



The Belltower

Hurstville Public School Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 10

Friday 6 April



Education &
Communities

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Tuesday 3rd April – Thursday 12th April	Parent Teacher Interviews
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Friday 6 th April	Winter PSSA Trials
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Tuesday 10 th April	Interpreter Interviews
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Friday 13 th April	Winter PSSA Trials
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Monday 16 th April – Friday 27 th April	School Holidays
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Monday 30 th April	Staff Development Day
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Tuesday 1 st May	First Day Term 2
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Friday 4 th May	Winter PSSA starts
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We have added NEW events to the online calendar please follow the link to see what's on at HPS
<http://www.hurstville-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Principal's Message

It has been wonderful to see so many parents speaking with class teachers and equity staff about their child's learning and progress. I know many more have appointments during next week. Many families have also taken the opportunity to use the interpreters we have organised.

Picking up Children

We have had many children being left in the office or playground after the bell rings. School finishes at 3pm when the bell rings and students need to be picked up then. If you are running late please ring the front office and let us know. The office closes at 3:15pm and the staff are not able to look after students.

Holidays

Term 1 finishes on Friday 13th April and students return to school on Tuesday 1st May. I wish you a safe and happy holiday.

Sally Lawson – Relieving Principal

From the Deputy Principals

Parent/Teacher Interviews

It has been wonderful to see so many parents and carers take advantage of the interview times offered by class teachers to speak with you about your child. We hope you now have a good understanding of your child's learning so far this year.

Parents who have requested an interview with an interpreter should have received a note indicating the time for your interview next Tuesday, 10th April. Please let the school know if you are unable to make the time you have been given.

Does cartoon violence make kids more aggressive?

Here is something to think about as the holidays approach, and your child has more leisure time available.

- Research indicates that exposure to violence makes it seem more acceptable to kids.
- Today's animation and games are so realistic it can be hard for kids to tell the difference between 'pretend' violence and live action, making some animation just as disturbing as the real thing.
- Consider your child's age carefully when deciding what level of violence (or scariness) they can handle.
- Check out game and movie reviews online at [Common Sense Media](#)

Mrs Jenny Cooper – Deputy Principal



Last Thursday our school welcomed 90 teachers from around the Sydney region to share our teaching and learning experiences from the Transforming Schools Project. This was an exciting day in which the learning your children experience at HPS was shared with other schools. It is through our continual reflection and implementation of what works best that we are able to plan and deliver such a high standard of education at Hurstville Public School. By networking with other educators, we are also able to build upon our teacher professional learning, so that our teachers know how to provide the very best in for our students to achieve to their very best. Thank you to all our staff who so generously gave their time to present to our special guests.

Mrs Rebecca Ingram– Deputy Principal

Easter Hat Parade and Competition:

Last week we welcomed a very special visitor to our school to say hello to our students. The Easter Bunny made a visit to our school to help us announce the winners of the K-3 colouring competition and the Year 4-6 Creative Art competition. The judging panel had visited each class during the week and had quite a tough time in choosing our winners because the standard was very high indeed. Thank you to our Easter Bunny and our dedicated P&C who provided \$20 gift cards to the winners in each class. The children had a great day that they are sure to remember for some time.

Harmony Day:

On Monday 26/3/18 our school celebrated Harmony Day. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to share aspects of their family heritage and culture with their peers. This year our students had the opportunity to see dances from many cultures, including Greek, Arabic, Chinese and Indian. Students also spoke about the importance of acceptance and celebration of our diverse cultures in our local community. Thank you to all our students who participated on the day and to their parents for assisting with costumes and dance moves! Thank you also to our Equity Team, led by Mrs Baitieri and Mrs Pino for organising a fun and colourful event.



School Plan:

Our School Draft Plan for 2018-2020 has been available for you to read, both via ENews and our school website. If you have not had a moment to read the plan and provide your thoughts and feedback, could I encourage you to do so over the weekend. From Tuesday we will be collating the responses from our parents to make sure that we have had a full consultation before moving forward. To access the Draft Plan and the Survey, please follow the link below.

