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Hurstville Public School Newsletter

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Education & Communities

Principal's Message

What a beautiful official welcome to the school I experienced on Tuesday morning, when our P&C organised a magnificent morning tea to say thank you to our wonderful staff, for all that they do each day to make a difference to the lives of our students, and to welcome me in my role as Principal.

My sincere thank you to everyone who was able to attend and who provided such a delicious range of food. The decorations and gifts were beautiful, and the warmth of the welcome was deeply touching. It was a special occasion that I will always remember.



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Upcoming Events:

Term 4, Weeks 5-10

Nov. 4 th	Parent Forum (9.15-10.30am)
Nov. 5 th	Mini Fete
Nov. 11 th	Walkathon
Dec. 3 rd	Parent Helper Morning Tea
Dec. 8 th	Year 6 Farewell
Dec. 9 th	Years 1,2,3 & 4 Presentation Assembly
Dec.10 th	Years 5 & 6 Presentation Assembly
Dec. 11 th	Kindy Presentation Assembly

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Punctuality

I seek the support of parents and carers in ensuring that all students arrive at school on time. We have long lines of children reporting to the front office (as they are required to do) to receive a late arrival note and for their arrival time to be recorded on our system.

Even five minutes late is still late! All children need to arrive before the bell rings at 9:00 a.m. Music starts to play three minutes before this, to let the children know it is time to stop play and make their way to their assembly areas.

Being on time is an important organisational and life skill. Training our children to understand the importance of being on time will equip them well for life after school. Some helpful tips to help children and families arrive at school on time include:

- ✚ each evening, preparing the things they will need for the next day: uniform, homework, notes, lunch orders etc
- ✚ going to bed at a reasonable time, so that they have a good night's sleep and are ready to get up bright and early each morning
- ✚ allowing plenty of time for breakfast, getting dressed and travelling to school, so that children arrive at school in a calm and positive state of mind
- ✚ encouraging and praising cooperative behaviours that make getting to school on time something that children are eager to do

Sometimes, it is disorganisation on the part of parents, and not the children, that results in late arrival at school. Children can feel anxious and reluctant to walk into a classroom after school has started. It makes them self-conscious and embarrassed. Families who can put in place good strategies to prevent lateness are providing an excellent example to their children and training them well to be responsible, well organised and punctual and thus maximise their learning and life opportunities.

School Uniform

Parents are reminded that the school uniform requires boys to wear grey socks as part of the summer and winter uniforms, and for girls to wear white socks with their summer and sports uniforms and white socks or navy tights with their winter uniform. Boys only wear white socks on Fridays as part of their sports uniform.

Students at this week's Stage 2 Assembly were inadvertently given incorrect information about the colour of the socks to be worn by boys. We apologise for any confusion that this might have caused.

Parent Forum

There will be a Parent Forum held next week, Tuesday 4th November in the school hall between 9.15 – 10.30am.

Please come along and share your ideas about what you think are the most important things for us to be providing for our students in the coming years. What do you want your child to experience at Hurstville Public School? What would you like to know more about so that we can work together to give our children the best opportunities in life?

We will be chatting in small groups, so don't be shy! Your thoughts are important to us, and will help us in developing our School Plan for the next three years. We hope to see you there.

Mrs Anne Hewson - Principal

In The Classroom

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)

This term, students are learning about the five senses. The five senses involve sight, hearing, tasting, touching and smelling. A note was sent home earlier this term asking for parents to give permission for students to participate in some class experiments. There was also a space for parents to write down any food allergies. To help teachers prepare, please send in this note as soon as possible.

Parents were also asked to send in an empty plastic bottle so that students could make musical instruments. If you have not already done so, please send in one of these items as soon as possible.

Homework is a wonderful opportunity for students to consolidate what they have been learning in class. We ask that you spend about 10 minutes per night reading with your child and completing the homework sheet. We want this to be an enjoyable time for your child. Encourage your child to talk about the story they have read. Possible questions could include:

- Who are the main characters?
- What happened at the start of the story?
- What happened in the middle of the story?
- What happened at the end of the story?
- Can you think of another ending?
- What was your favourite part?
- Which character did you like and why?

Talking with your child about the story will help them to understand the story and to develop their vocabulary.

Please also make sure your child is wearing their school hat at the start of the day. We are finding a number of students are not bringing their hat to school.

