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Principal's Message

Friendship Skills

As parents, one thing I believe we all want for our children is for them to have friends and to be well liked. I'm sure we all feel very relieved and proud when our child receives his or her first party invitation, or is invited to a friend's house to play. Seeing our child accepted and included by peers is a great comfort to parents, and gives us an indication that they are developing the qualities that will make them appealing as a friend.



Friendships help children develop emotionally and morally. In interacting with friends, children learn many social skills such as how to communicate, cooperate and solve problems, which are key skills for 21st Century learners. They practice controlling their emotions and responding to the emotions of others. They develop the ability to think through and negotiate different situations that arise in their relationships.

These are not just skills for the playground or childhood. Research is telling us that universities and work places are placing increasingly high value on applicants' social skills in their selection processes. The University of New South Wales interviews applicants for their medicine course because they know that doctors need more than a high ATAR to be successful medical practitioners. They need to be able to communicate effectively with patients, colleagues and a range of staff; they need to be able to solve problems and think creatively; they need to work as part of a team and have highly developed skills in collaboration and cooperation. These skills need to start developing now, if our children are to have all of the qualities that are valued in the workplace.



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Upcoming Events:

Term 4, Weeks 8-11

Dec 2nd	Performing Arts Night
Dec. 3rd	Parent Helper Morning Tea Year 6 High School Orientation Day
Dec. 4th	OC Orientation (9.30 – 11 am)
Dec. 8th	Year 6 Farewell
Dec. 9th	Years 1,2,3 & 4 Presentation Day
Dec.10th	Years 5 & 6 Presentation Day Anglican Combined Scripture
Dec. 11th	Kindy Presentation Day Years 5 & 6 Picnic
Dec. 12th	Kindy, Years 1 & 2 Picnic
Dec. 16th	Support Unit to Variety Club Concert Years 3 & 4 Picnic Day
Dec. 17th	Yr 6 Graduation in Hall – 2 -3pm LAST DAY FOR 2014

WED 28TH JANUARY. **STUDENTS RETURN**
2015

Learning to have friends and be a friend is not always a smooth and trouble free path. In learning anything, people make mistakes. Relationships are not static—they grow and change and are affected by countless other factors. When children are learning about themselves and others, they don't always act with maturity, wisdom, consideration and insight. Nor do the other children who are learning with them. Even strong friendships can be strained at times, when new people or events enter the equation.



Children learn many social skills from watching how adults interact with them and other people. Some key points to help our children be good friends include:

- * Setting clear rules for appropriate behaviour
- * Teaching children how to solve conflicts appropriately
- * Helping children develop empathy – the ability to recognise or share the emotions felt by others
- * Giving children opportunities to practice cooperation and problem

solving

- * Encouraging children to show support and appreciation for others
- * Helping children to develop skills valued by their peer group.
- * Ensuring that our children use language with care and consideration and understand its impact on the feelings of others.



Supporting our children to be good friends is an important role for parents and teachers. By understanding that there will be challenges as children are required to develop new skills and understanding, and seeking to equip children with skills rather than being too quick to intervene or blame others, we are helping them on the way to positive and independent friendships.

Presentation Day Assemblies

I am looking forward to attending my first Presentation Day Assemblies at Hurstville Public School in Week 10. The dates and times of the assemblies are:

Tuesday 9 December	Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)	9:30 am	Sydney Technical HS
	Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)	11:30 am	Sydney Technical HS
Wednesday 10 December	Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6)	9:30 am	Sydney Technical HS
Thursday 11 December	Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)	9:30 am	Hurstville PS hall

Parents of students who are receiving awards have received their invitations to the assemblies. It is expected that all award winners will be wearing correct summer school uniform to receive their awards. It is also always expected that our Year 6 Captains and Ambassadors will be representing the school and their official positions by wearing correct uniform, including black school shoes. Hair should always be neatly done. Aspiring leaders should also ensure that they meet the standards expected in being a role model to others in behaviour, attitude, respect for rules and wearing of our uniform.

We look forward to celebrating the efforts and achievements of our students on Presentation Day.

Mrs Anne Hewson – Principal

In The Classroom

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)

The sand purchased for the Kindergarten sandpits has arrived. This week, our students have had the chance to play in the sandpits at lunch time. We have also purchased new equipment for our students to use in the sandpits. Students have thoroughly enjoyed playing in the sandpits. We would like to thank Mr Grahame for unpacking the sand and placing it in our sandpits. We really appreciate his help.

