



The Belltower

Hurstville Public School Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 4

Friday 23 February



Education &
Communities

Calendar of Upcoming Events

27 February 2018	<i>'Meet the Teacher Evening' – various starting times from 5 to 7pm in your child's classroom</i>
28 February 2018	<i>SRE classes begin</i>
19 & 20 March 2018	<i>School Photos</i>
9 March 2018	<i>Botany Bay Zone Swimming Carnival</i>

Principal's Message

Staffing Update – Term 1 2018

As mentioned in my letter to the school community this week, I will be taking a period of leave in order to address an unforeseen family situation. I will be commencing this leave from Monday 5th March until the end of Term 1, 2018.

During this time, the Principal position will be filled by Mrs Sally Lawson. Mrs Lawson has been the substantive Principal of Baldface Public School for many years and is highly regarded both as an educator and school leader. She will work collaboratively with our leadership team and community representatives to ensure our school remains focused on continual improvement.

I know you will join me in welcoming Mrs Lawson warmly to our school community. Her deep knowledge, experience and outstanding leadership will be an asset to our students, staff and community.

Save the Date - Harmony Day Assembly - Monday 26th March at 9am

You will see in this edition of the Belltower information on our upcoming Harmony Day assembly on Monday 26th March. This assembly is a very important celebration for our school community of the concepts of equity, tolerance and inclusion. The Harmony Day assembly forms a part of our strategic planning for 2018 around how we make the incredibly important concept of equity visible within our school and local community. Celebrating the rich diversity of all of our backgrounds means that we are also able to embrace and foster tolerance. We look forward to you joining us for what will undoubtedly be a wonderful celebration of Harmony Day.

Road Safety Management Update – Proposed Traffic Changes on Kenwyn Street and Forest Road

We have been working with our school community representatives, the Georges River Council Traffic Engineers, the RMS and the State Member for Kogarah to try and bring about a number of road safety/traffic management changes in the precinct surrounding Hurstville PS. At the end of last year, the working party agreed to a dual recommendation to make Kenwyn Street a **Left Turn Only** onto Forest Road and to introduce a **No Parking Pick Up Zone** along the school side of Kenwyn Street.

It is hoped that these two related measures will address the traffic flow issues each afternoon on Kenwyn Street. The introduction of the **No Parking Pick up Zone** will have some impact on all day parking spaces on Kenwyn Street and members of the school community will need to consider this once these changes have been finalised.

In addition to these proposed changes on Kenwyn Street, Georges River Council will also be relocating a bus stop outside of the school on Forest Road and installing a new pedestrian fence that will secure this area of the footpath. We have a pedestrian gate that we will be able to open once this work is completed. This will allow for students and parents to use the additional gate exit as an alternative to the pedestrian gate near the Forest Road/Lily Street crossing.

State Member for Kogarah Visit - Community Building Partnership Grant Announcement

In the upcoming week, the State Member for the seat of Kogarah, Mr Chris Minns, will be visiting our school to officially announce the awarding of a Community Building Partnership Grant. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the members of the Hurstville P&C, Miss Danielle Scott and the Playground Committee members for their work on the grant application during 2017. The Community Building Partnership Grant program has proven to be a very important component of every school community's ability to undertake upgrades to playground and outdoor learning facilities, which can be quite costly.

As part of the playground upgrade master plan that was created in 2017, the playground area that will be supported by this grant for upgrade will be the area outside of the Kindergarten buildings. I will keep you posted on the progress of this proposed playground upgrade but anticipate that most of the construction aspects of the upgrade will occur during the second semester of the year.

Mr Mark Steed – Principal



Chinese New Year

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Well done to Ian and Ella on leading our whole school assembly on Monday to acknowledge Chinese New Year. You both did a great job in explaining why this is an important celebration in our community as well as the various customs and traditions we observe which keep it special. Thank you for sharing your stories about how the Spring Festival was celebrated in your families with delicious dumplings and giving lucky red envelopes!



Swimming Carnival

Last Tuesday turned out to be a fabulous day at our annual swimming carnival. The students had a great time participating in the competition races, but there were also novelty activities for our learners, too. It was lovely to see so many



our parents who were able to come along on the day and support our children. Your time is always so greatly appreciated. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Koinis and Mrs Cook for all their wonderful organisation, all our teachers for their support and, of course, all our students for their enthusiasm and participation in making our swimming carnival a great school day.



Miss Kim Lovell – Deputy Principal

Meet the Teacher Evening

We look forward to meeting parents and carers on **Tuesday 27th February** for our “Meet the Teacher” evening. They will be held in your child’s classroom at the following times:

5.00 pm	Kindergarten and Support Unit
5.30 pm	Years 1 and 2
6.00 pm	Years 3 and 4
6.30 pm	Years 5 and 6

The sessions will be approximately 45 minutes. They are an information session, and a chance for you to find about the learning that will be happening for your child this year. They are not individual parent interviews. Parent interviews are held at the end of this term.

We look forward to seeing you.

