It will be a busy time at Hornsby North on 6 March! "Music while you work" is the theme.

FROM THE CAPTAINS -
Earlier this year our Captains and Vice Captains attended a Leadership Camp at Vision Valley. Following is a report from Charlie and Sebastian:-

"In the second week of school the School Captains, Charlie and Sebastian, and the School Vice Captains, David and Natalie attended a three day leadership camp at Vision Valley along with school leaders from many other schools in our district. We learnt numerous things such as how to have confidence in public speaking, how to organise events, how to problem solve, how to work as a team and how to be a good communicator. We all had fun, learnt new things and made new friends. There were visits by two very inspiring people, firstly, Mr Maurice Bernard who is a famous Australian public speaker who taught us to have no fear! Secondly, Mr Lorin Nicholson (search for him on Youtube) who is the most amazing man we have ever met. He is an amazing guitarist and motivational speaker who is legally blind. He and his brother were the first blind cyclists to ride across Australia! We would like to thank Hornsby North and especially Mrs Sumpton for letting us have this experience. Charlie & Sebastian".

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. Drivers are reminded that with a 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. Traffic Rangers may be in attendance at Cawthorne Street, Ida Street and Old Berowra Road at any time. Please co-operate by obeying all traffic rules and showing consideration for residents and other drivers.

MUFTI DAY -
Thank you to the school community for their support of Mufti Day. The children looked bright and colourful in their non-uniform attire yesterday, and contributions of money and goods were gratefully received. Students who forgot to make their donations yesterday can still do so this week. Here are the happy faces of 5S students who donated tomato sauce.

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LEADER'S ASSEMBLY -

At the Induction Assembly on Friday 19 February, the Eco Warriers were presented with their badges, as were the Photographers.

WORKING BEE -
The first Working Bee for the year will be held this Sunday. This is an opportunity for parents and community members to make the grounds look beautiful for the upcoming Fair. Looking forward to our usual great participation.

BAND WORKSHOP DAY -
Also on Sunday, the Bands will be holding their first Workshop Day.

SCHOOL AUTUMN FAIR -
Flyers advertising the School Fair were distributed today. Please assist by talking to community members about this exciting event which will happen on Saturday, 12 March. Thank you to Alexi and the "behind the scenes" parents who have spent many hours in the preceding weeks preparing for this important day. Raffle tickets were sent home last week. Make sure you sell and buy these tickets. You could win a child’s prize such as Principal For A Day or dunking a teacher/Principal. Adults may wish to dunk a teacher or the Principal, or they may wish to be the Principal For A Day. I will leave you lots of work to do! However, there is an adult prize if you are not interested in the above.

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coming Events......
Friday 4 March
Clean Up Australia Day for Schools / Friday Sport Swimming Commences.
Saturday 5 March
ABHS/AGHS Enrichment Class Placement 2017 Test
Sunday 6 March
Band Workshop Day / Working Bee 1-3pm.
Wednesday 9 March
Zone Swimming Carnival.
Thursday 10 March
Selective High School Test.
Saturday 12 March
HNPS Autumn Fair.
LIBRARY NEWS

- This week at each library lesson students in Kindergarten and Years 1 & 2 should have received a detailed note about the Premier’s Reading Challenge. It contains a Username and Password for logging on to the Reading Challenge website. The site opens on Monday, 7 March and closes on Monday, 22 August. Students in Years 3 to 6 will be taught how to enter books themselves, and will also be able to do it at home. Helen Stevens, Teacher Librarian. Helen.Stevens@det.nsw.edu.au.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

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SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- Week 5, Term 1:

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SWIMMING CARNIVAL

- The annual Swimming Carnival was held on Friday, 19 February at Knox Aquatic Centre. An amazing night, wonderful participating students, supportive parents and dedicated teachers all made the night a most successful one. In true Hornsby North style, we saw many examples of courage and determination, with students demonstrating fantastic attitude and performance. Thank you to our amazing teachers and parents for the organisation and support that made the Carnival a valuable experience for the students. Congratulations to all students selected for the Hornsby Zone Carnival which will be held at West Pymble on Wednesday, 9 March. A full list of competitors and carnival information will be posted on the school blog. Chad Lawrence.