A note was sent home this week with information about Kindergarten Presentation Day. All students will be receiving an award on Thursday 11 December. It will be held in the school hall and starts at 9.30am. We are inviting two members from each family to attend the ceremony. The ceremony will be followed by a picnic morning tea and we ask all our special visitors to stay. Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Please remember to send in payment and permission for your child to attend our end of year party day which will be on Friday 12 December.



Mrs Jessica Maakaroun - Assistant Principal

Stage 1

Year 1

As your child approaches the end of their second year at school, there is much going on to keep them busy and engaged until the very last day.

Last Wednesday, Year 1 participated in the school Walkathon. They thoroughly enjoyed joining their friends from other grades, walking around the school grounds and passing some exciting grade stations which were playing music, taking photos in a photo booth and blowing bubbles. Everyone screamed at the Year 1 station because the teachers were spraying mists of water over them as they walked past. Luckily it was warm and sunny, so the water provided cool relief. The children enjoyed an ice-block provided by the P&C. Please return your child's money from their sponsorship of the walkathon as soon as possible.

Please check your child's bag for important notes that have come home this week. They are :

1. Permission note for **Stage 1 Presentation day** on Tuesday 9th December.
2. Permission note and payment request for the **Stage 1 Picnic Day** at Oatley Park on Friday 12th December. Cost is \$7.50
3. Information and return note for **Year 1 Wheels Day**, to be held next Wednesday morning at school at 9.00am.

Please return all necessary permission notes and money as soon as possible. If you have missed any of these notes, they can be found on the school website. Alternatively, ask your child's teacher.

Mrs Jenny Cooper – Relieving Deputy Principal

Year 2

This week, the whole school participated in the annual school walk-a-thon. Year 2 students were very excited as we were hosting a photo booth station. It was loads of fun. There were props such as photo frames and extra fun items like funny moustaches; funky tiaras and hats we even had super cool glasses. Everyone had something to add to their photos. There were lots of smiles, giggles and most importantly all of the grades had fun. Here are just some of our crazy pictures.



(Even some of the teachers got in on the fun).

Mrs Zaga Marinkovic and Mr Graham Enright - Relieving Assistant Principals

My Terrible Horrible No Good VERY BAD Day

By Leanna 2A

“From the moment I woke up this morning I could tell it was going to be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day.

Firstly, after my ice-cold shower, I put on my uniform. Then I saw it was dirty and old. I told my mum but she said I had to wear it.

Next, at breakfast I tipped over my bowl of cereal and my mum scolded me and shouted, “Pick up that piece and wipe that puddle of cereal! Robert you never did this when you were seven!” I had to pick that up. But when I bent down and mum wasn’t looking, my little brother Michael slapped my head and I scratched him. He started crying and mum heard the noise. She made me give my favourite soft toy to him.

Then I missed the bus and I had to walk. When I got to school, I was exhausted and I fell asleep in class. The teacher scolded me and I felt angry. But that wasn’t all. At recess, Nicky got in trouble for hitting Jenny. He said he didn’t do it and that I did it. The people around (me and him) agreed. I had to miss playtime, doing detention while Nicky could play.

After that, at lunchtime I discovered that mum had forgotten to pack my lunch. I stared at my friend, Henry , who had a chicken schnitzel sandwich and a golden, crisp cupcake with a double chocolate, caramel, strawberry, vanilla and mint swirl. It also had a face made of lollies and jelly snakes. When he finished eating them, he found a cold package in his lunchbox. It was a bowl of strawberry, raspberry, gooseberry, blackberry and triple vanilla ice-cream. Henry didn’t like it so he gave it to Molly, Jenny’s little sister. Molly ate half of it and she gave the rest to her best friend, who ate all of it. Rachel, who was Molly’s second best friend suddenly reminded Molly:” She’s not allowed to eat sugar”. Molly quickly escorted her friend to the sick bay. I could not help looking. Just then Rebecca, who was her friend, vomited. I was becoming dizzier and dizzier. I fell on the floor and my knee started bleeding. I vomited and cried. Everything started to turn black.

Finally..... (to be continued)”

Stage 2

Years 3 and 4

Stage 2 students are looking forward to the upcoming school picnic day at SkyZone Indoor Trampoline Park and Sydney Park. Final payments were due on the 28th November. We all hope it will be a fun end of year celebration.

Also, Presentation Day will be held on Tuesday 9th December at Sydney Technical High School. Please ensure all permission notes are returned to class teachers by 5th December.

