

Hornsby Heights News

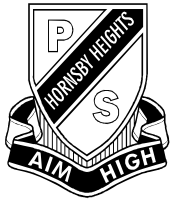
The Weekly Newsletter of Hornsby Heights Public School

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Term 3, Week 1

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Upcoming Events

- 30 July –Sport in Schools Program starts.
- 31 July—School Club Meeting at 2.00pm.
- 3 August—Aust. Youth Choir Visit Yrs 1-6.
- 4 August—Musica Viva.
- 4 August—UNSW English Competition.
- 5 August—P & C Meeting 7.30pm.
- 6 August—Athletics Carnival, Foxglove Oval.



Principal's Report

Welcome back to the new term and a particular welcome to the families who have had children start at the school this week. The term will be an interesting one with the promise of the commencement of major building work, in the form of four new multipurpose classrooms. Whilst the starting date has not been fixed, the preparations are moving quickly. We can also look forward to a number of events including the Sport In Schools Australia program, Musica Viva, the School and Zone Athletics Carnivals, two dance Eisteddfods, the Band Camp and, to finish the term, the Intensive Swimming Scheme. It will be a busy term.

The spectre of swine flu hangs above us all as school recommences and, even though the pandemic has been less severe than first thought, parents still need to be vigilant when their children are ill. The advice from the Departments of Education and Health is: **any person with flu symptoms should stay away from school until they are well.** Symptoms of flu include fever, chills, sore throat, cough, unusual tiredness, muscle aches and sometimes vomiting and diarrhoea. I would ask all parents to assist in following the above advice.

Late last term the water tank won in the BlueScope Steel Tank a Day competition was installed behind the Hall. A big thank you to Andrew Sawyer who has connected the tank to the roof of the Hall during the school holidays. We now have water collecting in the tank whenever it rains.

I would like to ask all parents to ensure they drive carefully around the school and park legally. This will keep children safe when they are travelling to or from school. Please be aware that Police often blitz school zones at the start of the term in an effort to keep traffic travelling at safe speeds. I know nearly all parents take great care most of the time and I thank you for that.

Late last term some students started coming to school out of uniform. In a number of cases this could have been due to the inclement weather and the difficulty in getting clothes washed and dried. Now that we have more pleasant weather upon us I would ask all parents to ensure students wear correct uniform to school and come well groomed each day.

John Charlton

Teacher's Notices

International Competitions

Each year students from Year 3 to Year 6 are given the opportunity to enter external competitions and assessments. These competitions are an initiative of the Educational Testing Centre of the University of N.S.W.

2009 UNSW Computer Skills Results

2 High Distinctions:

Kassidy G. James C.

4 Distinctions:

Gabrielle C. Louise W.
Zaria I. Kamran S.

22 Credits:

Masha A.	Timothy L.	Jayden H.
Lachlan M.	Aiden H.	William N.
Callum J.	Julia P.	Sally P.
Darius S.	Sophie T.	Kiara K.
Kiril A.	Erin F.	Taylor H.
Nick L.	Christopher S.	Annabel W.
Phoebe C.	Tom G.	Emily-Kate P.
Eddie S.		

Congratulations to all participants and especially to the above students who received awards.

Mrs Johnston

Competition Coordinator

Music News

As 2009 is the International Year of Astronomy and Week 4 is National Science Week, in Music all children will be studying Gustav Holsts "The Planets Suite"!

Music Assignment: Due in Week 4.

3B, KS, KM: Due Monday 17 August.

6F, 2B, 1M: Due Tuesday 18 August.

2K, 1/2S, 3M, 4J, 5E, 5/6H: Due Wednesday 19 August.

On these days each student will need to....

1. Bring in a model of one planet!
2. Attach a completed 'found this fact out...' to their model!
3. Include a "Made by _____" somewhere!

Parents, please check this week that your child has shown you a copy of the Assignment Information Sheet.

Songs 'n Smiles

Mrs Fuller

Music Teacher

Dance News

Dance Ensemble & 5E:

McDonalds Performing Arts Challenge -

University of NSW, Sunday 9 August.

5/6H:

Ryde Eisteddfod -

Ryde Secondary School, Saturday 22 August.

6F:

Hills Dance Spectacular Eisteddfod -

Pacific Hills Christian School, Saturday 22 August.

Details regarding the performances in August, will be sent home closer to the dates.

Mrs Morris

Dance Teacher

Sport in Schools Program

The Sport in Schools Australia Program commences this week, and I would ask parents to please send in any outstanding payments and permission notes(available from Office Foyer), by Thursday 30 July, 2009.

Thank you for your prompt assistance.

Mrs Mamo

Student News

Band News

Welcome back!

Those wishing to participate in Busking for Band Camp need to have their forms back by Friday, we will only be able to go ahead with this event if we have enough children willing to participate. Band Camp is in Week 7. Notes go home this week and full payment needs to be returned by Friday 21 August.

Term 3 Band Meeting Tuesday 11 August 8.00pm at 14 McKay Rd.

All rehearsals resume next week.

*Quote: An accordion is a bagpipe with pleats-
Unknown*

Pearl Sachinwalla

Band Coordinator

Parent Happenings



Starts in our classes tomorrow! Don't forget to send along a small piece or slices of fruit, vegetables or a small water bottle for children to enjoy as they take a five minute break in class each day.

