

Hornsby South Public School Newsletter

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CALENDAR

Wednesday	23 September	P&C Meeting
Thursday	1 October	Convict Day
Friday	2 October	Last Day of Term 3
Monday	19 October	Students return – Term 4

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MILSON ISLAND

All is well! Kids are great, teachers are too!! The program has been changed to suit the terrible weather conditions and the children are enjoying themselves despite the dust.

MATHS INFORMATION EVENING

The Maths evening for parents last Wednesday was highly successful with over 40 parents attending to hear how Maths is taught in primary schools. The focus was addition and subtraction, with further sessions planned to cover other strands of Mathematics.

Thank you to teachers: Mr Peter Lee, Mrs Jenny Davey, Mrs Louise Stacey and Mrs Nicole McKean for sharing their knowledge, and their enthusiasm.

Thanks also to Melanie Galloway, class parent coordinator, for organising the supper.

INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARD SESSION FOR PARENTS

Mrs Sue MacNamara, our computer coordinator, will be holding a session in the computer room next Wednesday 30 September at 7pm for parents interested in Interactive Whiteboards (IWBs). Our major fundraising efforts have been directed towards purchasing IWBs for classrooms. We are working towards having an IWB in every permanent classroom by the end of next year. We now have 6 installed with 3 more on order. Video conferencing equipment will be installed next week as part of the Connected Classrooms program. Please see details elsewhere in the newsletter about Mrs Macnamara's information session.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN results were sent home last week to parents of all children in Years 3 and 5 who sat for the national Literacy and Numeracy testing in May.

We are very pleased with our results, with our school considerably above national averages in every area.

ROAD SAFETY

As you all would be aware from previous newsletters, road safety around the school is of great concern for us all, made increasingly difficult due to the growth of our school.

We have a number of interested teachers and parents ready to gear up, once again, to make application for crossing supervisors outside the school and on Neutral Road, and to investigate a safer pedestrian route to Hornsby.

The first step, currently being organised by Mrs Fitjer, is to apply for a traffic audit to be conducted by the RTA and Hornsby Council. The purpose of the traffic audit is to determine the current traffic situation, and therefore needs, around the school.

In the meantime, please be aware that council rangers are booking drivers according to the current street signage.

While we constantly try to make improvements through council and the RTA, it is important to remember that pedestrian safety around schools is the responsibility of all of us.

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

Last day of student attendance 2009 Wed 16 Dec 2009

SCHOOL VACATION

Staff return: Wed 27 Jan 2010
Students return: Thurs 28 Jan 2010

Kindergarten 2010
Students commence: Mon 1 Feb 2010

Rob Stirling

GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS: EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

2009 Creative Problem Solving Competition

Who: Students in Years 3-8
Where: North Shore Development Centre
When: Saturday 24 October
Cost: \$20
Enrolment closes: 13 October
Brochure can be obtained from Mrs Stacey.

Mindquest 2009

Who: Students in Years 1-6
Where: Quakers Hill High School
When: Sat 31 October, Sun 1 November
Cost: \$150
Enrolment closes: 2 October
Forms are available from Mrs Stacey.



FREE SWIMMING LESSONS

The NSW Government provides free swimming lessons with fully accredited teachers for children in years 2-6.

The program is designed for children who have never been in water up to children who are able to swim 25 metres.

Every child in years 2 and 3 is expected to attend.

The ten day program has been very successful as muscle tone is built up over ten days. Children are able to remember skills learnt the previous day and successfully improve their swimming ability in a short time.

The only cost to parents is bus fare and pool entry for ten days.

If you have not sent your child's permission note and money in, please do so before the end of term.

Notes can be downloaded from the school's website www.hornsbysth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.

Mrs T Inder
Organising Teacher



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen to represent the Northern Region in gymnastics at the recent National State Championships:

Jemma Level 1, 20th overall
Alana Level 2, 33rd overall
Erin Level 3, 4th overall
1st on Bars, 3rd on Beam



Also, congratulations to Aysha who received a blue ribbon at the State Stream Championships for top results.

INFANTS RECORDER GROUP

There will be an Infants Recorder Group which will run during the first half of lunch each Thursday. The group is open to students in Years 1 and 2.

Recorders are available from the music shop in Hornsby. A cheaper version is also available from K-Mart or Target.

Mrs Jansons (Coordinator)



SPORTS REPORTS 18/9/09

Softball

We lost 14:5 to Warrawee but the sportsmanship by both teams was great. We all had a lot of fun. We didn't care if we lost because we all had fun.

T-ball

We lost 27:20 against Warrawee but had a great game. Grace V, Jemma, Mary and Kimberley all made outs while Mary and Kimberley hit home runs. Everyone batted very well with many balls going into the outfield. It was a great first game girls and everyone played in the true spirit of the game.

VACATION CARE

The Vacation Care Program and booking forms for the October holidays will be made available to families from Week 7. Please pick up a copy from the front office or from BASC. Booking forms can be submitted from Week 7 onwards.

The closing date for Vacation Care bookings is **Wednesday 30th September. Bookings submitted after this date will incur a fee of \$15.** Please remember that we have limited places at Vacation Care and if you submit your forms late you may not get the days you want. If you have any questions about Vacation Care please speak to Zahra at BASC.

LOST PROPERTY

Because of the painting scheduled for the school holidays, the admin office area has to be cleared out before the end of term. As Lost Property is again overflowing we will be sending any unclaimed items to the Clothing Pool next Friday, the last day of term.



P & C

Moppity Meats

THE MEAT ORDERS WILL BE DELIVERED THIS FRIDAY AT SCHOOL PICK UP AT THE FRONT GATE, PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE THERE TO COLLECT IT AS IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE SCHOOL TO STORE IT ON YOUR BEHALF.

Uniform Shop

As we are approaching the change of season in the uniform shop, we would like to ask you to please be patient with any delays that may occur due to deliveries. These are out of the control of the volunteers who work in the shop.

Fundraising

Thank you to all who supported our latest fundraisers. The amounts raised are as follows.

Summer Bulbs	\$212.70
Fathers Day Tube Plants	\$468.10
Moppity Meats	\$750.00

Next Meeting

The next General P&C meeting is tonight, Wednesday September 23rd 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

WORKING BEE

**Sunday 27 September
Year 3**

But....

If your children are in other grades please feel free to come along.

Bring gardening tools (mowers, etc).

If you don't have tools just come along.

1.30 to 3.30 pm



BAND NEWS



Training Band Performance

Well done on your excellent performance at assembly last week

Concert Band / Ensemble

Rehearsals will be as normal in week 10. It is important to everyone attending rehearsals in week 10 and week 1 and 2 of term 4 as you are performing in the Galston eisteddfod.

Ensemble – Wednesday 28th October approx 2pm

Concert band Thursday 29th October – after 9am.

Drivers will be required on these dates so if you can help please contact Ellenora – ellenora@internode.on.net

Date for your diary –

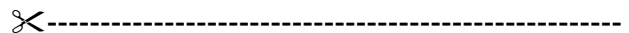
Musical Soiree will be held on **Friday 20th November at 6-7.30pm** – Training band, Concert band and ensemble will perform

Exam Results

Congratulations to the following student on her excellent result recently.



Victoria 4th grade piano A



PARENT INFORMATION SESSION: INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARDS

I / We would like to attend the Interactive Whiteboard Information session on Wednesday 30 September.

Name/s _____

My child's name _____

Class _____

