



From the Principal...

Welcome to Term 3, 2020. It certainly is a time of challenges, change and most importantly a time when support for others and the community as a whole is vital. We welcomed the students back to school yesterday and in true Hornsby North style, their smiles and morning greetings brought a positive vibe to the beginning of the school term.

In keeping with COVID-19 restrictions we ask parents to follow the guidelines listed below ...

- ◆ Parents must not enter the school grounds unless they need to go to the Front Office.
- ◆ Face-to-face interviews with teachers and the Principal are not permitted, except in urgent cases. Please contact the Principal.
- ◆ Students who are ill with flu-like symptoms MUST stay at home until they are well.

SOME CHANGES -

This term the following restrictions have been lifted:-

- Language classes after school are permitted.
- The school Canteen is operating for online orders only.
- SRE and SEE classes are mostly operating.
- Band and choir rehearsals have commenced.
- Assemblies, with social distancing, may be held but with a restricted time of 15 minutes.

HYGIENE PRACTICES -

Social distancing and good hygiene practices are some of the most important factors in keeping healthy and virus free. During the holidays, paper towels and bins were placed in the school toilets. I am pleased to report that the children have been extremely responsible in the use of the paper towels.

THE PLAYGROUND -

The staff and I are trialling a different use of the school playground. The aim is to use as much of the space in a fair and equitable manner and to cater for different needs, i.e. children who want to run their hearts out and others who would rather engage in passive activities. I am sure your children will tell you about the playground changes.

DEPARTURE and ARRIVAL TIMES -

We are considering some minor changes to the school departure and arrival times, but these plans will not be available until next week. Please stay tuned!

However, we are keen to start the day as close to 9.10am as possible, so if parents of Kindergarten students would like to bring their children earlier in the mornings, it would be helpful. The afternoon times remain the same until further notice.

SCHOOL FEES and CONTRIBUTIONS -

I understand how difficult financially it has been for a lot of

families recently. There will be no Term 3 fees. However, as Years 3&4 are doing Gymnastics and Years K-4 will participate in Life Education and these are external providers, invoices will be sent home for these. If you have already paid for these activities earlier in the year, you will not receive an invoice.

TERM 3 PLANNER -

The Term 3 Planner will be sent home tomorrow. Please note that Presentation Assemblies for school medals are on the calendar during Week 3. Unfortunately, parents are unable to attend these assemblies under the current restrictions. If you do not want your child to receive their medal this term and would like to wait until Term 4 or 2021 when parents may be able to attend such assemblies, please advise the Office.

SAFE, RESPONSIBLE & RESPECTFUL USE OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY -

Our children and young people have grown up with digital technology and it is woven into their lives. During COVID-19 many young people are using digital technology more often to learn and to socialise.

Supporting children and young people to use technology in a safe, respectful and responsible manner allows for more active online learning that can increase student engagement and participation. It also supports access to a broader range of content and learning resources that can supplement students' learning experiences. Being safe online is a shared responsibility for students, teachers, parents, carers and the broader community. It is important that families can communicate with their children about how to use digital technology in safe, responsible and respectful ways.

Here are some key reminders for children and young people of how to stay safe online:

- * Protect personal information, including name, address, school, email address, telephone number, pictures and other personal details.
- * Never share user names or passwords and only use your own.
- * Ask a teacher or other responsible adult for help if anyone online asks for personal information, wants to meet or offers money or gifts.
- * Let a teacher or other responsible adult know immediately if anything online that is suspicious, harmful or inappropriate.
- * Never hack, disable or bypass any hardware or software security, including any virus protection, spam and filter.

Further information can be found at:

Digital Citizenship website: <https://www.digitalcitizenship.nsw.edu.au/>

Esafety Commissioner: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

The Department's Student use of Digital Devices and Online Service Policy supports schools to maximise the benefits and minimise the risks of digital environments, and prepare

students for life beyond school.

Our school procedure document will be uploaded to the school website this week and communicated to parents via Skoolbag. A hard copy will be available on request. Staff will continue to talk to the students on a regular basis to reinforce these safety issues. A revised Technology Agreement will also be sent home over the next two weeks. Please read the information carefully with your child. They should return the signed agreement to their class teacher.