<http://www.hurstville-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/annual-school-report>

Miss Kim Lovell – Deputy Principal



Can you spot the special visitor?



Congratulations to our winners for the Easter colouring competition and creative art projects



Well done to our winner of the Jellybean competition!

Early Stage 1-Kindergarten

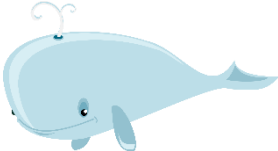







Kindergarten

Kindergarten

In Term 2, the dismissal time for Kindergarten will be 2.55pm. This will be the dismissal time for the rest of the year. Next term, we will be trialling sending home homework on Fridays so that students and parents have more time over the weekend to complete the activities to a satisfactory standard. There will be activities that the students must complete and then there will be optional activities for students to complete as well. Homework will be due on Thursday each week.

Students have been busy learning some of the letters of the alphabet and the sounds that the letters make. See if your child can think of things that start with these sounds.

Week 9 letters	wW 	kK 	jJ 
Week 10 letters	vV 	xX 	yY 

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

Year One ended last week with a Hurstville Easter tradition as they participated in the Easter Hat Parade. There was no doubt that a lot of hard work went into getting their hats ready for this exciting display. They looked very proud to show them off to the Hurstville community and we hope you were able to capture this memory. Many positive comments were also made about the exemplary behaviour that year one students displayed outside the classroom. It is very important for the students to understand that they should continue to maintain appropriate behaviour in all settings. We hope you had a chance to continue the celebrations into the long weekend and we look forward to sharing more special events with you this year.



Year One Classroom Teachers

Stage 2

Stage 2 News

3T has studied the novel 'Broome Dog' by Mary Small this term. We presented tableau scenes of the novel at the Stage 2 Assembly in week 8.

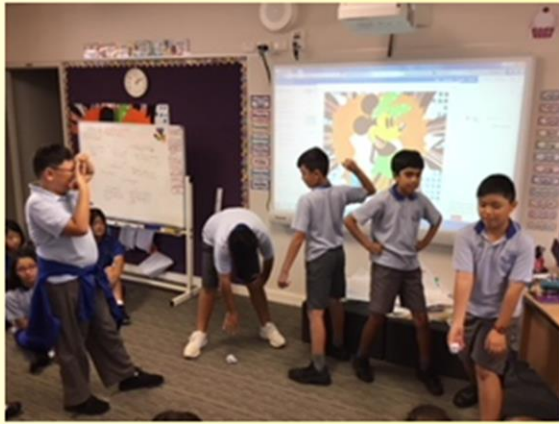


Mrs T. Androulis – 3T Classroom Teacher

Stage 3

6J Literacy

Year 6 has been studying persuasive texts this term. The students are participating in various activities to brainstorm ideas, to research, build vocabulary and develop writing skills. Some of their favourite activities have been building ideas through Progressive Brainstorm, Dictogloss and Freeze Frame. The students' have been working collaboratively to construct their knowledge, which has shown a great improvement in their knowledge and writing. Here are some examples of 6J's Freeze Frame's to deepen their understanding of persuasive literature.



Miss Lissikatos - 6J Classroom Teacher

Support Classes

Support Unit News

The students in the support unit had a fabulous time sharing the hats they created. This year there were some great designs that were both colourful and fun to show. A big thank you goes out to our families who have supported our students in getting ready for this event.



Mrs Moore Assistant Principal & Classroom Teacher

From the Library

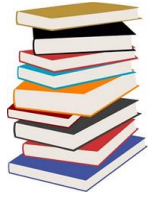
Premier's Reading Challenge 2018

The New South Wales Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is well underway. The Challenge has been underway for only five weeks and already nearly 350 students at Hurstville Public School have enrolled in the Challenge.

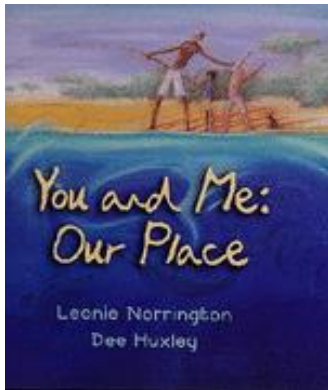
Congratulations to the 20 students who have already completed the challenge.