Road Safety

The safety of our students, your children, is important to us. As such, many staff members who are rostered to do duties after school at the various exit points of the school have noticed some unsafe behaviours by both the students and some caregivers.

Please talk to your children about staying safe as they exit the school at a very busy time, and setting the right example as a caregiver, especially with younger students.

Here are some points to discuss with your child :

Holding an adult’s hand:

- Children **up to eight years old** should hold an adult's hand on the footpath, in the car park, or when crossing the road; an adult is defined as a parent, caregiver, grandparent, sibling in high school or older, other relative or neighbour, or other adult as advised by the child's parents/carers
- Children **up to ten years old** should be actively supervised in the traffic environment and should hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.

Crossing at pedestrian lights :

- Always wait for the green man signal before crossing.
- Make sure all traffic is stopping before starting to cross.
- Stay alert - look and listen for traffic while crossing.
- If the flashing red man signal starts while crossing, don’t worry. There is still time to finish crossing. Continue walking across with care.
- Do not start to cross on the red man signal, even if it is flashing.

Orange Lane:

Please remember that NO CARS are to turn left into Orange Lane from Orange Street towards the double school gates between **8.00am - 9.30am** and **2.30pm – 4.00pm**. This is a walkway for students to enter and exit the school safely and you are putting our students at risk of harm if you drive into Orange Lane during this time.

Mrs Jenny Cooper – Deputy Principal



Coles is once again running their Sports for Schools program. Every \$10 spent at Coles* during the program, will earn a Coles Sports for Schools voucher. The more vouchers we collect, the more sports gear we can receive. Vouchers can be collected until 3 April.

Please ask your friends and family to also collect their vouchers for our school. There is a collection box in the Administration building, on the front counter.

Coles Online customers will not receive physical Vouchers at time of delivery. During the Campaign, Coles Online customers must register to receive

Vouchers for their Coles Online transactions. At the time of registration, Coles Online customers will be required to select their nominated school to receive any Vouchers earned during the Campaign. Transactions for registered Coles Online customers will be recorded and a Voucher tally will be calculated on all Vouchers earned. At the expiry of the Campaign, Coles Online customers will be advised by e-mail of the details of their final Voucher tally. Vouchers will then be transferred to the nominated school's online tally without any further action required by the customer.

**Excludes insurance products, gift cards, liquor, fuel, tobacco and related products, mobile phones, recharge and calling cards.*

Thank you for your support!

Mrs Rebecca Ingram– Deputy Principal

Early Stage 1-Kindergarten Kindergarten









Students have begun lining up in Area 1. We ask that you help your child find their class line at 8.55am and then move to the back of the line so that other students can easily join the line. This also allows students to see their teacher and to listen to any messages. It is important to arrive on time in the morning so that students can follow morning routines. If students arrive after 9am, teachers will send parents and students to the office to collect a late note.

Pick-up time will be at 2.45pm from next Monday 26th February. This will be the dismissal time for the rest of the term. Please be prompt to pick up your child from their classroom.

Meet the Teacher will be held on Tuesday 27th February. This will be a time for teachers to explain school and class routines, talk about the different Learning Areas and explain homework. This will be held at 5pm in your child's classroom. We ask that you try not to bring children as it can be distracting to the information session. We hope to see you all there.

Students have been busy learning some of the letters of the alphabet and the sounds that the letters make. Homework will begin in week 6 but you may like to ask your child about the letters below. See if they can think of things that start with the sounds.

Week 3 letters	<p>aA</p> 	<p>mM</p> 	<p>tT</p> 
Week 4 letters	<p>cC</p> 	<p>sS</p> 	<p>oO</p> 

A few reminders:

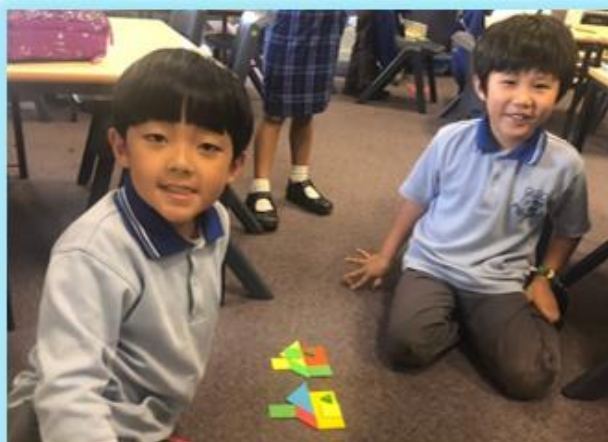
- ✓ Please label all your child's belongings, including lunch boxes and containers
- ✓ Send in a large bottle of water for your child to drink throughout the day
- ✓ Send in fruit or vegetables for crunch and sip, recess and lunch
- ✓ If your child is having a lunch order, please let them know in the morning
- ✓ Pack a spare pair of underwear in your child's bag in case of an accident
- ✓ Please send in class requirements, which include two tissue boxes, one paper towel roll, one pump hand soap and an art smock.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher or Mrs Maakaroun.

