

Hornsby South Public School Newsletter

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CALENDAR

Tuesday 26th May
Wednesday 27th May
Friday 29th May

P&C Meeting 8pm in Yurt
Education Week K-6 Open Day/Grandparent Day
Education Week Kindergarten 2010 Open Day

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

REGIONAL GIFTED AND TALENTED DAY

We had a very exciting day last Thursday with our school hosting a regional gifted and talented day. Children from all over Sydney visited to participate in activities such as philosophy for children, movie making, short story writing, and public speaking. The day was superbly organised by Mrs Louise Stacey, our learning support coordinator, with the assistance of Mrs Colleen Fitjer, our English as a Second Language teacher. Mrs Sue MacNamara, our computer teacher, ran the movie making workshop which attracted great interest.

Many of the visiting parents from other schools commented about the welcoming, positive feel of our school. A number of comments related to our student leaders, Samantha, Isaac, Victoria, Sebastian, Claire, and Dylan, who did an outstanding job welcoming guests and helping to run the proceedings.

KINDERGARTEN BARBECUE

On a similar positive note, the kindergarten 2009 barbecue was held last Saturday afternoon at the school. It was a great success with about 130 people attending. The children obviously enjoyed the games and activities organised and it gave parents a chance to meet and get to know other families.

Thank you to Melanie Galloway, Natalie Boyd and the class parents for organising a highly successful event at our school.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Thank you to Di Holland for organising another very successful Mother's Day Stall. Thank you, also, to the big group of parents who came to help on the day.

EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week is fast approaching. Our Open Day/ Grandparents Day will be held on Wednesday 27 May. Families, grandparents and friends of the school are most welcome to visit. Please see full details elsewhere in this newsletter.

CAPITAL WORKS

We received word last week that the following projects have been nominated for our school as part of the Federal Government building funding:

- A 2 storey block with a library on the ground floor and 2 classrooms above. The existing library will be converted into 2 classrooms.
- Upgraded hall to incorporate new canteen, COLA, Panelift door, stores & covered way (disabled) access.

Plans are also underway for the much needed power upgrade and the new toilet block.

Additionally a lot of painting to the outside of buildings was carried out during the recent holidays, with further internal and external painting, and carpeting, to come.

If these projects are all approved by the Federal Government we will get most of what we originally asked for, which will be an excellent outcome for our school.

Rob Stirling

MERIT AWARD WINNER!

Congratulations to Leiming from 6P for being the first student to attain a Bronze award under the new merit award system. Well done.

Peter Lee
Assistant Principal

WALK TO SCHOOL SAFELY DAY

Friday 15th May is Walk to School Safely Day across Australia.

While you would think that everyday should be Walk to School Safely Day, this event acts to promote the health benefits of walking and aims to reduce car dependency habits that are being created at an early age. These habits are often difficult to change as children become adults.

As part of the students' Road Safety Education, classes often discuss ways to keep themselves safe be it in a car, on a bike or as a pedestrian. Walk to School Safely Day is a great way to see this in action. This Friday, parents who would normally drive their children to school are encouraged to park their cars "a good distance" from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Six reasons to Walk to School Safely this Friday with your child.

1. To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
2. To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
3. To ensure that children hold an adults hand when crossing the road.
4. To reduce car dependency habits.
5. Promote the use of public transport and reduce traffic congestion.
6. To reduce vehicle emissions and improve air quality.

HAVE YOU SEEN OUR NEW SIGN?



As part of the school's ongoing effort to maintain and improve safety, a Stop sign has been installed at the car park entrance that requests that parents do not drive cars into the car park until after 4.00pm. This space struggles to accommodate staff

vehicles alone. Considering it also houses two large waste bins that are emptied by truck at sporadic intervals, parents are also requested not to use the car park as a pedestrian thoroughfare to access other parts of the school.

Two new yellow and black pedestrian signs will be installed on Friday that will indicate the safest route to the hall and the Before and After School Care building. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Peter Lee
Assistant Principal

FAMILY IN CULTURAL TRANSITION COURSE

Are you a new arrival in Australia? Do you want to know the support and settlement system? Are you willing to learn how to deal with your young children and teenage children? Are you interested in issues of Gender, Money, Trauma and Healing?