The PRC is an initiative of the NSW State government. It aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition, but an individual challenge for each student.

The Reading Challenge concludes on Friday the 31st of August.



Mr Philpott thinks you should try this book from the 3-4 Challenge.

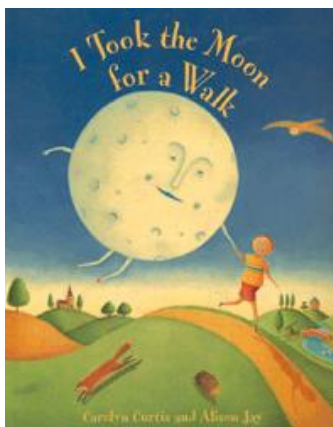


You and Me: Our Place.

Written by Leonie Norrington, Illustrated by Dee Huxley.

Uncle Tobias is the fisherman Elder of an Aboriginal family. The story follows a typical day on the beach for the mob, collecting bush tucker and celebrating with family. Uncle Tobias tells stories of the original use of the Land, and remains almost oblivious to the many changes that the coming of Europeans made to this beach locale.

Ms Wadley thinks you should try this book from the K-2 Challenge.



I Took the Moon for a Walk.

Written by Carolyn Curtis, Illustrated by Alison Jay.

When the day has ended and everyone else has fallen asleep, a young boy embarks on an adventure with his friend, the Moon. Their unusual journey is described in a magical story celebrating the serene beauty of the world at night.

Mr Philpott and Miss Wadley – Teacher/Librarians

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

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

This week the focus was on the **front gate / back gate / Kenwyn Street gate** and next week the focus will be on **excursions / buses**. Below is a list of expected behaviours in each of these areas.



At the front gate / back gate / Kenwyn Street gate we:

Respectful	Responsible	Learners
Take turns to enter and exit the gate Communicate appropriately	Walk safely on the footpath Cross the road at safe places	Follow road safety rules

On excursions and buses we:

Respectful	Responsible	Learners
Are polite and use good manners Care for property and the environment	Line up and wait safely Stay with the group Enter and exit sensibly Actively listen	Actively participate Follow instructions

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 9th April 2018 at the whole school morning assembly. Congratulations! Parents are most welcome to see their child receive their award.

James K. 3T

Lucas W. 4M

Sunny L. 5K

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

Jacinta R. 2B

Brandon W. 2F

Elise W. 2S

Cayzel M. 2S

Tyler X. 3T

Zaki K. 3T

Jacky Y. 5N

Zena E-S. 6K

Archanna S. 6K

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

Thanks again to the parents who have paid our school band fees. These fees pay for such things as sheet music for your child, new equipment, and costs to cover teachers to accompany students to various venues, including our annual Showcase. A reminder note will be sent home to those parents who have not yet paid.

During Semester 2, the Concert Band and Wind Orchestra students will have the opportunity to attend a Band Camp organised by Engadine Music. An information leaflet has been sent home with those students to provide you with information about the Band Camp and there is information further on in this Bulletin. Please take the time to read it so that you can make an informed decision. Notes will be sent home early next term.

Training Band and Concert Band parents and carers are invited to watch your child playing with their band during the last rehearsal for the term next week.

Mrs Jenny Cooper



HARMONY DAY NEWS

Harmony Day 2018

On Monday 26th March, Harmony Day was celebrated with great pride and enthusiasm by our special Harmony Day leaders, flag bearers, cultural dance groups and the whole school community. We have a rich cultural community that embraces all of our traditions, beliefs and a sense of belonging. We would like to thank all our teachers for their commitment and support. Also, thank you to parents who attended and donated fabric. Finally, thank you to all our students, especially to those who performed, showcasing the cultural diversity of Hurstville Public School.



