

Hornsby South Public School Newsletter

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CALENDAR

Wednesday

25 March

P&C AGM 7.30pm

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MAINTENANCE / CAPITAL WORKS

It has been widely reported in the media that Commonwealth Government funding will be used to upgrade school facilities as part of the economic stimulus package.

We have all long been concerned about the state of the toilets in the school and I am happy to report that a new toilet block has been approved. We have also had approval for painting and carpeting a number of classrooms.

A major electrical upgrade has also been approved. As a growing school, the existing power is inadequate to meet our needs.

Finally, I spoke at the P&C meeting last week about capital funding, also from the Commonwealth Government, for major capital works. Projects can include upgrading facilities, such as new halls and libraries for schools without these facilities, or multi-function rooms, permanent classrooms to replace demountables, etc.

I will be working with a small group of parents who volunteered to help at last week's P&C meeting to submit to the government a "wish list" of major projects for our school.

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent / Teacher Interviews will be held in the last two weeks of this term. Details will be sent home in the next couple of weeks.

If you have issues you wish to discuss with the class teacher at other times, an appointment can be made by ringing the school office. Similarly, teachers regularly contact parents as issues or concerns arise.

FAMILY CAMPOUT

Congratulations to Caroline (Samantha 6P and Alana 3I) and to Jillian (Thomas 5/6A and Grace 4M) for organising the family campout last weekend.

By all accounts everyone had a fantastic time, with many requests to make the campout an annual event.

WHOOPING COUGH

There has been a recent increase in the number of children diagnosed with Whooping Cough. Information from NSW Health is included in this newsletter.

Rob Stirling

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Congratulations to the elected students who will form the Student Representative Council (SRC) for 2009. The SRC provides a forum for students to voice ideas and undertake action plans, to raise funds to purchase equipment for the school and to support local charities.

The SRC will meet every Thursday at 10:40 in Mr Lee's room.

The Representatives for 2009 are:

Rhea 1T, Jet 1T, Callum 1S, Angela 1S, Charli 1J, Sam 1J, Joshua 2A, Brindley 2A, Eve 2E, Lily 2E, Matthew 2G, Renee 2G, Zoe 3L, Alistair 3L, Hamish 3I, Hayley 3I, Aysha 4M, Isaac 4M, Nadya 4/5R, Alex 4/5R, Isabelle 5S, Liam 5S, Austin 5/6A, Kelin 5/6A, Victoria 6P, Samuel 6P, Isaac 6P, Claire 6P, Samantha 6P, Sebastian 6P and Dylan 6P.

LIBRARY

Premier's Reading Challenge 2009

The Premier's Reading Challenge is underway for 2009. This is a great opportunity to encourage your children to read. The listed books are specially selected because they are high quality and high interest value for the children.

This is a free activity for your children and will no doubt aid in their reading development. It also gives them an introduction to authors who they may not have previously encountered.

All students completing the Challenge receive a certificate and have their names published in the newspaper.

REMINDER

We are still waiting for some families to return the blue Family Information Sheets. These sheets are extremely important as we need to be able to contact parents in case of sickness or emergency. Please return to the school office as soon as possible.

Mrs Merryfull
School Admin Manager

RECORDER GROUPS

Thursday – 8.30 in Mrs Inder's room.

Beginners

Please bring a recorder and be prepared to practise.

Friday – 8.30 in Mrs Inder's room

Advanced

BULLY BUSTING

Hornsby Shire Council in conjunction with Child and Adolescent Parenting from Northern Sydney Central Coast Health are holding a workshop for parents. Topics include:

- What is Bullying?
- Who is Affected by Bullying Behaviour?
- How to Help Your Child if :
 - they are being bullied
 - they are doing the bullying behaviour
 - they witness bullying behaviour

The workshop is in Hornsby Library meeting room on Friday 13th March from 10.15am – 12.45pm.

The workshop is FREE but bookings are essential. For more information please call 9887 5830.

ASQUITH SOCCER CLUB

Asquith Soccer Club is looking for a couple of players in the following groups:

Boys and girls turning 7, 9,10 or 11 this year who would like to play in the Saturday Mixed Small Sided Games (SSG) competition.

Girls turning 9 or 10 this year who would like to play in a Girls Under 10 Sunday SSG competition.

Girls or boys turning 12 or 13 this year who would like to play in the Mixed Junior Saturday competition.

If you are interested, or know anyone who might be, please contact Robyn at juniorvp@asquithsc.org.au or on 0415 051 618 as soon as possible.



P & C

BAND NEWS



Camp Out



The Camp Out was a great success! Thank you to everyone who came along either to camp or to enjoy a picnic dinner. It was wonderful to see our school community come together to spend some time getting to know each other.

We raised approximately \$700 & this money will go towards canteen equipment.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped us set up, BBQ & to clean up, especially to Greg Patten & Chris Vanderlaan for helping with many, many jobs!

**Caroline
Jillian**

I couldn't agree more, the night was a raging success with a great atmosphere. My family and I attended the Camp Out and camped for the first time as a family and had a great time and can't wait to do it again. On behalf of the P&C Committee I would like to thank everyone who attended and helped to make this a huge success but most of all I would like to thank **Caroline and Jillian** for all their work in organising this event and to all the helpers on the night.

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday March 25th, 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 March 25th, 2009 at 8pm straight after the AGM. 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

Band AGM / meeting

There will be a band AGM / band meeting held on Wednesday 11th March at 8pm in the Yurt. Please come along and find out about the band program and upcoming band camp.

Date for your Diary

Please note that the Band camp will be from Friday 29th May 5pm through to Sunday 31st May 2.30pm at Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen. Both Concert band and training band members are expected to attend.

Training Band 2009

Training band will commence on Friday 6th March. Please arrive promptly at the hall at 7.55am. Remember to bring your instrument, Essential Elements 2000 book and a display folder.

TALENT SEARCH CLINIC

Tennis Australia and Tennis NSW are running a national Talent Search program designed to identify young and exciting female athletes aged between 6 – 11 years who have a desire and capacity to excel in sport.

Date: 8 March 2009-03-04

Time: 8.30am – 11.30am

Bookings are essential. For more information call Jarrad Bunt on 9764 1999 or visit www.sydneolympicpark.com.au/womens-sports-festival