

The Belltower

Hurstville Public School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 2
Friday 20 October



Education & Communities

Calendar of Upcoming Events

TERM 4	
Tuesday 24 th October	Parents & Citizens Association (P&C) General Meeting at 9.15am Georges River Public Speaking Finals
Thursday 26 th October	Kindergarten Transition Session 1.
Monday 30 th October	Band Information Night
Wednesday 1 st Novemeber	SHOWCASE
Thursday 2 nd November	Kindergarten Transition Session 2.
Monday 6 th November	Year 6 Camp starts
Thursday 9 th November	Year 6 Camp ends, happy campers return!

Principal's Message

Upcoming School Evaluation Community Forums – Wednesday 8th November

Please note down **Wednesday 8th November**, which is the date of our follow up school evaluation community forums – the two forums on this day will be held at 9:15am and 6:30pm in the upstairs hall, E Block building.

At these forums, we will further unpack and deepen our understanding of the concepts that were identified at the initial community forums and collected from staff and our students. These forums provide a great opportunity to provide feedback on the future directions of the school; We look forward to you being a part of this shared conversation.

A summary of the feedback collected from the initial school community forums and information collected recently from our staff members will be shared at the October P&C meeting on Tuesday 24th October in the Community Room at 9:15am.

Developing a Community of Practice – 4C Learning

As a school, we have been committed over the past three years to strategic directions within our school plan that focus on the process of embedding the 4C skills – Collaboration, communication, critical thinking and creativity. These skills are often referred to as C21 Learning Skills or Future Focused Learning skills. This has been a significant journey to date for our students, teachers and community members and one that we believe will still need to remain a priority into the future to be truly considered as embedded into our everyday practice and operation of the school.

What we have also discovered is that a number of our other local schools have a similar focus around either the embedding of the 4Cs or more specifically an explicit focus on one or two of the 4C skills. To that end, we have had a number of initial discussions and planning sessions with

members of the leadership teams of these schools to assess the viability of forming a Community of Practice. This Community of Practice would have a focus on the further development of explicit teaching practice and embedding of 4C learning, the assessment of this learning for students and regular opportunities to share professional learning and best practice examples as a connected learning community. The other schools expressing an interest in the potential formation of this Community of Practice are Carlton Public School, Hurstville South Public School, Mortdale Public School and Illawong Public School. We anticipate that the possible gains from this connection with the other interested schools will bring benefits well beyond 4C learning for our students, teachers and school communities.

Mr Chris Minns - Visit to the School

The State Member for Kogarah, the Honourable Mr Chris Minns, will be visiting Hurstville Public School in the coming week. Mr Minns will be paying a visit to the school to meet members of the school's leadership team, to discuss a range of matters related to the local area and to find out more about a number of the outstanding programs in operation at our school. We look forward to welcoming Mr Minns to Hurstville Public School.

P&C Meeting Reminder – Tuesday 24th October, 2017

A reminder that the October P &C meeting will be held next Tuesday, 24th October in the Community Room at 9:15am

Student Invoices – Sent to families

All student invoices for Term 4 have been sent to families. If you have not received a copy of the Term 4 Student Invoice, additional copies can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the school website in the [Notes 2017](#) section.

Student Reporting – Term 4

Student reports for Semester 2 will be sent home to all families on Wednesday 13th December, 2017. If you have any concerns regarding your child, please make a time with your child's classroom teacher to discuss these concerns.

Mr Mark Steed – Principal

Sydney Kings Visit

On Thursday 26th October, some of the Sydney Kings basketball players will be coming to visit our school. They will be entertaining staff and students in the afternoon on the basketball court.

The afternoon of fun aims to bring Sydney kings game day experience to the school yard with five of the players taking on a team of our students in front of the entire school. There will be an MC, prizes and a range of opportunities for our students to get involved in the hour long event!

The Sydney Kings are passionate about promoting the benefits of physical activity and assisting students in building a lifelong engagement with sport, particularly basketball.

