



## From the Principal...

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS ON NAPLAN!

We are thrilled to extend our congratulations to all our students who recently participated in the NAPLAN assessments. This year, your hard work, perseverance, and dedication have truly shone through. NAPLAN is an important milestone in your educational journey, providing valuable insights into your literacy and numeracy skills. Remember, these assessments are just one measure of your learning, and we are proud of how each of you approached this challenge.

We encourage you to continue striving for excellence in your studies and to embrace the learning opportunities ahead. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and we look forward to celebrating your achievements throughout the year!

### A SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR OUR TEACHERS

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to our incredible teachers who supported our students through the NAPLAN process. Your dedication to nurturing a positive learning environment, providing tailored instruction, and encouraging students to reach their full potential has been instrumental in their success. Thank you for your tireless commitment to education and for being such a source of inspiration for our students. Your efforts make a significant difference in shaping their futures!

### BEST OF LUCK FOR THE SYDNEY NORTH PSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL!

As we gear up for the upcoming Sydney North PSSA Swimming Carnival next Tuesday, we want to wish all our swimmers the best of luck! This event is not only an opportunity to compete against some of the best swimmers in the region but also a chance to showcase your skills, sportsmanship, and team spirit.

### P&C MEETING REMINDER

We would like to remind all parents and caregivers about our upcoming P&C Meeting scheduled for tonight. The meeting details are later in this newsletter. This meeting is a great opportunity to discuss important matters affecting our school community, collaborate on initiatives that benefit our students, and connect with fellow parents and educators. Your input and involvement are invaluable, and we hope to see you there!

### OVAL PROJECT UPDATE

We are excited to announce that the oval project is coming to a close! Over the past few months, significant enhancements have been made to our school oval, including improved drainage, upgraded turf, and new facilities for sports and recreation. These upgrades will provide our students with a better space for play, sports activities, and

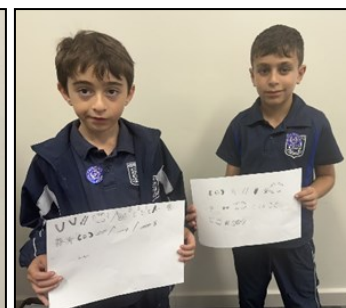
outdoor learning experiences.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this project. The new oval will not only enhance our students' physical education experiences but also serve as a gathering place for school events and community activities. We look forward to unveiling the new facilities in Term 2!

Matt Pinchbeck  
Principal

## Around K-2 this week...

Year 2 work from the classroom included students learning about Indigenous culture and visual storytelling. They used traditional symbols such as waterholes, animal tracks and meeting places in their own stories. The students confidently explained their own story and the meaning of their symbols.



Tomorrow Kindy will work with their Year 5 buddies to design and make their Easter hats for the parade in Week 11. We look forward to seeing your creations. Stage 1 practised their singing in assembly this week ready for their parade. Reminder Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) create their hats/baskets at home.

Kindy also have their Nocturnal incursion to look forward to in Weeks 10 and 11 as part of their work in Science this term.

Julie Hall  
Deputy Principal

## 3-6 Matters...

### THERAPY DOGS

Matilda and Chilli have been busy this term visiting classrooms and supervising the back gate on a Friday.



### PLANET PROTECTORS

Hornsby North's old 'Green Thumb' program has been revamped into the 'Planet Protector' program. Our dedicated 'Planet Protectors' are sporting their awesome badges, crafted with care by Mrs Beencke. 2CJ has said "We're not just about the 3Rs—Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle—we're all about Refusal too!"



A big shout-out to 2CJ, our 'Super Planet Protectors!' They've kicked things off by launching a compost bin just for Year 2 and planted some delicious chocolate mint right beside their classroom. They can't wait to see it thrive!



Hornsby North's Rock and Fossil Museum opened yesterday to the delight of children of all ages, including the Year 4 scientists who are investigating how the Earth's surface changes over time.

*Kylie Cale*  
Relieving Deputy Principal

### HARMONY DAY ART COMPETITION

Harmony Day was celebrated last week to promote inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging. Students have been informed of a school-wide art competition to celebrate Harmony Day. The theme for submitted artworks is: "Harmony-We all have a role to play". This activity is optional and can be worked on at home. **Please submit entries to Mr Kelen (4K) by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April.** Prizes will be given to stage winners.



### INVITATION TO ATTEND YEARS 3-6 ANZAC DAY SERVICE

As ANZAC Day approaches, we extend a warm invitation to all current and former military personnel to join us at Hornsby North Public School for a service to honour the courage, sacrifice, and legacy of the ANZACs. This service will provide an opportunity for us to come together, reflect, and pay our respects to those who served, as well as those who continue to serve our country. We would be privileged to have you attend and participate in this special occasion.



