

Hornsby South Public School Newsletter

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CALENDAR

Thursday 19 March
Wednesday 25 March
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Selective High School Test – Year 6
Multicultural Day / Harmony Day
P&C AGM 7.30pm

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

CAR PARK

We are always concerned about road safety in and around the school. As the school grows the car park is increasingly becoming an issue. We feel it is time for clearer guidelines.

Congestion in the mornings before school, and immediately after school is the main concern. Therefore we need to make the car park for staff parking only all day up until 4pm.

After 4pm we feel the car park is clear enough for general use.

STAFFING

We have a number of staffing changes for the next term. Parents of children in classes affected have been sent home a letter today with specific details.

Ms Augusta Monroe, currently teaching Year 4, has announced her retirement, effective from the end of this term.

Ms Monroe has been a teacher in the NSW public system for over 37 years and in Scotland before that. In that time she has been a very strong advocate of public education.

Ms Monroe has made an excellent contribution to our school and will certainly be missed.

Mrs Sue Peattie, who is well known to many of you, is returning from extended leave and will take over from Ms Monroe on class 4M.

Mr Matt Ellis who has been doing a fantastic job on class 2E will also be leaving us. Mr Ellis graduated from university at the end of last year, and has been

working here for a number of years in various roles, this year as a temporary teacher on class 2E.

Matthew has gained a permanent appointment and will be taking up that appointment at Lindfield East Public School from the end of the term.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING

You may recall me writing in the newsletter earlier this term about the Federal Government money being made available to schools as part of the economic stimulus package. Every school has been submitting applications for capital works projects up until the beginning of this week.

In consultation with the P&C and the Department of Education we have submitted a range of proposals including replacing demountables with permanent classrooms, multipurpose room, covered outdoor Learning Area, hall extension, canteen upgrade, covered walkways, painting and recarpeting the school, storage areas and power upgrade (including solar panels). A new toilet block has already been approved.

A school our size was eligible to apply for up to \$3 million of work. Priority is to be given to schools without halls and libraries so there is no expectation that we will get all that we asked for.

Thank you to Chris (Emily 3I), Duncan (Connan 3I), Peter (Mia 2G and Aysha 4M) and Drew (Harry 3L) from the P&C for helping with the process.

PARENT INFORMATION FORMS

There are still some families who have not returned their blue information and contact form. These are vital to the well-being of your children. It is very important that we have up to date emergency contact information for **ALL** the children. If you have not already done so please send them in as soon as possible. If you have mislaid the form and require another copy please ask the office. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Rob Stirling

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school uniform is compulsory. It is a requirement that all children wear either their full school uniform or sports uniform five days a week (with the exception of special days like Multicultural Day).

PARENTS IN THE PLAYGROUND

Parents are encouraged to drop children before school and then leave. Some parents are staying in the playground during and after morning assembly and this can be very distracting for the children.

Peter Lee and Jennifer Davey

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

There has been a growing need for families to access Before & After School Care (BASC). Unfortunately we have been unable to offer places to many families due to restrictions with space & licensing numbers. This need has been addressed by BASC & the school & we have been working towards finding a solution to this issue. There have been some recent changes & we are now licensed to cater for more children during before & after school, as we will be able to use the school hall as extra space for the children.

From Week 9 all the families on the waiting list will be offered a place at BASC. Parents will be contacted this week & they will be required to complete a booking form at the centre. We have also made some changes to cater for parents who require casual bookings. From Week 9 there will be two places for every session allocated to families needing casual care. Parents will need to contact the centre to make a booking at least 24 hours before the required session. There is no guarantee that casual bookings will be accepted so please seek confirmation before the required session. If you have any questions regarding BASC please contact Zahra on 9487 8764 or speak to a staff member at the centre.



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

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

The Uniform Shop is open at the following times:

Monday 2.30 to 3pm

Friday 9 to 9.45am



Vacation Care

Vacation Care will again be available during the holidays. The service will run from Tuesday 14/4/09 through to 28/4/09.

Please collect a program & booking form from the Yurt (during BASC hours) or from the school office.

P&C AGM

The school relies on support from the HSPS Parents & Citizens Association and the P&C relies on support from the school community. Without all this support we wouldn't have some of the fantastic items our kids need to learn and grow.

Our P&C AGM is next Wednesday night, please come along and support our school and if you can spare some time to be on the committee, please put your hand up to join our small but dedicated team.

To be eligible to vote or join the team you will need to pay a membership fee of 50cents on the night.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday March 25th, 2009 at 7:30pm in the Yurt. If you feel you would like to help out in some way, please consider being part of our small, dedicated Team. The general meeting will follow at 8.00pm.

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

NUT ALLERGIES

This is a reminder that we have a number of children in the school with very serious allergies to nuts. This condition, called anaphylaxis, can be life threatening.

We ask that parents please avoid sending nuts and nut products, such as peanut butter, to school with their children. Your support in this important matter is very much appreciated.



BAND NEWS



Band AGM / meeting

Thank you for all those new faces that attended the band meeting & AGM. A copy of the minutes has been emailed.

Training Band

Registration forms were handed out last week. Please complete and return to the green band box so we have up to date contact details. Band fee invoices for training band will not be handed out until term 2.

Concert Band

Band fees were handed out last week. We have been invited to perform at the Asquith Boys Variety Evening on Thursday 11th June. Please note this date in your diary – further information will be given closer to the date.

**** Saxophone Players Needed ****

Have you thought about learning an instrument? We still have 2 alto saxophones available for hire.

It is not too late to join the HSPS Band Program. Please contact Fiona on 0412 147 551 or fhennessy@aha.com.au if you wish to join the band program.



HAT PARADE

You and your family are invited to attend the annual Hat Parade at Hornsby South Public School. Come along and see some spectacular hats on parade by K-2 and some very unusual hair designs by 3-6. The children in K-2 will be making their hats at school with the help of their teachers.

WHEN: Thursday 9th April

WHERE: Hornsby South Public School Assembly Area

TIME: 11:30AM – 1:00PM

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Mrs Jennifer Davey
(Assistant Principal)