Hurstville Public School will provide a winning, dynamic school team of players from stage 3 who will be involved in the game playing the Sydney Kings Players. There will also be 2 students from K-2 who will participate in the 'half-time' game. In addition, there will be a 'Teacher Shoot Out', where 1 member of staff will take on one of the Kings players in a shoot-out.

We look forward to a fun afternoon.

Mrs Rebecca Ingram – Relieving Deputy Principal

Supervision of Students Before and After School

This is a reminder to all parents and carers that our school hours are **9.00am until 3.00pm**. Between these times all students are expected to be at school and their attendance is marked accordingly. Please provide a written or verbal explanation if your child arrives late to school.

To ensure our students are safe we provide direct supervision between the hours of **8.30am and 3.15pm**. Outside of those hours we expect parents or carers to make arrangements for the supervision of the children in their care.

The only exceptions are when students are involved in extra-curricular activities, such as dance or PSSA team training. This is an agreed arrangement between parents and the teachers involved.

We understand that there are rare and unforeseen circumstances when parents are delayed. When this occurs, we expect that you would attempt to make other arrangements for your children to be picked up and that you would notify the school of the changes. Please do not ask your children to meet you in the office foyer unless prior arrangements have been made. The office staff do not work beyond 3.15pm.

We appreciate your support with this.

Mrs Jenny Cooper – Acting Deputy Principal

In The Classroom



Early Stage 1-Kindergarten

KS have been working very hard to transform our classroom into an Aquarium. Students have enjoyed listening to stories about different sea creatures, as well as learning about the importance of an Aquarium and how to care for sea animals. After brainstorming their favourite sea animals, each member of KS creatively designed their very own rainbow fish and also made a range of other sea creatures including turtles, seahorses, starfish, jelly fish and crabs. KS are very proud of what they have created together and are excited to begin working on their individual mini-aquarium displays.



KS have really enjoyed working on their sea creatures and adding them to the classroom display.



Ms N. Saad – KS Classroom Teacher

Stage 1

Year 2

A big welcome back to our Year 2 students. Term 4 promises to be an exciting and eventful one. Some of the upcoming events include:

Year 2 Swimming

Our students will be attending swimming lessons in Weeks 7 & 8. This is such an invaluable experience and the Year 2 Teachers are encouraging all of our students to attend. The importance of learning to swim cannot be stressed enough, and can be a lifesaving skill. If you have a concern about paying for swimming, please make an appointment to see Mr Mark Steed, as we can offer financial assistance, if need be.

Year 2 Funarama Excursion

As part of our end of term activities, the Year 2 students will be going to Funarama on Thursday 7 December, and they are all looking forward to this day.

Presentation Day

To celebrate the successes of the 2017 educational year, our Stage 1 Presentation Day will be held at Sydney Boy's Technological High School on Wednesday 13 December.

Year 2 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) Group

This semester, the Year 2 STEAM group have been working hard on their challenge to build the strongest bridge, made of straw, to cross a river that spans 30cm.

It has been amazing to watch the students utilise their 4C's skills (creativity, collaboration, critical thinking and communication) to design their bridge. In the coming weeks, we will be testing the strength of bridges, reflecting on our process and thinking about changing the design to make it better. What a great challenge!

Mrs T Cowley - Assistant Principal

Stage 3 Year 5

Medical Form Reminder

If your child is attending the Year 5 Camp and you have **not** completed the mandatory online Medical form, please do so immediately. The forms were due on Monday 16th October. Please see details below for instructions. Please contact the school if you have any further questions or queries. Thank you for your assistance with this process.

The online Medical and Consent form available at:

<https://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/facilities/medicalandconsentform>

You will also need to input the following details when prompted.

Booking Number **474897**

Booking Start Date **20/11/2017**

Booking Venue **Berry Sport and Recreation Centre**

Failure to complete the form will mean your child cannot go on camp

Information Session for Students and Parents

An information session for students attending Year 5 camp will take place on **Friday 27th October** at 2pm. Parents are welcome to attend. Please see note attached for further information.

