Hornsby Heights News

The Newsletter of Hornsby Heights Public School

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Upcoming Events **2018**

Wednesday 5 December

P&C Meeting 7.30pm

Friday 7 December

Last Day Uniform Shop open for 2018

Monday 10 December

- Yr 3 excursion to North Head
- Yr 6 Farewell

Tuesday 11 December

 Last Concert Band rehearsal

Friday 14 December

- Uniform Shop Closed
- Presentation Day 9.30am

Monday 17

- Mufti Day
- Fancy Dress Parade

Wednesday 19 December

- Class Parties
- Last Day Term 4 for students. Yr 6 clap out 2.20pm

2019

Monday 28 January

Public holiday Australia Day

Tuesday 29 January

Staff Development Day

Wednesday 30 January

Yr 1 to Yr 6 begin 2019
 9.10am

Monday 4 February

• Kindergarten begin 9.30am



From the Principal's Desk

We are fast beginning to reach the finish line for the 2018 school year. The next two weeks are extremely important as we prepare to celebrate the outstanding efforts and achievements of our students in a wide range of endeavours throughout the year. A highlight of this will be our **Presentation Day Ceremony on Friday 14 December commencing at 9:30am**. This year our special guest will be Mr Philip Batey (Deputy Principal at Asquith Girls High School) who was a School Captain at Hornsby Heights Public School in 1988. He is the first special guest speaker in a new tradition of bringing back leaders from past generations to inspire our students to aspire to "aim high" throughout their lives. Our local NSW Member of Parliament, Mr Matt Kean (Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation), and the Federal Member for Berowra, Julian Leeser, will also be in attendance. We look forward to warmly farewelling our amazing Year 6 students at the Year 6 Farewell on this coming Monday evening 10 December 2018. It will be a special night of celebration reflecting on the positive influence they have had on our school during their seven years of enrolment.

Early next week we will be sending out final reminder statements and ask that you pay the dance and course fees as a minimum. This will be our first attempt at sending out electronic invoices which will enable you to pay directly through POP. This is something that you as a school community have been asking for and we are pleased to make it happen.

We are presently putting into place plans for the coming year. At Hornsby Heights the teachers meet extensively with the Executive Team to discuss class formations as well as passing on important information to the teachers who will be teaching that cohort of children in the coming year. Informed decisions are made based on student's learning needs, their compatibility with peers and other relevant factors. Our teachers are very much aware of which student groups will make the best positive and supportive learning environments. I ask you to please trust us to make the best decision while placing your children to assist them in continuing to have a strong foundation in Literacy and Numeracy as well as having the confidence in their ability to learn, adapt and be responsible citizens.

Finally, I would like to thank all the families who have sent emails and messages of thanks to teachers for their efforts in providing a wonderful learning environment for students in which they are known, valued and cared for. It is a testament to this great school community that throughout the year I have received far more positive affirmations regarding teachers than concerns. It clearly shows that, we as a school community, adopt a positive growth mindset in all aspects of school life.

William White Principal

Student News PBEL Awards

Silver

Oskar M, Finnegan M, Luke FP, Ajay M, Coen M, Adelaide W, Kousha H, Marc P, Lewis G, Zoe C, Amy R, Keenor S, Jessica C, William C, Alex M.

Gold

Mia L, Ben C, Lachie H, Thomas H, Max M, Reece B, Evan P, Hugo E, Claudia C, Samantha L, Brody G, Matthew H, Maxwell L, Riley Z, Amber C, Ashleigh B, Luke P, Nina C, Tiana F, Isabellah W, Sienna J, Ivy K, Alexander M, Jesse N, Lucy W, Ella C, Khianna J, Avani L, Joe S, Finn T, Helaine D, Madelyn M, William A, Joshua C, Liza V, Jake R, Hamish S, Finn N.

Platinum

Hayden T, Eshaal A, Cooper F, Alexander M, Jack S, Darcey T, Liesel W, Hayden Y, Isla A, Emma W, Harrison H, Jordan K, Scott S, Julia D, Nalini L, Claudia M.

Teacher News

Congratulations to our Junior T-Ball team for their FANTASTIC effort in today's Grand Final match against Turramurra. We finished as the Runner's Up in the game.

Our girls played a magnificent game; showing lots of skill, perseverance, positivity and amazing sportsmanship.

As the coach, I could not have been more proud of the girls than I was today.

Final result:

Turramurra 15 - Hornsby Heights 14

Well done Amelia, Gemma, Makiah, Hannah, Sophie, Alessia, Lizzie, Olivia, Emily, Elise, Selah, Scarlett and Zoe on an incredible year of T-Ball.

Bronwyn Eudale

(T-Ball Coach)



News from the library

Once again it is wonderful to see so many of our students at Hornsby Heights take up and complete the **NSW Premier's Reading Challenge**. This year 440 students will be receiving their certificate of completion recognising that they have experienced, shared or read independently a wide variety of quality children's literature from the PRC booklists. Furthermore 61 students will be receiving a Gold certificate acknowledging successful completion of four reading challenges. Another 31 students in Stage 3 will be receiving a Platinum certificate for completing seven. Certificates will be coming home very soon.