PSSA CRICKET

- Our opponents last Friday were North Turramurra. Our Junior team reached a very good total of 99 runs. James M. (4Y) and Dashiel A. (3O) were our best pair, scoring 25 runs. All other batting pairs contributed well, with each partnership scoring between 10 and 19 runs from their 2 overs. Our bowling and fielding is improving, but the opposition scored 117 runs from their 12 overs. Our best bowlers were Toby M. (3A) and Max W. (3A), who only conceded 1 run from their over.

- Our Senior team batted first and scored a solid total of 59 runs from 12 five-ball overs. Zen S. (55) & Arjun N. (5/68), and Jackson R. (6K) & Miles F. (6P) were our best pairs, each scoring 14 runs. Excellent bowling and fielding then restricted the opposition to 14 runs. The best bowlers were: Arjun N. [2/1], Dylan S. (6P)[2/1], Jack S. (6P) [1/1], Ben H. (6P)[maiden] and Seth M. (6P)[0/1 from 2 overs].

- This week is the local derby against Hornsby Heights at Montview Oval. The meeting time is 8:45am and the drivers are: Supple, Wall, Amarasinghe, Schauwecker, Waldock and we need one more driver please. Michael Howard.

STATE CRICKET KNOCKOUT

- Our Round 1 match that was organised for Monday, 7 March has been postponed, as our opponents are unable to play on the day. Further information will be sent home soon, but it looks like the match will be played on either Tuesday, 15 March or Monday, 21 March. Michael Howard.

PSSA LEAGUE TAG

- Week 2 of the PSSA League Tag provided the opportunity for a guaranteed two wins out of four due to our teams facing off against each other! In the Junior game, the 2s started off strongly by holding there own to match the 1s, but speed and a bit more game sense proved the difference in the end with the 1s taking the game 6-2. In the Seniors it was a much tighter affair with both sides missing key players, the game see-sawed for most of the game. Some classy and clever tries were scored from both sides but the 1s narrowly avoided an upset loss by getting across the line once more to win the game 6-5. A reminder that training has been taking place on Monday mornings on the bottom oval from 8.20 - 8.55am. As a matter of courtesy, players are to let Mr Keyes or Mr Hughes know if they are unable to attend. Thank you.

PSSA T-BALL/SOFTBALL

- On Friday, our girls took to the diamond to play against Turramurra North P.S. With a positive attitude and good leadership, our girls played brilliantly. The score for the Softballer’s was very close and our dynamic fielding dazzled the opposition in the first innings. Unfortunately, Turramurra North P.S. proved too strong towards the end of the game which led to another close loss. The final score was 11-9. Keep trying girls - you’re sure to have a win soon. Player of the Match was Abby M-J. (5W) for her speedy base running. Our T-ballers are certainly on fire. With some strong batting and confident fielding, we again came away with a convincing win. Our fielding definitely rattled Turramurra North which led us to a score of 14-7. Well done. Player of the Match was Jennifer H. (4R) for her all round effort in both batting and fielding. This week we are playing at Rofe Park, so we will not require drivers. Fiona Gleeson.

FRIDAY TENNIS

- Mr Gallacher is unavailable for Friday tennis for the next 2 weeks. Tennis will re-commence on Friday 18 March, 2016.

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 school activities. This form of media is not meant to replace discussions with teachers or the Principal.

AUTUMN FAIR—RAFFLE TICKETS

- Could all families return their raffle tickets to the P&C Box by Friday, 13 March. Remember to complete all the sections...

HOLI COLOUR - Thank you! WOW! What an amazing response to our urgent request for help! Thank you to the over 90 parents who offered to make the Holi Colour Powder last weekend. Please return the powder on the day of the Working Bee 1-3pm to classroom KA/KG. If you can’t make the Working Bee, please drop it into the Office. Remember, you need to allow at least 4 days for it to dry out and please don’t forget to grind it before returning in the big zip lock bag provided. Thank you!!! (and remember we still need you to volunteer).

AUTUMN FAIR - Can’t come on Fair day but still want to help?? A few parents have already approached the Co-ordinator to let me know they can’t come on the day, but have offered to help beforehand. Thank you! Please email alexandra@themustardfactory.com.au if you can’t come on the day, but can help out for just 1-2 hours BEFORE Fair day.

