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From the Principal...

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS -

Thank you to the Kindergarten teachers for their professional information night last Monday and Years 1 & 2 teachers last Wednesday, and thank you to the supportive parents who attended to ensure that their child/children have a wonderful start to the school year. We welcome parent enquiries and the teachers are always willing to discuss problems. The link between home and school is vital in a child's growth and development and their educational success.

Tonight, parents of students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 are invited to meet the teacher, view the classroom and learn about class procedures and expectations for 2020. The times are:-

Year 3—6.00pm—6.30pm.

Year 4—6.30pm—7.00pm.

Years 5—7.00pm—7.30pm (in classrooms).

7.30pm—8.00pm (in Hall).

Year 6—7.00pm—7.30pm (in Hall).

7.30pm—8.00pm (in Classrooms).

All sessions are extremely important and I urge parents to attend if it is possible. Some topics that will be covered in the Years 5 & 6 session include -

High School Applications—Year 6.

Excursions—Years 5 & 6.

Selective School Applications for 2022—Year 5.

High School Open Days and testing for extension classes.

I understand that some parents have heard my talks before and may wish to attend the class talks only. Year 6 High School Application Forms will be handed out at the class sessions. If parents are unable to attend, the application forms will be sent home with students.

I know parents appreciate the time and effort teachers put into the Information Sessions and I would like to acknowledge their hard work again. The classrooms are



looking bright and colourful reflecting the outstanding learning opportunities that are available to all students. Many senior classes have been

experimenting with STEM activities, such as viewing environments across the globe through the use of virtual reality headsets.



THE CARLY RYAN FOUNDATION -

As mentioned previously in the Newsletter, on Wednesday 26 February at 6.30pm a Parent Online Safety Presentation will be presented by The Carly Ryan Foundation. This is open for all parents and caregivers to attend and will address Online Safety and how you can keep your child safe while using digital devices. There is no charge for this presentation.

In order to get an idea of numbers could you please complete the form that was sent home today and return to Mrs Cale (4/5 Crimson) or to the Office by this Friday 21 February if you would like to attend. Depending on numbers, the information session will be held in either the library or the hall.

SCHOOL LEADERS ASSEMBLY -

On Friday, the first group of School Leaders will be inducted into their positions of office. Parents of these students have been informed. We look forward to hosting the parents of the leaders and invite all to join us in the Year 6 area behind Mrs Butterworth's Class for light refreshments.

Another group of leaders will be inducted into their positions the following Friday.

I am looking forward to an inspiring year of leadership at Hornsby North in 2020.

WATCHES, PHONES and ALL TECHNOLOGICAL DEVICES -

We live in a world of the above devices. The students we are teaching and guiding today were born into an environment where communication via the above is part of their daily lives. Our job as educators and parents is to make sure children do not lose the ability to communicate with others in face to face situations and to use all technology in a responsible and respectful manner.

Parents are encouraged to limit the amount of screen time students are allowed and to ensure that bed times and sleep are age appropriate.

Medical research states that:-

- * A good night's sleep is essential for a child's learning because it helps him/her concentrate, remember things and behave well.
- * Sleep problems can affect **how well** your child learns.

The staff and I ask students to hand their phones to class teachers at the beginning of the day, but if students wear a watch with phone call capabilities, we ask students to make phone calls after school, not during school time. It would be

preferable if students did not wear these watches to school unless it is absolutely necessary for safety reasons.

Maree Sumpton

Principal

Coming Events.....

Wednesday 19 February: Parent Teacher Evening—Years 3, 4, 5 & 6.
 Thursday 20 February: Scripture Classes commence.
 Friday 21 February: Leaders Assembly (Captains & Prefects) / Swimming Carnival at Knox 6.30pm.

From The Classroom -

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -

Week 3, Term 1:

Jared, Thanmaya, Siri, Nikita, Marcelo, Yunna, Ivy, Andrew, Aneesh, Lily, Dean, Adam, Erin & Kimberly.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS -

News Week 5:

What is my whole name? Bring in a baby photo. Thank you, Sharon Gates.

LIBRARY NEWS -



Thank you all the children who consistently remember to bring a library bag with their name and class on it to lessons. Many children are forgetting to bring their bags, and books are more easily damaged and costly to replace.