Mrs Jessica Maakaroun - Assistant Principal

Year 1

Students have all settled into their classes for 2018 and are set for an exciting year of learning. As part of the Year 1 Mathematics Program, students have been learning about two-dimensional shapes and have had fun creating tangrams.



A reminder to our parents and carers that our Parent Information evening will be next Tuesday, the 27th February at 5.30pm, in your child's classroom. Teachers will explain class routines, talk about the different Learning Areas and other organisational matters. We hope to see you all there.

Danielle Adams - Year 1 Grade Leader

Stage 2

Stage 2 had their first Assembly for 2018, and it was wonderful to see so many students receiving Recognition Awards for working well in class and following our school values. Each week we will be focusing on different areas of the school and discussing what our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Learning look like.

Our school value of Responsibility means that students need to be prepared for school each day. They need to bring everything needed for each day to ensure they maximise their learning time. This includes all stationery such as pencils, a ruler, rubber, glue stick etc. as well as their school hat, library bag, notes and homework. We ask parents and carers to assist their child by reminding them each day to pack their bags accordingly.

Stage 2 sport day is on each Friday, so students need to come to school in their sport uniform. On some occasions, students will be required to walk to Kempt Field, so if they have not as yet returned their green permission note, please do so as soon as possible.

Congratulations to all the Stage 2 students who tried out for a P.S.S.A. sporting team during the last two weeks. Many students from Stage 2 were successful and will be representing Hurstville Public school each Friday morning. We are very proud of you!

Thank you to everyone who has already paid the Term 1 invoice. Our text books have now arrived and we will begin using them in the coming weeks.

We look forward to meeting you on Tuesday 27th February during Meet the Teacher Night.

Stage 2 Teachers

Mrs Storr - Year 4 Relieving Assistant Principal

Stage 3

6L and 6S Collaborative Art

6L and 6S began the year by creating two different collaborative artworks. 6L created *The Starry Night* by Vincent Van Gogh and 6S created *Sunflowers* by Vincent Van Gogh.

Each class member received a copy of the original painting divided into 30 rectangles. The students were then given one of the rectangles to re-create. They needed to work with others to make sure their drawing matched with the drawing of adjoining rectangles. Every student then needed to make sure the colours they were using matched with everyone else's colours. It was a little challenging to get the colours right!

Overall, the students did an amazing job of working together to re-create these beautiful works of art. They are on display in 6L and 6S.



Mrs Southall - 6S OC Class Teacher

Support Classes

Support Unit Green Class and Carter from Gold class had a fun time at the Swimming Carnival. We participated in the novelty races and got to have a play in the big bucket wet area. We were all very tired at the end of the day.



Mrs Pollard – Green Class Teacher

From the Library

Class borrowing will commence from Monday of next week. Please ensure that your child brings their library bag on their borrowing day. Kindergarten students will be issued with a library bag during their first borrowing visit. Students in Years 1 to 5 are welcome to use their library bag from last year, or any soft cloth bag. A convenient option might be a reusable non-plastic shopping bag. Year 6 are not required to use a library bag.



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

In the playground:

Respectful	Responsible	Learners
Finish eating before we play Share and use equipment safely Use the bubblers sensibly Care for property and the environment	Sit down while we are eating Put rubbish in the bins Play inside the yellow lines Wear our hats	Play safely Line up ready to listen

In the toilets:

Respectful	Responsible	Learners
Keep the toilets clean Respect others' privacy	Use the toilet appropriately Wash our hands and turn off the tap	Leave the toilets when finished

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 26th February 2018 at the whole school morning assembly. Congratulations! Parents are most welcome to see their child receive their award.

Ivy X. 3/4S

Amber D. 5A

Michelle L. 6M

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

Brian C. 2M
Summer D. 2F
Ava N. 2F

Keiran K. 2B
Crystal C. 2L
Chloe H. 2K

Aya S. 2K
Angelo Z. 4P
Ken H. 4P

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 News

Band

Students and parents should now have been informed of tutorial timeslots. Please remind your child of the time, day and venue of their tutorial and remind them to bring their instrument to school on that day. Class teachers now have a copy of the tutorial times of students in their class, but it is hoped that students can show responsibility for remembering to attend each week at the appropriate time.



Mrs Jenny Cooper

Harmony Day

Dear parents and/or carers,
Harmony Day will be celebrated at **Monday whole school assembly on the 26th of March at 9.00-9.30am**. There will be four cultural dances; Chinese, Greek, Arabic and Indian. All students are encouraged to wear their traditional cultural dress for Harmony Day. Here are some examples.



Children who do not have a cultural dress can wear clothing which is orange, red or yellow.
To celebrate Harmony Day, we are requesting multi-coloured pieces of fabric from families to decorate Area 5. Students can place the fabric in an orange coloured bin on the Area 5 stage.
Parents are encouraged to attend the Harmony Day assembly. We look forward to seeing you there.
The Equity Team



What to pack for **Crunch&Sip®**
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Sometimes



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www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/campaigns-programs/crunchsip.aspx



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Crunch & Sip is a short morning break each day for students to eat fruit or vegetables and drink water in the classroom. Hurstville Public School introduced Crunch & Sip to support students to establish healthy eating habits whilst at school.

