



From the Principal...

Hello parents and caregivers. I hope you are enjoying your new role as teachers, support teachers and/or supervisors of the learning process at home.

I would like to share a couple of quotes that arrived in my mailbox this week.

"Real heroes don't wear capes, they teach". A child participating in home schooling said, *"I hope I don't have the same teacher next year".*

I am sure you all appreciate the sentiments expressed in the above words. However, now we are all teachers and we are in this together, helping, supporting and caring for each other, I congratulate my teaching staff on their superb efforts in mastering a steep learning curve so that students are able to access high quality learning platforms. However, parents a very big congratulations to you too! You have had to navigate Google Classroom and SeeSaw and supervise your children at home. I know many of you are working from home and juggling day-to-day activities that occur in family life. Shared devices, shared spaces, internet access, the availability of data and shared responsibilities are some of the challenges many families have faced. Please do not hesitate to contact the school or your child's teacher if you are experiencing difficulties with the home learning programs.

As we plan for and approach Term 2, I believe the home learning programs that were established during the last 3 weeks will continue.

Please remember the following ...

- The school is open for help, problem solving and advice.
- Families should not be put under undue stress because children do not finish the work set for the day.
- The school will assist with electronic devices if needed.
- Teachers are ready to explain how the programs work, if you are unsure or if your children have forgotten.
- Passwords and codes are available from the office. Some have been put in a student's workbook, so check there first.
- Hard copies are available if your child is unable to access technological devices or if parents would prefer to limit screen time.
- School rolls are still marked. If students do not contact their teacher online or complete hard copies, it is difficult to assume they are continuing their education at home. Students are marked F, for flexible, meaning they are working at home, or L for leave, meaning the teacher or the school has not heard from them. Flexible (F) means present at school, but Leave (L) is an absence. This will apply during Term 2, so make sure students and/or parents are in touch with their

teachers and the school.

AN IMPORTANT SURVEY -

The School Executive have designed a survey to ascertain how the new learning situation has impacted on families and student learning. We want to know:-

- What worked?
- What posed the biggest difficulties?
- How can we make things better for parents, students and teachers?

Please complete this survey. We need to know what your thoughts and opinions are.

We want to continue to make learning fun and enjoyable for our students. Most importantly, the school wants to help with advice, resources and solutions to problems. We cannot help if we do not know what you are facing. The survey will be on Skoolbag and on the website on Thursday, 9 April (tomorrow). If you would like a hard copy, please call the office and request one.

SUPPORT FOR TEACHERS -

Thank you parents and caregivers for the many kind words and gifts that have been sent to the staff, and a special thank you to the kind person who organised the Coffee Cart for the staff last Friday. All gestures demonstrate the kindness and thought that is an integral part of our school community and are warmly appreciated by the staff.

The pictures hopefully will bring a smile to your faces and demonstrate the creative work teachers are putting into their program to inspire and engage students.



YEAR 6 NSW PARLIAMENT HOUSE EXCURSION -

Please be advised that the Year 6 excursion to NSW Parliament House scheduled for next term, has been postponed. The excursion will take place towards the end of Term 3.

HORNSBY NORTH FEATURES ON ABC ME -

Last year 6B took part in the ABC program called "Prank You Very Much". The 6B episode is titled *Prank the Class*. It airs tomorrow afternoon on **ABC ME** at 4.00pm. The Show is lighthearted and funny. I am sure the students from HNPS will enjoy watching this show. Don't miss it!

EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION WINNERS -

Congratulations to the winners of the Easter Colouring Competition. Prizes will be presented at a special assembly as soon as it is possible:-

Anna (1Yellow), Elisa (1Orange), Aayam (1Pink), Saira (1Green), Doruk (1Blue), Ruoxi (1Red), Ivy (2Purple), Ben (2Orange), May (2Blue), Julius (2Red), David (2Yellow), Isabella (2Green) and Joseph (2White).

HORNSBY NORTH DISCO AT HOME -

I know there are many activities which have been cancelled this term resulting in disappointment for our students. For example, the Easter Hat Parade and the ANZAC Day Service.

Another important social popular event that had not been scheduled but was due to take place is the School Disco. Following is a message from the Lazenby family. You can still have a disco at home! Follow the instructions. Thank you Gretel, Lincoln and Adeline.

"This Friday night why not have a Hornsby North Disco in your house! Firstly download the Spotify App and then click on this Spotify playlist link, called HNPS Disco Fever! We would encourage you to have everyone in your house up and dancing from 5-6pm and that way we can all smile knowing everyone is having a fun time at such a difficult time for us all! Keep well! Love from Gretel, Lincoln and Adeline Lazenby.

Happy Easter to all. Safe and healthy holidays and thank you for all the hard work and understanding this term.

Maree Sumpton
Principal

Coming Events.....

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| Thursday 9 April: | Last Day Term 1. |
| Friday 10 April: | Good Friday—Public Holiday. |
| Monday 27 April: | Staff Return Term 2. |

From The Classroom -**SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -****Week 10, Term 1:**

No White Cards have been handed out.

PSSA COMPETITIONS TERM 2 -

Sydney North Schools Sports Association has advised that due to the COVID-19 outbreak and 'social distancing strategy', all programs for Term 2 are now cancelled.

This cancellation applies to all competitions, trials and carnivals. For HNPS, it means no Cross Country or Athletics events, no NSW PSSA State Cup Knock Out Competition or PSSA AFL, Football or Netball.

Hornsby Zone will discuss the possibility of a 'Gala Day' competition format later in the year.

