



From the Principal...

Welcome back to school everyone. It certainly was a wonderful sight on Monday morning to see so many smiling faces. The children have settled back to school in a manner that suggests "they have never been away".



Thank you to parents and caregivers for your support and co-operation with staggered times and afternoon pick ups. The staff and I feel that it is working quite well, but we are making small adjustments on a daily basis, so please read Skoolbag and make a note of any small changes we need to make. Tuesday was better than Monday and hopefully by the end of the week traffic flow will be even better.

However, as I stated in a Skoolbag message yesterday, not everyone agrees that it is working quite well. I assure you that my staff are working very hard to ensure the pick ups are smooth and safe. I want to thank them very much. They are troopers and heroes! The traffic police who spoke to me, the staff and many parents yesterday, I believe were less than professional and for that I apologise to you all. No one deserves to be treated badly when they are trying to do the right thing. I single out the driver who stopped beside the police car because their door was open. I know you were trying to be cautious and I am sorry you were not treated well.

If we work together, we will be able to make this work. Following are some new "rules" for all Kiss & Drop drivers to observe. It will make traffic flow more quickly.

- In the morning, children should be ready with bags and any other school equipment with them in the car when it pulls up. **Do not have bags in the boot.**
- All adults should stay in the car. When an adult gets out of the car, the flow of traffic stops.
- Kiss & Drop is not available in the turning circle in Ida Street.
- Please try to park at Rofe Park and in streets **other** than Cawthorne Street and walk to the pick up gates.

- Remember, the first pick up is at 2.50pm (10 to 3.00pm). Do not arrive before that time.
- If you can't turn into Cawthorne Street, don't block Galston Road. Drive around the block instead, even if you have to do it 2 or 3 times (sorry for the inconvenience).

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORY TIME -

On a brighter, happier note, today is National Simultaneous Story Time. The story chosen for this activity is "Whitney and Britney Chicken Divas" by *Lucinda Gifford*. Many classes enjoyed the story today as did children from all around Australia. Mrs Nicklin dressed for the part. I am sure all agree that she looked splendid in her "bling". Please see Mrs Nicklin's report over the page.



SCHOOL FEES and CONTRIBUTIONS -

Another apology! School fees and contributions for Term 2 will be sent home today. The amounts are considerably smaller than in previous terms, mostly technology and special

programs. Prompt payment would be appreciated, but if parents are experiencing financial problems in these COVID-19 times, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Maree Sumpton
Principal

From the Classroom -

LIBRARY NEWS -

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 20th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes. This year the story is: Whitney and Britney Chicken Divas by Lucinda Gifford. Year 1 gathered in the library on 27 May to enjoy a storytime together. Thank you to our marvellous photographers in Year 6, Riley and Alexander.

YEAR 1 NEED SHOE BOXES -

Year 1 are collecting shoe boxes for their Geography Unit 'Our Community'. Please drop them at the Office or your child can take them to any Year 1 teacher. Many thanks, Year 1 Team.

BOOKCLUB NEWS -

Book Club Issue 4 catalogues are back! Parents and students can view the catalogues online at:-

<https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/>

Please order your books **online** via LOOP, and then the orders are delivered to school. Closing date for Book Club is **Friday, 12 June**. There can be no orders after this date.

Thank you, Sandra Reeves.

GET BOOKS INTO THE HANDS OF KIDS...

- ✓ Book Club catalogues will be delivered to school
- ✓ Hand out the Book Club catalogues (or share the link)
- ✓ Kids order via LOOP
- ✓ Orders delivered to school

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We've also designed a social media post for you to include in your newsletter or on social media



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.

UNIFORM SHOP -

Online ordering only. Please email Tanya Manwaring at hnpuniforms@gmail.com

Orders can be collected from the Office or sent to the classroom.

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.

FREE BACON AND EGG ROLL

Sunday, May 31, 2020
8:30am - 10:30am (or until stocks last)
Outside "The Bush School". 71 Burns Road, Wahroonga



NO NEED TO GET OUT OF YOUR CAR!
Simply pull into the bus bay and one of our friendly volunteers will hand you your roll. Social distancing and personal hygiene measures will be in place.



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