The objectives of the Crunch & Sip break are to:

1. Increase awareness of the importance of eating fruit or vegetables and drinking water every day.
2. Enable students to eat fruit or vegetables during an allocated Crunch & Sip break in the classroom to maintain energy levels.
3. Encourage students to drink water throughout the day.
4. Encourage parents to provide students with fruit or vegetables every day.

In the classroom teachers will:

- Set a Crunch & Sip time in the morning
- Encourage students daily to eat a piece of fruit or vegetable in the classroom during the designated Crunch & Sip break
- Encourage students to drink a bottle of water in the classroom throughout the day.

FRUIT OR VEGETABLES AND WATER GUIDELINES

Fruit

- All fresh fruit is permitted (eg whole fruits, chopped melon)
- Fruit canned with artificial sweeteners added is not permitted. Artificial sweeteners are not recommended for children
- Dried fruit is permitted, although, fresh fruit or vegetables is the first choice because dried fruit contains high concentration of natural sugar and it tends to cling to teeth, increasing risk of tooth decay (eg sultanas).

Vegetables

- All fresh vegetables are permitted (eg celery, carrot sticks)

Water

- Only plain water is to be consumed in the classroom.

Mrs Kate Koch - Coordinating Teacher

Open Night



Dulwich High School
of Visual Arts & Design

Wednesday,

March 7, 2018

5:30pm - 7:00pm

Visit our website for more information:

www.dulwich-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Ph: 9560 7299



Georges River College

Penshurst Girls Campus

OPEN DAY

Tuesday 27 February 2018 5.00 pm – 7.30 pm

- Outstanding NAPLAN results. Exceptional student learning growth. Well above state average results.
- Gifted & Talented programs designed to extend and challenge students. Selective stream in Year 7.
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- See educational displays from all faculties and join a guided tour of our Campus.
- Excellence in girls' education.

We cordially invite all prospective students, their families and interested members of the community to attend our Open Night, see our facilities, meet our teachers and students and participate in our interactive displays.

Principal's address and information session will commence at 5.00pm and school tours will begin at 5.30pm.

Free sausage sizzle

Enquiries: 9580 3141

We are a learning community committed to the development of resilient, independent and respectful girls who aim for personal excellence in all that they do.



Blakehurst High School

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2018 Open Night

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

We warmly invite you to join us for Blakehurst High School's annual Open Night. Blakehurst High School will be holding Open Night on Tuesday 27 February 2018 from 5-7pm.

Open night provides an opportunity for prospective Year 7 students starting in 2019 and their parents to explore the school facilities as well as meet current staff and students. During the Open Night, visitors are able to meet with teachers in subject areas to discuss the curriculum and opportunities for students.

Every year BHS achieves outstanding HSC results across all subject areas as well as sporting and leadership activities. On the night, parents and students will be introduced to the amazing academic, leadership and sporting activities that BHS has to offer.

You will have an opportunity to ask the principal and teachers questions about the curriculum and clarify any concerns you might have. During the night, there will be a welcoming address from the principal and the 2019 Year 7 Advisors followed by student led tours.

What: Blakehurst High School 2018 Open Night

When: Tuesday 27th February, 2018

Time: 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm

Where: Blakehurst High School Library

Who: Parents and prospective students

Yours sincerely,

Sophie Kapsimalis

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

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Our new trading hours in 2018

January: Mon-Sat 9am-5pm,

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Closing weeks: 16.04.2018 - 22.04.2018

09.07.2018 - 15.07.2018

01.10.2018 - 07.10.2018

20.12.2018 - 31.12.2018

**Orders for Hurstville Public School Long Winter Jackets
are now being taken at the uniform shop.**

The deadline for ordering is 28th February.