An interpreter will be present if you request.

This is a free six-week course commencing on Thursday 28th May at 9.30am-12.30pm. If you are interested please ask Mrs Fitjer or Mrs Lamerton for an enrolment form.

Mrs Fitjer and Mrs Lamerton

CONGRATULATIONS CHESS TEAMS

This week all teams played at home.

Our 'A' team made up of Solina 4P, Cameron 6P, Varzan 6P and Nishka 4P won against Abbotsleigh 'B' team 4-0.

Our 'B' team won against Warrawee 'D' team 3-1. Well done Isaac 4P, Leiming 6P, Dylan 5S and Wade 5A.

Our 'C' team with Viraz 3I, Parthiv 4R, Emily 2A and Swara 2A lost to a strong Warrawee 'A' team.

Louise Stacey

EXTENDED ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL



If you are planning a holiday or other extended absence from school of 12 or more consecutive school days, approval is required from the School Education Director.

Leave Exemption Forms are available from the office and

MUST be completed and returned to school **at least 3 weeks prior** to the planned absence.

ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

All absences from school must be notified in writing to the class teacher. Parents calling to collect their children during school time must inform the class teacher and the office. Children are not allowed to leave the school grounds during the day unless a request is received in writing. Children must be collected from the classroom after a parent completes a yellow "Late Note/Early Departure" form from the school office.

LOST PROPERTY

Has your child lost items of clothing, lunch boxes, drink bottles etc. at school? The lost property box, located in sick bay near the front office, is full to overflowing with articles. Please, either send your child to check or come yourself when you are at school.



P & C

We hope all our Mums had a relaxing Mothers Day.

Mothers Day Stall

Thank you to all who donated items for this stall and a ***BIG THANK YOU*** to the mums who gave up their time to help sell on the day at the stall, it is a long day but well worth it. This year the stall raised \$775.75 after expenses, which is a great effort.

Uniform Shop

Thank you for your patience in the delay of the Winter order. We are out of stock of several items, if we are out of stock of an item you require, please ask for it to be back ordered for you, all back orders are filled before the stock goes on the shelf.

Please note the official change over into winter uniform is after the June long weekend (6, 7 & 8)

BASC

Please welcome our new parent committee for 2009:

Kim Honor – Chair
Natalie Boyd – Secretary
Lisa Day – Committee member
Anne Huess – Committee member

We would like to thank the above ladies for the support & guidance they will provide to BASC in the coming year.

Meeting Change

The next General P&C meeting will be on Tuesday May 26th 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

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

DON'T FORGET! All orders need to be placed in the P & C box by Friday 15 May.

Could you please include the following with your order:

- * your child's name and class at the top of each order form
- *the complete order form
- *if paying by cash – the correct amount

Thank you.

Nicola Krejci
Book Club Co-ordinator



BAND NEWS



Band Camp

Less than three weeks to band camp! A band camp program will be handed out to the kids soon. There will be a talent quest on Saturday evening to start practicing your pieces! Anne Rodda will be in charge at band camp – any questions or concerns you can contact her on 0408 544 872.

Band Meeting

Minutes from the last meeting have been emailed to everyone.

Performances

Concert band will be performing on K-6 Open Day – Wednesday 27th May – 10 am.

Ensemble will be performing on Kindy 2010 Open Day - Friday 29th May – 10am.

HSPS CULTURAL FAIR

HSPS is thinking of holding a Christmas/cultural fair at the school, late Term 3 possibly Term 4.

We have such a diverse and rich community here at HSPS. It would be wonderful to share our talents and show them off to the wider community.

If you are interested in becoming involved in organising the fair, or if you have ideas that we could use, please come along to a meeting:

Hornsby South Yurt

Thursday 21st May

7.30pm

Drink; and snack; provided!

Even if you think you have no time to organise but you want to have some input please come along.

We will need stall holders as well as event and organisational ideas, AND a committee!

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