

# Hornsby South Public School Newsletter

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## CALENDAR

Tuesday	10 February	Textbook Selling Day
Friday	13 February	Swimming Carnival Hornsby Pool
Tuesday	17 February	Scripture classes begin
		Parent Information Night
Wednesday	18 February	Parent Information Night

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Staffing 2009

Welcome to Kindergarten 2009 children and parents. For the first time we have four Kindergarten classes, with 85 children and they all look happy and excited about being at school.

The staff list for 2009 is as follows –

KB	Miss Nicole Burch
KG	Mrs Ruth Campbell
KR	Mrs Jenny Davey (Asst Principal)
KP	Mrs Carolyn Lee
1J	Mrs Mary-Lynne Jansons
1S	Miss Simone Grant
1T	Mrs Judy Thatcher
2A	Mrs Angie Alksnis
2G	Miss Daniella Goranic
2E	Mr Matthew Ellis
3I	Mrs Tanya Inder
3L	Mr Peter Lee (Asst Principal)
4M	Ms Augusta Monro
4-5R	Mr John Robertson
5S	Mr Adam Spencer
5-6A	Miss Rachel Andrew
6P	Mrs Meryl Peters (Asst Principal)
ESL (English as a Second Language)	Mrs Colleen Fitjer
	Mrs Sharon Lamerton
Library	Mrs Chris Mahaffey
Reading Recovery/Learning Support	Mrs Louise Stacey
Computer Co-ordinator	Mrs Sue MacNamara
School Admin Manager	Mrs Diane Merryfull
School Admin Office	Mrs Anne Horrocks
	Mrs Toni Philips

### Please Note

#### **Class 6P**

Year 6, with Mrs Peters is temporarily in the Library. The new demountable classroom is finally in place (6.30am this morning).

The children will be in their room in about a week as the power needs to be connected, paths constructed etc.

#### **Class 2E**

Mr Ellis will be taking the class full-time for term 1. Mrs Emma Howard will be returning from maternity leave early in Term 2 and will be sharing the class. Full details will be sent home to parents of 2E during the term.

#### **Class 1S**

Miss Grant will teach the class for Term 1 until the return of Mrs Sue Peattie, who will commence full-time duty from the beginning of Term 2.

Once again full details will be sent home to parents of 1S.

## **TEXTBOOKS, P&C CONTRIBUTIONS, CLASS CHARGES**

Notes have been sent home today with details about textbooks, and about class charges and P&C contributions.

### **Please read the notes carefully.**

**Textbook payments**, with details on the white page, need to be sent in separately as payment is made directly to the textbook provider, Kookaburra Educational Resources. Please note that cheques for textbooks need to be made out to Kookaburra Educational Resources.

Students will be taken to the hall in class groups to collect their textbooks and hand over payments to the Kookaburra representative next Tuesday morning, 10<sup>th</sup> February during class time. Parents do not need to attend. If students do not bring their envelope they will not be given their textbooks.

**Class charge payments & P&C contributions**, with details on the **pink** double sided sheet, must be paid separately from textbook payments.

Cheques for class payments and P&C contributions should be made payable to Hornsby South Public School.

Please contact Mrs Merryfull in the office if you have any questions.

The **Parent Contact** page, on **blue** paper, should be returned to the office as soon as possible. Current, accurate contact details are vitally important. This form was only given to family representatives (Newsletter people).

## ROAD SAFETY

For the benefit of new families, and as a reminder to everyone, please be careful, and considerate, when driving to and from our school.

- Please do not park over the driveways of our neighbours
- Please remember that there is a "Kiss & Drop" zone in front of our school in the mornings from 8.30-9.30am. This means that you **must not park your car and leave it.**
- Please do not do U-turns near the crossing over the double, unbroken lines.
- Please do not walk through the car park with your children. The path is narrow. Please take the trouble to walk around through the assembly area.
- **DO NOT PARK IN THE DISABLED PARKING SPACE AT ANY TIME.**

We all care very deeply, parents and teachers, for the children in our care, so please spend the little extra time, as a driver or as a pedestrian to ensure the safety of our kids.

## INDUSTRIAL ACTION

As you are aware, the strike action was called off last week as an agreement was reached between the government and the NSW Teachers' Federation.

A meeting has been called for this Friday morning for teachers to vote on the proposed agreement.