The order form is available at Myschoolwear Shop



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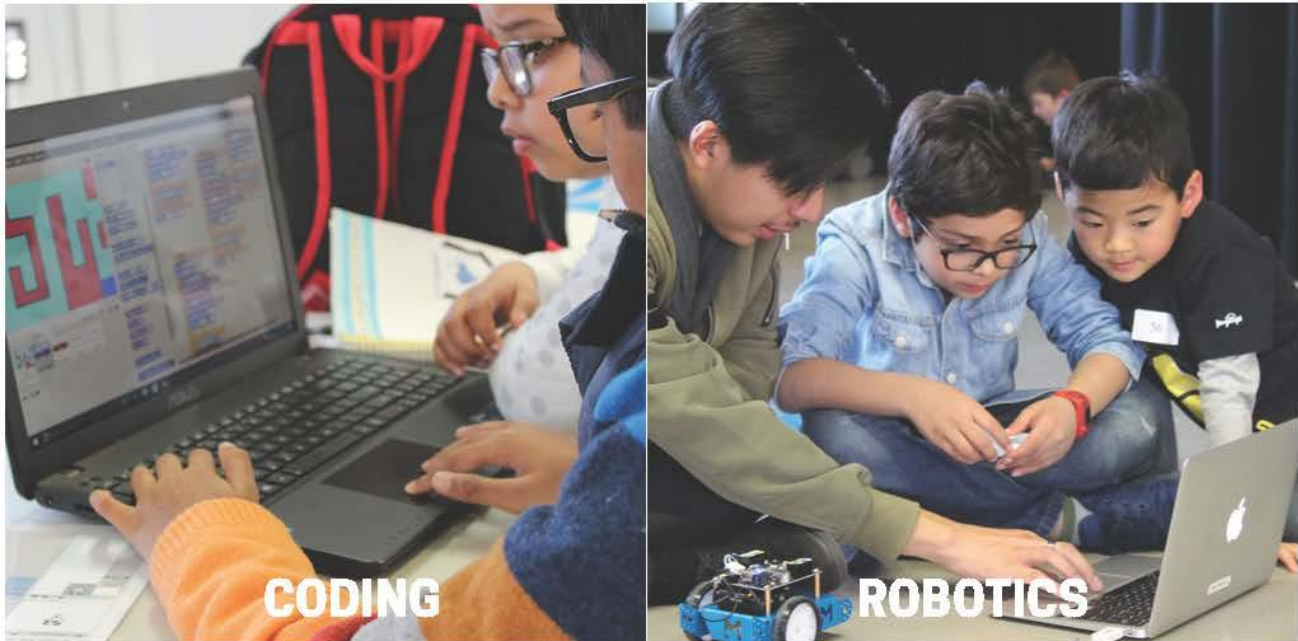
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ALL WELCOME



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PIEX's whole child development framework helps develop kids' social emotional, thinking and technical skills

One of our unique values at PIEX is that our coaches take time to understand each child and personalise activities to individual.

**Time: Every Tuesday 3.30pm to 5pm
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Price \$350 per term

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MindQuest 2018

St George Girls HS

Victoria St Kogarah

Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 April 2018 9.30am - 3.30pm

For Gifted & Talented Primary Students

The Courses

Secret Missions Years 1 2

This will suit you if you:

- Enjoy solving problems
- Love designing and making
- Enjoy working in a team

Do you like to create things from recycled materials? Do you like to solve secret messages and word problems? Solve the spaghetti challenge, build the tallest tower to hold your teams flag, and solve other secret missions. Learn about design processes, present your team's design and discuss its strengths. Challenge yourself to think outside the square!

Light, Colour, Action!! Years 1 2

Imagine a world without colour- it brings everything to life! You will investigate the colours in light coming from objects, the hidden colours of inks, secret codes and the mysteries of dyeing and printing.

You will design and make kaleidoscopes, colour wheels and thaumotopes. This course is designed for students who enjoy designing and making, exploring the world around them and the magic of Science and Art.

How Does The Earth Work? Years 2

This will suit you if you:

- Are interested in volcanoes and how the earth changes.
- Like making models

Discover how the earth changes and how rivers and mountains are made. Build your own volcano and see how it works! Find out about famous volcanoes, great earthquakes and the ring of fire! Discover the myths and legends of the past.

Young Writers Workshop Years 1 2

This will suit you if you:

- Love writing and are imaginative
- Like expressing your ideas.

Would you like to write your own play?

If you love writing, enter the world of heroes and heroines, winged horses and fantastic creatures. We will have fun writing scripts, making costumes and scenery to finally perform your extraordinary creation in front of an audience.

Science Action Years 1 2

This will suit you if you:

- Are interested in Science
- Enjoy making and seeing how things work.

Can you design a vehicle that travels on land and water or a rocket that travels into the beyond? This course will stimulate your curiosity and challenge your thinking as you design a variety of vehicles capable of moving in air, land and water. Working in small groups you will have fun learning about the wonders of science!

Mathemagic Years 1 2

This will suit you if you:

- Love mathematics
- Think creatively and enjoy constructing

Do you want to have fun with numbers, use a calculator, do tangram and tessellation puzzles? Learn the many ways to solve puzzles using logical thinking skills! Use your creative skills to build the tallest tower! This enjoyable course is full of challenges, puzzles and games.

Young Scientist Years 1 2

This will suit you if you:

- Like solving problems & making things
- Are interested in Science

This is a hands-on course that will stimulate your curiosity as we challenge your problem-solving and design skills. Learn about electrical circuits and electromagnets, design the strongest bridge and learn all about air pressure. All the girls who have done this course just love it!!!!

Mummies And All That Stuff! Years 1 2

This will suit you if you:

- Have ever wondered about mummies, Tutankhamen, and the ancient Egyptians?

Study the wonders of the pyramids and the tombs of the Pharaohs. Travel back in time to 3000 BC and explore the lives of people then. Design and build a pyramid, write hieroglyphics and live the life of the king's slave for a day.

New contact details for
Mindquest.