**Date:** April 9th, 2025

**Time:** 11:35

**Location:** School Hall

Please RSVP by Friday 4th April to confirm your attendance:

[hornsbynth-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:hornsbynth-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

### Coming Events...

Wednesday 26 March	P&C Meeting—Via Zoom (7:30pm)
Thursday 27 March	Bronze & Honour Ceremonies
Friday 4 April	Kindy Nocturnal Incursion #1
Monday 7 April	K-2 Easter Hat Parade
Tuesday 8 April	Year 3 Riverside Theatre Excursion
Wednesday 9 April	ANZAC Day Service (School hall) * Years 3 - 6 : 11:35am
Friday 11 April	Last day for Term 1
Wednesday 30 April	Students return for Term 2



### Canteen News...

We are looking for a new Canteen Manager. Please share the job advertisement with anyone you know who may be suitable for the role. (See job ad on [page 4](#))

Look out for our Easter Special treats (Hot Cross Buns) starting next week!

### Uniform Shop News...

#### IN-PERSON PURCHASES AT THE UNIFORM SHOP

Families need to purchase new uniforms via our online store:

<https://hnps-uniform-shop.myshopify.com>

You can use your own device or the Uniform Shop iPad even when making in-person purchases at the uniform shop. Volunteers will then provide you with your order to take with you. **NO cash or EFTPOS accepted for new uniforms.**



Second-hand uniforms and uniforms that may not be returned or exchanged may be bought via EFTPOS. No cash or AMEX.

### 2025 OPENING HOURS:

Wednesdays: 9am—10am

Fridays: 9am—10am

For online purchases please visit our website:

<https://hnps-uniform-shop.myshopify.com>

### CONTACT US

Email: [hnpsuniforms@gmail.com](mailto:hnpsuniforms@gmail.com)

*Uniform Shop Volunteers*

## P & C News...

### P & C GENERAL MEETING TONIGHT

Join us tonight for our next online P&C meeting:

Wednesday 26th at 7.30pm

Hear from the Principal, President of P&C and all updates from Canteen, Uniform Shop and Band. You'll also hear from our newest Coordinator.... Claudia will tell us more about a Working Bee that she will be coordinating in Term 2.

### REGISTER HERE:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc4OvXU8zXTN4loEgVq\\_ztJU57-zzqMRI-WyUDN0NDkast4pg/viewform?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc4OvXU8zXTN4loEgVq_ztJU57-zzqMRI-WyUDN0NDkast4pg/viewform?usp=sharing)

### OR JOIN VIA THIS LINK:

You're invited to P&C General Meeting - Term 1 Week 9 / Wed Mar 26, 2025 / 7:30 pm—9:00 pm (AEST)

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_MTI4NDZIMjgtZTVmNC00NTgwLTgyMTctMjE3YzdiOTMyZTg1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%22c2cf3555-c004-47f6-ac49-84bc18c5bcb4%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%225a39ce2a-0c89-4ba5-8e11-0ee8b384d313%22%2d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MTI4NDZIMjgtZTVmNC00NTgwLTgyMTctMjE3YzdiOTMyZTg1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%22c2cf3555-c004-47f6-ac49-84bc18c5bcb4%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%225a39ce2a-0c89-4ba5-8e11-0ee8b384d313%22%2d)

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# HORNSBY RSL GYMNASTICS

# HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED DAY OF GYMNASTICS ACTIVITIES THAT IS SURE TO KEEP THE KIDS ENTERTAINED ALL DAY LONG.



### WHAT DOES THE DAY INVOLVE?

- A full day program for children aged 5-12 years, members and non members, no experience necessary, all welcome!
- There are two programs types available where we fit the very best things into one fun filled, action packed day:
- COMBO DAY: Combining the very best of GymSKILLS, FreeG + Tumble, Tricks and Flips! Learn new skills and try a wide range of different drills, activities and creative time!
- HOLIDAY FUN DAY: Sessions loaded with lots of gymnastics activities, circuits, games and other FUN activities including craft, free play and lots lots more!
- Morning tea and lunch break (bring your own food, NO NUTS permitted)

### PROGRAM DETAILS

**APRIL 2025 PROGRAM:**

MONDAY 14TH APRIL  
(COMBO DAY)

WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL  
(HOLIDAY FUN)

WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL  
(COMBO DAY)

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9AM - 3PM

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\$65 PER CHILD PER DAY

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AGES 5-12 YEARS

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BRING MORNING TEA, LUNCH, DRINK BOTTLE, HAT, SUNSCREEN

[www.hornsbyrslgymnastics.com.au](https://www.hornsbyrslgymnastics.com.au)

## Moving to high school

For Year 6 students currently attending a NSW Government School

### YEAR 6 PARENTS - 69 APPLICATIONS OUTSTANDING

#### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR HIGH SCHOOL 2026

The online Expression of Interest (EOI) for High School 2026 closes this **Friday, 28 March**.

To enrol your child in Year 7 for 2026, you need to complete a **Moving to high school expression of interest form**. When completing this form, you will be able to indicate which school(s) you would like your child to attend in Year 7.

The EOI process is available online by clicking on the "[Moving to High School](#)" link, which can also be found in the [Enrolment section](#) of our school's [website](#).

After you submit an EOI and it has been assessed, your child will be offered a place at a high school.