SRE/SEE TERM 3 -

SRE/SEE will recommence this week, Thursday 23 July. We have been advised that there is still currently no volunteer available for Kindy Ethics.

I have also been advised that there will be no Hindu SRE volunteers or Y4 Ethics SEE volunteer available in Term 3. Jewish SRE will recommence in Week 2 (Thursday 30/7/20). These students will be supervised by one of the class teachers and participate in meaningful activities such as completing classwork, reading and drawing. Julie Hall, Deputy Principal.

TENNIS LESSONS

For those students in Years 3-6 who are doing tennis lessons with Mr Gallacher on Friday, please note that due to unforeseen circumstances, lessons will commence on Friday 31 July, and run for 4 weeks.

Maree Sumpton
Principal

Coming Events -

Friday 24 July	Applications close for St Ives H.S. GAT Program.
Tuesday 28 July	Years 3&4 Gymnastics.
Friday 31 July	St Ives High School GAT Test.
Monday 3 August	Life Education commences Years K-4 / P&C Meeting via Zoom at 7.30pm.
Tuesday 4 August	Years 3&4 Gymnastics.

From the Classroom -

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -

Term 2, Week 10:

Sophia, Angelina, Bryce, Aarav, Katherine, Yutti, Sarah, Maggie, Audrey, Daython, Andrew, Pippa, Kiyarash x 2, Samuel, Anya, Toby, Omkar, Joshua, Sienna x 2, Aymaan, Sarah, Zachary, Doruk, Jennifer x 2, William, Jayden & Laura.

LIBRARY NEWS -

Scholastic Book Club:

Issue 5 brochures for Book Club will be distributed this week. **Online orders** are due by Friday Week 2 (31 July). Happy Reading! 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 -

The Canteen has re-opened **online only** for recess & lunch, using Munch Monitor.

Go to www.munchmonitor.com,

Click **LOGIN**

Click **REGISTER**

Enter

School ID: **hornsbynorth**

Password: **munch2077**

Click **SUBMIT**

Then follow the instructions. For the full instructions and information, please see Skoolbag. This will be the only way to order from the Canteen until further notice.

Orders need to be placed before 8.30am. There will be **NO** counter sales at Recess or Lunch. Also no parent volunteers will be required. Thank you.

Vicki Stubbings, Canteen Manager.

UNIFORM SHOP -

Online ordering only. Please email Tanya Manwaring at hnpuniforms@gmail.com. This method will continue indefinitely.

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 -

ST IVES HIGH GIFTED & TALENTED PROGRAM 2021 -

In response to change in social distancing guidelines, St Ives High School is pleased to announce that the Gifted and Talented Test will now be held on Friday 31 July, 2020.

Applications close this Friday 24 July, 2020.

Please use links below to access application form and make payment. Important information and the schedule for the day will be sent via email to all applicants.

Information regarding the St Ives GAT program can be found at the St Ives High School Website. Please follow the link

<http://stives-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-at-our-school/gats.html>

To apply, please complete the application form and pay online **2021 Year 7 Gifted and Talented test application form**. By entering your address into the following website you can check if you reside in the St Ives High School feeder area, which would make your child eligible to attend our school.

<https://my.education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder>

SYDNEY ACADEMY OF CHESS -

Just a friendly reminder that the chess class is due to start on:-

Beginners: Thursday, 23 July 2020, 8:00am to 9:00am.

Rookie: Thursday, 23 July 2020, 8:00am to 9:00am.

Intermediate: Thursday, 23 July 2020, 8:00am to 9:00am.

Please see advertisement on next page.



SYDNEY
ACADEMY OF CHESS

Level 1 30A George St, Burwood 2134
Office: (02) 9745 1170

CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Hornsby North Public School is held on:

Beginner: Thursdays from 8:00am to 9:00am, starting on 23 July 2020

Rookie: Thursdays from 8:00am to 9:00am, starting on 23 July 2020

Intermediate: Thursdays from 8:00am to 9:00am, starting on 23 July 2020

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.





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