



Hornsby Heights Public School

NEWSLETTER

Aim High



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UPCOMING EVENTS



SCHOOL

Dec 14: Wellbeing Wednesday

Dec 15: Fancy Dress Parade and Talent Show Finals

Dec 16: Last Day of Term and Year 6 Clap Out

Dec 19&20: Staff Development Days



P&C

Dec 20 and 23: Christmas Wrapping Fundraiser at Westfield



ABOVE: The Hornsby RSL was a marvellous venue for our Year 6 Farewell.

FROM THE
PRINCIPAL

FAREWELL YEAR SIX

What a busy end of the term we have had! We have held many transition days for our K-4 students so students can be prepared for 2023. Our senior students enjoyed their Year 6 Farewell /Graduation Ceremony which was held off site at the Hornsby RSL club. Photos of the Year 6 event went out on Enews last week. We have our Wellbeing day coming up as well as two student talent shows (student only event), Movie, class party sessions and of course our end of year clap out.

I would like to thank you all for your partnership with learning in 2023. Thank you to our P&C committee for their massive efforts

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2023 DATES

Jan 27&30: Staff Development Days

Jan 31: First Day Back for Years 1-6

31 Jan- 2 Feb: Individual Best Start Assessment Appointments

Feb 3: Kindergarten start!

"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing." Walt Disney

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to constantly work with the school and the community on improving things for all our learners. Our teachers have worked hard and passionately to ensure students grow academically, socially and emotionally under their care each day. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday break and enjoy some much needed time with family and friends.

Presentation Day

We celebrated our 2022 learning at Presentation Day last week. We celebrated the accomplishments of all students with teachers giving a speech to each class and presented class awards to recognise academic excellence, citizenship, commitment to improvement and talents in various Key Learning Areas. Special Awards were presented for achievement in Sport, Creative Arts and Leadership. We hope you enjoy looking at the photos later in the Newsletter.

New Staff for 2023

In 2023 we welcome some new faces to our school.

- Mrs Lisa Ward was successful via Merit Selection (10 day appeal process pending) as our new Learning and Support Teacher (4 Days a week)
- Mrs Amy Tulloch will be joining us from Willoughby PS as one of our permanent teaching staff in 2023.
- Mr Mitch Claydon, Mrs Emily Clifton and Mrs Alicia Blackadder will join our teaching team for 2023. These teachers are already known to our school as they have been working on a casual basis for us this year.

Classes, Types of Classes in 2023 and Numbers for 2023

Next year we are aiming to make 19 classes. These classes will include composite classes, job share classes and single grade classes. Class structure is determined by the staffing formula provided by the Department of Education. In 2023 we anticipate to have more composite stage based classes than we have had before due to the way the numbers fall. We will most likely be creating a 1/2 composite class, 2x 3/4 composite classes and a 5/6 class. All teachers differentiate lessons so student needs are met in any one class. At HHPS we have some

classrooms that open up to one another. This allows for team and/or co-teaching to occur. Your child may be lucky enough to be in one of these classes. Letters from teachers after being put into classes will explain which class your child is in.

The placing of children into new classes is a complex and time-consuming process as each year we strive to ensure that we have well-balanced classes. This process has now taken place and has been finalised. When forming balanced classes, many factors are taken into consideration: gender, academic ability, special needs such as learning support, English as an additional language or dialect, behavioural and social needs, medical needs and learning behaviours. Teachers also request students to identify friendships in an attempt to place each child with a nominated friend in their class. As this is a very complex task, we do not take parent requests for teachers or for students to be placed together. Teachers use their professionalism as they place students in a class that will best meet student educational needs. Thank you for your support with this process.

Beginning of the Year Procedures for 2023

When students return next year, they will remain in their 2022 class group with either their 2022 teacher or another teacher. These classes are their 'temporary holding classes' until we can ascertain our final numbers as numbers change over the holiday break. Once this is done, we can finalise the class structures and move into permanent classes. We expect this may take up to about 3 days as we need to ensure our numbers in Kindergarten are secure and all turn up for their Best Start assessment. Our Kindergarten numbers are a big part of determining our school class structure. During this time, all children will be actively involved in lessons around Positive Behaviour for Engaging Learning and wellbeing strategies as well as returning to the study of all the Key Learning Areas.