Any bag large enough to hold a picture book is suitable. It would be great to see all children with library bags next week.

Bookclub:

Please order **online** through the Scholastic website, details are on the back of the brochure. Your books will arrive at school in a few weeks. Happy reading.

Deb Nicklin.

SCIENCE NEWS -

A HNPS family has kindly offered to donate a native bee hive to our school. James and Helen are both a wealth of knowledge and support for us teachers. Helen is a Gibberagong Environmentalist Educator. Here are her words of expertise:

*"HNPS is about to welcome about 5000 new members to our school community in the form of a native stingless bee hive. These bees are native to Australia and **DO NOT** sting like European honey bees.*

They look like a very small black fly with slowly beating wings and elegant loopy flight patterns. The hive will be located behind the Kitchen Garden in a secure, insulated box.

*The scientific name for our new bees is *Tetragonula Carbonaria*, also known as Sugarbag Bees.*

They are native to the east coast of Australia between about Brisbane and Sydney. Bees are essential to the pollination of both food crops and native bush, but unfortunately their numbers are in rapid decline due to spraying of pesticides and loss of habitat from the recent bushfires. So, our bees will do an important job pollinating the plants in our kitchen garden and the bushland within

500 metres of their hive.

Later in the year, some HNPS children will participate in a citizen science project where they will collect data about the pollination of our bees and send it to real scientists to help gain a better understanding of this species.

So feel free to visit our new community members, but please don't touch them or their hive while they go about their important work".

DIGITAL MAKERSPACE LESSONS -

The Digital Makerspace based in the library after school will begin in Term 2. Applications and information notes will be given out next week. Thank you, Karen Fitzsimons.

PSA CRICKET -

Weather permitting, the season will hopefully begin this Friday. We are playing against Mount Colah PS at Montview Oval. The meeting time outside the library is 8:50am and the drivers are: Prasad, Smith, Westwood, Alexander and Green. Players need to ensure that they bring their school sports shirt to change into after the match. Thanks, Michael Howard

HINDU SCRIPTURE PARENTS -

My name is Amita Saxena, I am the Hindu Scripture Coordinator in North Zone. We are providing Hindu Dharma education to our younger generation through schools. We have been providing Hindu Scriptures since 2006 in Hornsby North School.

For running the classes, we have volunteer teachers every year. I am thankful to them. As our community is growing our needs are increasing. We have more children than last year so we need more volunteer teachers at North Hornsby School for Scripture classes this year. Please come forward to support us. We train our teachers in many ways and give them the teaching material. Our syllabus is approved by the NSW Education Board. If you are interested, please let me know :- Amita Saxena, SRE Coordinator VHP for Hindu Scripture. 0404 872 120.

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: Tzatziki.

Helpers:

Thursday 20 February: Toby Shan, Jalayne Errity.

Friday 21 February: Clare Rienits, Julie Hughes.

Monday 24 February: Toby Shan, Maryam Alizadeh

Tuesday 25 February: Toby Shan, Alokita Kapur, Bindi Yue.

Wednesday 26 February: Clare Rienits, Sungju Min.

Vicki Stubbings, Canteen Manager.

KINDERGARTEN/NEW FAMILIES WELCOME MORNING TEA

The P&C cordially invite you to the annual Kindergarten/ New Families Morning Tea to be held on Thursday 27 February at 9:15am after school drop off in the Hall. It's great chance to meet new friends, and the kindergarten children will perform for you as well! We look forward to seeing you there!

Attention Year 1 Parents!

Remember what it was like when you were new to the school? The P&C Kindergarten/New Families Morning Tea will be next Thursday 27 February, and we'd love your help. Please bring a plate of food to the School Hall before 9:10am. Any questions please email Pip at

pip_thurbon@yahoo.com.au.

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 -

School Banking has started again for 2020. Please remember to bring in your bank book each Wednesday morning and have them handed in before 10.00am. We welcome any parent volunteers who would like to help out. School Banking takes place in the Staff Room and typically runs for 1-1.5 hours from 9:10am.

Rewards ordered last week haven't reached us yet, we will distribute them as soon as we get them.

