



From the Principal...

ACADEMIC REPORTS

We are pleased to inform you that academic reports will be available from next Monday. This year, the school has transitioned to using the School Bytes platform to provide parents with access to their child's report. As a result, hard copies will not be provided to families. We encourage all parents to ensure they have the necessary access to School Bytes to view these reports.

If you are unsure whether you have access to view your child's report, please do not hesitate to contact the school office for assistance. Student academic reports can be found in the resources section of the parent portal. We strongly encourage you to take the time to read these reports prior to the upcoming parent-teacher interviews, which will commence next week. Understanding your child's academic performance will greatly enhance the discussions during these interviews.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent-teacher interviews will begin next week, providing an excellent opportunity to discuss your child's academic progress with their teacher. Please check School Bytes for the time you have booked to meet with your child's teacher.

These meetings are invaluable for gaining insights into your child's learning journey, especially after reviewing their reports. To make the most of this time, we recommend writing down any questions or concerns you may wish to discuss. This preparation will ensure that you have all your queries addressed, making the conversation as productive as possible. Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks. Our teachers are eager to meet with you and collaborate on supporting your child's growth and development.

YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all staff members who participated in the Year 6 Canberra excursion last week. This trip was not just an opportunity for our students to explore significant national landmarks, but also a chance to deepen their understanding of Australia's history and democratic processes.

A special mention goes to Mrs. Cale, Mr. Strange, Mr. Howard, Mr. McDonald, Mrs. Lucchese, Miss Munday, and Mrs. Daidone. Your dedication to giving your time away from your families to support our students is truly commendable. Each of you played a vital role in ensuring the excursion ran smoothly, from planning the itinerary to engaging with students during the visits.

The students had a wonderful time exploring Canberra, where they visited important sites such as Old and New Parliament House, the National Archives of Australia, the

National Capital Exhibition and the Royal Australian Mint. These experiences allowed them to connect with the subjects they have been studying in class, making learning tangible and relevant. Your commitment made this experience unforgettable for our students, and we are incredibly grateful for your support and enthusiasm throughout the trip.

ATTENDANCE

The importance of regular school attendance cannot be overstated, as it plays a vital role in a child's development. The Education Act stipulates that all children must attend school while it is open for instruction, highlighting the legal and educational obligation for students to be present in a learning environment.

Recently, we have noticed an increase in the number of students leaving school early in the afternoon or arriving late in the morning. It is crucial for students to arrive at school by 9:05am, ready to learn, and remain until 3:10pm in the afternoon. Students who arrive on time have the best possible chance of engaging fully in classroom activities and benefiting from the instruction provided. Late arrivals can disrupt not only the individual child's learning but also that of their classmates, creating unnecessary interruptions during valuable teaching time.

We want to take this opportunity to thank the vast majority of parents who make it a priority to ensure their children arrive at school on time. Your commitment to your child's education is commendable, and we encourage everyone to continue this practice. Regular attendance and punctuality are essential for fostering a positive learning environment and ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive academically and socially. Let's work together to make sure that every student is ready to learn each day they are at school.

SYDNEY NORTH CROSS COUNTRY

Last week, we had two outstanding students from Hornsby North Public School represent our school and the Hornsby Zone PSSA at the Sydney North PSSA Area Cross Country carnival. Reef and Ryan demonstrated exceptional determination and resilience as they trained for this competition, showing commitment not only to their physical preparation but a strong determination to succeed.

Competing at this level is a significant achievement, and both students should be proud of the dedication they displayed during their races. Their efforts not only reflect their personal goals but also embody the spirit of our school community. We are incredibly proud of them for reaching this prestigious level of competition—well done, boys!

SYDNEY NORTH DANCE FESTIVAL

I would also like to celebrate our talented students who are

about to participate in the Sydney North Dance Festival. This event showcased the hard work and creativity of young dancers from across the region. Our students, accompanied by Ms Lanesbury and Mr Peng, were videoed as part of their performance yesterday, allowing them to experience the excitement of being in a professional setting.

