



The Belltower

Hurstville Public School Newsletter

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Monday 14th December	<i>Year 6 Farewell</i>
Tuesday 15th December	<i>Bush Christmas Insursion for 1B, 1D, 2M, 2L, 2D & 2K</i>
Wednesday 16th December	<i><u>Last day for 2015 for all students</u> Bush Christmas Incursion for 2R, 2B, 2C, Support Unit RED</i>
Thursday 28th January, 2016	<i><u>First day back for all Years 1-6 students</u></i>

Principal's Message

Student Reports

Yesterday, students received their Semester 2 reports. For students in Years 1 to 6, we hope you noticed that there were some changes from previous reports. In response to feedback we received at workshops during the year, we changed our reports to make them easier for our parents to read and understand. We moved to new software and a new format.

Our new style reports:

- ✓ include a photo of the student
- ✓ include absence data for the semester
- ✓ refer to the new syllabus sections in English and Mathematics
- ✓ use a four point (previously a three point) scale to record student achievement in Social Development and Commitment to Learning
- ✓ try to use "Plain English" in the comments, and less educational terminology and jargon
- ✓ highlight, in dot points, areas of strength for each child and some recommendations for further development
- ✓ list the strands in PD/H/PE and Creative Arts and show student achievement in each of the strands, more accurately indicating students' talents and progress
- ✓ include a section, if required, for comments from teachers who provide additional support to particular students.

Today, we have become aware that, for Year 5 students only, the new software harvested absence data for Term 4 only, rather than for Terms 3 and 4 (Semester 2). We apologise for this error, which we believe is in the set-up of the software and will ensure that this is rectified.

We trust that the new reports are better meeting your needs. They support the Term Overview of curriculum content provided for all grades at the beginning of this term.

We would appreciate your feedback so that we can continue to refine the reports, within the mandatory requirements of the Department of Education for reporting to parents. We have a few short questions which can be done online through Survey Monkey by clicking this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6T7LK6X> We value your thoughts and suggestions.

Presentation Assemblies

It was my great pleasure to attend our four stage Presentation Assemblies this week, to acknowledge the effort and achievement of our students in a wide range of pursuits. My congratulations to all students who follow our school motto of *Strive for Success*, and to their teachers, support staff and parents who help them every day to be the best that they can be.

As I said at the assemblies, success cannot and should not be measured by the number of awards a person receives. If we teach our children to compare themselves and measure themselves against others, they will be in for a lifetime of pressure and disappointment. There will always be others who are cleverer, more talented, more attractive, funnier, sportier, more popular etc etc than we are, not just at school, but right throughout our lives. We can't control that.

What we can control is our attitude and our effort. If we seek to improve on our previous performance, we will build on success. If we have strong values; empathy; concern for the rights and feelings of others; a love of learning and a desire to achieve, we will be successful in the things that really matter.

I congratulate all students who received awards this week and throughout the year. I congratulate all students who have done their best and been a credit to themselves, their families and their school, and I encourage all students to strive for success – remembering that success can be measured in many different ways.

And special congratulations to the newly elected Captains, Vice-Captains and Ambassadors:

Captains: Dennis Lu and Amara Randhawa
Vice-Captains: Ali Mourad and Kelly Chen
Ambassadors: Victor Lu, Jayden Wang, Hestyn Huang, Michael Cheng, Siya Khatri, Alison Lin, Gloria Hung and Yvonne Zhao

Class Arrangements 2016

We are continuing to plan our class and staffing arrangements for next year and have a preferred option in place.

However, our plans can only be tentative until we start next year and confirm our actual student enrolment numbers in every grade. A difference of just a few children in a particular grade can change the class arrangements across the whole school!

Therefore, we will need to see just what our actual numbers are before we move into our classes for 2016. If the numbers are different from our anticipated, we may need to rework our plans to limit the disruption to our students and teachers.

Thank You!

As this is the last *Belltower* for the year, I would like to give my thanks to the many people who make our school a better place, each and every day:

- ✚ our teachers, who provide our children with the opportunities to learn, find their talents, have fun and develop into the fine young people that they are. They are working in ever more complex and demanding times, with higher and higher expectations placed on them. I thank them for their professionalism, commitment and dedication to our students and our school
- ✚ our executive staff, for their outstanding leadership, enormous hard work, good humour and resilience in ensuring we deliver the best teaching and learning programs for our students, and who support our teachers, parents and community.

- + our administration and support staff, who work so hard in the office, classrooms and playground, building and supporting positive relationships and facilitating the functioning of the school by making sure our resources, finances and equipment are first rate
- + our P&C executive and members, who are committed to working in partnership with staff and students to create a positive, harmonious and enriching environment where all are welcome and valued. In particular, my thanks to Meimei Chau, Hong-Dao Dang, Rana Jafar, Jason Yeo, Phillip Yin and Michael Van for giving so much of their time to HPS. It is greatly appreciated.
- + our extended parent and community members who value their children's learning and support our work at home
- + our School Captains, Ambassadors and SRC representatives, for their leadership and being strong and positive role models for their fellow students.
- + and to our students – all 1,178 of them - who challenge us every day to deliver excellence in 21st Century education for our diverse learners, and who remind us why we became teachers in the first place.

