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Education & Communities

Principal's Message

I am very pleased to announce that, pending a ten day appeal period, Miss Danielle Scott has been permanently appointed to the position of Deputy Principal of Hurstville Public School. Her appointment was on merit, following the DEC selection procedures.

Miss Scott has been acting in the position for the whole year, and has done an outstanding job in providing exceptional leadership and support for staff, students and parents. She has established positive and productive relationships that have brought individuals and teams together and has provided stability, guidance and vision as we set a new course for the future.



Miss Scott has been an integral member of the Senior Executive Team and has worked tirelessly to improve the operation of the school; provide professional learning opportunities for staff; support students and parents with care and empathy; and efficiently and effectively maintain a heavy workload of organisational and program responsibilities. She has done all this without losing her warm and welcoming smile!

I am sure you join with me in congratulating Miss Scott on her appointment.

Farewell Mrs Chee

We have been very fortunate to have had a dedicated and compassionate teacher at Hurstville Public School for the past 11 years. Sadly, we say farewell to Mrs Chee, as she moves into the next phase of her life in retirement. She has made a difference to so many young lives, and we know that there will be many of our students who will be able to reflect on the special teaching, and the humour, which she provided in her classroom. We wish Mrs Chee much happiness in her retirement. We will miss her.



Introduction of New Payment Methods in 2015

From the beginning of next year, we will be offering parents and carers two new methods of paying their school accounts.

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Upcoming Events:

Term 4, Week-11

Dec. 16 th	Years 3 & 4 Picnic Day
Dec. 17 th	Yr 6 Graduation in Hall - 2 -3pm LAST DAY FOR 2014
<u>WED. 28TH</u> <u>JANUARY, 2015</u>	<u>STUENTS RETURN</u> <u>(Years 1 - 6 only)</u>

Walkathon

Thank you to all students who participated in the Walkathon and thank you to everyone who sponsored a lap. We raised \$16 012.35 which will go towards our playground upgrade. Thank you to the wonderful P&C members who helped out on the day and who sourced prizes for us. Prizes will be presented on Wednesday morning.



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In addition to the existing methods of cash or cheque payment, we will be introducing:

- an online payment system using a secure payment page hosted by Westpac and supported by the DEC. A direct link will be available on our school website
- Eftpos transactions

1. Parent Online Payment (POP) System

From the beginning of Term 1 next year, it will be possible for parents to make online payments to the school via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. **The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting \$ Make a payment**

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band and dance). There is also a category called "Other". This is where items not specified in the previous headings can be paid. "Other" can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the \$ Make a payment, you must enter:

- the student's name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the student's name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number. These are not used at our school, so please leave blank.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner. These details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment *before* the payment is processed, which is before 6pm on the day of payment. Receipts can be emailed to you and/or printed from the webpage.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page, a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process, please contact the School Administration Office.

2. Eftpos

Parents and carers will also have the option of paying accounts through Eftpos. We will be providing specially designed envelopes on which the details of the card and account can be added and sent to school. **Eftpos will only be available through this envelope system. It will not be available at the office counter or over the phone.**

We hope that our families will find these additional payment options more convenient.

Thank you, One and All!

As we draw to the end of the school year, I would like to thank our staff, students and parent community for all their hard work and many contributions to the life of Hurstville Public School in 2014.

Our P&C Executive has given enormous amounts of time and hard work to develop a strong partnership with the school, contribute to the planning of our playground upgrade, raise funds, build community spirit and provide fun activities for students. Under the leadership of President Meimei Chau, Vice-Presidents Amy Cheng and Rana Jarrar, Secretary Jason Yeo and Treasurer Ming Lo, a dedicated team has shared the workload of events such as the Easter Raffle, Mothers' and Fathers' Day stalls, morning teas and the Walkathon, just to name a few. There are regular faces who turn up without fail to monthly P&C meetings. Thank you, too, for the support of all those parents who attend functions and/or make donations to P&C events. The importance of an effective, engaged and supportive parent body cannot be underestimated. When the partnership between home and school is strong and positive; when there is a shared vision for where we are heading; when there is clear and effective communication; and where the importance of each other's contributions is recognised and valued, then the outcome for students, staff and parents is a thriving, harmonious and productive school. I would publicly like to give my personal thanks to our P&C Executive for the wonderful support they have given to me since my arrival at the beginning of the year. I couldn't have asked for a better team to work with!

All of the volunteers who have worked in classrooms or the library, accompanied excursions and supported individual students have made a great difference to the learning opportunities we can provide, for which we are most grateful. We are also greatly appreciate the work of the volunteers who provide Scripture and Ethics classes for our students, to support the values of our children's families; the canteen operator and staff who provide a great service for our students and families; and our Before and After School and Vacation Care providers who ensure a safe and happy environment for our students.