Year 6 Camp

Information Session for Students and Parents

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Applications for Year 7 Entry to Selective high School in 2019

Applications for Year 7 entry into selective high school in 2019 are now open.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2019, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online were provided to all year 5 students in printed application information booklet. Information is also available at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opened on 10 October at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7> and closes on 13 November 2017.

You must apply before the closing date.

We have asked all parents who want their child/ren to apply for entry into Selective High School in 2019 to also complete the Intention to apply form and return it to school. This note is only an intention to apply and not an application form. An additional copy of this note is attached to the bulletin.

Please contact the school if you have any further questions or queries.

2018 Leadership team Information Session

This Friday afternoon students in Year 5 will be provided information about applying for the Hurstville Public School Leadership team in 2018. Information will be provided on the roles and responsibilities of the leadership team and how nominations work. Students will be given a note to explain the process. A copy of that information is attached to this bulletin.

Ms Mortimer - Assistant Principal

Support Classes

Welcome back to Term 4 for all our support unit students and families. We are pleased to welcome back Mrs Pollard to Green class and thank Mrs Wakelin for filling in for Mrs Pollard throughout term 3. This term will be full of lots of exciting events.

Living skills and Breakfast Club

This term all our students will continue to participate in weekly cooking activities. These activities provide many learning opportunities and assist in the development of social skills as the children share a meal together. Breakfast Club will also continue every Thursday morning. All students in the Support unit are invited to come along to the living skills room to join in. A big thanks to Mrs Hatton-Ward, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Sal who assist in the program weekly cooking up a delicious and nutritious breakfast.

Community Access

This term Green class will continue their community access program on Thursday mornings. Parents are asked to ensure that students have their money and a shopping list prepared each week. If you have any concerns please see Mrs Pollard.

Variety Club Excursion

This term we have once again be invited to the Variety Club Christmas party. This is a fantastic event which the students thoroughly enjoy. The excursion will be on Tuesday 21st November and the note has been sent out as part of the Term 4 invoice.

Mrs Nicole Moore – Assistant Principal

Kindergarten Orientation Morning

Last Thursday the Kindergarten students who are enrolling at HPS in 2018 came to visit the school with their parents and some grandparents. They listened to the current Kindergarten students sing, they met their big Year 5 buddies, they visited one of the Kindergarten classrooms and they went for a tour of the school.

Our Transition program starts for these children next week. They will be attending on Thursday mornings for the next 3 weeks. During these sessions they will become familiar with the Kindergarten classrooms and participate in some activities with their Big Buddy. There will be information sessions for parents in the main hall while the students are in the classrooms.



Mrs Jenny Cooper - Acting Deputy Principal

From the Library

It is wonderful to see so many students from K-6 continuing such positive borrowing behaviours so early in the term. Many students are borrowing not only during class time but also during morning sessions and lunch time. Keep this up!

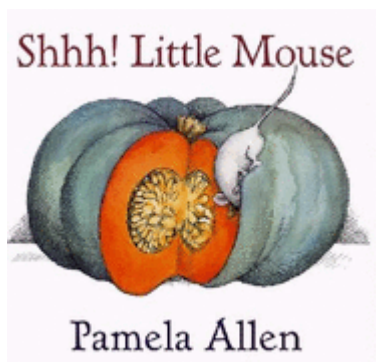
Scholastic Book Club Procedures Reminder

The most recent issue of Scholastic book club brochures has now been distributed to students. Book club orders are processed via **LOOP** on the Scholastic website. Parents and carers will need

to pay with a credit card online via the **LOOP** option as outlined below. Orders must be completed online by **Wednesday** of the following week (after brochure distribution). Unfortunately, late orders cannot be accepted.

Procedures for LOOP payment:

- Log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP
- Click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child's class
- Add your child's first name and surname
- Enter the item number from the book club catalogues. You can order for multiple children at once.
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom.
- There is no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to school.
- For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on HELP in the top menu.



Ms Wadley thinks you should read this book from the library:

Shhh! Little Mouse

Written by Pamela Allen, Illustrated by Sheena Knowles.

The little, grey mouse is hungry but he faces serious consequences if he wakes the sleeping cat! Read Shh! Little Mouse to find out what happens!



