



## HNPS Newsletter

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### From the Principal...

The countdown has begun. Preparations are well underway for end of year celebrations and festivities. With the re-roofing program and the challenges associated with access to rooms and the use of rooms the continuation of programs has been difficult, but the flexibility and support from all stakeholders in the school has been outstanding. Thank you all.

#### CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES DAY -

Rehearsals for our special day of celebration are in full swing. Following is the program of events for the day:- Our Christmas Festivities Day is Wednesday, 4 December. It will begin at 9.30am and conclude at 3.00pm. The students and teachers have been working extremely hard to make this a very special event, and we hope you are able to join us for all or part of the day.

The program is as follows-

9.30am-10.00am—Kindergarten in the K-2 Quadrangle.

10.00am-11.00am—3-6 Musical (Years 3 and 4 parents)

11.00am-11.15am—Recess—Parents are invited to have morning tea with students.

11.15am-12.00pm—Year 1/Music and Movement—Chess Board followed by visit to library to view Year 1 Christmas Village.

12.00pm-12.45pm—Year 2/Year 2 Italian—Chess Board.

12.45pm-1.40pm—Lunch—Sausage sizzle available.

Parents are invited to have lunch with students.

Performances by Dance Groups and Choirs.

1.45pm-2.45pm—3-6 Musical (Years 5 and 6 parents).

We are all looking forward to a happy day. Details of costumes have been sent home, but if parents are concerned about arrangements, see the class teacher who will be more than willing to assist with any enquiry.

Food, drinks, coffee (from the Coffee Cart) and gelato will be available on the day, so I plead with parents to volunteer for at least one hour to help in delivering the food.

Last year the teachers and a small band of parents worked hard during the entire day, but teachers are needed for supervision and care of students and the parents who worked hard without a break were exhausted by the end of day. Imagine, scooping gelato for 6 hours on end! Please share the load.

#### ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL -

Parents are reminded of the importance of contacting the school if their child is absent from school. When a student is marked absent and an explanation has not been

received, a letter asking for a reason is automatically generated. These letters are mailed to parents, because we discovered they often remained cozily tucked into a corner of the school bag. If the school does not receive a response to the mailed letter, the Office will call the parents. This process takes many hours out of the Office hours and it is frustrating having to often call the same people, week after week.

I urge parents to get into a good habit with this process. It is easy! If your child is away, do one of the following:-

- \* Use the Skoolbag App to explain the absence.
- \* Send a letter or email to the teacher or the Office.
- \* Call the Office and leave a message.
- \* Call the Office and speak to one of our lovely Office ladies.

If **all** parents do one of the above when their child is absent, about 10 hours of work will be gained. Please help.

#### SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2020 -

Last Friday, over 50 aspiring leaders for 2020 spoke to students in Years 3-6. Every year the standard seems to increase, making it a very hard choice. Successful candidates will be informed by the end of the week. Congratulations to all speakers on Friday. You were impressive and displayed the Hornsby North ethos in a creditable manner.

#### CHICKEN POX -

I wish to advise parents that one of our students has contracted Chicken Pox.

A note is being sent home today to every family.

#### STUDENT SUCCESS -



Congratulations Dean F., who has been selected in the Division 1 Under 12 Team for the Hornsby Spiders. Only 10 boys made the team from the 60+ who tried out.

This is Dean's second year of representative basketball with the Spiders, but a nice step up from last season's Division 3. Keep up the great work Dean.

#### SCHOOL FEES & CONTRIBUTIONS -

Once again we have sent reminders about the amounts owing. The large amount for the Bathurst Excursion is getting smaller. Thank you to the parents who have paid recently. Please contact the Office regarding payment to arrange part or time payments.

#### STUDENTS LEAVING HORNSBY NORTH -

If your child/children are not returning to Hornsby North in 2020, (not including Year 6 students), could you please let the School know in writing as soon as possible.

