

Hornsby South Public School Newsletter

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CALENDAR

Tuesday 7th April
Thursday 9th April
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Wednesday 29th April

Easter Scripture Assembly
Easter Activities, Crazy Hair Day
Last Day of Term 1
Students Return

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MULTICULTURAL DAY

Thank you to Mrs Fitjer, Mrs Lamerton and everyone involved in Multicultural Day last Wednesday. Special thanks to the performers on the day. Congratulations to the Korean dance group made up of mothers from our school. The mothers have been practising for weeks and their performance was fantastic. Congratulations to our dance group, choreographed by Miss Burch. Their performance was also excellent. Thank you, also, to the Tae-Kwon-Do group for their exciting and skilful demonstration.

AREA SWIMMING

Congratulations to Claire Paynter (6P) and Peta Tavener (6P) who represented Hornsby District at the Area Swimming Carnival held at Homebush Aquatic Centre this week.

MANDARIN CLASSES

At the end of last year we sent home a survey seeking parents' opinions about a second language being taught in the school. Up until the year before last, Italian was taught here for many years.

The survey indicated overwhelming support for a second language, with Mandarin the preferred language.

We have an experienced teacher of Mandarin, Mrs Ching Lo, willing to run some classes for us this year. We have been able to organise one day per week for Mandarin classes which means that from the beginning of next term all Year 1 and Year 2 classes will have a Mandarin lesson once a week on Mondays.

We will evaluate the program at the end of the year with a view to extending it next year if it proves successful.

In the meantime, so that children in Years 3 to 6 have some opportunity to participate, Mrs Lo has agreed to hold an after school class on Mondays for children interested in learning Mandarin. There will need to be a fee for this class to cover the costs.

A note is being sent home with the children in Years 3 to 6 with the full details.

Rob Stirling

* PLEASE NOTE *
SCHOOL RESUMES
29TH APRIL

HAT PARADE

You and your family are invited to attend the annual Hat Parade at Hornsby South Public School. Come along and see some spectacular hats on parade by K-2 and some very unusual hair designs by 3-6. The children in K-2 will be making their hats at school with the help of their teachers.

WHEN: Thursday 9th April

WHERE: Hornsby South Public School Assembly
Area

TIME: 11:30AM – 1:00PM

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Mrs Jennifer Davey
(Assistant Principal)

LOST PROPERTY

Some keys have been handed in. If you are missing keys please see the ladies at the Front Office.

The lost property basket is overflowing again. Any items left in the basket at the end of term will be sent to the Uniform Shop for resale.

MONEY COLLECTION



Just a reminder that all payments for excursions, sports programs etc (unless otherwise specified) should be sent to your child's class teacher. Students should give money envelopes to their teachers at the beginning of the school day.

PLEASE DO NOT GIVE ENVELOPES TO TEACHERS AT THE END OF THE DAY.

It would be appreciated if money could be sent on the days specified on the activity note. These will generally be a Monday or Wednesday.

If you have more than one student at the school you can pay for your children with one payment (cash or cheque). You do not need to send a separate cheque for each child. You can also pay for multiple activities with the one cheque as long as all payments are for school run activities.

Book Club, P&C activities must be a separate payment as these monies do not go through the school account.

Thank you for your co-operation

Diane Merryfull
School Admin Manager

TERM 2 SPORTSPRO PROGRAM

During Term 2 students will be participating in a program run by Sportspro. The cost of the program is \$45.00 per student. **Payment for the program is due by this Friday, 3 April**

Sportspro programs are designed and implemented to **support** (not replace) the school community's (students, staff and parents) sports education needs and to assist schools in meeting the requirements of an overburdened school curriculum, in the syllabus strand of Physical Education. Whilst regular classroom teachers possess skills relative to sports education, seldom do they have the time, resources, support staff and in some instances the absolute expertise to adequately prepare and implement a sequential program that caters for specific sports skill development and education, that also provides suitable and practical student assessment opportunities!