My very best wishes for the holiday season to all our families. I hope life is a little more relaxed without the demands of school routines and homework! I look forward to **welcoming students in Years 1 to 6 back to school on 28th January 2016.**

Mrs Anne Hewson – Principal

Deputy Principals' Messages

For those families who like to be well organised, we have added grade lists of stationery and equipment to the end of this issue of Belltower. Your child will require these for their classroom in 2016. You may like to take stock of what your child already has, and purchase what is needed over the holiday period.

We wish all Hurstville Public School families a safe and happy holiday. We hope you find time over the holiday season to spend some quality time together. See you in 2016!

In The Classroom

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)

This term, Hurstville Public School was chosen to be involved in the filming of a children's program for the ABC called 'Maurice's Big Adventure'. The program is designed to assist in the transition of children to school. The show will be broadcast next year, sometime after 19th January, on ABC for Kids and also shown on iView, ABC's online platform. It will feature Maurice the Bear, Miss Tsanidis, KT students and Nia, Ethan, Natalie and Corinna from various Kindergarten classes. We had so much fun filming with Maurice and the crew, and we really liked wearing our playschool uniforms.



Miss Marissa Tsanidis – Kindergarten Teacher

Stage 1

Year 1

The Year 1 Dance Group was proud to participate in the Hurstville Primary School Showcase this year. We practised our dance, *Cartoon Heroes*, every week during our lunchtime, and the results were amazing. The dancing on Showcase night was fantastic! Everyone tried their best and we presented a wonderful dance. Our costumes were shining brightly under the Marana Auditorium lights, our smiles glowing too. Miss Davies and Miss Roebuck would like to thank the Dance Group parents for supporting all the members and contributing to a wonderful show. Well done, boys and girls!



Miss Rachel Davies and Miss Nikki Roebuck – Year 1 Dance Co-ordinators

Stage 2

Years 3 and 4

The Stage 2 teachers would like to congratulate all Stage 2 students on a successful year of achievement. We have seen growth in each and every student, as they strive to do their personal best. In the last few weeks of term, the Hurstville Showcase and the Presentation Assembly have highlighted the academic achievement, demonstration of citizenship and Creative Arts achievement of our Stage 2 students. We wish all our students and their families an enjoyable and relaxing holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in 2016.

Stage 2 teachers

Stage 3

Year 6- Camp



Last week, Year 6 students were lucky enough to spend three days at Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre by Lake Macquarie and we are positive that every student will agree that it provided amazing opportunities and memories which will last a lifetime.

After the excitement of exploring their rooms, it was down to business. The students were split into groups that they would complete their activities with for the rest of the camp. It was time to start the adventures! Students worked through the busy program over the three days to complete a range of tasks that incorporated team work, problem solving and stepping outside their individual comfort zones.

Our day time activities included bushwalking, channeling Katniss from the Hunger Games in archery and zipping around the ropes course like expert tight rope walkers. The next task was for groups to work together to manoeuvre around an obstacle course tied together as a team. When it came to canoeing and kayaking, everyone worked together to carry the equipment down to the water's edge and there were some very skilled paddlers out on the water. However, after a while it was all about who could remain in their boats without ending up in the water. Next up was the 'initiatives' section which involved group problem solving to move around a challenging obstacle course tied together in a team of eight people.



The first night time activity was a games night, with the instructors running a variety of games which proved to be a lot of fun. On the second night, we were lucky enough to have a county fair night. Our students conducted themselves maturely at all times, and both the teachers and the camp leaders noticed their fantastic team work and their polite manners. One of the highlights of the camp was the fact that every child helped with the service or tidying up at meal times.



Every single Year 6 student should be so proud of themselves for stepping out of their comfort zone and taking on the challenges placed in front of them, and we know that they will use these skills to confidently tackle the transition into high school.

Year 6 Class Teachers

Support Unit

On Tuesday 8th December the students in our Support Unit went to the Variety Club Christmas Party at Allphones Arena. The students had a lovely time with lots of rides, food, face painting and a generous gift to take home.



Support Unit Teachers

Chinese Community Language

The Chinese Community Language teachers would like to congratulate all students on their commitment and hard work throughout the year. We are very proud of your achievements. Well done and keep it up.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for your continued support! Here are some fantastic work examples done by our students from Kindergarten to Year 4.



We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday!
祝大家圣诞快乐新年好

Chinese Community Language Team

Cultural Studies

Wow! What a great way to end Cultural Studies for 2015!

Year 4 students had a wonderful morning when their parents visited on Wednesday 2nd December for our "Open Classroom". Thank you to all the parents who were able to join in our celebration of learning. It was a great way for the students to showcase their Spanish language skills and their knowledge of the Spanish culture. I look forward to another year of exciting learning experiences!



Mrs Ximena Pino – Cultural Studies Teacher

Library



'Reading one book is like eating one potato chip.'
- Diane Duane (Author)

Lost / Misplaced Library Books

If your child received a note about lost books, could you please ensure that they are returned as soon as possible. If the items are lost, replacement cost needs to be made. Congratulations to all our students who have already returned borrowed items.

