



## From the Principal...

As we near the end of term, I ask all to be mindful of the coughs and colds that are prevalent in the school at the moment. Many children are ill and need to stay home if they are coughing and have a fever. Please be patient if your child has had a number of different teachers lately, as many staff have been absent because of cold and flu symptoms. All have been COVID tested and all results have been negative. However, the testing means that sometimes the teacher is away for 3 days as they wait in isolation until the results are back. Yes, their tests are marked urgent, but some take longer than others. Perhaps the most telling fact about the flu season is that the casual teachers are now calling in sick, after accepting a day's work. However, we still have much of which to be grateful and the students and teachers are working hard with many rewarding outcomes.



We are permitted to hold short assemblies for 15 minutes, so we have been able to present Merit Cards and White Cards to students. The children are well practiced in the "elbow handshake!"



## SEMESTER 1 REPORTS -

Semester 1 Reports will be sent home on Thursday, 2 July. These reports will be a modified version of the usual report and I ask parents to be aware that a full report will be given at the end of Semester 2. Please call or email your child's teacher if you have any concerns. However, by this stage of the year, I hope parents have had communication with teachers regarding concerns. I know it has been difficult with so many restrictions on parents entering the school grounds, but we have all had to obey the Government rules and manage the communication through various technological devices. I have just completed a Principal's Conference via Zoom, which started at 8.30am and concluded at 12.00.

## PARENTS and VISITORS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS -

To add to the above comments, face to face interviews between parents and teachers are not permitted. Please do not ask teachers for these interviews or do not come to the classroom to speak to the teacher. If the matter is urgent, you must speak to the Principal.

## MEDAL CEREMONIES -

Many parents have been calling the Office to ask about Medal Ceremonies. Following is the answer ...

*We will present medals at special assemblies next term but at this stage, parents will not be permitted to attend. I do not know when restrictions will be lifted, but once I am notified I will let the parent community know. If parents want to attend a medal assembly, they will have to wait until the restrictions are lifted. That may be in Term 3, Term 4 or next year—I do not know.*

## TRAFFIC -

Traffic at drop off and pick up times is still being monitored closely and I ask parents not to fall back into bad habits. Please remember the following:-

- Arrive at the allocated time—not 10 minutes or more before time.
- After leaving the Kiss & Drop Zone do not speed in Bushlands Avenue. The speed limit is 40km and a report has been made to the Police and the Council Rangers. A fine will be a certainty if drivers continue to do this.
- At Old Berowra Road, cars cannot double park and block driveways. If the student is not at the gate, the parents must move on, so do not come early.
- Rofe Park for Cawthorne Street is still a great option. Thank you to parents and caregivers who are assisting us by parking and walking to the gate.

## SOCIAL MEDIA and DEVICES -

I ask parents, particularly with the holidays beginning next week, to be vigilant regarding your child's use of chat groups via the internet. Many parents say they know what their children are participating in, but sadly when it is too late, they realise that they are not aware of many online activities. The Police Liaison Officer, Senior Constable Peter Lewis will visit the school next week to talk to Year 6. Future talks to other Grades will be organised for next term. However, parents it is up to you to keep your children safe and to make sure their actions do not hurt others.

## BIGGEST MORNING TEA VIRTUAL RAFFLE -

Thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets for the Biggest Morning Tea virtual raffle. The response has been overwhelming. Tickets are still available, so please make sure you send your note and money in **this week**, as the raffle will

be drawn next week. Thank you to Mrs Jeffrey for organising the raffle.



*Maree Sumpton*  
Principal

#### Coming Events -

Friday 26 June	O.C. Applications Close.
Thursday 2 July	Semester 1 Reports go home.
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 7, Term 2 -

Joshua, Angelina, Amsal, Megan, Jin, Rana, Danush, Ned, Joshua, Marissa, Mariam, Joseph, Zayd, Litani, Erin, Brendan, Karissa, Sienna, Drake, Rishik, Daniel, Angelina, Selina, Felix, Matilda & Akshita.

###### Week 8, Term 2 -

James x 6, Sherry, Gretel, Hannah, Isla, Erin, Sofia, Aryan, Juliette, Caelan x 4, Perry x 4, Alexandra, Shamir, Zaira, Fay, Jaden, Nick, Ryan, Sophia, Yolanda x 3, Parsa, Ruby, Max, Harrison, Diago, Rebecca, Evelina, Danny & Reona.

##### 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 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.

#### Community News -



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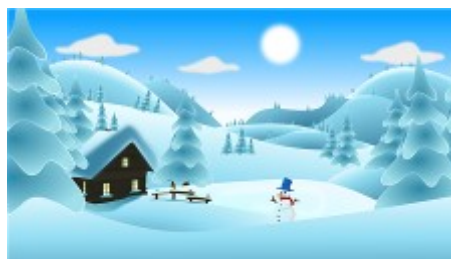


**TUES – SAT**  
**10am – 4pm**

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## Peaceful Kids - Term 3 applications are now open

Peaceful Kids' is an 8 week Mindfulness and Positive Psychology based program to increase confidence and resilience and lessen anxiety and stress in children. This accredited program gives children the age appropriate skills, practice and support so they are better equipped to handle the day to day ups and downs that life inevitably brings. Classes are kept small with children grouped in similar ages to create a nurturing safe space for children to share.

### Children Learn:

- A range of Mindfulness Meditations.
- Positive psychology exercises.
- Techniques to lessen worrying.
- A range of practical and expressive coping strategies.
- Problem-solving strategies.
- Journalling and expressing feelings.
- Facing challenges and obstacles step by step.
- Preventative strategies to help prevent stress build-up.
- Being attuned to their own bodies and minds.
- Understanding and recognising their own feelings.
- Being in the flow and enjoying more of the present moment



**Children in Years 4&5 starts Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> July - 3.30 to 4.25pm.**

**Transition to High School for Year 6 students starts Wed. July 29<sup>th</sup> - 4.30 till 5.30pm.**

**(In this special class, we will be focusing on building confidence and discussion around normalising any worries children might have around starting High School in 2021).**

Applications are open for both, however, numbers are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

For more information or to apply, please email -

[info@heartcentredminds.com](mailto:info@heartcentredminds.com)

Or apply via the Events Section on Facebook @peacefulkidswithrossy





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