Sportspro only employs qualified Physical Education teachers to implement its highly accredited and Dept. of Education approved Sports Education programs in NSW Public Schools. The Sportspro staff are **specialist teachers** trained specifically in the teaching/instruction of sports specific skills and sports games skills awareness and therefore provide students with an optimal learning experience (program) that is both enjoyable, yet challenging and one that encourages quality, successful student focused outcomes!

MULTICULTURAL DAY



A fun filled day was experienced by all students & staff last Wednesday.

Before lunch we watched performances from the Oriental Dance Ensemble and worked through various activities pertaining to different cultures.

In the afternoon we paraded in our vast and colourful costumes, watched Irish dancing by Miss Burch's dance group and witnessed an energetic display of Tai Kwon Do by a local group. Our Korean mothers performed a most colourful & traditional dance which had the audience captivated.

We would like to thank all parents, students and teachers for their cooperation and participation in making this day such a successful and enjoyable experience for us all.

Mrs Fitjer & Mrs Lamerton
ESL Teachers

The following Recount was written by Geonyeong in Year 5. He arrived in Australia in October 2008 and had no English language.

When I was in Korea I never met people who came from other countries, but when I came to Australia I met people from other countries and I liked this event. It can be a great experience for me. When they showed Tae Kwon Do I realised that Korean military art is famous and also the dancing masquerade or fan dance. Things like this make me have feelings for Korea, like the feelings when I got my first black belt or learnt the fan dance in year 2. When the Indonesian woman danced I realised that is Indonesian.

Multicultural Day was fun and great but I think study is better, it was my first experience.

MUSLIM SCRIPTURE

The school is happy to announce the formation of a Muslim scripture class commencing early in Term 2. Mrs Sana Pasha has approval from the Islamic Council and will lead the group. If you would like your child to participate in Muslim scripture each Tuesday, please complete the attached form and return it to the office before Thursday 9th April. (End of Term 1)

It is anticipated that interest in this scripture will be high and there may be a need to initially form a K-2 Muslim scripture class only, until a 3-6 Muslim scripture teacher can be arranged.

MUSLIM SCRIPTURE CLASSES

I would like my child _____
of class _____ to participate in weekly Muslim
scripture classes.

Signed

Date

MERIT AWARDS

Many schools support and encourage positive behaviours by presenting merit awards at weekly assemblies. Hornsby South is no exception. To add to this long standing system, the school has introduced smaller Blue Awards that can be given out to students more frequently to highlight the many great things that happen at our school each day. The Blue Awards are part of an integrated award system and contribute towards the attainment of higher awards.

Blue Awards – are given out frequently and by all teachers to acknowledge and reward general positive behaviour in the classroom and playground. Examples could be: helping others, working independently, sharing, trying your best, etc. When a student has achieved five Blue Awards they can show them to their teacher who will award them with a White Award.

White Awards – are presented at the weekly assemblies in the hall. These acknowledge and reward consistent effort and application in a particular area. Some examples could be: A consistent effort in group work, an enthusiastic and productive Mathematician, a mature application to independent tasks, etc. Students can also achieve a White Award by accruing five Blue Awards. K-2 students may also gain a White Award by achieving 25 Home Reader Awards.

When a student has achieved five White Awards they can show them to an Assistant Principal who will record their achievement and organise a Bronze Award to be presented to the student at the next assembly.

Bronze Awards – can only be gained by collecting Blue and/or White Awards. When a student has achieved three Bronze Awards, a Silver Award will be presented at the next assembly.

Silver Awards – When a student has achieved two silver awards, a Gold Award will be presented at a special End of Term Assembly.

Gold Awards – This is the highest award and it is common for exemplary students to achieve more than one of these throughout their schooling years.

As this is a new reward system that builds from level to level and from year to year, it is important to define a starting date. Only White Awards which are dated 2009 will be accepted for a Bronze Award. To not disadvantage Year 6 students, who have only one year to participate in this new system, all White Awards collected in previous years will be accepted towards a Bronze Award.

Peter Lee
Assistant Principal

SRC EASTER RAFFLE

The SRC is holding its first fundraising event for 2009. All money raised will continue to support WORLD VISION and our sponsored child Jim Thasabio who lives in Africa. If you like chocolate, and lots of it, then this is the raffle for you! You could win 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize. Who knows, you might win all three!!!