*Maree Sumpton*  
Principal

**Coming Events.....**

Thursday 21 November: AGHS/ABHS Year 5 High School Experience Day / P&C Disco (3 Sessions—Refer to Details in P&C News).

Saturday 23 November: Band Auditions.

Monday 25 November: Year 4—Mr Ruddock Visit.

Thursday 28 November: Bronze Medal Morning Tea 10.40am in Library.

Friday 29 November: Honour Assembly 11.30am in Hall.

**From The Classroom -****SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -****Week 5, Term 4:**

Nicholas, Zoe, Victoria, Alice, Joy, Alexander, Benjamin, Yuanbao, Felix x 2, Zachariah, Ryan, Isla, Avina, Tobi x 2, Cecilia, Ollie, Jack, Mohammad, Suhani x 2, Sameer, Robbi, Fay, Erica, Cameron, Arya, Mitchell, Ojas, Maggie, Kiana x 2, Adelaide & Arielle.

**KINDERGARTEN NEWS TOPIC -****Week 7:**

Sing a song that your family like to sing. Thank you, Sharon Gates.

**LIBRARY NEWS -****Bookclub:**

Issue 8 will be arriving home this week for the last order of 2019. The due date is strictly Friday 22 November, otherwise the orders will not arrive until next year. **Online orders are preferred.** Thank you for your support this year. Mrs Reeves and Mrs Nicklin.

**PSSA CRICKET -**

We played against Mt Colah P.S. last Friday in the penultimate round of the competition in important matches that would have a large impact on the make up of the Semi Finals. Our Junior Team bowled first and did well to restrict their opponents to 65 runs. The best bowlers were: Nick Y. (2/4), Robert P. (1/3), Jeremy K. (1/3) and Erik M. (0/2). A tight run chase ensued, led by Robert P. & Kai D. (16 runs) and Zac B'shaw & Macklin S. (14 runs). The equation came down to 13 runs to win from 13 deliveries. Jeremy K. hit a 6, then our last pair, Remi V. & Kean D. showed great composure to score 11 runs and guide us to a 5-run victory.

Our Senior Team bowled and fielded impressively to restrict Mt Colah to a total of 32 runs. The best bowlers were: Brendan W. (2/2), Jordan W. (maiden), Lars A. (0/1), Grant P. (0/2) and Jayden H. (0/2). The run chase always looked safe, led by Zac L. & Jayden H. (19 runs), Jordan W. & Lars A. (18 runs) and Maanav S. & Grant P. (17 runs), as we finished with a total of 78 runs.

This Friday we are playing against Hornsby Heights P.S. at Montview Oval. The drivers are Thurbon, Hunter, Amarasinghe, Salvi, Vayriot and Buttenshaw and we are meeting at 8:50am outside the library. Thanks, Michael Howard.

**WOOLWORTHS CRICKET REGIONAL FINAL -**

Our Senior Boys' Woolworths Cricket team travelled to St Leonards yesterday to take on the best public and private school cricket teams from the Sydney North Area. The first match resulted in a comprehensive 177-76 victory against Galston P.S., highlighted by an incredible 63 run partnership from 2 overs between Jayden H. & Zac L. The

second match pitted us against a very strong team from Neutral Bay P.S. Our boys played brilliantly, with an excellent partnership between Jordan W. & Tom A. securing a narrow victory, 132-116.

The third match was against the eventual winners of the competition, Christian Brothers Lewisham. A close encounter that could've gone either way, ended with a 13 run loss, putting us in the 3rd Vs 4th playoff match. This game against Shore was another very tight match, which we lost 146-126.

Congratulations boys on an excellent day's cricket - 4th out of 10 strong teams is a result to be proud of. Congratulations also on your exemplary sportsmanship, teamwork, encouragement of each other and respect shown towards the umpires and opposition, which stood out as being the highest standard amongst all of the schools that I saw. Thanks, Michael Howard.