FACEBOOK - Share the love.

There is a post on Facebook for all people to please share. Also encourage your family and friends locally to share. We need lots of people to come to earn those dollars!!!

LOST PROPERTY HELD AT OFFICE.

(PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS)

- Size 14 NSW PSSA hooded sweat shirt found December 2015.
- School headband found 10/2/16.
- Black plastic headband with sparkles found 11/2/16.
- Silver plastic headband with coloured stones found 16/2/16.
- Black “Miss Understood” size 10 singlet found on driveway near office 15/2/16.
- M&M’s “Light Up Candy Fan”.

Items left in Lost Property at the end of each Term, will be donated to charity.
**CANTEEN NEWS**

Introducing NEW GLUTEN FREE Products:
- Twisted GF Yogurt $1.50—(Strawberry & Vanilla, Mango & Watermelon and Chocolate & Vanilla).
- GF Beef Pie $4.00.
- GF Vegetarian Fried Rice $3.50.

**Volunteers:**
- Thursday 3 March: Fiona Nagy & Grace Li.
- Friday 4 March: Gai Heap & Dinusha.
- Monday 7 March: Emma Smith & Nicole Judge.
- Tuesday 8 March: Megha Baran & Alison Cornish.
- Wednesday 9 March: Deanne Booth & Kerry Alexander.

Vicki Stubbings, Canteen Manager.

**BAND NEWS**

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Sunday at our Band Workshop Day. Don’t forget to bring morning and afternoon tea, lunch, music and 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 8.45am for sign in. See you then! Please email or phone me if you have any last minute questions. Thank you. Catherinem and the Band Committee.

**GROUND COMMITTEE NEWS**

P&C Grounds Working Bee - This Sunday, 6 March 1:00-3:00pm. Please join us to get our grounds looking their very best for the Autumn Fair. Please bring gloves, sun protection and wear sensible shoes. You are very welcome to bring your own equipment to use, but please ensure it is labelled. A sausage sizzle will be provided once we have finished. Check the HNPS P&C Facebook page for further updates and information. Claire Bajelis, Grounds Committee.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

We are urgently looking for parent/grandparent volunteers to help with the Student School Banking. This only takes a small amount of time each Wednesday morning 9.10am to approx. 10.30am. If you can help, please let the Office know or come to the Staff Room during Wednesday morning banking.

**Community News**

**STEWART HOUSE BAGS**

Stewart House Bags have been sent home. Please return filled bags to the office opposite the KG/KA classrooms, by Tuesday, 8 March, 2016. Spare bags are available from the Office. Thank you for your help.

**CHINESE CLASSES AT HNPS**

Chinese classes are held at HNPS in Class 2M Tuesdays or Wednesdays 3:15pm - 5:00pm. Please contact Helen at 0450 255 329 or helenwhua@gmail.com.

**MULTI SPORT DAY FOR STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY**

The NSW Department of Education and Communities is offering a sports day for students with disabilities. On the day students will be given the opportunity to participate in a range of Individual and Team sports. Information will be available on the day, for students wanting to continue in their new sport. On the Day school staff will receive professional development on activities that could be utilised at school.

Thursday, 31 March 2016. 9.30am Registration and sports finish at 1.30pm. Minto Basketball Stadium, Redfern Road, Minto. The cost is $6 per Student. Closing Date Monday, 14th March 2016. Note: Places are limited. For enquiries please email Rebecca.hanahan2@det.nsw.edu.au.

**KARATE CLASSES**

Karate classes for Self Defence, Discipline and Fitness.

Who: World Goju Ryu Karate Do Academy. When: Monday & Wednesday evenings, Children's class: 7:00pm-8:00pm (First introductory class free). (10% discount for all new HNPS students).

Adult class: 8:00pm:9:30pm Thursday evenings 7:00pm to 8:30pm (3rd kyu & above only). Where: Hornsby North Public School Hall contact Phillip (4th Dan) Instructor. 0403 821 022.

Website: http://www.hornsbykarate.com or phillip@hornsbykarate.com.
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Hornsby Heights
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