Mrs Jessica Maakaroun - Assistant Principal

FRIENDLY REMINDERS



- **Every Wednesday** :

Nude Food Day

Children are encouraged to bring their food and drinks in re-usable containers

- We encourage all students to wear their **full school uniform** every day.

(This includes correct colour shoes and socks, jumpers, jackets and hair accessories for girls.)

- **Hats** must be brought to school and worn outside every day as part of our Sun Safe policy.

Dates for your diary :

4 November : Parent Forum

5 November : Mini-fete

11 November : Walkathon

3 December : Parent Helper Morning Tea

9 December : Stage 1 and Stage 2 Presentation assemblies

10 December : Stage 3 Presentation assembly

11 December : Kindergarten Presentation assembly

Stage 1

Year 1

A special plea to all Year One families: to teach the values of caring and understanding, we are encouraging our students to support children who are not as fortunate as they are, by donating small items to our six Year One **Boxes of Love**. A note was sent home last week, but unfortunately, so far, we have not received many donations of coins or gifts. We would love to fill our boxes! We encourage all Year One families to support this worthwhile project.

Now that most students are in their summer uniforms, we would like to see everyone in correct school uniform. This includes white socks for girls and grey socks for boys, a blue school hat and black shoes. We ask for your support with this.

Many Year One students have been losing their belongings over the past weeks. Please ensure your child has their name clearly marked on all clothing, lunchboxes and drink bottles.

Mrs Jenny Cooper – Relieving Deputy Principal



Year 2

Our Year 2 Swimming Program has commenced this week and we have already noticed a significant improvement in the children's confidence in the water and in their swimming ability. The teachers are happy to report that the students' behaviour has been good, both at Cole Jones and on their walk to and from the pool.

Students who are unable to attend these swimming lessons are participating in a Water Safety program. This is a valuable program which teaches children appropriate behaviour around any water including swimming pools, the beach, rivers, bays etc.

Mrs Zaga Marinkovic and Mr Graham Enright - Relieving Assistant Principals

Stage 2



Year 3 and Year 4

As the weather gets warmer we remind parents that students need to be in full summer uniform, including a Hurstville Public School hat. Students often start the day cooler, with a jacket, and, as the day warms up, remove it. All parents are asked to ensure that all items of clothing need to be labelled, to avoid loss.

Stage 2 are looking forward to the Year 6 Mini fete next week and we ask that students carry small change to spend on the day rather than large notes. All items /activities range from 50c to \$2.00.

Miss Bronwyn Daniels – Assistant Principal

Stage 3

2015 School Leadership Team Selection

The process for selecting our 2015 School Leadership Team will take place this term. The Leadership Team will consist of two Captains (one boy and one girl), two Vice Captains (one boy and one girl) and eight Ambassadors.

All students in Year 5 are eligible to nominate for a position on the School Leadership Team. Students wishing to nominate should complete the following nomination form and return it to the school office by Friday 7th November.

From student and staff nominations, a maximum of 20 students will be selected for progression to voting. These students will be invited to complete the nomination form after considering their responsibilities and making a commitment to uphold the position with honour.

On **Thursday 20 November**, candidates will be invited to present a speech to the school community at our weekly assembly. The speech will be prepared at school on the day, with guidance and instruction from a teacher. Parents of the candidates are invited to attend this assembly to hear the speeches. This assembly will commence at 11:30am in the school hall.

All students from Years 4 and 5 will vote for their preferred candidates following the speeches. The 12 nominees receiving the highest level of staff and student support will move forward to the Principal and Executive for consideration.

The successful candidates will be announced at our Presentation Day on **Wednesday 10 December**.

Selective High School 2016

Online applications for attending a Selective High School in 2016 opened on Tuesday 14 October 2014 and will remain open until 10pm on Monday 17 November 2014.

All applications must be completed online. I encourage all parents who are planning to apply for entry into a Selective High School to complete their application well before the cut off date.

Selective Schools Unit will not accept late applications.

Mrs Rebecca Ingram – Assistant Principal

SRC News

The SRC have been conducting nude food days each Wednesday this term. Nude food is where food comes to school in reusable and/or recyclable containers. This means that containers can be taken home, washed and used again the next day. Food that is covered in plastic wrapping does NOT count as nude food, even if it is inside a reusable container. Please make sure the container is not made from glass as it can break.