I also wish to acknowledge and thank our fantastic staff for their dedication and support this year. Our office team, student learning support officers, general assistant, school counsellors, support and special programs teachers, class teachers and executive team have made the varied challenges of each day easier to meet. I know that all of our staff, with their individual styles and personalities, share a common commitment to maximising the learning and development of each child. Their professionalism and dedication provide our students with a rich, varied and strong foundation for the future.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year at Hurstville Public School! I thank you all for welcoming me so warmly into this special school community. My best wishes to you all for a relaxing and safe holiday break and I look forward to an exciting and productive 2015.

Students entering Years 1 to 6 in 2015 will return to school on Wednesday 28 January.

Mrs Anne Hewson - Principal

In The Classroom

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)

Yesterday our students attended the Kindergarten Presentation Day ceremony. On behalf of all the teachers, I would like to congratulate all of our students for a wonderful first year at school. We are so proud of all our students.

Next Wednesday is the last day of school for students. I would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Kindergarten – cont.



Mrs Jessica Maakaroun - Assistant Principal

Stage 1



Year 1

As 2014 draws to a close, and we reflect on the growth, both academically and socially, of our Year 1 students, we can feel satisfied that each and every student has experienced a year which has been successful. I am sure you will agree that the teaching and learning programs provided by our dedicated team of Year 1 teachers have made a difference to your child this year. We are all confident that they are now ready to move into their second year of learning in Stage 1 when they return to school in 2015.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank all the parents who have provided support this year. I would also like to take this opportunity to say farewell to Mrs Chee. She has been such a special member of the Year 1 teaching team this year, and the students in 1C have been very fortunate to have had such a dedicated teacher. We wish her much happiness in her retirement.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and an enjoyable holiday period.

Mrs Jenny Cooper – Relieving Deputy Principal

Stage 1 –cont.

Year 2

How proud we are of all our students. We would like to thank our students for their hard work all year and congratulate them on the wonderful progress they have made. Thank you also to all our parents for your support this year. We hope that everyone has a happy and, most importantly, a safe holiday. We look forward to seeing you all next year.

Mrs Zaga Marinkovic and Mr Graham Enright - Relieving Assistant Principals

Stage 3

Year 5 and 6

Stage 3 had their end of year Presentation Day on Wednesday 10th December. It was a wonderful celebration of the fantastic achievements of students from Years 5 and 6. Congratulations to all of those students who received awards.

At the Presentation Day, the Student Leadership team for 2015 was announced. After a closely contested election, the following students were chosen by their peers from Year 4, Year 5 and Staff. We wish them success in their new role next year and look forward to working with them in 2015.

Ambassadors

Leroy	Anika
Hongliang	Stefanie
Thomas	Holly
Aydin	Jodie

Vice Captains

Ethan	Davina
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Captains

Louie	Sophia
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We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff and parents who have helped throughout the year. Your hard work and effort have been much appreciated. To all of our Year 6 students and their families, we wish you success for Year 7 and beyond.

Have an enjoyable, safe holiday, and we look forward to your return in 2015.

Mrs Tina Cowley & Mrs Rebecca Ingram – Assistant Principals



Band News

Thank you to all band members and parents for a wonderful year. Best wishes to our students who are moving on to high school next year. We hope you continue playing your instrument. We look forward to developing the musical ability of even more students next year as part of our band program. Have a wonderful holiday and keep practising!

The Band Committee



Foundation Studies In General Education

Tertiary Preparation Course, Certificate IV (TPC) 29603

- This course provides an **alternative to the HSC**. On completion students may attain matriculation into University or TAFE diploma and degree courses. It may also be used as a year 12 equivalent for entry into Police Force, Defence Force and Fire Brigade.
- Successful students are eligible to receive a scaled **Tertiary Entrance Score (TES)**. The Universities Admission Centre (UAC) uses the TAFE- calculated TES to assist universities in making offers of places to TPC graduates.
- TAFE administration enrolment fee applies. Centrelink concessions and disabilities exemptions available.
- **Information session for Enrolment 22 January 2015 at 10:00am at Gymea, AG17.**
- **Course starts and orientation Monday 2 February 2015 at Gymea, AG.17.**

Foundations for Vocational and Further Study (Year 10 Equivalent) 10709

- Leads to HSC, TPC and entry to vocational trades eg. Automotive, Construction, Electrical, Hairdressing, or the Defence Forces at trade level.
- Study English, Maths, Science, Humanities and electives.
- **Information session for Enrolment 21 January 2015 at 10:00am at Gymea, AG18.**
- **Course runs 16 February to 4 June 2015.**
- **Orientation 12.00pm - 2.00pm on 12 February in AG.17.**
- TAFE administration enrolment fee applies. Centrelink concessions and disabilities exemptions available.
- **If you are 17 and under** you need to complete the Principal's Approval Form and have an interview with Janelle Lewis at Loftus TAFE.
- **Contact - Janelle.Lewis@det.nsw.edu.au OR (02) 9217 4768.**

Skills for Work and Training (for women re-entering the workforce) 10697

- Develops skills, knowledge and confidence to prepare you for employment or further education.
- **Information session for Enrolment 20 January 2015 at 10:00am at Gymea, AG.18.**
- TAFE administration enrolment fee applies. Centrelink concessions and disability exemptions available.
- **Course runs 9th February to 27 May 2015 - 3 days a week at Gymea campus.**
- **Orientation session 11.00am on Tuesday 3 February 2015 in A1.06.**

ALL COURSES : Ring Course Information 9710 5015 OR Jane 9710 5013



Christmas celebration.