Mr Philpott thinks you should read this book from the library:

Bonnie & Sam, The Shadow Brumby

Written by Alison Lester, Illustrated by Roland Harvey

Best friends, Bonnie and Sam, love horses. They ride nearly every day and have the best adventures. Sometimes, in the mountains, Bonnie and Sam catch a glimpse of the wild bush horses, the brumbies.

Mr Philpott and Miss Wadley – Teacher/Librarians

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

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At Hurstville Public School, our school expectations are **Respectful Responsible Learners**.



This week the focus was on the **All Settings** and next week the focus will be on **playground**. Below is a list of expected behaviours in each of these areas.

All Settings:

<h3>Respect</h3> <p>To be respectful, we:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands to ourselves Wear school uniform Are polite and use manners Speak respectfully to others Respect others' point of view Follow teachers' instructions Accept differences Remove hats when entering a building Respect property and the environment 	<h3>Responsibility</h3> <p>To be responsible, we:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make safe choices Help others Come prepared and on time 	<h3>Learning</h3> <p>To be learners, we:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do our personal best Are problem solvers Actively participate
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In the playground:

<h3>Respect</h3> <p>To be respectful, we:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooperate with everyone Share equipment 	<h3>Responsibility</h3> <p>To be responsible, we:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear a hat Sit down while eating Put rubbish in the bin Play safely in the correct area Line up when we hear the music 	<h3>Learning</h3> <p>To be learners, we:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow the rules of the game Encourage each other to join in
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To ensure consistency at home and at school, please take the time to discuss these expectations with your child.

PBL Team

Values In Action Awards

The students listed below will receive their **medal** on Monday 23rd October 2017 at the whole school morning assembly. Congratulations! Parents are most welcome to see their child receive their award.

Sophie T. 2/3M Ryan F. 3D Emmaline X. 3B Isabella L. 4R Marlene T. 5A Cedric C. 6C

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

*Richard Z. 2F Angela C. 2L Natalie S. 2/3M Tyla T-P. 5/6V
Dominic S. 2F Corinna L. 2L Phoebe X. 3A Eleena L. 6C
Dylan J. 2E Hussein I. 2S William Z. 4R Joy G. 6C
Denny S. 2I Nanci Y. 2S Carolyn W. 5H*

Our award system is as follows:

5 Values in Action Awards (mixture) = 1 Bronze Award

5 Bronze Awards = 1 Silver Award

2 Silver Awards = 1 Gold Award

2 Gold Awards = Medal

Please keep awards in a safe place so that students can trade them in when they have achieved the next level of award.

Mrs Jessica Maakaroun – Assistant Principal

Extracurricular

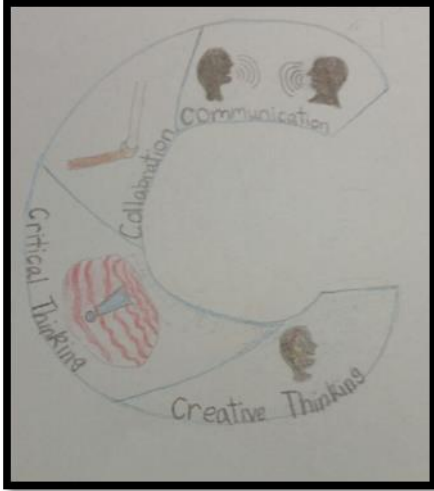
Band

Thank you to all the parents who have returned the audition form to express interest in their child joining the HPS Training Band in 2018. We will be holding a parent information evening on Monday 30 October at 6pm in the school hall. This will provide you with lots of information about the band program. We also encourage you to read the Band Handbook in the Our School section on the school website as it outlines your child's responsibilities if they choose to join the program. Traditionally, Training Band rehearsals have been run during school time, however from 2018, rehearsals will be held after school on Tuesday from 3.10 until 4.10pm



21st Century Learning Corner 2017!

Kelly H (from 4K) has been working hard with some Year 6 students to refine her winning 4C design.