Thank you so much for all of the families, students and teachers who have been participating in nude food day. We have had a very successful start to this initiative with over 50% of students in a majority of classes' remembering to bring their food to school in reusable packaging in the first week alone. This week our number of students participating in nude food has increased again. Well done Hurstville!

The class with the highest percentage of students with nude food this week was 1B.

We are really excited about the number of students who are taking part of this exciting initiative. Thank you again to all the families, students and staff who are continuing to support the SRC.

Mrs Kate Carey and Ms Chantel Taylor – SRC teachers

Support Unit News

The Support Unit has been producing some great “spring” artwork. We would like to share some of our creations that 1/6D and K/2J have created. They include some trees, leaves and flowers. Well done to both classes.



Mrs Nicole Moore – Assistant Principal

Chess Club Chatter



Chess Club continues with many enthusiastic students playing on Wednesdays at lunchtime. Students who participate have a mixed range of ability from beginners to the more experienced. Lunchtime chess provides an opportunity for students to play and make some new friends in the process.

This term, there was some good interest with Years 3 and 4. Maybe they will be the interschool chess competitors of 2015!

Ms Rhonda Rourke – Chess Club Co-ordinator

NRMA Road Safety Day

On Tuesday 21st October all students attended a session about road safety to raise their awareness of the dangers when they travel on or near roads, and the importance of following the road safety rules. Below are some photos taken during these sessions.



It was pleasing to see so many parents attend the first session of the day, too.





Sun safety

This spring has seen temperatures soar. A new information pack with the latest advice on sun safety is available for schools and parents.

Find out more: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/sun-safety/index.php>

Digital citizenship

We're the first generation of parents responsible for equipping our children with digital citizenship skills – how to use technology safely and responsibly, and how to evaluate, manage and use the information and tools they find online.

Here are some tips to get you started:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/raising-good-digital-citizens>

A poster for 'Twilight Markets' at Sylvania Heights Primary School. The poster features a central wreath of pink and orange flowers. The text 'SYLVANIA HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL' is at the top, 'Twilight Markets' is in the center in a cursive font, and 'LOTS OF FABULOUS STALLS BBQ DINNER AND MORE!' is at the bottom. The background has a light blue and white striped pattern.

**SYLVANIA HEIGHTS
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

*Twilight
Markets*

**LOTS OF FABULOUS STALLS
BBQ DINNER AND MORE!**

Friday, 21st November
5.30pm – 8.30pm
33 Lisbon St, Sylvania Heights
(entrance via Venetia St)
sylvaniaheightspublicschooltwilightmarkets



A GIFTED & TALENTED SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM CONNECT: LITTLE LEARNING LABS & EARLY LEARNING LABS

Both Little Learning Labs and Early Learning Labs are designed for academically gifted and talented primary school students.

All workshops are held over two days and cover a range of disciplines, presented by teachers with specialist training or a specific interest in gifted education.

LITTLE LEARNING LABS

For students in Year 1 and in Year 2 during the 2014 school year.

When: 12 – 13 January, 2015

Fee: \$110

Where: UOW Main Campus

EARLY LEARNING LABS

For students in Year 3 to Year 6 during the 2014 school year.

When: 15 – 16 January, 2015

Fee: \$135

Where: UOW Main Campus

For more information about individual workshops, sponsored places and how to apply, please visit www.uow.edu.au/in2uni/learninglabs or contact Sarah Smith at sarsmith@uow.edu.au

A note for schools:

Places for this program fill up quickly. Please distribute this information to students whom you think would benefit from the program as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.



A TASTE OF THE WORKSHOPS...

Little Learning Labs (Years 1 & 2 Only)

I'M A POET AND I DIDN'T REALISE

Explore the world of words through the power of poetry using lyrics, books and, of course, poems!

SCENE STEALERS

Develop the skills and confidence in the various elements of drama as well as understanding good narratives and persuasive texts.

PUPPET MANIA

Design, make and learn the basic skills of puppetry. Not to be missed!

MUSIC MADNESS

If music is your deal then this is the workshop for you.

THE ART OF ZENTANGLING

Calling all artists! Unlock the doors of your creativity in this fun and imaginative workshop.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN...

Do the science experiments you would not get to do in the classroom.

Early Learning Labs (Years 3 – 4 Only)

ALL ABOUT STATISTICS AND PROBABILITY

If you love mathematics and M&M's then this is the workshop for you!