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Toronto
NSW 2283

Phone number
02 4959 7148
Fax number
02 4959 2663
admin@mindquest.net.au

Closing Date Friday 9 March 2017

Enquiries and late applications Shelagh Poray New Number 4959 7148

Animal Antics Years 2 3

This will suit you if you:

- Enjoy "hands on" experience with live animals (under supervision)

In this unique course you will discover the secrets of Australian wildlife working with experts who handle these animals every day! You will discover many interesting facts, including the mysteries of Australian dinosaur discoveries, habitats, threatened species, and gain a fascinating insight into how many animals bring up their young!

Sporty Science Years 2 3

This will suit you if you:

- Are interested in the human body
- Love sport and want to learn how knowing some Science can improve your performance in sport.

This is a hands-on course which involves observing some body parts (not human!) and learning how their structure affects their function. You will have an opportunity to experiment and learn how we can protect, develop and use our various body parts to ensure a better performance in sport. You will be encouraged to observe the effects of exercise on our body and how different sports equipment are suited to different types of activities.

Fun, Foam & Floaty Bits Years 2 3

This will suit you if you:

- Love to paint create and explore
- Like using inks, pastels, plasticine, wire and collage materials.

Become an artist as you will feel the seas through your hands and discover that you can create fish swimming through gardens of coral. You will be working with a variety of materials to create paintings, models and collages based around a sea theme and be inspired by other artists. This course will introduce you to art, using not just a paintbrush!

Star Gazing Years 3 4

This will suit you if you:

- Are curious and enjoy learning new facts

Have you ever wondered what's out there? Would you like to know more about the solar system, space travel and the mysteries of deep space? In this INTRODUCTORY course we shall discover black holes, constellations, the marvels of lunar landings and much more.

Clear As Crystal Years 3 4 Introduction to Geology

This will suit you if you:

- Want to learn more about earthquakes, volcanoes & plate tectonics.
- Are interested in rocks or like collecting & classifying them.

Do you ever wonder how mountains and continents are formed? Do you want to know how earthquakes are caused and volcanoes erupt. Would you like to grow crystals and view them through a microscope? We will explore the secrets of the earth's crust and make models in this exciting and challenging course.

Egyptology Years 3 4

This will suit you if you:

- If you want to learn MORE about life in Ancient Egypt
- Can read at an advanced level.

Visit 3000BC, Ancient Egypt and the time of the Pharaohs? Investigate the mystery of the Afterlife and The Book Of The Dead. Test your knowledge of magic and medicine, deities and wands in this world and discover the secrets of being happy in this life and the next. Learn how and why the Ancient Egyptians went to great lengths to prepare the dead for their journey into the next life.

In this course you will create clay tablets inscribed with hieroglyphic messages, make your own papyrus and design and make an amulet that will aid your passage into the next world.

Maths Ace Years 3 4

This course will suit you if you:

- Love and have an aptitude for maths
- Like solving brain-teasing puzzles

In this course you'll challenge yourself to be a 'Maths Ace!' You'll whiz through logic puzzles and have extreme fun creating and decoding messages. In this course you will learn new strategies to enhance your problem solving abilities and become more aware and 'world-wise' linking learning with life!

The Wonderful World Of Harry Potter Years 3 4

This will suit you if you:

- Love Harry Potter and other "magical stories".
- Enjoy reading, writing and acting. Can you explain Quidditch to a Muggle?

Would you write a war cry for Gryffindor, Slytherin, Hufflepuff or Ravenclaw? What would you do to a Snape or Quirrell? In this workshop we will create spells, Sorting Hat songs, house war cries and magical adventures. We will also act out parts of *Harry Potter & the Philosopher's Stone*. You must have read this book to attend the course.

Crime Stoppers Junior Years 3 4

A crime has been committed and we need your help as a forensic scientist. You will be briefed on the crime and asked to investigate the scene, collecting any possible evidence which might help.

Applying the latest techniques, you will analyse everything from fingerprints to ransom notes, footprints to fibres. You will then have to prepare your evidence to present in court. Have you kept an open mind and checked all possibilities and angles? The court case will tell!

Future Problem Solving Years 3 & 4

This will suit you if you:

- Think outside over and under the box.
- Work well on your own and with a partner.
- Persevere through challenges as you explore, build and test your ideas.

In this course you will learn how to "think big" by "thinking small" and learn how you can solve problems that impact you and the rest of the world. If you like to explore why things are the way they are and what you can do to change them then this is the course for you!

Have you ever had a crazy idea for how to look after your cat while you're away, how to deal with bullying or how to teach babies?

You will solve everyday problems that you are interested in by learning how to use design thinking and systems thinking to help you model, build, test and present your prototyped (and possibly working!) solutions step by step.

Chemistry That's Goopy, Bubbly and Mysterious. Years 3 4

This will suit you if you:

- Are interested in science and technology
- Are curious and have an inquiring mind.

Work out what's happening as things change, froth or bubble. Solve problems as you analyse chemical concoctions. Test ideas as you try to make a polymer of a model you have produced yourself.

You will investigate the chemistry of everyday substances and carry out chemical reactions to learn how substances behave. You will be challenged to use this new knowledge of chemistry to discover the contents of mystery bottles. Activities will include goopy polymers, acid bases, mystery powders and colourful chemistry!