Lost Property

There are many items still located in the tub in the Library foyer. If your child has lost a jacket, hat or lunch box, please send them to the Library before next Wednesday.

Premier's Reading Challenge

We have received delivery of our gold and platinum certificates from the PRC and will be distributing them very soon. All other certificates have now been distributed.

Have a lovely break. We look forward to seeing our students back safe and well in 2016. Best wishes go to our Year 6 students on their move into secondary school education.

Ms Leslie Hyde – Teacher/Librarian

Values in Action Awards



The students listed below will receive their **Medal** on Monday 14th December at the whole school assembly. Congratulations! Parents are most welcome to see the students receive their awards.

Lucy W. 6M Katrina w. 6M Kaden K. 4F

The students listed below will receive their **GOLD** award at the Monday morning assembly as well. Congratulations!

<i>Nathaniel B. GOLD class</i>	<i>Rebecca Z. 2B</i>	<i>Muntaha H. 4F</i>
<i>Alexander V. GOLD class</i>	<i>Jessica F. 2B</i>	<i>Moussa N. 4F</i>
<i>Cooper B. 1R</i>	<i>Nathan Y. 2K</i>	<i>Sabrina J. 4M</i>
<i>Claire L. 1R</i>	<i>Jonathan Z. 2L</i>	<i>Hamad D.4G</i>
<i>Ivy X. 1V</i>	<i>Marcus W. 1S</i>	

If your child receives 5 Values in Action Awards, please send them in so that your child can receive their Bronze award at their grade assembly.

Mrs Jessica Maakaroun - Assistant Principal

HPS Grade Stationery and Equipment Requirements - 2016

<p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">Kindergarten 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x boxes of tissues • 1 x roll of paper handtowel • 1 x liquid hand soap • 1 x art smock / old shirt 	<p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">Support Unit 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x glue sticks • 1 x pack of baby wipes • 1 x liquid soap • 1 x box of tissues • 1 x USB Drive • earphones (for use with ipads)
<p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">Year 1 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 X clear plastic home reading folder • 1 X pencil sharpener with catcher • 1 X liquid soap • 1 X box of tissues • 1 X roll of paper handtowel • 1 X paint shirt • 1 X library bag • 3 X glue sticks (Bostik 35g) • 4 X lead pencils 2B • 4 X whiteboard markers 	<p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">Year 2 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 X clear plastic home reading folder • 1 X liquid soap • 1 X box of tissues • 1 X roll of paper handtowel • paint shirt • library bag • 3 X glue sticks (Bostik 35g) • 4 X lead pencils 2B • pencil sharpener with catcher • 2 X whiteboard markers • Coloured pencils and textas • 30cm ruler • scissors – school size • eraser
<p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">Year 3 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x boxes of tissues • 1 X roll of paper handtowel • 1 X liquid soap • 30cm ruler • 2 X glue sticks (Bostik 35g) • 2 x lead pencils • 1 x red pen • 1 x highlighter • 1 x whiteboard marker • 1 x USB Drive (2GB) • coloured pencils • textas (optional) • 1 x A3 display folder or document wallet • 1 x A4 display folder 	<p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">Year 4 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x boxes of tissues • 1 x pump hand sanitiser • 2 X glue sticks (Bostik 35g) • 30cm ruler • sharpener • scissors – school size • eraser • 4 x lead pencils (HB) • coloured pencils • 2 x red pens • 1 x thick black texta (sharpie) • 1 x whiteboard marker • 1 x highlighter • 1 x USB Drive • 2 x A4 display folders

<p style="text-align: center;">Year 5 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x box of tissues • 1 x liquid soap • 1 x roll of paper handtowel • 2 x glue sticks • 2 x lead pencils (HB) • eraser • 30cm ruler with mm • 1 x thick black marker pen • red / blue / black ball point pens • 2 x different coloured highlighters • coloured pencils • scissors • textas (optional) • non-electric sharpener • USB Drive • headphones • calculator • geometry set • 1 x A4 display folder • 1 x A3 Art Book (sketch book) • Dictionary • Thesaurus • refillable water bottle 	<p style="text-align: center;">Year 6 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x box of tissues • 1 x liquid soap • 1 x roll of paper handtowel • 2 x glue sticks • 2 x lead pencils (HB) • eraser • 30cm ruler with mm • 1 x thick black marker pen • red / blue / black ball point pens • 2 x different coloured highlighters • coloured pencils • scissors • textas (optional) • non-electric sharpener • USB Drive • Headphones with microphone • calculator • geometry set • 1 x A4 display folder • 1 x A3 Art Book (sketch book) • refillable water bottle

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OPEN NIGHT

For prospective

Year 7

Students and Parents



Thursday
18th February, 2016

6.30pm - 8.00pm

6pm - BBQ & Drinks

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*WISHING EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY, SAFE NEW YEAR!*

*FROM ALL THE STAFF
AT HURSTVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL*

