.com.au