When 2023 Year 1-6 students arrive back at school for their first day on Tuesday 31 January, they will line up when the bell goes in their usual cohort lining up areas from 2022. Kindergarten's first day at school is Friday 3 February.

Thank you P&C and Families

We wish to thank the P&C and our families for the donation of \$5000 to our school for us to use on sporting equipment. Mrs Sakanjani has been very busy purchasing new equipment that will be used in sport classes. The P&C has also donated \$95 000 to the school for 2023 which will be spent on an extra day of a Learning and Support Teacher

as well as a Student Learning and Support Officer (SLSO). The department of education provides us with a Learning Support Teacher and funds for SLSO's but more support is appreciated so that we can cater even better for our students. This extra support not only supports those students benefitting directly from it, but also every teacher and every student, as it gives teachers more time to support all students in their classes.

Overdue: Exercise Book Pack Orders for 2023

Thank you to the many parents that have already purchased the 2023 exercise books. It is important that if you have not ordered them yet that you do so by the end of this week.

Information on how to order these books was explained on a note posted to Enews. If you have not yet ordered your child's pack, please do so asap so we can have them for the start of the school year. Please make sure you order the correct pack for your child as each year group is different and you are ordering for the year they will be in, in 2023. Any enquires or concerns about this process, please call the school and ask to talk to me.



Trees and Playground

Last week the trees in the school were looked at and work was done in line with our annual tree report. Our old playground on the oval is due to be demolished over the school holiday period. This area will then be used to put new equipment on. The SRC last year went through a consultation process of what they would like to see on the oval and one of the big things was some outdoor table tennis tables. The school will be looking into this in 2023.

Returning late in 2023?

If you are returning late to school in 2023 we need to know this information for class planning so that we can go into our 2023 classes with the correct student numbers as quickly as possible next year. For this, we need you to let us know if you are intending on returning late to school in 2023. Please fill out the form later on in the Newsletter.

Premier's Back to School NSW program to get your kids ready for back to school

As we prepare for another year of learning in 2023, you can now apply for the Premier's Back to School NSW program, offering \$150 worth of vouchers (3 x \$50 vouchers) to help pay for school supplies like school uniforms, shoes, bags, textbooks and stationery.

Every primary and secondary school student in NSW is eligible for the vouchers.

Please read the attached [letter](#) from the Premier about the program and the vouchers.

You can apply for and access your vouchers in your MyServiceNSW account, in the Service NSW app, by calling Service NSW on 137788 or by visiting your local Service Centre [link](#).

To be eligible, your child needs to be a NSW resident and enrolled in a NSW primary or secondary school in 2023.

For more information, visit the Service NSW website [link](#).

Uniforms

Just a reminder that with our school uniform, the expectations for all students is to wear black leather school shoes. Sport shoes are only to be worn with sports uniform. I know many of you will be going shopping in the holidays to purchase shoes that students have grown out of! It is ok to have any colour sneakers, but school shoes need to be black. I thank you for your support.



By **KATRIN CORNELL**
Hornsby Heights Public School
PRINCIPAL



Mathematical Matters

Mathematicians do maths all the time, so we are all mathematicians! Maths is all around us, so please spend lots of your holiday time talking maths naturally.

Some ideas:

- play some board games, strategise and problem solve
- do some cooking (weighing and measuring)
- do some saving and spending (work out discounts and change)
- go for some walks measuring how far you go

A Christmas maths puzzle for you to solve:

$$\text{Christmas Tree} + \text{Christmas Tree} + \text{Christmas Tree} = 27$$

$$\text{Christmas Tree} + \text{Santa Hat} = 11$$

$$\text{Santa Claus} = \text{Christmas Tree} - \text{Santa Hat}$$

How much is each picture worth?

**ENDS
THIS
THURSDAY**

Holiday Elf Post Box Fun!