Some of our teachers will be attending the meeting and others will remain at school to supervise the children.

Normal classes will start by 10.30am **but all children should attend school** as normal and will be supervised by the teachers remaining at school.

*Rob Stirling*

## 2009 HOUSE CAPTAINS

Correction – the House Captain for Paterson is Thomas.

## AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP

It is important to notify the school office if your child becomes an Australian Citizen as we need to update the school data base. We need to sign the original Citizenship Certificate.



## 2009 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The carnival will be held on Friday, 13 February at Hornsby Aquatic Centre. All children in Years 3 to 6 are expected to be in attendance.

Year 2 students who are turning 8 years old in 2009 and wish to compete must obtain a permission note from the school office.

**WARNING!!** The minimum swimming distance for all races at the swimming carnival is 50 metres. Students **MUST BE ABLE TO SWIM 50 METRES WITHOUT THE NEED FOR REST OR ASSISTANCE IN EACH RACE.**

ONLY students entered in races will be allowed in the pool.

We are also looking for a few parents who are able to help with timekeeping. If you are willing to stand at the end of a pool and press a few buttons please contact Mr Spencer at your earliest convenience.

Mr Spencer  
Organising Teacher



## CHESS

We will again be running chess coaching classes this year. If you would like your child to participate please complete the tear-off slip later in the Newsletter and return it to the office by this Friday so we can start the first group.

Mrs Stacey, Chess Co-ordinator



# P & C

**Welcome back, I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are looking forward to a great 2009 and a very warm welcome to all our new families this year**

## Camp Out



As mentioned last year, we will be hosting a Camp Out this month. We will be pitching our tents on the oval, meeting new families, sharing time with friends & enjoying a night under the stars.

**Date** – Saturday 28 February

**Time** – from 3.00 pm

**Cost** - \$15.00 per family for a campsite

**Meal Deal** (optional) - \$5.00 ea (sausage sandwich & drink)

If you are not campers, please join us for dinner (Meal Deal or your own picnic), have some fun & meet some new Hornsby South families.

Full details with booking & payment information will be sent home in Week 3.

All money raised will go towards much needed canteen equipment.

## Canteen

We are always looking for extra helpers, even if only for an hour or two. Can you spare a few hours on a Monday or Friday? If you can, please contact Lisa Brooks on [nalbrooks@exemail.com.au](mailto:nalbrooks@exemail.com.au) or keep an eye out in next week's newsletter.

## The Uniform Shop

Please note a change in opening times for Fridays;

**Monday: 2.30pm - 3.00pm**

**Friday: 9.00am - 9.45am**

**We Need Your Help!** If you can spare some time to help out in the Uniform Shop on a rotating roster, please call Diane Holland on 94897422.

We have some items out of stock at the moment, I will notify everyone on this page when the order arrives.

**The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:30pm. If you feel you would like to help out in some way, please consider being part of our small, dedicated Team.**

**Our next general meeting will be Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 8pm 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

## **CANTEEN**

Welcome back to school and also welcome to all the new families who have joined our school community.

Thank you to the families who supported the canteen last Friday and Monday.

The canteen menu is will go home with this newsletter please place it in a safe place eg side of fridge.

Ordering: Kindergarten lunch baskets will be placed outside each of their classrooms. Years 1&2's baskets will be on either side of the steps as per normal. Years 3-6 lunch box will be placed on the seat next to the steps.

If you have any questions please phone me or come to the canteen on Friday or Monday either in the morning or afternoon.

Judith Hulme

Canteen Manager, 0425 252 181



## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB 2009**

Every year our school participates in this book club which provides fantastic book offers for our children. As well as getting a worthwhile educational resource, our school receives points for free library and classroom resources.

The current catalogues are being distributed to the students this week. These contain ordering and payment information. Please place your order and payment (if paying in cash you must have enclosed the exact money) in the white P&C box in the office foyer **BY THURSDAY 12/2/09**.

Orders will be delivered to your child. If you do not want your child to see what you have ordered you can pick the order up from the office but you must attach a note to the order with your email address so you can be notified when the order has arrived.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PUT YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND CLASS ON THE ORDER FORM.**

Finally there is an uncollected order from last year being held at the office. The order did not have a name on it. Please call into the office if you still have an outstanding order from last year.

I hope all our parents can support this worthwhile promotion.

Nicola Krejci  
Book Club Co-ordinator