Dear Parents,

This week Life Education is visiting the school. Some of our parents, considerably younger than myself, may even recall “Healthy Harold” from their own school days. Life Education hasn’t been to our school for a number of years, so we are interested in what the content is like and its ability to engage the children. Many programs have been updated and include issues of staying healthy, smoking, friendships and cyber safety. Life Education always seeks to deliver the positive message that each and every person is special. Because of these lessons, and the Kindergarten excursion on Thursday, there will be no assembly this week.

So many parents help our school in so many different ways, it is sometimes hard to keep up. I must mention Leigh Hudson. As you may know, Leigh runs the Uniform Shop with Lucy Leslie, which is a wonderful service to our community. Well, in Leigh’s “spare” time she has been arranging and organising previous costumes, wigs and props that have been used by the school. They are now neatly ordered and labelled in a room underneath the canteen block. Thank you so much Leigh – it will be infinitely easier for staff to know what we have so they can use it in the future!

While we’re on thank yous, thank you to our fabulous P&C and all the parent helpers who manned, and womanned, the barbecues and cake stalls on Election Day. It was very much appreciated. The P&C have had a very busy few weeks, with the Obstacle-a-thon and Fathers’ Day Breakfast, Election Day Barbecue and Trivia Night coming up this week. Thank you for your continued support of the school.

Last Monday Emma B. travelled to State Parliament House to compete in the Premier’s Public Speaking Competition. Once again it involved a prepared speech and then an impromptu speech. I’m told Emma did extremely well in such a high pressure situation, and even gave some other competitors some helpful ideas! Well done Emma – I’m sure it was a wonderful experience for you.

There is a week and a half of school left to complete Term Three, and it has been an extremely busy term. The school calendar is a little bit different this year, as first day back for all students will be Tuesday, 8th October. Monday, 7th October is a public holiday as it is part of the October Long Weekend. This public holiday is usually in the middle of the school holidays but this year it is at the beginning of Term Four.

David Beggs
Congratulations to the following students who received a merit certificate at last week’s assembly.

Aisha J KIJ  Molly V 3V
Cameron K KIJ  Chris O 3V
Chloe A KS  Zaree P 3/4G
Emily B KS  Lauren W 3/4G
Taj W KB  Charlie B 4C
David P KB  Annalise W 4C
Amelie B 1H  Lachlan D 4/5J
Jack L-S 1H  Ruby A 4/5J
Olivia U 1S  Chantel F 5/6B
Ethan B 1S  Alyssa B 5/6B
Melanie H 2P  Sean G 6G
Isaac H 2P  Isabel F 6G
Abbi M 2N  Sharon J Library
Nicholas V 2N  Malinsa R ESL
Connor T Computers
Zac O Computers

The following students received Striver Badges last week.

Nick G  Olivia U
Jimmy T  Darcy M
Stephanie M

KINDERGARTEN 2014

Do you have a child or know of someone with a child commencing Kindergarten in 2014 and have not already completed an enrolment form. If so, please contact the school office to arrange enrolment so that planning can commence for 2014.

P&C NEWS

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Election Day 2013

Well the people have voted……… with their tastebuds and declared the NPS P&C Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall a roaring success! There seemed to be a never-ending supply of delicious cakes, cupcakes, scones, slices and all manner of sweet treats being ferried from the canteen to restock our already heaving stand outside the school hall and I am glad to say by days’ end barely a crumb was left.

Meanwhile up on the grassy knoll in front of the canteen a puff of smoke told a tale of steak and sausage sangers aplenty as our chefs slaved under a roasting sun to feed the hungry hordes.

Many thanks to all of you who supported us on the day, whether with your proficiency on the tongs, excellent salesmanship on the cake and BBQ stalls or ferrying coffees to the needy. So thank you to Avila, Beattie, Blackman, Brown, Courtney, Filer, Fox, Frank, Jovanovic, Karube-Muir, Kemmis, Leslie, Marine, Penrose, Philp, Ramsay, Schuster, Thomas, Watanabe and Wilhelm families. Thanks also to the many, many of you who supplied us with such delectable treats, and to Leigh Hudson and Lisa Christy for their hard work organising the raffle and stuffing lolly bags. And finally thanks to all the wonderful NPS kids who sold raffle tickets on the day, you did your P&C and the school proud.

October P&C Meeting

Due to a clash with other events on the school calendar that will make many families unavailable on October 14th, it has been decided to push our October meeting out a week to Monday 21st October.

Scott Veale

BAND PARENT ROSTER

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If anyone can help on Monday 16th September for Training Band please let me know on 0414 912 382 or by email rob.mckern@bigpond.com

I am also looking for someone to take on the rostering role, so if you think you might be keen and you would like to ask any questions, please feel free to call me and discuss.

Robyn McKern

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

We are starting to collate our roster for Term 4. If you would like to know our availability please contact Emma on emmav77@optusnet.com.au

Our lovely helpers for the rest of the term are:-

- 11th Sept Andrea U
- 13th Sept Alison H/Emma S/Jeanette S (10-1)
- 16th Sept Denise P
- 18th Sept Michelle F
- 20th Sept Heather K/Elle N(9-12)/AJ/ Becky D

Thank you

Alex
canteen@npspandc.com or 9989 8775

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Hornsby Shire Library** is organising a number of activities over the September/October school holidays. These include Holiday Story time, Flower making workshop, Scienaviva and Alan Jones and Kam-o-kidz. Bookings are essential. Contact the Library on 9847 6666 or go to hsc@hornsby.nsw.gov.au

**Bushland Festival** at Fagan Park, Galston on 15th September. This is a massive country style festival with stalls, rides, show ring entertainment and music from Golden Guitar winners. Free entry.

**Hornsby Girls High School** is having an Open Day for Year 5 students seeking admission to HGHS in 2015. This will be held on Friday 11th October from 9.00am to 11.00am. Further information on 9476 5711.

**Australian Red Cross Blood Service** will be visiting the Hornsby War Memorial Hall, 2 High Street, Hornsby on Tuesday 1st October from 10.001m to 3.00pm. Drink 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate, eat a good sized breakfast or lunch and importantly bring photo I.D. with you on the day. Call 139596 or visit donateblood.com.au