Thank you to the Year 6 students who have been working collaboratively with Kelly on her design. The students have met each other at lunchtimes and additionally worked on the design in their own time. Watch this space for the final version!

This semester HPS teachers have been engaged in implementing a number of learning projects including Science, Technology Engineering Arts & Maths (STEAM) and Project Based Learning (PBL) that promote and employ the use of the 4Cs in addition to teaching syllabus outcomes. Below are some photos of wind turbines that Year 6 students created as part of their STEAM project. We were impressed with their application of Critical and Creative Thinking skills and their ability to work Collaboratively with each other. As a result, they understood the importance and

purpose of wind turbines and produced a range of designs that successfully lifted a cup off the floor.



Ms Mortimer

Knitting Club News

This year knitting club was started in term two on a Thursday lunch session with Mrs King. Throughout the year students from 3-6 have come and learnt how to knit. Many students have persevered with the difficult activity and become 'pro knitters'. The students who completed their squares combined them to create some amazing blankets as shown below. The large blanket in the middle has been donated to the sick bay to comfort students that are feeling ill at school. The smaller blankets are being donated to the charity 'CatRescue 901'. This charity rescues and rehabilitates cats and kittens that have found themselves without a home and places them in foster care to be socialised before finding 'forever homes'. The rescue organisation is very excited as it is kitten season and the blankets will definitely put to good use. Well done knitters!



Mrs King – Co-ordinating Teacher

From the Office...

新生注册入學時間
每天上午 9:30 至下午 2:30 之間

“New Enrolments” will be taken
between 9.30 am - 2.30 pm

P&C Meeting Notice

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Parents & Citizens Association (P&C) will hold a General Meeting on **Tuesday 24th October 2017 at 9.15am** in the Community Room.



During the meeting we will be discussing:

- Walk-a-thon
- SRC Planned Disco
- P&C Parent Recognition program
- School Evaluation Feedback Summary
- Staff Presentation – Cyber Safety

Please email the P&C at pchurstville@hotmail.com if you would like to raise a topic but aren't able to attend the meeting.

Regards

P&C Association
October 2017

SUPPORTING MY CHILD'S WELLBEING

STRATEGIES FOR MANAGING CHILD AND ADOLESCENT ANXIETY

A **FREE** seminar for parents of young people aged 3 - 18 years.

Tuesday
17 October 2017

Where:
Burwood Library and Community Hub
2 Conder Street Burwood

EXPO 4pm to 6pm

Come and meet service providers and take home information, resources and tips.



Seminar 6pm to 9pm

Guest speakers and workshops delivered by qualified professionals including Sydney Local Health District, Beyond Blue, Department of Education and Headspace.

FREE

for all parents in the Inner West

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

Please RSVP your attendance to families@burwood.nsw.gov.au
Refreshments Provided

Child Minding Available

Limited spaces. Please express interest to families@burwood.nsw.gov.au when you register your attendance



Burwood Council
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Health
Sydney
Local Health District



Kids@Weldon

INNER WEST COUNCIL

NSW
School-Link
Health and Education Working Together



BURWOOD
COMMUNITY
WELFARE
SERVICES INC.

COPMI
Children of Parents
with a Mental Illness

This program is funded by Central and Eastern Sydney PHN and the ALGA Child & Family Interagency and the Inner West Youth Alliance.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

EXPO 4pm to 6pm

Come and meet local service providers and get information, resources and tips.

Seminar 6pm to 9pm

6.00pm Welcome and Introduction

6.15pm Special Guest Speakers:

What is Anxiety and when to get help?

– Sydney Local Health District

A Lived Experience

– Beyond Blue

Parent Modelling

– COPMI

What's happening in schools?