OOSH—9476 6901

School Club

The next School Club Meeting is to be held on Friday 31st July, at 2.00pm in the Staff Room. We are voting in new Executives for School Club, so we would love to see you at the meeting if you have an interest with helping raise funds for the School.

Also at the meeting we would love to discuss Father's Day presents for the stall. If there are any Businesses within the School Community that could provide us with some suggestions for gifts, it would be very much appreciated. Hope to see you at the meeting, children as always are welcome.

Grounds Committee

I would like to acknowledge and thank Mr Andrew Sawyer for all his hard work during the holiday period, connecting the plumbing to our new water tank, that has been installed behind the Hall.

Well done Andrew!

Also, the next Working Bee is planned for early Term 4. At this stage it will be on Sunday 1 November, commencing at 12.00 noon, through to 5.00pm. As usual, many hands make light work, winners are grinners!

Maurice Cole

Head Garden Gnome



P & C News

Welcome to Term 3!
The P & C now have their own email address, which will be checked regularly.

Email: hppsPandC@gmail.com

At the last P& C meeting, \$17,000 in P& C funds were given to the School to purchase HSIE resources to support COGS units, for the English Dept. to replace worn out books for Momentum Literacy Scheme, for Maths "Box of Facts" for each grade and other resources for Origo Maths Scheme, for Library to purchase new hard copy of Encyclopaedia Britannica to replace the 30 year old version, and for upgrading of computer cabling to Blocks B & E. If you have any suggestions on what the P & C should purchase for **our** School – let us know.

We have also been updating the School website and it is nearly finished (thanks to Mrs Hall). We would love to have some new photos online, so if you have any, please send them to our new email address (as above) and is linked to every page of the updated website.

The Canteen will be re-opening – please see detailed flyer for more information.

Our next P& C Meeting will be on next Wednesday 5 August, at 7:30 pm in the Staff Room.

Thanks
P&C Executive Committee

New Permaculture Garden

Following the two permaculture courses that have been held at the school this year for parents and approval from the P&C, we are excited about planning a garden for the kids at our School.

If you are interested in joining the organising team for this garden, please leave your details at the School Office, or just turn up for our first meeting at **7.00pm on Wednesday 29 July in the School Library.**

The organising team will be responsible for reporting to the P&C, planning the implementation and maintenance of a garden, and grant applications.

All welcome!



Community Notices

Kenthurst Pre-School will be hosting their Annual Fete on Sunday 2 August, 2009 from 10.00 to 3.00pm at the Kenthurst Rotary Park in Nelson Street, Kenthurst. This is their main fundraiser for the year and all money raised is put straight back into the Pre-School for the children. It is a wonderful family day that includes rides, animal farm, face painting, hot food, plants, show bags and much more. There is live entertainment on the stage all day. It will be a great day!



SWANES LAVENDER FESTIVAL

Don't miss out on the exciting display of Lavenders in bloom! Hundreds of Lavenders for sale in the nursery! Cooking demonstrations using Lavender flowers all weekend! The gift shop is packed with aromatic Lavender health and Beauty products, giftware and lavender china! Cafe Botanica will be serving Lavender Scones!

Art and Music at SWANES LAVENDER FESTIVAL

Continuous art show in the Glass House from 28th August to 13th September. View art from members of Castle Hill Art Society and local invited artists. Watch as artists demonstrate their painting techniques. There will even be art for sale in the Glass house. Music 12th & 13th September 2009 commences at 11am on both dates. Enjoy performances by many talented musicians including Highjacked Barbershop Quartet, sensational School Stage Bands, Hornsby Heights Primary School Concert Band, instrumental soloists and the Eisteddfod Scholar Kimberley Michael!

Date: GRAND OPENING Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th September - 10am to 4pm for the art and 11am to 2pm for the music

Cost: Free admission

Contact: Art - Jeanette Prout: 9653 2336. Music - Janet Fuller: 9653 3781

Location: 490 Galston Road, Galston. Phone: 9651 1322

Asquith Boys High School Stage Band

*presents a night of swingin' jazz
in support of the Royal Flying Doctor Service
featuring*

John Morrison's

SWING CITY

ABHS Stage Band and Hornsby North Primary School Concert Band 1



Saturday
8th August 2009
Concert starts 7pm

ABHS Hall
Pacific Highway, Asquith



Tickets must be purchased in advance

\$20 adult, \$10 child or \$50 family of 4 (2 Adults/2 child)
by cash (in person), cheque to Asquith Boys High School (post) or credit card (phone)

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THE CANTEEN IS RE-OPENING!!!

The canteen will be open at lunch time only on Wednesdays and Fridays for **counter sales only** as of 5 August (Week 2).

Special of the Week (5 & 7Aug):

Toasted Ham & Cheese S/W with a Big M flavoured milk. Only \$4.00 - limited quantities available.

We will have sausage rolls & pizza pockets available to order at the counter.

All regular pre-packaged snacks and drinks will be available (e.g. JJs, Jumpy's, iceblocks, juice etc.) as well as **fresh fruit cups - only 50c.**

Please stay tuned for new menu updates.

The canteen will be run on a **volunteer only** basis -

WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!!!!

If you can help on a Wednesday or Friday from 12 - 2pm, please contact Lisa Steele (lisasteel10a@gmail.com) or Kristina Duke (kduke@telstra.com or 9477 1172).

Please support your canteen, as without it we may need to close again!! Thank you.