Winners will be announced during the Easter Parade / Crazy hair Day on Thursday 9th April.

Tickets are only \$1 each or 3 tickets for just \$2. Cut them out and fill in the missing letters. Put them in an envelope with your money. SRC reps will collect them from your classroom each morning. Tickets will also be available on the Easter Parade day.

Someone has to win that enormous prize!!!

LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

Does your child experience Learning Difficulties. A Department of Education service may help.

LDC is a coalition of individual and parent support groups. They offer a PARENT HELPLINE open school days 10.00am-3.00pm during school terms on 02 9806 9960

Website: www ldc org au

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to help your child with reading or assist in the classroom? Courses exist for those interested in theoretical and practical aspects of reading and how you can volunteer in schools to improve primary students reading and writing skills.

Run by the St John Community Care in the Hornsby district in June. Please contact Mrs Stacey for forms or keep an eye out in the school newsletter for more details.

Website: www stjohnsnsw com au



P & C



BAND NEWS



Vacation Care

It's not long until the school holidays so don't forget to make a booking for Vacation Care. The service will run from 14 - 28/4/09. For more information visit the yurt or call on 9487 8764.

P&C AGM

Thank you to all who attended the P&C AGM and General Meeting. All positions have been filled. Please come back to this space next week to see a full list of your new P&C Representatives.

Please note due to the school holidays the APRIL P&C meeting will not be on April 22nd it will be held the following week on Wednesday April 29th. We apologise for this error in last weeks newsletter.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop has received deliveries for the long sleeve shirts, boys long pants and the size 6 polo shirt. We have also received a small order for zip jackets with a larger order to follow next term. All current orders will be filled first. Please remember that if we do run out more is coming and we do have a lot of second hand zip jackets for sale at only \$10.00.

The April P&C meeting will be on Wednesday April 29th 2009 at 8.00pm in the Yurt. Please feel free to come along.

If you have any queries or issues you would like to raise with the P&C in relation to the school in general, please feel free to call me and have a chat. Chris Holland 94897422 / 0404888686
P&C President

SCHOLASTIC EASTER BOOK CATALOGUE



This catalogue has lots of great specials with savings of over 50% off - well worth having a look!!

The closing date for orders is this Thursday 4/4/09. All orders must have the student's name and class on the order form and if paying by cash, please include the exact money.

Please note that these books will not be delivered until early Term 2.



Thank you for supporting our school to be able to obtain free educational books and resources.

Nicola Krejci (Bookclub Co-ordinator)

Band Camp

An email was sent out two weeks ago regarding choice of activities for Saturday afternoon – if you could please respond to that.

Band camp invoices, health and permission forms will be handed out on Friday to Training Band and on Tuesday next week to Concert Band. The forms and payment are due back at the end of week 1 term 2 (Friday 1st May).

Concert Band

We have been invited to perform at the Asquith Boys Variety Evening on Thursday 11th June. Please note this date in your diary – further information will be given closer to the date.

Ensemble & Concert Band rehearsals will commence on Tuesday 5th May in term 2.

Training Band

The final rehearsal of this term will be this Friday and rehearsals will commence on Friday 1st may in term 2.

Birthday Wishes

Birthday wishes to the following band member

Olivia 4th April



CANTEEN

Sushi Day

Monday 6 April

Pre-order only by Friday 3 April

Teriyaki Roll \$3

Tune Roll \$3

Vegetable Roll \$3

(Plus any drinks and treats)

Please order using brown paper bags with name, class, order and money included. Place in the white P&C box in the front office by Friday morning 9-10am.

NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Normal menu will be available for those children who do not eat sushi.

THANK YOU to the P&C for raising \$678.80 towards a new freezer. Thank you to the organisers Jillian Vanderlaan and Carolyn Arthurs.

WANTED: Help is needed for compiling the canteen roster for the rest of the school year as our canteen treasurer has been doing it this term. If you would like to help out, please contact Lisa by email at nalbrooks@exemail.com.au for more information.

Judith Hulme, Canteen Manager 0425 252 181