Housekeeping reminders:-

- You can't pool tokens between students.
- Please leave the tokens in your banking wallet to avoid confusion or disappointment.
- Only one (1) deposit can be accepted per week.
- Please ensure deposit slips are completed, especially the Name and Student Number.

We thank you in advance as this will help run School Banking smoothly. Thank you, Pearl, Ruth & The School Banking Team.

Community News -

ASQUITH GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL ENRICHMENT CLASS -

AGHS runs an Enrichment Class that is designed to extend high potential and gifted students. Expressions of interest for the Enrichment Class close on **Friday, 20 March 2020**.

PENNANT HILLS HIGH SCHOOL HIGH POTENTIAL & GIFTED PROGRAM -

If you would like an application form for the Higher Ability Selection Test for Pennant Hills High School, scheduled for Tuesday 31 March 2020, please come to the HNPS Office.

Please note applications close on **Friday 13 March**. No late applications will be accepted.

PENNANT HILLS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT 2020 -

Tuesday 3 March, 2020 from 4.00pm to 6.00pm.

Performances, refreshments, guided tours, interactive experiences, enrolment information. Laurence Street, Pennant Hills. 9473 5000. pennanthill.schools.nsw.edu.au

TURRAMURRA HIGH SCHOOL OPEN AFTERNOON -

Turramurra High School, Maxwell Street, South Turramurra. Open Afternoon to be held on **Tuesday 25 February, 2020** from 4.00pm to 6.45pm.

Let our students show you the rich variety of opportunities available at our high achieving school.

www.turramurrahighschool.com.au

ST LEO'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN DAY & EXPO -

St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga will be holding their Open Day & Expo again on **Tuesday, 10 March from 4-7pm**.

We are very excited to be able to show off our newly completed \$25m building works this year (entirely funded by our parent community) and would like to invite your students, parents and staff along to come and take a look at everything St Leo's has to offer!

the Carly Ryan foundation.

Parent Online Safety Presentation

Presented by Sonya Ryan, CEO

Hornsby North Public School

Wednesday 26th February 6.30pm 2020

52 Ida St, Hornsby NSW 2077

The presentation explores

- Online Safety
- Opportunities vs risks
- Privacy settings
- Awareness
- Managing self
- Emotional intelligence
- Resilience
- Critical thinking
- Understanding the law
- Image based abuse
- Respectful relationships
- Communication
- Practical guidance
- Connection to support services

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Tues 25 FEB

5.15pm Light Refreshments Meet & Greet

5.30pm Information Session and Tours commence

Evening concludes 8.30pm

ASQUITH GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT

Opportunities to meet with our teachers, see exciting faculty displays, join guided tours and attend a Q & A session

2020 Hornsby Young Artists Competition

Entries will soon be open for this year's competition. We are sending this advance notice so as to give young artists an opportunity to prepare their entries.

There will be prizes of cash, free art lessons and resource kits to winner and runners-up in each of four age categories (5-7, 8-11, 12-15 and 16-18 years). The theme for this year is "Space - the Final Frontier" and entries must relate to this theme.

The artists may use any medium, but the works must on A3 size paper.

Entries in the age groups 5-7, 8-11 and 12-15 must be un-framed and un-mounted. Hornsby Art Society will mount the works so as to present a single format for judging.

Artists in the 16-18 Year age group may frame their works if they so wish.

Further detail shortly.

Hornsby Art Society, PO Box 642, Hornsby, NSW 2077

PRESCHOOL EDUCATION (3-6 YEAR OLDS)

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YEAR 7 - 2021**

Asquith Girls High School
APPLICATIONS CLOSE 20 MARCH 2020

**TEST DATE: 26 MARCH 2020
9.00AM - 11.30AM**

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW FROM WWW.ASQUITHGIRLSHIGH.SCHOOLS.NSW.EDU.AU

See your future - see yourself at Asquith Girls High School

RAISING RESILIENT TEENS WED 26 FEB

Discover what makes teens tick and how to foster your child's emotional and social development. **Colleen Hirst**, clinical psychologist and family therapist will give practical and fun tools to help nurture mental health and promote resilience and confidence in the "everyday" moments of life.



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