



HNPS Newsletter

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From the Principal...

Welcome to the final term for 2020. I think it is fitting to congratulate the entire school community on their resilience, compassion and care for each other during a time which has asked for so much from everybody. Thank you Hornsby North. I look forward to making this term an enjoyable one for the children, staff and parents. We will continue to inform parents via See Saw, the website, Skoolbag and other appropriate communication avenues of school activities and student progress.

PLANNING FOR 2021 -

This term will involve significant planning for 2021 and I ask parents of students who will not be returning to Hornsby North next year to inform the Principal via email or telephone. This does not include our Year 6 students. Kindergarten enrolments are now online, but parents still may call the Office to ask for an enrolment pack. Please inform parents of children who are eligible to attend school in 2021 that enrolments are open and packages are available at the school Office. Alternatively, a phone call to the Office will direct the parents to the next step.

COMMUNICATION -

I know communication is difficult for parents during this period of restrictions on parents and their access to school activities, but I remind parents that I am available via telephone and email. The same applies to the availability of teachers. If a matter is urgent and needs to be dealt with on a one-to-one basis, the Principal must be contacted and if a face-to-face interview is required, arrangements will be made.

At this time of the year, parents like the staff, start to plan and think about the following year. PLEASE do not write to me or the Class Teacher and ask for a particular teacher next year. It is not appropriate to assume that teachers will be on the same grades and classes next year. Parents, if you want to talk about any particular needs or concerns you have regarding your child, please call and talk to me or the Class Teacher. Teachers can not and will not promise you a particular class or teacher next year.

CHANGES FOR TERM 4 -

Following are some of the Department of Education changes for Term 4.

- Non-essential adults are still not permitted on school sites.
- Limited music and singing activities are permitted. Guidelines and operational requirements must be followed.
- Year 6 formals can proceed provided they occur in a COVID-19 safe way.
- Kindergarten 2021 orientation can commence, but

parents cannot participate in large groups in the classrooms.

- School excursions can go ahead, but COVID-19 Guidelines must be adhered to. Phone calls to venues where the school had a booking state that they will only take groups of 20, so I think it will be difficult for any groups of students to attend.
- End of year Assemblies are still under consideration. I will let parents know as soon as I receive notification.

SCHOOL CANTEEN -

There is good news! From tomorrow, Thursday 15 October, the school Canteen will be almost back to normal. Operations will be ...

- * Recess and Lunch can be ordered before school over the counter.
- * Munch Monitor can still be used.
- * Sales over the counter will be available at Recess and Lunch.

TELL THEM FROM ME PARENT SURVEY -

We will be closing the Tell Them From Me Parent Survey this week so that our staff can use your feedback as we prepare for the new school year and our new School Plan. If you have not already completed the survey please do so this week. You can access the survey at:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/wg6qt>

SCHOOL FEES -

Thank you to parents who have paid Term 4 fees so promptly. Please contact me if you have difficulty meeting these costs, as arrangements can be made for part or time payments and support can be given.

Reminder letters will be sent home in Week 3.

Maree Sumpton
Principal



Coming Events -

Tuesday 20 October: Year 6 Interrelate Session.
Monday 26 October: P&C Meeting 7.30pm.
Tuesday 27 October: Year 6 Interrelate Session.

From the Classroom -

YEAR 1 SHOE BOXES -

Year 1 are collecting shoeboxes again this term! If you have any at home please send them with your child to any Year 1 class and we will share them around. Thank you, Year 1 Teachers

FRENCH DAY -

In the last week of Term 3, students in Years 4-6 enjoyed a French Day, and what a happy day it was! A big thank you to Mrs Sumpton and all the Yr 4-6 teachers for enabling our wonderful day to take place. Mme Maureen Bennetts



YEAR 1 PIRATE DAY -

Year 1 experienced high adventures on the sea at Hornsby North when they celebrated Pirate Day in the last week of term 3. The children had a fabulous day demonstrating their acting skills whilst making pirate movies, designing a pirate ship that could withstand the might of a hundred cannon balls, writing amazing narratives and utilising their mathematical skills to count the booty in the treasure boxes. It was a wonderful way to celebrate a term of hard

work. Well done me hearties! Year 1 Teachers.



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 -

The Canteen will re-open for counter sales from tomorrow. Remember, sushi is available on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays only.

NO voluntary helpers will be required. Thank you. Vicki Stubbings, Canteen Manager.

UNIFORM SHOP -

Our new online payment platform is up and running for uniform orders. Qkr (pronounced "Quicker"). Please download '**Qkr for Mastercard**'. This app is available on Apple and Android and through your browser.

Create a login and a profile for each child. Select your items and they will be delivered to classrooms on Mondays and Thursdays. Thank you, Tanya Manwaring.

MANGO ORDERS -

Orders for trays of mangoes are now open.

Instructions on how to order these have been sent home and are also available on the school Facebook site. Trays are \$25 each, and each tray provides \$5 towards a school 3D printer. These mangoes were absolutely delicious last year and we hope many of our school community are able to enjoy them this year. Thank you, Marika Skinner.

BAND NEWS -

If you have any questions please feel free to email me via hnpband@gmail.com

Thank you, Gavin Hunter, Band Committee President.

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS -

No School Banking until further notice.

Community News -**CHINESE CLASSES -**

Chinese classes in Room 2G at HNPS Tuesdays or Wednesdays 3:15pm - 5:00pm. Please contact Helen on 0450 255 329 or helenwhua@gmail.com.

SYDNEY ACADEMY OF CHESS -

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Hornsby North Public School is held on: Rookie/Intermediate: Thursdays from 8:00am to 9:00am, starting on 15 October 2020 Beginner: Thursdays from 8:00am to 9:00am, starting on 15 October 2020 Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games. Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop. If your child is interested in taking part, you can email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

2021 SCHOOL TRAVEL APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN -

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened on Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for

2021 can now apply online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should re-apply or update their details.



~Now Enrolling for 2021~

We are offering short tours (by appointment) to show you the indoor and outdoor environment. We would love to meet you and give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about preschool for your child next year.

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