Miss Bronwyn Daniels – Assistant Principal

Stage 3

Year 5 and 6



Walkathon

A fun morning was had by all at our P&C Walkathon. Please return all money collected, at your earliest convenience.



High School Week - Week 9

Next week, the Year 6 students will be participating in a mock high school week. They will be given a timetable and will have to keep their bags with them for the duration of the day. Home group will be for the morning session, where they will spend time with their own class teacher. They will then do Mathematics and choose two electives. Subjects will include: Creative Art, PDHPE, Drama, Modern History, Ancient History, Social Justice, Commerceto name a few.

On Wednesday 3 December, the majority of high schools will be having an Orientation Day, so our mock high school will not run on this day.

Yr 6 Farewell- Monday 8 December, 2014. 6:00pm-9:00pm

The Year 6 teachers and students are looking forward to an enjoyable celebration. If you have not already done so, could you please return your child's note by Monday? We particularly need the information about food allergies and dietary requirements. We look forward to joining Year 6 parents and carers, in a dance with their children, from 8:45pm on the night. (Venus Reception Centre Kogarah)



Stage 3 Presentation Day – Wednesday 10 December, 2014. 9:30am-11:00am

This will be a wonderful morning to celebrate the achievement of our students in 2014. Please sign the permission note for walking to and from Sydney Technical Boys High School, and return it as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you on the day.



Stage 3 Picnic Day- Thursday 11 December, 2014 Peter Depena Reserve

Please ensure that the note and money for the picnic is returned to your child's teacher, by no later than Tuesday 9 December. Let's hope for great weather, on the day!



Graduation Ceremony- Wednesday 17 December, 2014. 2-3pm

An informal Year 6 Graduation Ceremony will be held in our school hall. Students will receive their graduation booklet on this afternoon. They will then exit the hall through a tunnel formed by Year 5 students and have the opportunity to sign shirts and say their farewells.

On behalf of the Year 6 teachers, I would like to take this opportunity, to wish our students, all the best for high school and beyond.

Mrs Tina Cowley & Mrs Rebecca Ingram – Assistant Principal

Support Unit News

On Tuesday 25th November Mrs Hewson was invited to eat morning tea with 1/6D. The students had grown some produce in the garden which they then used to create some delicious sandwiches. The students all enjoyed hosting Mrs Hewson and they displayed their best manners. Well done to Mrs McEvoy and Mrs Wilcox who have created a wonderful learning space for the students.



Here are some lovely carrots the students have grown. The students helped set the table.



The students enjoyed sharing their special morning tea with Mrs Hewson, Mrs McEvoy and Mrs Wilcox.

SRC News

As the year draws to an end, we would like to thank our amazing SRC representatives for all of the hard work they have done this year. The school community has benefited greatly from the tireless work of these students.

The SRC students have worked hard in many fundraising efforts, including Crazy Hair Day, Crazy Sock Day and our own stall at the Year 6 Mini Fete. These efforts have meant the SRC has been able to purchase new additional equipment for the playground baskets and adding thousands of dollars towards funds for the school's new playground upgrade.

The SRC have also introduced the initiative of 'Nude Food Day' each Wednesday to Hurstville Public School. This has been a great success with the amount of rubbish on our playground and in our bins greatly reduced. Thank you to each and every SRC representative who has talked to their class about this important concept.

The number of students with Nude Food is steadily increasing, so well done. In this issue we would like to make special mention of 4B and 5E whose numbers have steadily increased over the term. Keep up the great work.

Thank you again to all the families, students and staff who are continuing to support the SRC this year.

Mrs Kate Carey and Ms Chantel Taylor – SRC teachers

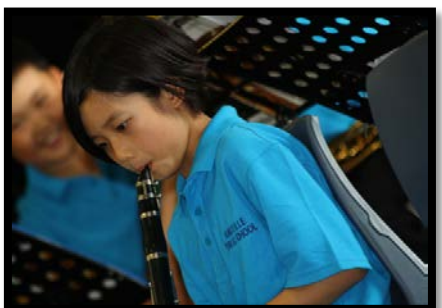
Band News



On Tuesday evening, our Training Band, Concert Band and Wind Orchestra performed in the Band Showcase Concert. They were awesome! It was great team work and commitment of practice for band members throughout the year. Well done everyone.

We thank our dedicated conductors, Ms Joanne Holloway and Mr Adam Robinson, for their continued efforts and patience. Not only did they teach our children wonderful music, children have also learnt to be responsible, work collaboratively and have built self-esteem. We also thank our parents for your continued support of the band program.

Here are some highlights of the evening:





Band members, you are amazing!