The students will be taking the stage tonight and Saturday night at the Glen Street Theatre in Belrose, where they will present their carefully choreographed routines. This performance not only highlights their individual talents but also showcases the collective spirit of teamwork and collaboration that is nurtured in our dance program. We wish them the very best of luck as they perform; we know they will impress the audience and represent our school with pride!

CANTARE CHOIR

On Monday, the students in the Cantare Choir attended their initial rehearsal, which was conducted in Mosman. Accompanied by Miss Butterworth and Miss Johnstone, the students showcased their enthusiasm and commitment to preparing for their upcoming concert. We are thrilled to report that they did a fabulous job during the rehearsal!

Details of their concert will be forwarded shortly to all families, and we encourage everyone to support our talented students. Well done to all the boys and girls for your hard work and participation on Monday. We eagerly look forward to hearing the final version of your performances at the concert. Your dedication and effort are truly commendable, and we are excited to celebrate your achievements in music!

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Every Friday, students in Years 3-6 have the exciting opportunity to participate in the Hornsby Zone PSSA Interschool Sport competition. This program allows students to engage in a variety of sports, such as league tag, AFL, and netball, among others. These competitions not only promote physical fitness but also teach valuable life skills such as teamwork, sportsmanship, and resilience.

The organisation of these events is made possible by the dedication of our teachers, who volunteer their time to coordinate the competitions, provide time to train and officiate most of the games. Their passion for providing students with opportunities to engage in healthy competition and develop their sporting skills is truly commendable. We extend our thanks to these teachers for their commitment and hard work, which benefits not just our students at Hornsby North Public School but also those across our zone.

NAIDOC WEEK

We are excited to announce that NAIDOC Week will be celebrated at Hornsby North Public School, beginning on June 31. This week provides a wonderful opportunity for our school community to engage with and deepen our understanding of Australia's First Nations people, their cultures, histories, and beliefs.

In preparation for this important week, the school is in the midst of planning a range of activities designed to enhance our students' appreciation of Indigenous cultures. These activities will include storytelling sessions and art projects that focus on the rich traditions and contributions of Indigenous Australians. We aim to create an inclusive environment where students can learn about the diverse

cultures of our First Nations people through interactive and meaningful experiences.

We encourage all students to participate actively in these activities, as they are designed to foster respect, understanding, and appreciation for the Indigenous communities that have shaped our nation. We believe that by engaging with these cultures, our students will develop a greater awareness of the significance of Indigenous history and the ongoing impact it has on contemporary Australia.

We will be sharing more details about specific events as the week approaches. We look forward to a vibrant and enriching NAIDOC Week, where students, staff, and families can come together to celebrate the heritage and enduring contributions of Australia's First Nations peoples. Thank you for your continued support in promoting understanding and respect for Indigenous cultures within our school community!

SCHOOL GROUNDS AFTER SCHOOL HOURS

We would like to take this opportunity to remind our school community about the importance of respecting the school grounds after school hours. While we wholeheartedly encourage our students to enjoy their time at school during the day, it is essential to recognise that the school grounds are not intended to be used as a playground once regular school hours have concluded.

Recently, we have received multiple complaints from our neighbours regarding noise disturbances that have occurred in the evenings and reports of objects being thrown at their houses by individuals utilising the school grounds directly after 3:10pm. Such behaviours are not only disruptive but are also unacceptable. They compromise the peace and safety of our local community and can lead to strained relationships between the school and our neighbours.

We kindly ask that all families ensure their children leave the school grounds promptly after school hours. The designated school operating hours are structured to provide a safe and supervised environment for students, and once those hours end, it is crucial that our grounds are respected and not treated as a recreational area.

To provide clarity, the school grounds should be vacated by 3:10pm each day, at which time our staff and facilities are no longer supervised or available for student use. We understand that children may want to play and socialise, but we encourage parents and guardians to seek alternative locations that are designed for recreational activities, such as local parks or community play areas.

Furthermore, we urge parents to have conversations with their children about appropriate behaviour in public spaces, including respecting the privacy and property of our neighbours. It is vital that we all demonstrate consideration for those living in our community and work towards maintaining a positive relationship with them.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter. By working together, we can foster a respectful and harmonious community that values the needs of all residents. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue, or if you wish to discuss any specific incidents, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school administration. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a peaceful environment for everyone.

