HORNSBY NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL



HNPS Newsletter

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From the Principal...

The return to school routines with changed arrangements continue to work well with many students, particularly our Kindergarten students displaying increased independence and confidence as they enter the school gates unaccompanied by adults. Once again, the teachers have asked me to compliment the children on their good manners. So many "good mornings", "good afternoons" and "thank yous" are heard as they enter or depart for the day. Parents, I compliment you. You have taught them well.

Beginning this week a few restrictions have been lifted. These include ...

- Choirs and Bands can rehearse, but social distancing for these events should be practised.
- External providers, such as Band Conductors, Music Tutors and other extra curricula providers may enter the school, but once again, they must maintain distancing and hygiene requirements.

I have no doubt further changes will be in place for Term 3. I will keep the community informed. However, the following restrictions are still in place. It is advised that parent/carer school pick up and drop off arrangements should continue.

- Parent/carers should not be on the school grounds without the Principal's permission.
- Unfortunately, parent/teacher meetings cannot be face -to-face sessions. Meetings should be via phone or online. If there is an urgent serious matter, the parent must contact the Principal.

Once again, I thank parents/caregivers for following the above procedures. I understand that at times it can be difficult but a phone call to me will start the resolution of your problem. The school is still here to support and listen.

CLEANING PROCEDURES -

I know many parents are concerned about cleaning and want to know what "enhanced" cleaning means. I am sure that this has been explained previously, but I will outline the DoE's guidelines again.

Cleaners in schools are contracted by the DoE and are responsible to their manager, who is responsible to the leader of the Company, in this case, Facilities First. The Department of Education regularly inspects schools and reports their findings to Facilities First with recommendations for improvements. The Principal of the school receives these reports and monitors the standard of cleaning. Teachers are asked to report any concerns they have in the school to the Principal or to Facilities First via the Communication Book. During Term 2, two extra cleaners have been working at Hornsby North Public

School. These cleaners clean during the day and attend to cleaning frequently touched areas in toilets and bathrooms after recess and lunch time. Other target areas for cleaners during the enhanced cleaning time include high touch areas such as door handles, light switches and hand rails.

TRAFFIC IN and AROUND SCHOOL -

Before/After School Care: 9482 3484

Web site: www.hornsbynth-p.schools.nsw.gov.au

I do not want to continue complaining about this problem. We are doing well! However, we must continue to co-operate and work together to make sure we continue to do well.

Following are the positives that are making it work well ...

- Parents arrives at 2.50pm and NOT BEFORE.
- Leaving driveways free.
- Students ready to leave cars with bags, hats ad other school essentials in the car with them (not in the boot).
- PARENTS WHO PARK AT ROFE PARK OR OTHER AREAS AND WALK TO THE GATES.
- Parents who drive around the block if their child has not arrived at Kiss & Drop.
- Children who come quickly once they are dismissed from class (no dawdling).
- Teachers, parents and children who work together.
- A sense of co-operation and humour!!

THE BIGGEST MORNING TEA -

We are all sad about a number of events that we have missed and will miss in the future. A particular event, The Biggest Morning Tea is one which traditionally has been a most popular community gathering at Hornsby North. However, Mrs Jeffrey, our chief organiser, has organised the giant raffle and ticket sales have been amazing. She has had to call in helpers to assist in the writing of tickets. Thank you Hornsby North Community. We are well, we are safe and we have retained our sense of care and thought for others.

STUDENT WORK -



The enthusiasm and commitment to learning by our students has not faded.



Everyday I am delighted by pieces of writing, reading, craftwork and cooking.

Congratulations students.



ELECTRONIC DEVICES—LAPTOPS & iPADS -

We still have a small number of the above devices outstanding. Please return them to the Office as soon as possible. They are needed for class programs and must not be kept at home for the next holiday break.

LOST PROPERTY -

There has been a slight improvement. Parents, please continue to talk to your children about looking after their property, not only clothing, but water bottles, lunch boxes and school books. These photos show current items in Lost



SCHOOL FEES -

Thank you for all those who have paid Term fees so far. Reminders will be going out next week. If any family is having difficulty meeting these costs, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Hughes, our School Administration Manager.

Maree Sumpton
Principal

Coming Events -

Friday 3 July Last Day Term 2.

Monday 20 July Staff Return Term 3—Pupil Free. Tuesday 21 July Students Return Term 3.

From the Classroom - SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -

Week 6, Term 2 -

Reyan, Nikki, Parsa, Sophia, Alakh, Annebelle, Isla, Jacquline, James, Queenie, Charlie, Khushi, Justine, Adam, Tamsyn x 2, Lucas, Maggie, Souparnika, Kiana, Chloe, Michael, Mara, Shavini, Ollie, Stefanie, Samuel x 2, Aaron, Jack, Trevor, Lucas, Josh, Tess, Mavis, Clarice, Nashith, Ethan, Aaleyah, Yunna, Robert, Persephone, Chloe, Isabella, Zoe x 2, Cara, Elisa, Aryaman & Venus.

YEAR 1 NEED SHOE BOXES -

Year 1 are still 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.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA -

Hornsby North is hosting a virtual Biggest Morning Tea this

year. Unfortunately, we can't host our usual event but we won't let Covid-19 stop us. Mrs Sumpton and the teachers have donated some wonderful prizes for a raffle, which we will conduct remotely. Some of the prizes include a coding, drawing robot, various Lego sets, including Lego City, Lego Friends and Lego Classic, jigsaw puzzles, a Bluey board game plus many more fantastic gifts.



If you would like to buy tickets for the raffle, tickets are \$1 each, or 3 for \$2. If you send in an envelope or small bag with your child's name and class, along with your money, I will send your tickets home with your child. Don't worry if

you lose them, I will keep a copy of all tickets sold with names on them. We will draw the prizes in the last week of this term, just in time for the holidays. So join us in having a 'virtual' cup of tea or coffee and supporting this very worthwhile cause. Good luck to everyone! Megan Jeffrey, Organiser.

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 hnpsuniforms@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 hnpsband@gmail.com.

Thank you, Gavin Hunter, Band Committee President.

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS -

No School Banking until further notice.