**YEARS 1 & 2 NETBALL PROGRAM -**

We have had such a successful term with the Years 1 & 2 Netball Program. With over 90 girls participating, it has been a very active and busy term. The last session for the Netball Program is next week, in Week 7. We have enjoyed introducing the girls to the basic skills involved in netball, and this term practised those skills more in the game environment. This program would not be possible without the support of all the volunteer staff. Many thanks to the teachers who gave up their time to ensure the program ran smoothly in Terms 3 and 4 - Miss Laird, Mrs Baynie, Mrs Berghofer, Miss Bell, Miss Tam, Mrs Graham, Miss Barnes, Mrs Streeter, Mrs McGlynn, Mrs Cale and Mrs Supple. I really enjoyed watching the girls develop their skills and enjoy themselves so much. Lisa Duncan

**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 -**

**DIP OF THE WEEK:** Avocado.

**Helpers:**

Thursday 21 November: Toby Shan.

Friday 22 November: Clare Rienits, Fran Gilkeson.

Monday 25 November: **HELPERS PLEASE.**

Tuesday 26 November: Alokita Kapur.

Wednesday 27 November: Clare Rienits.

Vicki Stubbings, Canteen Manager.

**P&C DISCO -**

The P&C are excited about the disco that will be held tomorrow in the school hall!

Disco times are as follows:

3:45-4:45pm—Kindergarten & Year 1.

5:00-6:15pm—Years 2 & 3.

6:30-8:00pm—Years 4, 5 & 6.

No cash can be accepted on the night.

Thanks, Linda and Helen (on behalf of the P&C).

**UNIFORM SHOP -**

Do you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2020. Please be aware that you can now purchase your items from Term 4 onwards. The Uniform Shop is open on Mondays and Thursdays 8.45am to 9.45am. There is a full rack of sample sizes as well as good quality second hand items available to purchase. Come early to avoid the queues and new year price rises. The Uniform Shop will close after trade on

Monday, 16 December and reopen late January 2020. The email address to contact me directly is [hnpuniforms@gmail.com](mailto:hnpuniforms@gmail.com). Tanya Manwaring, Uniform Shop Co-ordinator.

#### BAND NEWS -

We have been very busy with Band auditions the last couple of weeks and all students have done really well. We have 1 more day this Saturday. Good luck to these students. Thank you, Gavin Hunter.

#### SCHOOL BANKING -

Rewards are still delayed, and they will be issued when we receive them, even once banking has finished for 2019. Please note that the Yeti Fluffy Notebook is no longer available to order. The final day for school banking this year, will be **next Wednesday 27 November**. Thank you, Pearl & Ruth.

### Community News -

#### COLOURING IN COMPETITION FOR CAROLS AT ASQUITH OVAL -

The Carols at Asquith Oval will be held on Sunday 8 December. If your child would like to participate in the Colouring Competition, the sheets are available in the Office foyer and should be taken to the Carols. A BBQ will be available from 6.00pm, with the Carols at 7.30pm.

**Twilight Christmas Market**  
Thursday 5th December 2019  
5:30 - 8:30pm  
Turramurra High School  
Maxwell Street, South Turramurra  
[Turramurrahighschool.com.au](http://Turramurrahighschool.com.au)  
Stunning Jewellery, Handmade crafts,  
Delicious Christmas delicacies, Unique gifts & more  
Join us and shop local  
Entry by gold coin donation  
Prizes drawn all evening  
Food stalls outside

**LEARN SPANISH**

**WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR CHILDREN TO LEARN SPANISH?**

We are assessing the possibility of offering Spanish lessons after school starting Term 1 2020. If you would like your child to attend, please follow the link below and submit your expression of interest.

[www.spanishconnect.com.au/interest](http://www.spanishconnect.com.au/interest)

We are a Creative Kids Registered Provider

Berowra Musical Society presents

# ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND

Christmas Pantomime

Come down the rabbit hole with Alice, as she meets lots of crazy characters in a place called Wonderland!