Dear Students,

At HHPS we would like to encourage everyone to get writing and experience how wonderful it is to spread kindness and joy around the school.

If you would like to write a letter or card to a teacher or your friend you can send it in the Holiday Elf Post Box located in the office area. You must label your letter or card with the person's full name and class so that it gets to them!

As you can imagine, this is going to be lots of fun. So please get writing! Remember that all letters need to be kind and sensible so we can spread some joy!

Love your Holiday Elves (otherwise known as your school captains):

Elf Advik
Elf Ruby-Rose
Elf Ashleigh
Elf Joel



YEAR 6 FAREWELL AND GRADUATION CEREMONY

HORNSBY
RSL

DECEMBER 6
2022







HORNSBY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

YEARS K-6
PRESENTATION
CEREMONY

TUESDAY
DECEMBER 6
9:30am-1:30pm



**It was a terrific day of gratitude and celebration as we ushered
in our new student leaders for 2023.**









DANCE ENSEMBLE — 2023 —



HHPS are looking for 20 dedicated and enthusiastic Years 3-6 students who are interested in **auditioning** for Dance Ensemble 2023.



Please see the newsletter for an **expression of interest** note and hand it back to either Miss Chatburn or Miss Ridley this week or early next year.

Auditions will be held Term 1 2023.





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Dance Ensemble Expression of Interest 2023

Next year we are going to have one Dance Ensemble group for students in Year 3 - 6. There will be 20 places in the group for the students to audition for. Auditions will be held early in Term 1, 2023.

This year we will be using the professional teachers at Footloose Performance Studios Hornsby, to run the Dance Ensemble program. They will be involved in auditioning the students, running the lessons, choreographing the dance and sourcing costumes.

Please note the following costs and commitments involved prior to allowing your child to audition.

Lesson Cost: \$360 for Dance Ensemble lessons for the year with professional dance teachers. Lessons will run from 8am-9am on Wednesday mornings in the school hall.

Costumes: \$80 - \$100 which includes sizing, sourcing and ordering of costumes.

Performances: Performance at a Dance Competition. Additional special performance at school events eg Open Day.

Parent Support: There will be occasions where parents are required to drive students to and from performances. It is expected that acceptance of their place in Dance Ensemble, ensures families are willing to assist with this transport.

If you give your child permission to audition for the Dance Ensemble group, you will need to sign the below form to register their name for the audition. All forms are to be returned to **Miss Ridley or Miss Chatburn by 15 December.**

Bryanna Chatburn and Brooke Ridley
Dance Co-ordinators

Katrin Cornell
Principal

I give permission for my child _____ in class _____ to audition for the 2023 Dance Ensemble Group. I agree/understand that there will be additional costs and commitments as listed above and if I can not pay the fees for these classes that I forfeit my child's dance position.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

GAMES

MORE LUNCHTIME LEGENDS AT HHPS



JOIN US!

GARDENING

MORE LUNCHTIME LEGENDS AT HPS



JOIN US!



Hornsby Heights Public School P&C Association

FROM THE P&C

By **AMANDA KIRK**
Hornsby Heights Public School
P&C PRESIDENT

Once again, what a year!

Having our kids back in the classrooms, and parents back on school grounds has been fantastic! We thank all our HHPS teachers and staff for helping us get through what's been a pretty tough couple of years.

Your P&C has been as busy as ever though. This year we have gotten right back into the swing of things, and in case you missed any of it, here are the goals that we've hit!

