



HNPS Newsletter

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From the Principal...

The school is a busy place today with drumming lessons providing a background to classroom lessons, outdoor lessons and the collection of packages for Kindergarten 2021.

KINDERGARTEN 2021 -

With COVID-19 restrictions still in place, orientation activities for Kindergarten are very different this year. However, students beginning school next year will be able to visit and “taste” school life early in November. Meanwhile, parents are collecting welcome packs from the front foyer and meeting our dedicated Kindergarten teachers. Communication via See Saw and the school website continues to be a valuable resource for parents of this year’s students and our future Kindergarten members. I thank Mrs Gates and her team for the preparation and organization that has made the new look orientation a successful one during challenging times.

We are still taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2021. Please let family, friends or neighbours know they can complete the enrolment form online via the school’s website or to contact the front Office to arrange collection of paper forms.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES -

While it is difficult for excursions to be held, the teachers are using their creative abilities to provide a variety of hands-on lessons and incursions for all classes and grades. Following are some examples of school and class activities:

- Drumming lessons for Years 3-6 (buckets from Bunnings!)



- News Time in Year 1



- Enjoying lunch on the new outdoor furniture



OUTSIDE SEATING -

The students and staff are enjoying the new outdoor furniture. It is bright and comfortable and each table seats twelve students. Two smaller tables seat eight students. Comments from teachers and students are very positive.



SCHOOL MEDAL ASSEMBLIES -

Assemblies for Gold, Silver & Bronze medals will be held in Week 5.

Thursday, 12 November will be the date for Gold & Silver medals and Friday, 13 November the date for Bronze medals. These assemblies will be the last medal assemblies for 2020. Students who gain a medal after these dates will receive their awards at an ordinary assembly.

At this stage, Assemblies & Presentation Day Ceremonies will be for students and teachers only. Parents are not permitted to attend. Hopefully 2021 will see the return of greater parent participation in these important events.

TRAFFIC IN & AROUND THE SCHOOL -

Thank you to parents and caregivers who are working with the school, the Shire Council and the Police to make students safe as they arrive at and depart from school. If you are using Rofe Park to park and walk to meet your child/children at the gates, a special thank you. If parents could arrive a little earlier in the mornings I think the congestion on Galston Road would be eased.

Hornsby Council has sent 3 flyers to the school for distribution to families. PLEASE DO NOT IGNORE THESE PIECES OF INFORMATION. READ AND AVOID RECEIVING A FINE AND LOSS OF POINTS.

These flyers will be sent home with students today.

KOORI KINNECTIONS -

Last Wednesday Year 3 had an incursion with Caressa from Koori Kinnections. We learnt about the traditions and cultures of various Aboriginal Tribes in New South Wales. We were shown various Aboriginal tools like hunting boomerangs as well as Kangaroo fur that they use to keep warm. This helped us learn about how they used to live on the land from their perspective. Year 3 had a wonderful time and loved the opportunity to learn this culture.



STUDENT SUCCESS -

I would like to share the exciting news of Nathan and Allen - both boys were competing in the final of "Hello Mandarin" Chinese Recitation Competition last Saturday and got a Silver Medal in their age group (Allen: 4-6yrs, Nathan: 7-9yrs). Nathan and Allen have put in great efforts practising during the holidays and we are very proud of them. Congratulations boys.



HEADLICE -

I have been advised that head lice is alive and well at Hornsby North. If children have head lice, they must be treated before coming to school. When it becomes evident that a child has head lice whilst at school, a phone call will be made to parents advising them of the need to treat the infestation before the student returns to school. Parents, please check your child's hair and treat lice and eggs if necessary.

STUDENTS LEAVING HORNSBY NORTH -

If your child/children are not returning to Hornsby North in 2021, (not including Year 6 students), could you please let the School know in writing as soon as possible.

Maree Sumpton
Principal

Coming Events -

- Monday 2 November P&C Meeting 7.30pm via Zoom.
- Thursday 12 November Honour Medal Assembly.
- Friday 13 November Bronze Medal Assembly.

From the Classroom -

YEAR 2 "UNDER THE SEA" DAY -

Last term, Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic day "Under the Sea".



LIBRARY NEWS -

Book Fair

Thank you for all the wonderful support for our Book Fair. It is great to see the enthusiasm and maturity in choosing just the right book and it has also been a learning experience in handling money independently without parents. Some items are on back order and students will receive them as quickly as possible as they arrive at school.

We will receive a commission of sales to purchase new items for the library. The Book Fair and online orders close this Friday 23 October, 2020. Please **do not** pay via the school's website.

0450255329 or helenwhua@gmail.com.



We are hosting a
CARNIVAL BOOK FAIR

Each class will be invited to preview the books. The preview sessions are an ideal opportunity for children to share and discuss the books with their teachers and peers.

The selection of books at our Book Fair will include a wide range of quality books from the best Australian and overseas authors & illustrators. All books are discounted.

Every purchase from the Book Fair earns FREE books and resources for our school.

Our Book Fair selling times will be:

13th of October (Tuesday)- 23rd of October (Friday)

www.carnivalfairs.com.au

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.

MANGO DRIVE -

The Mango Drive is closing on Monday 26 October, so get your orders in quick!

The easiest payment method is via Qkr, and if you have lost your note, please see the HNPS Facebook page, or email hornsbynorthpandcfundraising@gmail.com
Thank you! Marika Skinner.

CANTEEN NEWS -

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

NO volunteer 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.

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 at

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Get Started Now !



Are you looking for a new safe way to challenge your son or daughter (from 7 1/2yrs -10) and get them out and about and off the screen?

Kids, do you want to try something new?

Scouting engages and inspires young people to develop confidence, resilience and leadership.

1st Waitara Cub Scout Group currently have vacancies.

Conveniently located at the quiet end of Palmerston Road we have plenty of space for all of our indoor and outdoor activities.

Why not give it a try?

We take all COVID safe precautions and keep all social distancing rules.
Our weekly Cub Scout meetings (during school terms) are 7.00-8.30pm Mondays.

All kids can come and try for up to 4 weeks free.

For more information please contact our 1st Waitara Group Leader, Alan "Chip" Todd on 0439 471 129
See our webpage for more:
<https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/groups/1st-waitara-scout-group/>