Matt Pinchbeck - Principal

Around K-2 this week...



Last week Year 1 made books about their week. They certainly have lots of fun judging by the many activities they wrote about. The stories were written neatly with colourful illustrations.

Meanwhile these Year 2 students have been outstanding 'Eco Warriors' and Mrs Fitzsimons thanks them for their awesome work.

The Gymnastics program is enjoyed by each student for a term during the year. Year 1 were demonstrating good balance and coordination last week on the apparatus and team work for the games activities.



Julie Hall
Deputy Principal

3-6 Matters...

WORLD OF MATHS

Students in 4LP had a fantastic time participating in World of Maths Day! They worked together to solve hands-on, real-world problems and explored a variety of fun and challenging activities.



YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION

Our Year 6 students represented our school with pride during their recent trip to Canberra, showing outstanding behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the excursion. A big thank you to our wonderful parent community for making this valuable experience possible. We are especially grateful to Mr Strange for his exceptional organisation and to the dedicated Year 6 teaching team—Mrs Lucchese, Mr McDonald, and Mr Howard—for their care and support. Thank you also to Miss Munday for stepping in on behalf of Mrs Habkhouk, and to Mrs Daidone for her support to students.



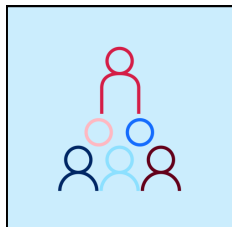
2025 NSW MULTICULTURAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Congratulations to the students who proudly represented our school last Thursday in the 2025 NSW Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. This prestigious event invites students from across the state to share their thoughts on important multicultural issues in Australian society. Our participants demonstrated confidence, clarity and passion as they delivered thoughtful speeches on topics such as identity, belonging and cultural diversity. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and the way they represented our school community. Thank you Miss Fisher for assisting these students on the day.

The students that represented our school were;

- ★ Rymon - 3A ★ Aarya B - 5C
- ★ Claudie - 4B ★ Viyona S - 5H

Kylie Cale
Relieving Deputy Principal



Library News...

LIBRARY BAGS

We would like to remind you that our school library provides spare library bags for students to borrow if they forget their own. To ensure that all students have access to these resources, it is important that any library bags borrowed from HNPS are returned promptly.

If your child currently has a library bag at home, we kindly ask that you return it as soon as possible. Your cooperation will help us maintain an efficient lending system for all students.

Thank you for your support!



Debbie Nicklin
Teacher Librarian



Canteen News...

Did you know? Lunchtime frozen treats can be pre-ordered via MunchMonitor. This allows students to come and pick up

their treats quickly, instead of waiting in the lengthy queue.

Please contact hornsynthcanteen@gmail.com for more information.

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

WHAT ARE GEM CHATS/CONVERSATIONS

GEM Chats are regular discussions where students reflect on **Gratitude, Empathy, and Mindfulness (GEM)**, helping them build resilience and positive mental health through *The Resilience Project*. Parents can have GEM Chats with their child at any time, such as during mealtimes, on the way to school, or before bed. These conversations create a great opportunity to connect, encourage positive thinking and support emotional well-being.

VALUE FOR THE WEEK

Empathy

Everyone feels happier when we're kind and compassionate – and this is a practising empathy.

Being kind to other people in a special kind of magic, because it makes you feel good too!

GEM Conversation

Share a time when you missed an opportunity to be helpful or caring to someone. What could you do differently next time?

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

GEM Chats Empathy

CREATING WELLBEING HABITS & CONNECTION

GEM Chats help families practice The Resilience Project's principles, offering a simple wellbeing check-in while **building stronger connections through daily conversations.**

HOW TO USE GEM CHATS

Make GEM Chats a part of your dinner routine to reflect, check in, and practice empathy.

Try these prompts:

- ★ Thank each family member for something they've **done or said** today.
- ★ Give each family member a **compliment**.
- ★ Share a time when someone has done something **kind** for you this week. Describe how it made you feel.
- ★ Think about someone special in your life. **What makes them special**, and how will you let them know this week?
- ★ Who made you **feel cared** for this week? What actions did they take?