– NSW Department of Education

7.15pm Workshop 1:

“Raising kids that cope – strategies for children 5-12 yrs”

OR

“Supporting your teen & difficult conversations”

8.00pm Workshop 2:

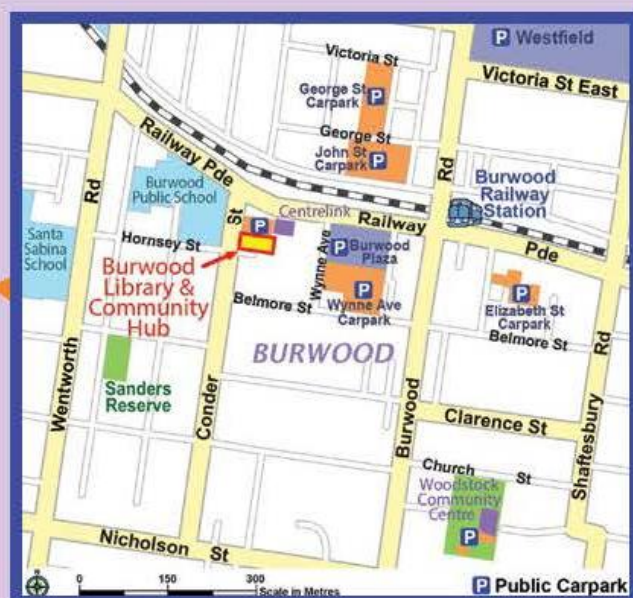
“Practical strategies to reduce anxiety in young children or children with additional needs”

OR

“Building Resilient Teens: Breaking the Cycle of Anxiety”

8.45pm Closing comments and evaluations

CLOSES 9.00pm



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AND COMMUNITY HUB**

2 Conder Street
Burwood NSW 2134



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调整青少年 和父母陪育计划

Tuning In To Teens Parenting Program



2 workshops for Parents
Food Provided

- 理解青少年自己的情绪
- 了解青少年的情绪和行为
- 有更大发展与青少年沟通联系
- 帮助和教导你如何管理青少年,他/她的情绪和行为
- 教青少年如何处理冲突

Hurstville Public School
Thursday 16th & 23rd November
5-7pm

请联系: CAROLINE CHEUNG
0419 322 781 (英语) 电

SHARE YOUR WORLD!

WITH AN OVERSEAS EXCHANGE STUDENT!



TAKE A LEAP OF FAITH

Have you ever considered inviting an exchange student into your home? WEP is looking for Australian families to join their community of volunteer host families!

Treat your family to an intercultural experience like no other by hosting an exchange student from overseas. Share a piece of your heart and your backyard and support a young person make his/her dream of living and studying in Australia come true.

If you have a room to spare and an interest in other cultures, we would love to hear from you! Remember, sometimes the greatest rewards in life come from taking a leap of faith or doing the things you never thought you would.

CONTACT WEP

1300 884 733

INFO@WEP.ORG.AU

WEP.ORG.AU

MEET DAVIDE!

"I have a passion for the arts. I dedicate a lot of my time to photography, drawing, music and writing. I am also addicted to reading and I'm a great cook. I have an active nature and I enjoy outdoor sports such as volleyball, biking and running. I'm from a talkative family and I love to tell them all about my day. I hope my host family enjoy the experience as much as I will!"

STEP 1 - REQUEST PROGRAM INFO

- Email or call Sylvia at WEP: sylviakelly@wep.org.au / 03 9598 4733



STEP 2 - CHOOSE YOUR STUDENT

- WEP will send you comprehensive program and student information, so you can choose the student best suited to your family.

STEP 3 - PREPARE FOR ARRIVAL

- WEP will assess your application, prepare you for your student's arrival and take care of everything, including school enrolment, assistance with your application for relevant working with children checks, flights, insurance and more!



GIVING BLOOD FEELS GOOD

Every donation can save three lives.

Mobile Blood Service visiting: Hurstville Entertainment Centre

Macmahon Street, Hurstville

Monday 13 November	1.30pm – 6.30pm
Tuesday 14 November	8.30am – 2.00pm
Wednesday 15 November	8.30am – 1.00pm

Drink up! Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate

Eat! Have a good sized breakfast or lunch

Please bring photo I.D. with you

To make an appointment call **13 14 95**
or visit donateblood.com.au

 Australian Red Cross
BLOOD SERVICE

Friday 20th October



Hurstville Public School
Forest Road
HURSTVILLE NSW 2220

Ph: 02 9587 3963 Fax: 02 9553 8029
Email: hurstville-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Year 5 Berry Sport & Recreation Camp

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 5 students will be attending camp from Monday 20th November to Wednesday 22nd November. We will be staying at Berry Sport and Recreation Camp, 660 Coolangatta Road NSW 2535

The bus will leave Hurstville Public School at **8:00am** on Monday 20th November.
Please be at school by 7:30am. We will **not** wait for late comers.