Drama Drama Years 3 & 4

This will suit you if you:

- Love to act & express your ideas creatively.
- Have a great imagination & like to work with others

Your imagination is one of your most important assets, it allows you to create other worlds, creatures and characters. Enter the world of the theatre as you learn to improvise, improve your performance skills and dazzle the audience!

Creative Cartooning Years 4 & 5

Learn the secrets of the world's most famous animation artists! Create your own cartoon characters, make them run, jump and leap about! Draw any weird or wonderful creature your imagination can conjure up. The award winning creator of two popular comic strips will lead you through this fast paced, fascinating cartoon drawing workshop and unleash your creative potential. Do you want to know the best bit? It's simple and fun.

MiniBeasts Years 4 5

This will suit you if you:

- Love science and the environment
- Are curious

Come and enjoy the exhilaration of the wonderful world of minibeasts. Discover the fascinating world of insects through a scientist's eyes. Gain an upclose experience with a range of insects and explore the amazing ways they live and survive. Create your own insect home so that you can continue your investigations at home.

Art Moves Years 4 5

This will suit you if you:

- Are creative and artistic

Do you enjoy experimenting with new ideas? Explore printing, collage, painting & drawing in ways you have never thought of before. Learn to use all these techniques to create unique and beautiful art works on a journey through your imagination!

Dynamic Debating Years 5 6

This will suit you if you:

- Are confident in speaking with others.
- Have an interest in debating at school.
- Are a team worker.

Do you like to state your opinion? Can you see both sides of the argument? Can you "lie through your teeth"? In these workshops you'll learn the basic elements of debating. You will be working in teams to develop topics and case lines, gaining the necessary skills for a full scale debate. Watch exhibition debates, learn the secrets of first class debating.

Digital Animation and Video Editing Years 5 6

Would you like to edit and produce your own digital movie? Explore the exciting world of animation and digital video creation. This course will have you creating sets, scripting, filming and editing a short animated film. You will be using the latest computer software and digital cameras and be covering topics including lighting, sound recording and film making.

Shakespeare's Heroes & Villains Years 5 6

This will suit you if you:

- Love drama
- Enjoy English and poetry

Meet some of Shakespeare's most loveable, devious and evil characters. Imagine you are a witch conjuring up evil spells, a king preparing his troops for battle, a young prince pursuing his father's killer or a practical joker. These are some of the wonderful characters you will be! Discover Shakespeare's fantastic mediaeval world and enjoy recreating some of the famous scenes from his plays!

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MindQuest
02 4959 7148

MindQuest 2018

Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 April 9.30am - 3.30pm
St George Girls HS
Victoria St Kogarah

This 86th MindQuest program is to be held at St George Girls HS, Victoria St, Kogarah offers 37 exciting courses for gifted and talented students Years 1-6. This fast paced challenging program is designed to enrich and extend students of similar interests and abilities.

Course Leaders

All course leaders are experts within their fields. Their backgrounds vary widely. They represent primary and secondary schools, as well as tertiary institutions. Each one is committed to fostering students' potential. Many have been involved in developing and teaching programs for gifted and talented

Students Who May Wish To Apply

In the past these courses have proved very successful for a range of students.

- Gifted and/or talented students
- Gifted underachievers
- Students of well above average abilities with a special interest.

The majority of students applying have been nominated by their schools. However, if you believe that your child is in one of the above categories and has not received a form, or is a sibling of a past participant, please contact the MindQuest program for an application form. If your child has a physical or learning disability or medical condition please make sure that you inform us in the medical section on the application form.

Kindergarten Students

Each year we have a number of enquiries from parents of kindergarten children who wish to attend. In general, we encourage parents to wait until the next year except in the case of exceptional students. These children not only have high intellectual ability and language skills, but demonstrate excellent reading, writing and hand eye coordination equal to that of an advanced year 1 student.

Course Selection

Please put **down only** those courses that your child would like to attend. We do place children on course in the order that we receive applications, however we take into consideration the balance of the courses in terms of age and gender. A child's specific interest should govern his/her choice. However, girls should be encouraged to choose more courses in science and technology and boys in drama, writing and other creative fields. Advanced placement on our courses are available for outstanding students. You will need to ring Shelagh Poray to determine suitability prior to filling in the application form

Cost, Part Scholarships & Refunds

The fee for the MindQuest Enrichment Weekend is \$200 (inc GST). A limited number of part scholarships are available for students whose families find themselves in difficult economic circumstances. Please contact us for details. A full refund is issued for any course cancelled. Refunds will be available prior to the closing date on Friday 9 March 2018. **After the closing date no refunds or transference of credit to the next weekend can be issued unless a medical certificate is received.**

Confirmation

You should receive a letter giving details of your course before Thursday 29 March 2018. If we are unable to place you on course we will contact you by phone/ letter prior to this date

Program Times 9.30am-3.30pm Saturday and Sunday, 7 & 8 April 2018

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Application Form

Personal Details

First Name _____ Home telephone _____

Surname _____ Date of birth _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____ Grade/Year _____

Email Address _____

School _____ Male ☐ Female ☐

Please list up to six enrichment courses in order of preferences.