Thank you to all the staff and parents who encouraged and shared reading for the challenge with students and congratulations to all students who successfully completed the challenge. 10770 books read for pleasure and for each reader their own unique experience of story.

Reading for the 2019 challenge can commence now. Booklists for each school stage groups are available at https:// online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html

Congratulations to our new members of our **Library 100 club**, Ella B, Rosstin Z and Ryan A T who have borrowed and read over a hundred library books during the school year. Keep reading great books.

Looking for a craft activity to do during the holidays? **Why not make a library book bag** so you will be ready to borrow and keep your library books safe. Scan the gr code for one easy way to make a no

sew bag but remember to ask permission from mum or dad before you start crafting. (http://tinyurl.com/y9nq55h6)



Teacher Librarian



Parent Happenings

Uniform Shop

This Friday 7 December will be the last morning the uniform shop will be open until 2019. Opening at 8.40am (approx.) Please remember to place your orders online on Qkr! before this day if you need your order this year.

School Club

THE ATHLETES FOOT SCHOOL REWARDS PROGRAM Once again our School will participate in the brilliant program!

PLEASE CONSIDER ATHLETES FOOT WHEN PURCHASING NEXT YEARS SCHOOL & SPORT SHOES

From now on simply visit any

ATHLETES FOOT STORE

to purchase School shoes/Sneakers/or Sports Shoes and HHPS will receive an instant \$5 donation from every pair of shoes sold.

Each year our percentage of Shoe sales rises which in turn creates a larger donation for our School! It's a great way for our School to make a decent amount of money with little effort! We've raised nearly \$2000 in the last 3 years alone!

That's a substantial donation for a purchase most of us will be making anyway...

This is such an easy program to be a part of that will hopefully continue grow each year!!

Should you have any further questions re this Program don't hesitate to visit the friendly Staff in-store or visit The Athletes Foot website.

Canteen News

Can you help in the Canteen in 2019?

We would love to welcome new volunteers as we prepare for next year. If you can help out with a shift, please contact Jane on 0423 988 416 or e-mail hhpspandccanteen@gmail.com. Thank you!

Our last committee meeting for the year is this Friday! 2pm in the Canteen. Come along and get involved. All are welcome!

The HHPS Canteen Committee







OOSH NEWS

What's happening at the Centre:

It's the most wonderful time of the year.... We are all looking forward to starting the Christmas Celebrations at OOSH.

Also just a reminder to make sure that you have collected your confirmation letters for 2019... If you have not please make sure you do, they are at the Parent Sign in desk.

Information for Before & After School Care:

Please remember to call 9476 6901/0499 333 352 or email the OOSH centre @ hhoosh@bigpond.com if you need a casual morning or afternoon. Also a reminder if your child will not be attending a session at oosh... If you do not inform OOSH that your child will **NOT** be attending, you will be charged a **\$10 SEARCH FEE**.

<u>Also a reminder that breakfast closes at 8:30am</u>, this gives the staff enough time to clean up and sign the children out.

Vacation Care: *OUT NOW*

Keeps your eyes open for our exciting and fun filled December & January Vacation Care...

Opening Days for December Thursday 20th - Friday 21st December 2018

Opening Days for January Monday 7th - Tuesday 29th January 2019

Centre Closes from Monday 24th December 2018 – Sunday 6th January & Monday 28th January 2019...

Fees 2018:Permanent:Casual:BEFORE SCHOOL CARE:\$14\$15AFTER SCHOOL CARE:\$21\$22

VACATION CARE: \$50 FOR NORMAL RATE PLUS IN/EXCURSION COSTS

Fees 2019:Permanent:Casual:BEFORE SCHOOL CARE:\$15\$16AFTER SCHOOL CARE:\$22\$23

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Lost property:

Please always check our Lost Property Box at HHOOSH as we always have a collection of hats, jumpers, ect: If you have any questions about your account please contact Lynne at hhooshaccounts@bigpond.com
Fee statements are issued the 1st week of the month and payment is due by the 25th of the month.

Please note: 2 weeks written notice is required when cancelling a permanent session. You must complete a form or email the Centre at hhoosh@bigpond.com

Contact the centre via Email?

Coordinator - Michelle Matwijow coordinator@hhoosh.org.au

OOSH Centre – hhoosh@bigpond.com

Secretary – c/o hhoosh@bigpond.com

Accounts – Lynne hhooshaccounts@bigpond.com

Who to Talk to at the Centre?

Coordinator - Michelle Matwijow

Assistant Coordinator – Carrie Bissaker

Permanent Staff - Bronwyn Little, Jayde Staines, Maria Amaya

OUR NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 5th DECEMBER @ 6:30pm AT OOSH

WE ARE RUN BY A PARENT VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE & ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS







