

NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 3

Tuesday 10 February 2009

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

... .. Mrs Anne Stewart

Each grade will be having an information evening or session over the next two weeks. Individual grade notes will be sent home with dates and times for your information.

When students are celebrating a birthday, some students like to bring a cake/s for the class to share. Please remember that there are some students in our school that are allergic to particular products. Before sending cakes or biscuits, it is a good idea to first check with your child's teacher to ensure that no one in the class is allergic and to inform the teacher of the ingredients. A reminder that no lollies or sweets are able to be handed out at school.

The safety of all our students is paramount. We are fortunate to have reasonable parking around our school area. The school staff park is for staff only and is not available to parents to pick up or drop off students. All students must enter the front of the school up the front steps or the adjacent path. The delivery area is where trucks and rubbish collection occur and these vehicles have difficulty seeing children if they are behind them. It is vital for parents to be a safety conscious role model for all our children. The few minutes you save by crossing the road in the wrong place may have life threatening consequences.

Hornsby Council is monitoring traffic around schools over the next few weeks to ensure that students are safe and parents are abiding by the road safety rules. Thank you for your co operation.

Classes are settled and working hard. Our class numbers will be confirmed for staffing purposes next week.

Please join us for the Annual General Meeting of the P & C tonight in the Library at 7.30pm. Everyone is most welcome.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

... .. Mrs Glynis Bridgwood

BAND NEWS

A reminder that Training Band commences next Monday 16 February at 7.45am. Main Band

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INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARDS

We have recently installed four new Interactive Whiteboards into our classrooms. This takes the total number of Interactive Whiteboards to eight. We anticipate that our Connected Classroom, which is a DET initiative, will be installed by the end of Semester One.

CYCLICAL SPORT PARENT HELPERS URGENTLY REQUIRED

To conduct our successful Cyclical Sport Program we always rely on parent help.

Activities such as swimming and tennis can not proceed without additional parental assistance. Teachers are responsible for organising activities. Parents help with supervision. Previous experience is not necessary. This year we need parents to help with swimming (Year 4) and tennis (Year 5).

For organisational purposes, parental assistance works best if it is provided on a regular basis eg. fortnightly, for five weeks, term, semester or year.

Anyone who is interested and available to help with 2009 Friday sport, from 1.00pm until 2.45pm, is asked to call at the front office to pick up a form as soon as possible, so that a roster can be arranged and sent to you.

J Rowtliep and K Morton
Friday Sport Coordinators

MAIN BAND NEWS

We would like to welcome back our Main Band members and a warm welcome to all our new members. We are looking forward to an exciting year filled with hard work, fun and of course lots of music.



It was with regret that Mr David Sismey our Band Director of the past two years resigned his position with the band at the end of last year to move on and we are currently going through the process of finding a replacement - Watch this space!

In the meantime, our own multi talented Miss Kelly has kindly stepped in to be our 'temporary' Band Director up until such time that our new Director is appointed.

As you know Miss Kelly has numerous teaching & musical commitments and with this in mind our Main Band rehearsals will consist of ONE rehearsal each week and will be on **Wednesday mornings at 7.30 a.m.** Our first rehearsal will be Week 3, **Wednesday the 11th February**. Remember this is only temporary and will almost definitely change once our new Band Director is appointed.

If anyone has any questions re the above please contact either Mrs Bridgwood, Deputy Principal or Janice Scott on 0421 310 610. Thank you.

FAMILY INFORMATION CARDS

Family information cards will be coming home this week. Please complete with up to date information and return to your class teacher by Friday 13 February.

DEVASTATED VICTORIAN COMMUNITY — HOW YOU CAN HELP

Scores of people have died in Australia's worst ever bushfire disaster. At least 750 homes have been destroyed and an estimated 330,000 hectares burnt out.

Firefighters will again have their hands full today as southerly winds pick up in central, northeast and eastern Victoria with little rain in sight as 24 fires continue to rage. Residents of the previously safe Healesville, where survivors have gathered for refuge, have been warned to be vigilant for fire embers. The town is surrounded by devastation with huge plumes of smoke billowing from the nearby hills.

Each of us is left wondering what we can do to help. As the damage increases and the death toll rises, Australians nationwide are rallying together to support the victims of the worst bushfire in Australian history.

Hear's how you can help the victims of the Victorian bushfires.....

With more than \$12 million dollars in donations so far we would like to ask the families in the Cherrybrook school community to contribute in toiletries.

We are in the process of coordinating a "shipment" of toiletries to be delivered to the Yea Camp Ground where many families have currently been set up in temporary accommodation.

We are asking that those families who are interested contribute items no later than Friday 20 February. Items can be left at the school office and will be collected each day. Contact either Narelle Adem (0430 482 113) or Michael Cousens (0409 425 138).

CANTEEN NEWS

If you are available to assist in the canteen for a day or even a hour or two please drop in and see us or phone 9875 3269.

Term 1 Week 3:

Wednesday 11 February:

Narelle Cousins, Liz Schembri, Andy Skirka.

Thursday 12 February:

Jo Whereat, Michelle Gough, Sharrie Hodder,

11-1.45: HELPER NEEDED.

Friday 13 February:

Jayne Spasojevic, Kylie Winkcup, Denise D'Amore,

HELPER NEEDED.

Next Week's Roster:

Week 4:

Monday 16 February:

Di Jesse, Ros Fung, **HELPER NEEDED.**

Tuesday 17 February:

Elizabeth Hunter, Karen Gardiner,

11-1.45: Bron Poole.

Wednesday 18 February:

Heather Laherty, Priya Desai,

11-1.45: Shyama Ratnam.

Thursday 19 February:

Cassandra Collins, Dhami Chanmugan,

Sharrie Hodder.

Friday 20 February:

Alanna Paterson, Alison Baker, Sharrie Hodder, Karen

Seamons.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Due to unforeseen price increases Jelly Straws will now cost 15 cents each.

Monday 16 February is Apple Slinky Day. Apples are for sale at 50 cents each or bring your own and have them slinkied for free.

A new price menu will be issued Term 2.

We thank all of the above parents and helpers/carers for their time given in helping to provide this service for the children of Cherrybrook Public School.

Nicole Digby and Sue Canty.

Canteen Managers

DIARY DATES

10 February: Kinder Parent Evening

10 February: P & C Meeting

13 February: Cyclical Sport begins

16 February: Meet the Teacher Nights commence

17 February: Year 2 Gym