**PNR (Placement Not Required)** - If your child will not be attending a NSW Government high school next year, please let us know by completing a "[Placement not required](#)" form. This is available on the same link, below the EOI application section.

If you are unsure whether they will be attending a NSW Government school (you've applied for a private school, or you are moving interstate), we ask that you still complete an EOI and follow up with your school once a decision has been made.

The online process will guide you through your options and collect the information required to make the process as smooth as possible.

For parents/carers who are not able to complete an application online, a paper EOI form can be collected from the school office but will still need to be submitted by 28 March.

If you miss the expression of interest cut-off date you must enrol directly with the high school by completing an online application via the high school's enrolment page or submitting a paper-based application form to the high school.

If you have any queries in regards to this process please contact the school.

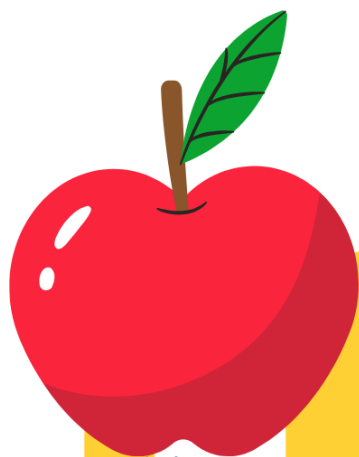


# SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

Click this ad to access enrolment

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# WE ARE HIRING

We are looking for an enthusiastic individual to join Hornsby North Public School as

## Canteen Manager

Do you:

- Enjoy working with young people
- Have experience in canteen management
- Want to work term times only?

### RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- SUPERVISE AND SUPPORT CANTEEN STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS
- PREPARING AND SERVING RECESS AND LUNCH TO STUDENTS
- ORDERING AND MAINTAINING STOCK
- CASH HANDLING AND BANKING
- ABILITY TO COLLABORATE WITH OTHERS INCLUDING P&C, SCHOOL, STUDENTS

### REQUIREMENTS:

- WWCC FOR PAID EMPLOYMENT
- FOOD SAFETY SUPERVISOR CERT
- DEMONSTRATED EXPERIENCE IN HOSPITALITY OR CANTEEN MANAGEMENT

THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT  
WILL BE WORKING IN A  
SCHOOL OF 1000+ STUDENTS  
AND WILL BE SUPPORTED BY  
COMMUNITY MINDED  
VOLUNTEERS AND A SMALL  
TEAM OF CASUAL CANTEEN  
ASSISTANTS

EMAIL FOR FURTHER INFORMATION TO:  
[HORNSBYNTHCANTEEN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HORNSBYNTHCANTEEN@GMAIL.COM)





## Hornsby North Ethics requires a volunteer to take on an existing Ethics class in 2025.

Until volunteers are recruited, the SEE class will participate in other meaningful activities.

Ethics classes are thought-provoking and give children a chance to practise skills like disagreeing respectfully with others. They will be encouraged to try to find answers to the questions posed by giving reasons, finding evidence and building on each other's ideas. For more information about the Primary Ethics program, please visit [primaryethics.com.au](https://primaryethics.com.au).

Each week the children discuss a topic from the approved Primary Ethics curriculum suitable for their age. Children discuss topics such as:

- how should we treat living things?
- what is laziness?
- how do we disagree in a respectful way?
- what is fairness?

Classes run for 30 minutes in the SEE timeslot each week – Thursday morning from 9.45am.

Lesson plans for ethics classes are provided by Primary Ethics, so you don't need to create your own lessons. Ethics teachers receive full training through online modules and a comprehensive 2-day training workshop.

If you or someone you know is looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school and your family, please use the QR code to register, or contact the HN Ethics Coordinator, Mandy Walmsley on [hnpes.ethics@gmail.com](mailto:hnpes.ethics@gmail.com) for more details.



# FREE EVENT!

**SAT 29 MARCH**

**4 - 7PM**

**MILLS PK TENNIS STRATFORD CLOSE, ASQUITH**



**Superb Tennis**

*Fun Fitness Friendship*



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**JOIN US FOR:**

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- **BALL MACHINE**
- **FUN GAMES**
- **SAUSAGE SIZZLE**
- **ENTERTAINMENT**
- **ALL AGES**
- **ALL ABILITIES**
- **MEMBERS**
- **GUESTS**
- **NEW MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL OFFER!**



**Everyone welcome!**



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## GIRL GUIDES MEETS NEAR YOU



Would you like your daughter to develop her leadership skills? Learn to work in a team and build confidence and friendships?

Be aware of giving back to the community?

Learn practical skills? Be environmentally aware?

Then Girl Guides may be where she belongs



**Waitara Girl Guides**

[waitarajg@girlguides-nswactnt.org.au](mailto:waitarajg@girlguides-nswactnt.org.au)





**Hornsby North public school**

You are invited

**To the HNPS P&C  
General Meeting (Virtual)**

On  
**Wednesday 26th March 2025**

From  
**7.30pm onwards**

on  
**Microsoft meets**

Teams Meeting:

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