If you have any questions, please contact us at hhpspnc@gmail.com

- **Pizza Party Welcome Night** – Although we were still tip-toeing around the fear of covid, we were able to put together a wonderful evening at Montview Oval and invite along our whole school community. We devoured over 70 pizzas (from the kitchens of Mt Colah Pizzeria and Hornsby Heights Pizzeria) and so, so much garlic bread! A huge thank you to our P&C Exec for putting that together!
- **Trivia Night | Smells Like Trivia Spirit** – How great was it to have our Trivia Night back? We got to dress up, eat, drink, laugh and sing with old friends and new. For this, we have to thank Bianca Ford and Kelly Mallard for their tireless work. We are very much looking forward to the next one!
- **Just One Thing** – this survey that we sent around yielded splendid results. We were able to let our school community know the ways that they can volunteer for the P&C – and we were so lucky to get quite a few new volunteers for Canteen and EcoGarden as a result! We always need volunteers though so anytime is the right time.
- **P&C Federation NSW Conference** – We had nominations galore within our P&C for the Volunteer Awards! Kelly Mallard, Kerry Maitra and Lisa Norrie all received individual nominations, while our P&C received one as a group. Although we didn't bring home any trophies this year, I would like to acknowledge all of our nominees, and each and everyone of our volunteers in whatever capacity – Thank you for all that you do!
- **\$100,000** – After a great deal of discussion with the School Exec, the P&C recognised and agreed that the original plans for the COLA were no longer suitable, so we asked our school community to let us know where they would like to see that money spent. With a huge number of responses, the majority were for: 1) Learning Support Teachers 2) Teachers Aides 3) Sporting Equipment. We asked, we listened and we acted! We have released that money for those 3 purposes. First off the mark is \$5,000 to sporting equipment! You will see this hitting our ovals before the end of term.
- **Bushland Fair** – Our much loved biennial Fair was back in full swing this year! We saw our community come together and enjoy what was a fabulous day of rides, games, food and markets. We are so lucky to be in a community that supports the efforts of our school, and no one more than Sally Dodd – McGrath who was our Main Sponsor for the day.

Thank you Sally! Also a huge thanks to James Thomas and the Bushland Fair Committee for putting this together in what would have to be record time.

- Community Building Partnership Grant – Our new basketball court surface is on it's way! We were successful in our application and have been awarded \$63,604 to resurface our basketball courts. This will allow our kids to use the courts year-round!
- Chickens – You must have all heard about our super-star chickens! We have Pixel, Batgirl, Flash and of course Squeakers! These chickens were hand reared by our volunteers (and Ms Stroak) and are happily hanging out in our school chook pen. We do thank all of the holiday carers for looking after them so well through the school holidays.
- Committee Meetings – We are finally back to face-to-face meetings for our P&C. These are 7pm at the school staff room the first Wednesday of each month (while in school term). Our final meeting for the year saw some new faces and we want to see even more in Term 1 2023. Please come along and join us. Our first meeting back will be February 1 at 7pm with our AGM the following month March 1 at 7pm.

There is more still to happen too!

- P&C will be wrapping gifts at Westfield Hornsby again this year on Dec 20th and 23rd. Last year it raised over \$1200 for us. We would love volunteers, but if you can't spare the time, then come by and let us wrap your gifts for you! Sign up here if you can help us with a 2 hour shift. <https://signup.zone/59AbmnmaDsrCHWjpg>
- The 2021 Community Building Partnership Grant that we won to rebuild the driveway will finally be put to use! That's \$77,000 which will see the driveway useable and resolve the flooding issue that happens at each downpour.
- The \$35,000 raised from the Bushland Fair will be put towards a couple of specific things. I'll let that be a surprise for Term 1 2023!!

A huge shout out to everyone that has worked with us in 2022. To all of our sub-committee leaders and volunteers – thank you for all the work that you have put into making our school so wonderful. We have some long-standing families leaving us this year as their children move onto High School. Ben Miller has been instrumental in the P&C for as long as I've been at the school. I thank you for all your support as I took the reins of President from you and for your guidance as we navigated through what was very new territory for everyone in the last few years. Nicole Miller has been working with our Uniform Shop and School Band, again for each year that I've been here. She has helped countless students settle in whether it be at Band camp or making sure that they had their uniform in time to start the school year. I thank you for always helping out with whatever needed help! Kerry Maitra was a one-person army for our Social Club. Organising gifts for our stalls throughout the year, and also supporting small businesses and charities along the way, putting together our discos and of course many of the touch-points our new families have with school and they join us in Kindergarten. We all wish you and your families all the best as your move into a new chapter.

So, that's it from me for 2022. Thanks to everyone for your support, ideas, encouragement and questions. Looking forward to seeing you all in 2023!