IT ALL ADS UP

Prepare to persuade the masses as you create your own advertisement using random objects/recording devices and computer movie making software.

AN INTRODUCTION TO DEBATING

This workshop will teach you the essential skills needed in debating.

MODELLING THE MASTERS

Learn about the lives and works of great artists. We'll use a range of tools and techniques to develop your own artistic style.

BRINGING A CHARACTER TO LIFE...

Focusing on our favourite fictional authors, you will learn to 'read like a writer' and much more!

THE JOYS OF WRITING

Experiment with different ways of writing to discover what best suits your storytelling style.

DEVISING DRAMA FOR THE THEATRE SPACE...

Bring your creativity, imagination, lots of energy and a sense of fun to this workshop.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I...

Calling all scientists! Come along and discover why our curiosity is so important.

Early Learning Labs (Years 5 – 6 Only)

BRAIN CHALLENGE

Learn to think outside the box in this workshop. Prepare to be challenged.

INTRODUCTION TO BUILDING VIDEO GAMES

A crash course introduction into the world of game construction.

[CODE CAMP]

For all the techies! We will teach you the basics of coding for iOS so you can code your own iPhone or Apple device App.

INVESTIGATE SCIENTIFICALLY USING LEGO® ROBOTS

Our Speedway Spectacular workshop lets you design and build LEGO® NXT robot dragsters.

DEBATING: THE ART OF ARGUMENT

Explore the power and the passion of the spoken word!

MATHEMATICS FOR THE ABSURD

Explore the quirky and cool stuff about mathematics.

DIGITAL MEDIA MANIA: MOVIE MOGULS IN THE MAKING

Learn how to make engaging short movies and animations using pictures and videos from your own device.

THE ART OF ZENTANGLING

Calling all artists! Unlock the doors of your creativity in this fun and imaginative workshop.

EVERYBODY KNOWS HOW TO WRITE, DON'T THEY?

Break some rules and learn some you never knew in this interactive creative writing workshop.

UNDERSTANDING THE GRAMMAR OF GAMES

Move and learn at the same time. You'll be strategising, planning and playing sport in a fast and fun two days.

GRAPHIC DESIGN

This workshop will introduce you to the fundamental principles of graphic design.

WE ARE WRITERS TOO!

Focusing on our favourite fictional authors, you will learn to 'read like a writer' and much more!

Apply at www.uow.edu.au/in2uni/learninglabs

STORYTIME @ St Mark's

A fun weekly presentation of picture books, songs and literacy games

A themed, age appropriate program for pre-readers,
specifically designed to lay the foundation
of literacy and learning and language

When:

Weekly Tuesday from 10am-10.45am

Who:

For kids aged 2-5yrs and their caregivers

Where:

St Mark's Church hall, The Mall, South Hurstville

Weekly presenter - Rachel Greenwood: children's literature expert and regular forum presenter regarding children's literacy, committee member of Children's Book Council of Australia (NSW), and, Editor of the quarterly journal *All the BUZZ About BOOKS*.

Come along and join in anytime during school term.

For further information contact Rachel: rachel@ladybugmusik.com.au

A not-for-profit, community based program sponsored by St Mark's Anglican Church, South Hurstville.

Kids at St Marks



BANKS ONLINE SAFETY FORUM

Hosted by David Coleman MP

Every day, young people are faced with a number of online safety risks, which can include inappropriate content, cyber bullying, spam and scams.

I am hosting the Banks Online Safety Forum to inform parents, teachers and carers about the risks faced by young people online and to provide help in creating a safer online experience.

Details for the Banks Online Safety Forum can be found below:

When: Tuesday 11 November 2014

Where: Georges River College Oatley Senior Campus

Address: Oatley Avenue, Oatley

Time: 3:30pm - 5:00pm



RSVP: Sinclair Prowse
on 9771 3400 or
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**Parliamentary
Secretary to the
Minister for
Communications, the
Hon. Paul Fletcher,
MP will attend the**

**Forum to speak about the ways in which
parents and teachers can be better informed
about online safety.**



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Federal Member for BANKS





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BANKS ELECTORATE CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION 2014

ENTRY FORM

Name of Student

School

Year

Please enclose your drawing and send to:

Banks Electorate Christmas Card Competition
PO Box 564
Revesby NSW 2212

Entries close on November 21

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