Bilingual Church
(English & Mandarin)

Fun kids club programs!

Dinner provided
(\$3 per person)

5pm, Sunday 21 Dec

Place: Senior Citizens &
Community Centre
91 Queens Rd, Hurstville
(Next to council car park)

Contact: Elvin Hong
0425 280 278

Weekly meeting
same time, same place



Australian Asian Church

www.AustralianAsianChurch.com

Georges River College Penshurst Girls Campus



Monday 2 March 2015 5.30 PM – 7.00 PM

OPEN NIGHT

- Whole school displays of student work from all key learning areas.
- A presentation and display of the strategies to address the needs of our gifted and talented students.
- Special workshops to showcase middle school learning.
- Question time with the College Principal, the Principal from Oatley Senior Campus, the Penshurst Campus Principal and Deputy Principals.
- Individual performances in drama and music.
- A showcase of Sport and Performing Arts opportunities.
- Tours of the school.
- And more...

Acknowledged in 2010 as part of a network of schools for the Cluster for Excellence in Middle Schooling within Sydney Region

Ms Noeline Ross – Principal

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St George Program

Go4Fun™

FREE program

for kids with their mums, dads, carers or grandparents to become healthier, fitter & happier!



Hurstville Aquatic Centre

2pm to 4pm Starts January 2015

A Go4Fun starter kit for all participants

Registrations are now open for Term 1, 2015.

For more information contact: Linda Trotter (Go4Fun Coordinator) on 9382 8641 or www.go4fun.com.au

* Activities are for children above their healthy weight



Health
South Eastern Sydney
Local Health District

ST. GEORGE COLLEGE
OUTREACH - TAFE NSW

WOW COMPUTING FOR MIGRANT WOMEN

Course 10088NAT 10443 Certificate I in Access to Work and Training

- Designed for migrant women who want to re-enter the workforce after a period of absence or women who want to gain skills for a career change
- 15 hours per week: Monday, Thursday and Friday in school hours.
- Starting date: - Monday, 16th February, 2015 (before the first class you will be required to attend an orientation on either Thursday 12th or Friday 13th February, 2015).
- Includes computer skills: word processing, typing, Internet, email, spreadsheets, PowerPoint and database programs.
- Includes career planning and job seeking skills. You will learn job application techniques such as: how to prepare successful resumes and cover letters; understanding the interview process; and how to approach employers for work.
- Includes understanding Australian workplace culture and workplace communication.
- Opportunity to do work experience.
- Childcare may be available at Kameruka Cottage TAFE Childcare Centre.

ATTEND INFORMATION, APPLICATION AND ENROLMENT SESSION

10:00am Tuesday 3rd February 2015
St George College, Outreach
Building C, Room C121

For more information ring: Penny on 9598 6371

This program is subject to the availability of resources and sufficient demand.

*** Temporary visa holders please check eligibility to study**

ST. GEORGE COLLEGE OUTREACH - TAFE NSW

Entry Level Courses for Men & Women

Course 10087NAT 10442 Certificate I in Access to Work & Training (Intro)

Choose your own study program from a range of courses below:

- * Sustainability (Bushcare)
- * Introduction to Floristry
- * English Conversation for Beginners
- * Spreadsheets
- * Introduction to Childcare
- * Interpersonal Communication Skills
- * Resumés and Interview Skills
- * Apply First Aid
- * English Pronunciation
- * Keyboarding & Word Processing
- * Where are the jobs in 2015?
- * Single Mothers Accessing Relevant Training (SMART)
- * Introduction to Community Services
- * Telephone, Typing & Office Skills
- * Digital Storytelling
- * English Grammar & Spelling
- * Reading and Writing about Australia
- * Women & Work using the Internet
- * Setting up a Small Business
- * Work Experience
- * Introduction to Computers
- * Internet and Email
- * Database
- * Customer Service and Retail Skills
- * Introduction to Government
- * Everyday Maths
- * Introduction to Welding
- * Working with the Aged & Disabled
- * Introduction to Building Trades

- Study for only 2 hours per week or more
- Classes take place during school hours for 14 weeks
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HOW DO I GET INTO THESE COURSES?

Attend: INFORMATION & ENROLMENT SESSION

At: 9.30AM (PLEASE BE ON TIME)

On: **Wednesday, 4th February, 2015**

Where: St George College, cnr Princes Highway & President Avenue, Kogarah

Room: Conference Room, First Floor, Building A

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Contact: OUTREACH, Building C, First Floor, Room C1.21

Phone: **9598 6371** **9598 6208**

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