# HORNSBY NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL



# **HNPS Newsletter**

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# From the Principal...

Today begins the Year 4 Camp at School! Because Year 4 are unable to attend the overnight camp at Broken Bay, the teachers have used their creative skills to create two fun days for the children. In partnership with specialist teachers from the Gibberagong Environmental Education Centre, activities involving orienteering, sporting events and a movie to finish the day have been organised.

The students arrived at school today dressed in mufti, filled with excitement and anticipation of fun and learning during the next 2 days. Thank you Mrs Cale and the Year 4 teachers!









# HORNSBY NORTH—A MUTLI-CULTURAL SCHOOL -

Hornsby North Public School is a student-centered school where a variety of cultures are embraced and celebrated. It is a school where there are many differences in the background of our students, but it is these differences that make us strong and united. Students participate in Italian, French and Chinese languages during school hours and after school. However, the school is an English speaking school and many parents tell me that they appreciate the many cultures and languages their children have access to.

Parents want their children to embrace their culture but to receive explicit instruction in English. Students are asked to communicate in English in class and in the playground. Naturally, if students require an explanation in their own language, there are teachers and students who can help with interpretation, but as a school, we ask students to communicate in English at school. Whilst saying this, I remind parents that maintaining the language of their culture is an important part of a child's development.

# **TECHNOLOGY AT SCHOOL AND HOME -**

Before/After School Care: 9482 3484

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

Technology is a valuable resource at school and home. This was certainly evident during the Learning From Home program. This week, the Senior Band features on the Department of Education's page through the Zoom platform. The feature notes the innovative and creative skills of Lachlan, our Bandmaster of the Junior and Senior Bands. Congratulations Lachlan and thank you for being part of our school. Great work Senior Band too. You are champions!

While speaking about the importance of technology in Education, I take this opportunity to remind parents and students of the importance of responsible behaviour when using technology at home and at school. Earlier this term, students and parents were asked to sign a Technology Agreement. I have asked teachers to revise the contents of this agreement, and parents once again I urge you to monitor your child's use of technology at home. Many parents and students become upset and disappointed when a breach of the agreement happens. It is often obvious that the terms of the agreement have not been read before the child and the parent sign. The Agreement is on the website and I ask parents to re-visit and talk to their children about this important document.

## **MEDAL ASSEMBLIES NEXT WEEK -**

As stated in last week's Newsletter, Medal Assemblies for Bronze, Silver & Gold medals will be held on Thursday and Friday of next week.

Thursday 24 September—Honour Assembly (Silver & Gold). Friday 25 September—Bronze.

Medal recipients will be able to invite siblings and 2 friends to the Assemblies. Don't forget, this Friday is the last day to bring in 5 White Cards.

# FRENCH DAY YEARS 4-6 -

It has been decided to go ahead with a French Mufti Day on WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER. Children in Yrs 4-6 are encouraged to come to school looking "French" or in red, white and blue. All are encouraged to bring a special treat from home on the day and they will enjoy a French activity in their own class with their classroom teacher. We hope to have a relaxed happy day. Mme Maureen Bennetts.

Maree Sumpton
Principal

# **Coming Events -**

Thursday 17 September Year 4 Gibberagong Incursion.
Wednes. 23 September Year 5 Interrelate / Year 1 Pirate

Day / Years 4-6 French Day. Sus

Thursday 24 September Honour (Silver & Gold Medals)

Assembly.

Friday 25 September Bronze Medal Assembly / Last

Day Term 3.

Monday 12 October First Day Term 4.

# From the Classroom -

### **SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -**

# Term 3, Week 8:

Jack, Nick, Vasilisa, Deanna, Lyla, Violet, Shavini, Sidharth, Maka, Kita, Nicholas, Cloris, Taniela, Finn, Vihaan, Vedan x 3, Kian, Noor, Ashar x 3, Andy, Olivia, Richie, Sathya, Matilda, Hamish, Ava, Michael, Danny, Emma, Kathy, Amelia, Suri, Kieran, Jae x 2, Elliott, Dean, Atharva, Jaden, Chloe, Jasper, Max, Maggie, Kobe, Joshua, Shanvi, Grace, Howard, Ruby, Olivia, Joshua, Amy, Angelina, Zaira, Sophie & Katherine.

### **KISS & DROP REGISTRATION -**

The Hornsby North Roads and Safety Committee would like to thank you for participating in the Roads and Safety Survey. As a follow up, we would like all parents that use the Kiss & Drop Zones to register their families and vehicles via the following link:

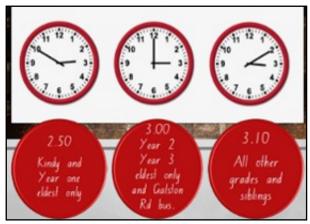
# https://forms.gle/zNQn1WwLTfkmw5zm6

Thank you for you assistance in making the roads around our school safer.

# **DESIGN YOUR OWN PATCH -**

Thank you to those students who have taken an entry form to enter the 'Design Your Own Patch' competition for Fruit & Vegetable Month. Don't forget to return them to me by next Wednesday 23 September. I have heard lots of classes talking about different vegetables they have been trying and have seen lots of colourful healthy fruit and vegetables packed as snacks in lunch boxes! Michelle Beencke.

# **CURRENT SCHOOL DEPARTURE TIMES -**



# 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.

### Sushi Day Change:-

Sushi is available at the Canteen on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays only.

Vicki Stubbings, Canteen Manager.

#### **UNIFORM SHOP -**

**Online ordering only**. Please email Tanya Manwaring at hnpsuniforms@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 hnpsband@gmail.com

Thank you, Gavin Hunter, Band Committee President.

### **SCHOOL BANKING NEWS -**

No School Banking until further notice.

# **Community News -**







# Northern Districts Little Athletics



"A community-oriented not-for-profit organisation for Family, Fun and Fitness"

# New Season Starts October 2020

Friday Twilight Athletics Workshops 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> October from 6pm Followed by Saturday program beginning 24<sup>th</sup> Oct. from 830am through to March 2021

ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN. LANSW Covid Safety Plan approval in place.

Weekly programs for Ages U6-17 (ask about our Tiny Tots Program)

A great way to stay active over Spring & Summer, with a focus on achieving your Personal Best

Held at Foxglove Oval, Mt Colah. See our website www.ndlac.org.au for more information