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RESILIENCE PROJECT, HEAD TO:

@theresilienceproject
 The Resilience Project
 The Resilience Project
 theresilienceproject.com.au

Coming Events...



Friday 20 June	Kindy "Fresh for Kids" incursion
Monday 23 June	World of Maths - 1B, 1BT, 1E, 1L, 4F & 4K
Wednesday 25 June	P & C Meeting online
Thursday 26 June	Bronze and Honour Assemblies
Thursday 3 July	K - 2 Athletics Fun Day Rofo Park/School Oval
Friday 4 July	2A, 2B & 2MP Aboriginal Studies incursion
	LAST DAY OF TERM 2
Tuesday 22 July	FIRST DAY OF TERM 3 (Pupil free on Monday 21)

Uniform Shop News...

Uniform Shop Closure: The Uniform Shop will be closed for online and in-person orders from Saturday the 21st of June till the 1st of July for Stocktake. If families need any warm items or replacement hats we recommend ordering them for delivery for Friday.



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. For online purchases please visit above website.

CONTACT US

Email: hnpsuniforms@gmail.com

Uniform Shop Volunteers

P & C News...

Thank You – Working Bee Full!

A huge thank you to everyone who signed up for the upcoming Working Bee — all spots are now filled! We're looking forward to a productive and fun day. If you missed out, don't worry — we'll be holding another one later this year.

Have Your Say – Community Survey Open Until 30 June

We warmly invite you to complete our [short community survey](#) by **30 June 2025**. Your feedback will help shape the P&C's priorities in school support, community engagement, and resource planning.

Your input will guide us in:

- Strategic planning for the next 1–3 years
- Setting short-term goals (events, fundraising, upgrades)
- Strengthening community participation

[ACCESS THE SURVEY HERE](#)



P&C Meeting – New Date

Please note: the next **P&C meeting will be held online on Wednesday, 25 June**, rescheduled to support families attending the dance concerts on the 18th June. Good luck to our amazing HNPS dancers!

We'd love to see you there — it's a great way to stay informed and have your voice heard.

P & C Committee

Community News...

TAFE NSW

Free* English Classes

@ TAFE NSW St Leonards

Our next Info day **10am - 4pm, 25/06/2025**

Come in & have a free English test



We offer:

- ▶ Beginner to Advanced level for adults
- ▶ Day and Evening classes
- ▶ F2F and Online classes
- ▶ Classes for a variety of visa holders
- ▶ English to live, work, and study in Australia
- ▶ TAFE services, facilities & resources

Can't come on the info day?
Just contact us or walk in!

☎ 7920 6475 ✉ esolstleonards@tafensw.edu.au
📍 Building P, Level 4, P4.02, 213 Pacific Hwy, St Leonards, 2065

Cost *This training is subsidized by the NSW Government for permanent residents, Australian citizens and certain temporary visa holders - eligibility criteria applies



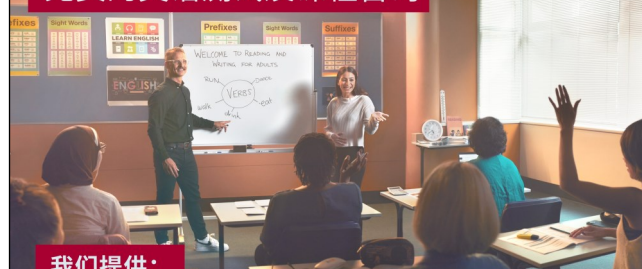
SCAN ME

免费*英语课程

@ TAFE NSW St Leonards

我们的下一个信息日 **6月25日 上午10点 - 下午4点**

免费的英语测试及课程咨询



我们提供:

- ▶ 成人初级至高级课程
- ▶ 白天和晚上课程
- ▶ 面对面和在线课程
- ▶ 多种签证持有者可读课程
- ▶ 生活、工作和再深造所需英语
- ▶ TAFE服务、设施和资源