Chad Lawrence.

WHAT'S IN YOUR BACKYARD? PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION -

There is still time to enter the photography competition. Make sure you have your photo and short written piece in by tomorrow, **Thursday 9 April**. The easiest way is to email them to the school and I will enter everyone in together.

Students can take a photo of something important to them in their garden/park/balcony/school and write a brief reason why (25 words or less). There are four different categories that you can enter your photos in:

- Biodiversity – birds, bees, insects, flowers, trees and more!
- Food production – your food garden may include vegetables, fruit and herbs.
- Indigenous perspectives – bush tucker gardens.
- Waste management – worm farm, compost, recycling bins.

Email entries to: hornsynth-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and pop "Attention Mrs Beencke" in the subject.

Thank you, Michelle Beencke.

LIBRARY NEWS -**Join Hornsby Library Online**

Using the link below:

<https://hornsbyspydus.com/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/HOME>

Click the *Join Online* button at the top right hand side of the page. You must be over 18 to register your child and a temporary borrower id will be emailed to you. You will have access to the extensive online book catalogue. Hornsby Library is a wonderful resource available and includes music, audiobooks and magazines, as well as online books. Reading is the perfect thing over the holidays and students will never run out of books to read! Thank you, Mrs Nicklin.

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 -

No Canteen until further notice.

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 -

CHESS COACHING -

Chess coaching will be ceasing until the end of the term, due to the increased risk of COVID-19. For the last 3 weeks of term, the classes will be delivered online. Sydney Academy of Chess will email details to all parents in the class. Please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170 or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au if you are interested in more details.

HORNSBY ART SOCIETY -

Following the recent World Health Organisation declaration of a pandemic and information received from the NSW Department of Health, Hornsby Art Society has taken the decision to postpone the current HAS Young Artists Competition. We have taken this decision to protect our members, many of whom may be at a heightened risk if they were to contract the virus and also to ensure that our exhibition is seen by the widest audience possible. Our intention for this year is to postpone our Hornsby Young Artists Competition and Exhibition until later in the year, in Term 3 or 4. We are hoping that the Coronavirus situation will have sufficiently resolved itself by this time. Thank you to those who have already lodged entries and we are sorry to have to take these steps now. Any fees already paid will be refunded. With best wishes, stay safe. The team at HAS.

OAKHILL COLLEGE GIRLS ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING -

We warmly invite prospective girls currently in Year 10 looking to enrol at Oakhill College in Year 11 2021, to our Girls Enrolment Information Evening. Due to the social distancing rules in place, this event will now be held online. Please register your interest at: www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au, so we are able to send you the link for the evening. Thank you,

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SNAPCHAT



Snapchat is a popular messaging app that lets users exchange pictures and videos (called snaps) designed to disappear after they're viewed.

How does it work?

On Snapchat, users go by a handle.

To add friends, you can upload your contacts, search for people you know or use the 'Quick Add' feature of add friends of friends or strangers easily. You can also automatically add someone by taking a picture of their "Snapcode," a special QR code unique to each user.

To begin a conversation every Snap starts with a photo or video. Snapchatters can layer text, emojis, doodles, and more on top, and choose how long they want the Snap to be displayed (up to 10 seconds). Then, you can send the Snap to one or more friends. Stories is a feature that lets you string Snaps together into one longer narrative that stays available for 24 hours.

Be mindful who are you sharing images with and always remember that everything on the internet is permanent. Make sure you are happy for potentially anyone to see your snaps and share without permission.

Live Stories

Live Stories are compilations of Snaps submitted by Snapchatters from events and locations around the world. Discover allows you to explore channels from established publishers who curate their own content. The Discover screen in Snapchat also includes a selection of the day's Live Stories.

Video and Text Chat

Snapchat also allows for one-on-one chat. Like Snaps, chats are cleared when a recipient leaves the Chat screen. But you always have the option to save a message you'd like to keep.

Lenses, Filters and Stickers

There are many ways to customise the look of your Snaps. Lenses add real-time special effects and sounds to a Snap. Filters offer different design overlays. Geo-filters are a popular way to customise your Snap at specific locations or events around the world. Stickers are colourful images and cartoons that give you additional ways to share content.

Memories

Memories is a private collection of the Snaps and Stories that you choose to save and that don't disappear. You can use Memories to create new Stories and Snaps. You can also choose to store certain Memories in the password-protected "My Eyes Only" section, which is an important feature for parents to be aware of.

Snapcash

Snapchat's payment feature is not for users under 18, but you should know about it so nobody "borrows" your debit card to pay someone back or receive money via Snapchat. Snapchat partnered with Square Inc., to enable users to link their Snapchat and debit card accounts to be able to make peer-to-peer payments for things like paying someone back for lunch.

Spectacles

Spectacles consists of sunglasses with a built-in video camera. The glasses light up to show that you are taking a Snap, this may not be obvious to everyone at first so if your kids are using Spectacles, talk with them about protecting other people's privacy by asking permission before recording them. You can connect the glasses directly to a phone via Bluetooth or WiFi to add videos to Memories.

Challenges

Snapchat is the number one application used for 'sexting' or 'sending nudes' between underage people. Users must be mindful of the social and legal consequences of sending images like these. If the user is under 18 years old it is illegal for them to produce, distribute or possess these types of images.

Child abuse pictures are illegal if they are:

- asked for;
- taken;
- received and kept; or
- sent, posted or passed around

The maximum penalty for sharing child abuse material can be up to 15 years in jail this includes an offenders details placed on the sex offender register.

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