You will participate in only **one** course for the weekend.

Please list **ONLY** those courses you are willing to attend.

Course 1	
Course 2	
Course 3	
Course 4	
Course 5	
Course 6	

Contact number/s and names
for this weekend

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Payment may be made by credit card, cheque or money order to NSW Talent Centre Pty Ltd.

Post application and payment to:

NSW Talent Centre

PO Box 577 Toronto 2283 NSW

Cost of attending the enrichment weekend is **\$200 (including GST)**. Payment by instalment is available for families with 2 or more children attending. Contact Shelagh Poray for information. **02 4959 7148**

Credit Card Details

Please debit my ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard for the amount \$ _____

Card Number _____ / _____ / _____ / _____

Expiry Date _____ Card Holders Name _____

Signature _____

Medical Information. Please indicate below any illnesses/conditions in case medical treatment is required or that course leaders/organisers need to be aware of.

Parent/Guardian Consent

In the event of an accident or illness during the weekend I give permission for my child to receive medical attention. I have informed the NSW Talent Centre of any condition/illness which may inhibit or affect treatment. I have read and understood the **REFUND** policy.

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Signature _____

Chemical Reactions: Mystery Gases Years 5 6

This will suit you if you:

- Enjoy science and problem solving

Challenge your thinking as you find out about chemicals and their reactions in this practical hands-on course.

Discover how colour helps chemists solve problems and learn the secrets of universal indicators. Unlock the mysteries of chromatography, polymers, the periodic table, acids & alkalis. Solve the code used by chemists. This fun filled course is a must for anyone who is interested in all things chemical!

Trial By Jury Years 5 6

This will suit you if you:

- Interested in the law
- Are a good reader, self motivated learner and can work cooperatively

Guilty or not guilty? Who committed the crime? Who was to blame for the accident? Who was the thief? You will learn how to prepare a case and present it in court to a judge and jury. Learn to analyse information, think logically, prepare an argument, effective questioning and convincing presentation skills.

In this exciting course presented by a barrister, you will take on several roles including that of a barrister, member of the jury or witness to the crime. The court is now in session!

Marine Science Years 5 6

This will suit you if you:

Are interested in the underwater world

Enjoy learning about chemistry, the human body and physics.

Our oceans are a vital part of our world and such a precious resource! In this course you will discover the infinite variety of living things that live in or near the oceans, understand currents, tides the making of sands. We will investigate some of the problems facing our oceans such as global warming and oil pollution. This is a hands on course practical course that will excite your interest!

Forensic Science Years 5 6

This will suit you if you:

- Can read at an advanced level.
- Are a self-directed learner who likes persevering through complex problems until you find an answer.
- Like working in a precise and careful manner.
- Enjoy solving real life problems using modern technology.
- Enjoy puzzles and challenges.

This exciting hands on course will challenge your thinking skills. You will be:

Analysing information, thinking logically, questioning evidence and preparing an argument.

Learning up to date forensic methods including; analysing fingerprints; taking casts of footprints; DNA profiling; examining evidence using microscopes and much much more!

Mysteries & Conclusions Years 5 6

This will suit you if you :

- Enjoy puzzles and challenges.
- Are an above average reader.
- Enjoy discussing your ideas with others in small groups.

For hundreds of years people have been fascinated by the great mysteries of the world. Have you ever wondered what happened to the crew of the ghost ship, Marie Celeste? Did aliens really land at Roswell?

In this challenging course you will become a detective, investigating notorious mysteries from the past and present your own possible solutions. If you like getting to the bottom of a mystery then this course is for you!

Lego Robotics Years 5 6

This workshop is designed for students who enjoy constructing machines and working with computers. In pairs, design and build your own special machine to perform specific tasks. Learn about sensors, motors and gears.

You will be using the latest computer software to program your design to control its movements in this intriguing problem solving activity.

Girls who are interested in science and design have loved this course!

A Space Odyssey Years 5 6

This will suit you if you:

- Interested in the universe and astronomy

Climb on board as we start our journey through our own solar system with the latest images and information from robot probes. Discover the differences between Red Giants and White Dwarfs. Find out what causes a super nova and what happens when you fall into a black hole.

Travel on to explore life in the universe. Find out could aliens really exist and are UFO's real? Join our adventure to the stars and beyond!

Simply Impro!!! Years 5 6

This will suit you if you:

- Have a lively imagination.
- Like working in groups.

Finally the chance is here to shout, argue, throw tantrums and embarrass all in the safety of your own performance space. Discover your hidden talents, amaze, astound and stun your audience!

This is an introduction into the crazy world of improvised drama. Improve your communication skills, polish performance skills whilst learning to become a team player. Play interactive and energetic games that will test your humour and your MIND POWER! Simply Impro extends students in a broad range of subjects and interests and provides an opportunity to meet other students of similar interests!

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