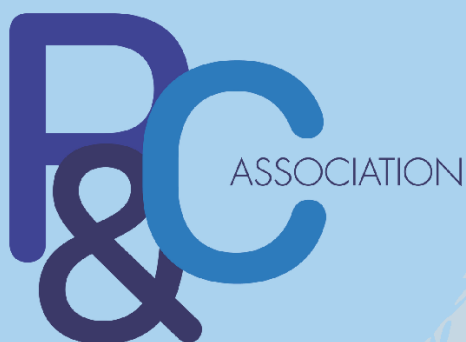
信息日无法参加?
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SCAN ME



Hornsby North public school
You are invited

**To the HNPS P&C
General Meeting**

On
Wednesday 25th June 2025

From
7.30pm onwards

At
Online – Microsoft teams

Meeting link:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YWlwY2RmNTUtZWQzNS00ZTgzLWFhYWQtZTdmZWVhNzk5ODFj%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22c2cf3555-c004-47f6-ac49-84bc18c5bcb4%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%225a39ce2a-0c89-4ba5-8e11-0ee8b384d313%22%7d

The RSVP form to the meeting can be found in the link:

<https://forms.gle/ofPRb6z8bnjLE58DA>

Get involved and make a difference: Join the P&C

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)



HORNSBY RSL GYMNASTICS
1 ASHLEY LANE HORNSBY NSW 2077
9476 6689 INFO@HORNSBYRSLGYMNASTICS.COM.AU

WWW.HORNSBYRSLGYMNASTICS.COM.AU

PROGRAM DETAILS

JULY 2025 PROGRAM:

MONDAY 7TH JULY (COMBO DAY)

WEDNESDAY 9TH JULY (HOLIDAY FUN)

FRIDAY 11TH JULY (COMBO DAY)

MONDAY 14TH JULY (COMBO DAY)

WEDNESDAY 16TH JULY (HOLIDAY FUN)

FRIDAY 18TH JULY (COMBO DAY)

9AM - 3PM

\$65 PER CHILD PER DAY

AGES 5-12 YEARS

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

ASQUITH GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL DANCE NIGHT 2025



SCAN FOR TICKETS



MONDAY 30TH JUNE

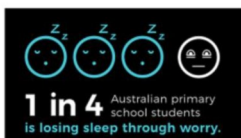
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CHATSWOOD CONCOURSE THEATRE

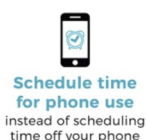
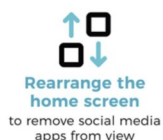
SUPPORTING THE MENTAL HEALTH OF OUR CHILDREN

Sleep & Devices

THE NUMBERS



WHAT CAN WE DO?



OTHER TOOLS FOR PARENTS

1. **Limit technology**, and reconnect with your kids emotionally through play and other activities they are interested in.
2. **Role model** the behaviour you would like to see
3. Limit your own time on your device to enable you to **have special time with your kids** that is not interrupted by a work email!
4. **Don't be afraid to set limits!** Turning off the Wifi and leaving your devices on the kitchen bench are great ways to help your child get quality sleep



CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

MESSAGE FROM MR JULIAN LEESER

Mr Julian Leeser, Federal Member of Parliament for Berowra, is delighted to invite your school to take part in their Christmas Card Competition.

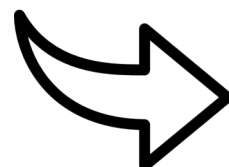
This is a wonderful opportunity for your students to showcase their creativity and festive spirit! The winning design will be featured on the front of Mr Leeser's official Christmas card and the three runner ups featured on the back. The card will sent to local residents, community organisations, and fellow Members of Parliament.

Every student will receive a certificate for their artwork once the winner and runner ups have been decided. Student certificates and artworks will be returned to the school.

The winning student and runners up will receive a special certificate, personally presented by Mr Leeser at a time agreed upon with the school.

If your child would like to participate, please use the attached template. Submissions to be dropped off at the **school front office by Friday 5th of September 2025.**

Submission form on next page



Please do your Christmas artwork inside the area below.

Please mark an X in the box to indicate Parent's permission has been obtained to publish the student's name in full, age and school ☐

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Age: _____

School: _____ Class: _____