The bus will arrive back at Hurstville Public School at approx. **3.00pm** on Wednesday 22nd November. Please arrange to have your child picked up at this time.

Children will not be allowed to leave without a parent / guardian.

To ensure the smooth running of this overnight excursion, please read the following instructions carefully. It would be beneficial to discuss this information with your child.

Any student requiring medication should bring only enough for the duration of their stay. All medication must be in its original packaging, and clearly marked with the student's name, the advised dosage and the dosage interval. This information should also be noted on the Medical and consent form that was handed in previously. **No Panadol or Nurofen.**

During camp, normal school rules apply. Students whose behaviour could result in danger or distress to themselves or others may be excluded from some activities, have their parents contacted, or in extreme circumstances, may be sent home.

In case of emergency, you can contact Hurstville Public School on 9587 3963 who will be able to contact the camp site. If you have an emergency outside normal business hours, Berry Sport and Recreation Centre can be contacted on (02) 4464 2258. **This number is for emergency use only.**

Please remind students that they are responsible for all equipment brought to camp.
No electronic devices or mobile phones will be allowed.

Accommodation

Students stay in comfortable rooms or lodges with male and female students accommodated separately. At least one visiting teacher will stay in a room nearby and will be responsible for student safety and behaviour.

Meals

A qualified catering team prepare nutritious and delicious meals so your child will never go hungry at camp. If your child has any special dietary requirements or food allergies, it is crucial that these are listed on the Medical and Consent form. Special diets are provided for medical conditions, religious beliefs and lifestyle choices such as vegetarians or vegans.

Outdoor safety

Every effort is made to ensure your child's safety and comfort while at camp. Our SunSmart policy promotes wearing broad-brimmed hats and sunscreen and we minimise sun exposure during the hottest part of the day. Personal flotation devices (life jackets) are supplied by the Centre. Covered shoes must be worn when participating in all boating activities.

Accidents or emergencies

Centre staff hold senior first aid accreditations and can administer first aid, if required. If your child requires medical assistance, they will be taken to the nearest medical centre or hospital and we will notify you. In case of emergencies, parents can contact the Centre between 8:30am and 5:00pm Monday to Friday.

What to pack

One piece of luggage, a sleeping bag and a small day backpack is recommended per child. Please put labelled sleeping bag inside your child's luggage. These should be clearly marked with your child's name, address and phone number.

Remember, your child will have to carry their luggage so please ensure it is not too big or too heavy. Items needed on the bus trip should be packed in the backpack. **Do not lock bags.**

Checklist

Please label all clothing, towels and sleeping bag with your child's name.

- Shorts and t-shirts (no singlets, sleeveless or midriff tops)
- Jumpers and tracksuit pants
- Socks and underwear
- Raincoat
- Pyjamas
- Swimming costume and rash shirt
- Sunscreen and sun hat
- Two pairs of running shoes (one old pair to wear in the water)
- Toiletries, soap, lip balm and insect repellent (no aerosols)
- Two towels
- Pillow, pillow case and sleeping bag
- Day backpack (small)
- Plastic bags for dirty or wet clothes
- Medication (if required) – clearly labelled and dosage explained no vitamins or Panadol/Nurofen
- Handkerchief or tissues
- Water bottle

What not to bring

- Aerosol cans (i.e. spray-on deodorant or insect repellent)
- Mobile phones and other electronic devices
- Food, lollies or chewing gum
- Jewellery or valuables

An information session will be held on Friday 27th October 2017 at 2:10pm. The session will be held in E Block Hall (upstairs) for all children attending camp. Parents are more than welcome to attend. Teachers will outline what will be happening at camp, what children will need to bring and behaviour expectations. We look forward to seeing you there if you can make it. If not, children will be provided with all of the relevant information.