Flag Bearers



Chinese Dance



Arabic Dance



Greek Dance



Indian Dance

BANDCAMP

INFORMATION FOR CONCERT BAND AND WIND ORCHESTRA STUDENTS PARENTS & CARERS

Dear Parents, Guardians and Band Members,

BandCamp is always an exciting opportunity for music students to sharpen their skills and join in a larger ensemble with other school band members. If you haven't already, very shortly you will receive home from school a permission note and information Flyer regarding sending your child to BandCamp. This school permission note must be returned to the **band liaison teacher at school**. The Camp is officially a school excursion, however, Engadine Music facilitates the event by providing tutors and programming as well as assistance in collecting of the camp fee.

The important details are set out below:

WHEN: Term 3 Monday 27th August & Tuesday 28th August 2018

WHERE: The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops

WHO: Performing Band members (Years 5 & 6) who have completed book 1 of Essential Elements. On occasion there may be a Training Band or year 4 member who is at a high enough standard and will benefit from the camp. This is at the conductors discretion.

COST: \$190 - This is inclusive of transport to the venue (by seat belted bus), accommodation, all meals, musical tuition, music for performance, adventure activities and family and friends admission to the Gala concert to be held at the Conference Centre on Tuesday 28th at 7.00 pm. (Parents will need to collect students at the concert conclusion). Engadine Music will assist with the collection of fees.



Crunch&Sip[®] Pack ideas

Stuck for ideas to make your kids Crunch&Sip packs more interesting? Try these ideas:



1

Use texture

Make a pack that includes vegetables or fruits with varying textures.



2

Go for colour

Use a variety of colours in your packs to make them appealing.



3

Make it tasty

Pack chopped vegetables or fruits that taste great together.



4

Is it in season?

Vegetables or fruit in season will taste better.



5

Add a fun fact

Include a post it note with an interesting fact about the vegetable or fruit in the pack.

More information? Download the parent brochure from the Crunch&Sip webpage: www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/campaigns-programs/crunch-sip.aspx.



Seasons for Growth

This is an eight-week program for children aged 6 to 12 years that have experienced grief and loss in their lives due to a significant change such as death, separation of parents or a natural disaster.

Children will learn:

- to understand and talk about the normal range of emotions experienced during major change, grief and loss
- how to build positive relationships with family and friends
- how they can participate in a caring and confidential network of peers and adults
- about resiliency
- how to plan for a realistic and hope-filled future

Mondays, 4:00pm – 5:00pm
7 May | 14 May | 21 May | 28 May
4 June | 18 June | 25 June | 2 July 2018
Cost: \$50 per child
Venue: Caringbah Interrelate
Address: 383-385 Port Hacking Rd
Caringbah

Bookings Essential Phone 8522 4408

Note: This program is developed by Good Grief and facilitated by Interrelate

KRAV KIDS

Children and teenagers are often more vulnerable to physical attacks. Hence, picking up a practical, high level self-defense skill is important for any situations that they may stumble across in their everyday life. SGS Krav Maga Kids training will teach them realistic self-defense techniques that are effective not only against bullies, but any adult assailant as well.

The curriculum includes solutions to conflicts or violent situations that are most typical for each age group. Common situations they will learn to deal with include slaps, punches, kicks, shirt grabbing, neck grabbing, choking, and being thrown to the ground. Children and youth are taught to recognize possible danger situations, the best way to avoid them, and protect themselves against any physical attack.

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家长信息活动

Parents Information Session

Date 日期: Monday, 19 March 2018

Time 时间: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Location 地点: E Block (level 1)

School Holiday Program

假期课程

Date 日期: 16, 17 & 18 April 2018

Time 时间: 9:00am to 5:00pm

Price 价格: \$300 (early bird price valid until 30 March 优惠价格)
\$320 (normal price 普通价格)

Location 地点: E Block (level 1)

Enrol 报名网址: <https://piixeducation.com/enrolment/>

After School Program

课后托管课程

Date 日期: every Thursday (3/5/2018 to 5/7/2018)

Time 时间: 3:30pm to 5pm

Price 价格: \$350 per term

Location 地点: G Block (Ground Floor)

Enrol 报名网址: <https://piixeducation.com/enrolment/>

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