HORNSBY NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL



HNPS Newsletter

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From the Principal...

Welcome to the last week of Term 3. It has been a different term of change and hard work. Thank you to the entire school community for the team work that has been a vital part of our school this term. To the parents who have respected the guidelines of not entering the school grounds and using phone interviews or emails, I say a special thank you. It is easy to find fault in these times when many are faced with COVID restrictions, but so many parents have sent messages of thanks to the staff. I assure you that your appreciation has been well received. Thank you parents, teachers and children. The dismissal times of students will remain the same as this term, and once again thank you parents for helping to ease our traffic problems. When the weather is warmer next term, I ask parents to consider parking at Rofe Park or in nearby streets and walking to the school entrances to collect children, particularly at home time.

LOCAL SCHOOLS COMMUNITY GRANT -

I am pleased to announce that under the Local Schools Community Funds Program, Hornsby North Public School was the recipient of a \$5,000 grant for the installation of an outdoor sound system. This grant was recommended and granted by our local Federal Member of Parliament, Mr Julian Lesser. I am sure parents have vivid memories of our previous mobile sound system that often let us down, particularly when we were about to ask our local members and guests to open special functions. Fortunately, for us, Mr Lesser was the guest speaker at our last Fair (remember the days?) and after the failure of the sound system which had worked 10 minutes prior to the opening, promised to assist us with a better system. Thank you for your support of our school Julian. Parents and students when you have the opportunity to speak to our Federal Member of Parliament, Mr Lesser, please thank him and assure him that his generosity is much appreciated by our school community.

The sound system has been installed and school funds were used to supplement the overall cost. The quote for the sound system came in three stages. Stages 1 & 2 are now complete. Stage 3 will be completed in the near future

Special thanks to Mrs Veryan McAllister who submitted the grant application for us.

PLAYGROUND MARKINGS -

The long overdue markings in the K-2 Quadrangle have been completed and are now being well used by the students.

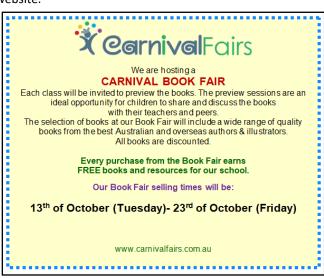






BOOK FAIR TERM 4 -

We are hosting a Book Fair for all students in the first 2 weeks of term 4. Students will browse books and other items during their library lessons. Students will bring home a "wishlist" and parents can decide if they would like to purchase books or other items. Place an order online or send the exact money in an envelope and return it to Mrs Nicklin in the library. Unfortunately, parents are not allowed on site to personally view the Fair this year, but item descriptions are on the website.



CROSS COUNTRY EVENT -

This Friday students in Years 3-6 will be able to run a cross country event in sport time. This event is not a carnival and isn't compulsory. Ribbons will be given to acknowledge our keen runners! In line with current COVID safe guidelines,

Hornsby North P.S. will not be holding a cross country carnival in 2020.

Please remember that parents and members of the community are not permitted to attend any school sporting event held within school hours.

NO SCHOOL DEVLOPMENT (PUPIL FREE) DAY -

A reminder to parents that all students and staff return to school on Monday 12 October. There is no Pupil Free Day at the beginning of Term 4.

FRENCH DAY-PIRATE DAY-UNDER THE SEA DAY -

Lots of fun! Lots of creativity and learning.

Reports and photos will be published in the Newsletter next term.

Enjoy the holidays everyone.

Summer uniform should be worn from the beginning of next term. Don't forget to come to school on time. Classes begin promptly at 9.10am.

Students should be at school by 9.00am or 9.05am at the latest.

Maree Sumpton
Principal

Coming Events -

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 for all

Students / Changeover to

Summer uniform.

From the Classroom - SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -

Term 3, Week 9:

Abishek x 2, Taoyi, Aleah, Tara x 2, Arya, Harrison, Gemma, Aayam, Samiya x 2, Isabelle, Hinson, Aiden, Amelia, Mason, Lily, Renee x 2, Audrey, Ryan Z., Lucas, Liam, Daian, Jasmine, Charlie, Andi x 2, Matida, Arianna, Adeline, Anika, Dylan, Shailee, Drake, Michael K., Divangi, Ryan N., Atharva, Alakh, Teagan, Ryan W., Amaya, Guy, Felix, Emily, Radha, Meera, Elliot, Luna, Caelan, Eleanor, Lincoln, Ava, Michael L. x 2, Ivan & Evans.

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 your assistance in making the roads around our school safer.

PSSA NETBALL -

Our Senior Netball girls have had the chance to play five games of netball against some of the school teams in our PSSA Competition. It wasn't competitive, but organised so that the girls could get a chance to play in this unusual year we are having. As you can see by their faces they had great fun! Thank you, Mary McGlynn.



BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS -

There is a company in S.A. called Transmutation that remakes bread tags into beautiful bowls, then uses the money to fund wheelchairs (see poster below). Their website is interesting and informative.

https://ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au/download_files/ Aussie%20Breadtags%20Flier.pdf

This action will also help educate our children about recycling, reusing and reducing.

Hornsby North now has 5 collection points around the school including the Library, Office Area, Canteen, BASC and Science Room. The children have already been enthusiastically donating their 'gold waste.' Thank you, Karen Fitzsimons.



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 -



Peaceful Kids - term 4 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.
 - Journaling 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 Program starts Wednesday 21st October - 3.30 to 4.30pm
 Term 4 is open to children in primary years up to and including year 4
 Numbers are limited so please register early to avoid disappointment.

For more info or to apply please email - Info@heartcentredminds.com

Or apply via the events section on Facebook @peacefulkidswithrossy