

Hornsby South Public School Newsletter

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CALENDAR

Friday	7 August	Jeans for Genes Day
Wednesday	12 August	Kindergarten 2010 Information Evening
Thursday	13 August	Book Club orders due
Thursday	13 August	Book Week Performances
Monday	17 August	School Photos

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

WORKING BEE

Thank you to Duncan and Kath (Connan 3I) and Year 1 parents for the great job clearing the creek area at the working bee on Sunday. Thank you to:

Isabelle	5S
Sophie & John	Former students of HSPS
Karen	Sam 1S
Kathy & Duncan	Connan 3I
Kim	Thomas 1S
Craig	Thomas 1S
Danielle	Sam 1T & Hugh KG
Madoka	Shaun 1J
Wei	Angela 1S
Kathryn	Rachel 1J

KINDERGARTEN 2010 INFORMATION EVENING

An information evening for parents of Kindergarten 2010 children will be held next Wednesday 12 August at 7.30pm. The session, called "Getting Ready for School", will be held in the Kindergarten double room and will be run by assistant principal, Mrs Davey, and staff.

If you have a child starting school next year, and have not enrolled as yet, please contact Mrs Merryfull or Mrs Horrocks in the office to complete the enrolment.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

The Student Representative Council (SRC) is organising Jeans for Genes Day this Friday. Please see **SRC News** for details.

Rob Stirling

UPDATED INFORMATION

In order to keep our records as up to date as possible, we are asking anyone who has recently had a change in details, eg: new address, new Australian citizenship, new phone numbers, to please send the details to the office so your child's records can be updated.

MANDARIN CLASSES

After school Mandarin classes are run in our computer lab from 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Mondays. Through our multimedia teaching resources, the language program is designed to be fun, communicative and interactive. Other than structured lessons, learners are also engaged in crafts, rhymes and songs, traditional Chinese stories and idioms, as well as role-play.

This term we start with the topic 'family and pets', which is significant and important to us. We emphasize the importance of learning basic strokes and stroke order of characters. Through regular practice of counting strokes of characters, learners will find it easy to recognize the old and new characters.

'Sounding out' Chinese characters is another area we'll spend more time on. Learners will acquire good pronunciation and intonation of Mandarin through on-going reinforcement of pinyin practice (sounding out with phonetic symbols and tones).

Starting from this term, students will learn how to type Chinese and create their own on-line memory games related to the topic 'family and pets'.

There are a few vacancies for students from year 3 to year 6. If you are interested, please contact the school office for the enrolment.

Ching Lo (Mandarin Teacher)

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Envelopes have been sent home with students today. Please return them to your class teacher with correct money by **Wednesday 12 August**.

Please note the following information:

- If paying by cash, correct money must be included. No change will be given.
- Cheques should be made payable to The School Photographer.
- If paying for more than one student, complete payment can be sent with one child but an envelope must be completed and sent in for each child covered by the payment.
- Family envelopes are available at the office so please collect one if you wish to have your children photographed together.
- **Band members** will need to bring instruments with them.
- **PSSA students** will need to bring their sports uniforms with them to change into for sport photos.
- **No phone calls will be made to parents to chase payment or items forgotten by children. No money – no individual photos.**

Monday 17 August 2009

Full winter school uniform to be worn



LOST SHOE

We currently have in Lost Property one lost shoe. It is a size 4 white sneaker with mauve and white laces and an orthotic. The shoe was probably lost at the sports carnival. If you think this may belong to you, please come to the office.

SRC NEWS



JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Friday 7 August is Jeans for Genes day across Australia. On this day the SRC would like all students and teachers to come to school wearing jeans and donate a gold coin to show their support for this important cause.

WHAT IS A GENE?

Our genes are tiny instructions that make us what we are. Made of DNA, genes contain inherited information that tells our cells how to carry out specific jobs. Each person has around 3 billion DNA building blocks that make up their genes – that's enough information to fill 200 phone books. If just one letter is wrong, this may cause a genetic disorder. These conditions can include cancer, cystic fibrosis, muscular dystrophy, blindness and epilepsy and other more rare diseases.

Understanding our genes will allow us to treat and prevent so many of these devastating diseases.

SRC Representatives

PSSA SOCCER



What a fantastic performance by the soccer teams last week! Both junior and senior teams came away with strong wins against Cowan Public School. Great skills, great teamwork and great sportsmanship were displayed by all players. Congratulations.



NETBALL

Our netballers have also been very successful recently. Although our junior team went down, they played with terrific enthusiasm and are continuing to improve every week. Our senior girls had an outstanding game mostly due to exceptional teamwork across the whole court. They came away with a big win over Cowan Public School.

PSSA Coaches

CANTEEN NEWS



This term's menu is attached to this newsletter.

Hot chocolate & milkshakes: We remind parents that only Kindergarten can order hot chocolate and milkshakes for recess and lunch. Years 1 and 2 can order for recess only. Years 3 to 6 do not order these items. Years 1 to 6 can come to the canteen and buy over the counter.

Orders: Please order recess and lunch on separate bags and write the orders from the top of the bag down.

Help Needed: Parent help is needed in operating the canteen. If you could give one morning a month from 9.15 till 1.30 it would be greatly appreciated. Tea, coffee, a chat, morning tea and lunch are provided. The children really get a kick out of seeing their parents helping in the canteen. So if you can help please phone me or contact Heather Obaseki at heatobas@yahoo.com.au or by phone on 9476 3509.

Judith Hulme

Canteen Manager Ph: 0425 252 181

BOOKCLUB

Scholastic Book Club Catalogues – Issue 5 July 2009

Thank you to all the students, families and teachers who ordered from the last catalogues. Everyone got their orders in on time and the school received over \$300 worth of new books and coupons for the teachers to spend on resources. Well done!!

Today the students will be receiving their new catalogues – there are lots of books for only \$5 – worth having a look.

Please note the new ordering system:

- All orders are to be given to your classroom teacher on the morning of **Thursday 13/8/09** – please no early or late orders
- No orders are to be placed in the P&C box in the office foyer
- Please ensure you are ordering from **Issue 5 July 2009 catalogues** – not previous catalogues
- Please complete the entire order form
- If you are paying with cash, please ensure it is the exact amount

Thank you

Nicola Krejci – Book Club Co-ordinator



P & C

Grounds Maintenance

Thank you to the families that helped last Sunday with the ground maintenance. Bit by bit the grounds are looking fantastic.

Uniform Shop

The sports polo shirts have arrived.

Summer Blooms Fundraiser



Its that time of year when you get your garden or pots looking great for the warmer months.

This year we have decided to do the Summer blooms and there are some great offers for \$5.00, \$8.00 and \$12.00, there is even berries and potatoes included in this one. Anyone who places an order for 5 or more packs receives a **FREE** bulb surprise from the \$8.00 section.

Those who purchased from our Spring Bulb Fundraiser would know how great these packs are. All orders come with an instruction book so you can't go wrong.

Please place all orders with payment in the White P&C box at the office NO LATER than Tuesday 18th August.

Next Meeting (CHANGE)

The next General P&C meeting will be **Wednesday August 19th 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

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

Monday 2.30 pm – 3.00 pm

Friday 9.00 am – 9.45 am

Will your child be starting Kindy in 2010?



Now is the time to enroll!

Application forms are available from the school office.