Your parents and teachers are very proud of you!

Keep up the good work!

Miss Marissa Tsanidis
Training Band Coordinator

Miss Lorraine Hudson
Concert Band Coordinator

Mrs Elizabeth Wang
Wind Orchestra Co-ordinator

Boxes of Love



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Boxes of Love. This year, over 70 boxes were collected and filled with wonderful toys to be sent to children around the world. Many classes participated and we thank the children and parents for their generosity. It always makes us feel good to help others who are less fortunate than we are.



Hurstville Walkathon

Last Wednesday morning, all our students, from Kindergarten to Year 6, set off on a trek around the school grounds for our annual Hurstville Public School Walkathon. The purpose of this Walkathon was to raise funds for our playground upgrade, which has been the major focus for all our fundraising efforts this year. The P&C were an integral part of the planning before, on and after the day. The children certainly enjoyed their ice-block break as they were walking around.

Each grade provided an activity at their grade lap stamping station. These activities added fun to the day. There was water spraying, bubble-blowing, hoop-hopping, music playing and there was even a photo booth. Fitness and fun combined to make this fundraising event a great success.

The P&C have also organised prizes for the students and classes who raised the most money. So, if you have not done so yet, could you please send along your child's sponsorship money. To be eligible for a prize the money must be returned by Friday 5th December.



Congratulations Kieran!



We extend our warmest congratulations to Kieran, of 6H, for his outstanding achievements in the Olympic sport of Speed Skating.

Kieran is the 2014 Australian Open Short Track Speed Skating Champion in his category, and has won many other awards in this sport. We commend Kieran on the dedication and commitment which has allowed him to develop his talent to this high standard and hope to see him representing Australia one day!

Community News



Have you considered your son playing Rugby Union?

Rugby's core values of Teamwork, Enjoyment, Friendship, Discipline and Respect are well established at Oatley Rugby, your local Rugby Club.

We are seeking new players for 2015 for all junior age groups, from Under 6's to Under 18s. The Oatley Rugby Club is built on a fantastic family friendly environment. The emphasis is on participation, having fun and making new friends. It's a formula that is well received by both players and parents alike.

Bring your boy along and let them be part of a terrific team game, a sport that never fails to put smiles on the faces of boys of all shapes, sizes, and skill levels. We look forward to seeing many new faces wearing the Oatley jersey in season 2015, and would love your son to be one of them.

Registration will be every Saturday in February at St George Maso's Club, Peakhurst and every Wednesday evening in February at Evatt Park, Lugarno. There's free registration for all U6 to U7 players. Check out www.oatleyrugby.com or call 8515 1600 for further information. Training is held on Wednesday afternoons / early evenings at Evatt Park, Lugarno.

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CHRISTMAS
CONCERT!

GOAL: FUND A PET SCANNER FOR ST GEORGE PUBLIC HOSPITAL

DATE: SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2014
 TIME: 4PM TILL 11PM
 VENUE: WIN JUBILEE STADIUM @ KOGARAH

TICKETS FROM \$25 (FULLY TAX DEDUCTIBLE)
 Via ticketek.com.au or at Bay Vista Dessert Bar
 All proceeds go to the Gasnier Foundation

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CAROLS:
COSIMA DE VITO (AUS IDOL) EMILY WILLIAMS (AUS IDOL / YOUNG DIVAS)
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SAM MORAN DIGITAL DAMAGE HOSTED BY **MELISSA TKAUTZ**

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Summer holiday fun

Book your children into one of our fun-filled camp next school holidays. Your children will be kept busy and active while learning new skills and making new friends. You'll have peace of mind knowing your children are safe and well looked after.

For details, visit Sport and Recreation website www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/

Pleasures of free play

Allowing free time for children to play on their own, making up games and activities, can help kids to be comfortable in their own company, teach them how to cope with boredom and, importantly, foster their imagination.

Under scheduling your child: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/benefits-of-underscheduling-your-child>

Taste of Hurstville Cookbook - Pre-order form offer



“Taste of Hurstville” Cookbook will be available to buy in mid Dec 2014

You can now pre-order a cookbook for \$30.

“Taste of Hurstville” cookbook is made up with fantastic recipes from Hurstville families.

It makes a great gift for friends and family,

And will be a proud addition to your cookbook collection.

All money raised will be contributed to the school playground upgrade.

Name: _____

Class: _____

Total number of cookbooks required:_____ @ \$30

Amount: \$_____ (please circle) cash / cheque

Cheques payable to: Hurstville Public School