Expect lots of laughs, audience interaction, dancing, singing and even an appearance from Santa!

Suitable for all ages... from the very young to the young at heart!

**TICKETS**  
Buy tickets on door (cash or EFTPOS).  
Box Office opens 1pm.

- ★ Child, \$1 per age up to 9 years
- ★ 10+ years & Adults, \$10

**SHOWS**  
Berowra Community Centre  
2pm Sat 7 December  
2pm Sun 8 December  
2pm Sat 14 December  
2pm Sun 15 December

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**Junior SCIENCE ACADEMY** BLAST OFF INTO THE WORLD OF STEM at MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

Join our exciting science, technology, engineering and maths programs for Years K-7 during the school holidays in December and January.

- Class topics include robotics, learning about dinosaurs, flight, astronomy, volcanic eruptions, DNA, maths, how to analyse blood for diseases & why animal poop is so fascinating! And many, many more.
- Our classes are designed to teach concepts through experiments, art, drama, physical activity, craft & other hands-on activities.
- New courses are always added & all-time favourites are rotated each school holidays.

Creative Kids vouchers (value \$100) can be claimed for any robotics or coding class. Apply through ServiceNSW for your child's voucher.

Drop off	8.30am - 9.30am
Activities	9.30am - 4.30pm
Pick-up	4.30pm - 5.30pm
Cost	\$126.50

Want more information? Visit our website:  
[mq.edu.au/about/holidays](http://mq.edu.au/about/holidays)

## Gordon Girls Rugby Sevens Pre-Season Fitness and Skills

**GORDON GIRLS RUGBY**

**All Welcome to Join - Intro to Rugby 7's - No Contact**

Girls Born 2002 - 2010  
Wednesdays 530-7pm Loftberg Oval, West Pymble  
November 13th - December 18th 2019  
Jan 15th 2020 onwards (new season & contact)

For more information:  
[girlsrugby@gordonjuniorrugby.com.au](mailto:girlsrugby@gordonjuniorrugby.com.au)



**GINGERBREAD HOUSES**

**Saturday 23rd November**

**3-5pm** with puppet show for families  
OR  
**7.30 - 9pm** with a short message about Christmas

**Cost:** \$35 per gingerbread house kit (includes lollies, icing, wrapping. Gluten free upon request)

**Location:** St John's Anglican Church, 6 Royston Pde, Asquith

**Register by 10th November**  
[stjohnsasquith.org/events](http://stjohnsasquith.org/events)

**Healthy Mouths for Kids at School**  
Dental Information for parents and carers

**Eat Well**  
Offer healthy snacks like cheese, veggie sticks, fresh fruit & plain yoghurt.

**Drink Well**  
Make tap water your family's drink.

**Clean Well**  
Brush teeth after breakfast and before bed. Help children brush until they are 8 years old.

**Stay Well**  
Children should have regular dental checks.

**Play Well**  
A well fitted mouthguard can reduce the risk of injury.

**Did you know?**  
Not brushing teeth daily, and sugary food and drinks, cause tooth decay.  
Children with tooth decay can have trouble eating, sleeping, talking and focusing in class.




**Bennies**

**Festival of ARTS FOOD & DESIGN**

**Tuesday 26 November**  
6pm - 9pm

**Free Entry!**

RSVP: [www.msb.nsw.edu.au/forms/bennies-festival](http://www.msb.nsw.edu.au/forms/bennies-festival)

 Mount St Benedict College  
449C Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills

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**SUMMER OF PERFORMING ARTS**

Monday 13 January to Friday 17 January  
9am - 3pm

**DRAMA**  
**ACRO**  
**CONTEMPORARY**  
**BALLET**  
**SINGING**  
**JAZZ/HIP HOP**

Before and After Care available on request

Places are limited. Please visit our website for information and enrolment. Early Bird special to Dec 31.

[dancemax.com.au](http://dancemax.com.au)