This excursion is a great opportunity for students to develop their social, problem-solving and sporting skills and we thank you for your assistance in ensuring its success.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Amy Mortimer
Relieving Assistant Principal

Mr Mark Steed
Principal

Year 6 Camp

INFORMATION SESSION

An information session for children attending **Year 6 Camp** will be held on Tuesday **24th October 2017** at 2:15pm. The session will take place upstairs in E-Block Hall and parents are more than welcome to attend. Teachers will outline what will be happening at camp, what children will need to bring and behaviour expectations. We look forward to seeing you there if you can make it. If not, children will be provided with all relevant and necessary information.

Mr Pratt

Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 15 March 2018.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2019, you need to apply soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 10 October 2017 in a printed application information booklet and at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opens at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7> on 10 October 2017 and closes on 13 November 2017. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 10 October 2017.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

Remember: the tear-off slip below is **not an application** and the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely

Mark Steed
Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.

Note: THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL. This is a notice to your primary school only that you **intend** to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS APPLICATION WEBSITE:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

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Student's name: _____ Class: _____

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in 2019

Yes No

If Yes EITHER

I have internet access and will be applying online

OR

I do not have internet access and will use the public library to complete the application

Signature of parent/carer: _____ Date: _____

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20 October 2017



School Leadership Team 2018

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Dear Parents and Carers

The process for electing our 2018 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 (four boys and four girls).

All students in Year 5 are eligible to nominate themselves and/or a peer for a position on the School Leadership Team. Each student may nominate up to two students (one boy and one girl). In making nominations for these positions, students must consider the demonstrated behaviour, attitude and ability of the nominees to carry out this role. Students wishing to nominate should fill in the attached Nomination Form and return it to their class teacher by Wednesday 25 October 2017.

The 24 students (12 boys and 12 girls) receiving the most nominations will be approached to accept their nomination. In doing so, students should carefully read and discuss the nomination agreement with parents and/or carers. Completed Nomination Acceptance forms, signed by both the nominee and parents, must be returned to Mrs Mortimer by Wednesday 1 November. Notes returned after this date will not be accepted.

On Wednesday 8 November, candidates will be invited to present a speech to the Year 4 and Year 5 students at a special assembly. The speech should be prepared at home and should outline the qualities that would make the student a good leader. Parents of the candidates are invited to attend this assembly to hear the speeches. This assembly will commence at 9.15am in the school hall.

This will be immediately followed by the election, where all students from Years 4 and 5 will vote for their preferred candidates. The 12 nominees (six boys and six girls) receiving the highest level of student support will move forward to the Principal and Executive for consideration.

The candidates will be advised of the outcome by Mr Steed prior to Presentation Day. Specific positions will be announced and badges presented at our Presentation Day on Tuesday 12 December 2017.

Kind Regards

Mr Mark Steed
Principal

Mrs Amy Mortimer
Relieving Assistant principal

2018 School Leadership Team Nomination form

School leaders in any capacity should uphold the values of Respect, Responsibility and Learning and demonstrate the following:

RESPECT

- consistent respectful behaviour towards peers and staff
- pride in the school by, for example, proudly wearing the school uniform

RESPONSIBILITY

- integrity, showing the ability to make decisions for themselves, without succumbing to peer pressure
- initiative and the ability to problem solve
- strong communication skills, both written and verbal, including active listening
- strong organisational skills

LEARNING

- commitment to achieve their personal best
- willingness to be involved in extracurricular activities
- a positive attitude
- the ability to work collaboratively with a diverse group

If you would like to nominate for the position of School Leadership Team, please complete the section/s below. You may nominate up to two students (one boy and one girl).

1st Nomination:

Name: _____ Class _____

2nd Nomination:

Name: _____ Class _____

I am confident that the student/s listed above have upheld the values of respect, responsibility and learning.

Name: _____ Class: _____ Signature: _____