Canteen News

Thank you to the amazing students, staff, volunteers, parents and Heather for making the canteen such a success this year!

DID YOU KNOW?

- The canteen filled more than 10,600 orders
- Helped more than 280 children (and some teachers) celebrate their birthday's with Birthday Buckets.
- Volunteers made more than 2200 chicken burgers for the children to enjoy.
- Tropical Juicies were the most popular thing ordered all year.
- We used 3 Apple Slinky machines this year making more than 1050 Apple Slinkies.

We could not have done all this without all our AMAZING volunteers who give up their time to help feed the hungry students and teachers of HHPS. A special thank you to those valuable volunteers who have made their last toastie, filled their last paper bag and cut the top off their last Smooze in the HHPS Canteen: Kerry Maitra, Angela Bourke and Nicole Miller.

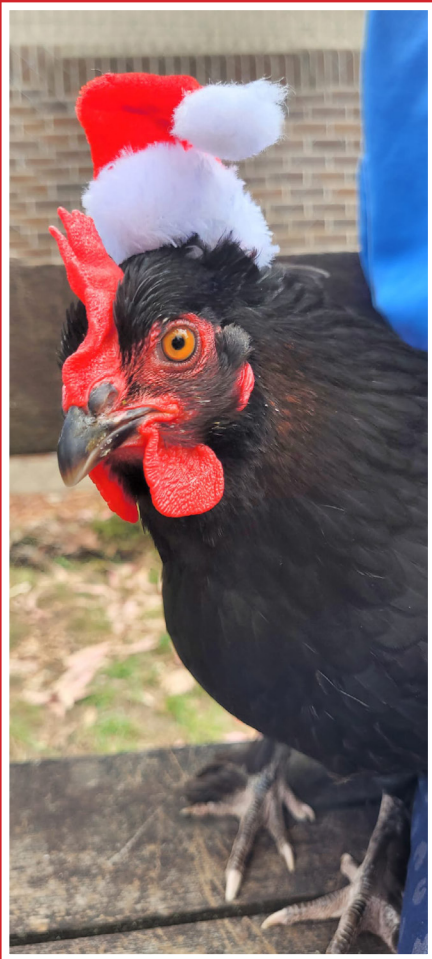
Roster now easier to find <https://signup.zone/hhps-canteen>

The new canteen roster for Term 1 2023 is up and ready for you to volunteer. Whether you are a regular or giving it a try for the first time, please make time next year to do a shift or 2 in the

canteen to make the HHPS Canteen successful and be part of the school community. We are re-introducing Tuesday Prep Days if you would prefer to come in and just cook some of the delicious homemade food with Heather. Sign up now at <https://signup.zone/hhps-canteen>.

Have a relaxing and enjoyable break (while making ALL the lunches and snacks for your children) and look forward to seeing their smiling faces at the canteen window again in 2023.





OUR CHICEKNS ARE DRESSED UP FOR XMAS





Hornsby Heights Public School

Student/s Returning Late to Hornsby Heights PS In 2023

Name: _____ Class: _____

Name: _____ Class: _____

Name: _____ Class: _____

Expected date of return: _____

Reason: _____

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____

Date: _____



Hornsby Heights Public School

Planning for 2023

Dear Families

We are currently planning classes and staffing for 2023. In order to do this, we need to know who is not returning to our school next year.

If you are leaving Hornsby Heights Public School (and are currently in Years K-5) and not returning in 2023 please complete the slip below.

Forms can be submitted to the office.

Katrin Cornell
Principal

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Student/s Not Returning to Hornsby Heights Public School in 2023

Name: _____ Class: _____

Name: _____ Class: _____

Name: _____ Class: _____

The relocation is due to:

moving overseas or interstate

moving to NSW Department of Education School _____ (insert school)

moving to an Independent/Catholic School _____ (insert school)



END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

During Week 10, students across Kindergarten to Year 6 will be involved in a series of school activities to celebrate the end of our school year.

Wednesday 14 December - Wellbeing Wednesday

Students will complete activities in the categories of physical, emotional, mental and social wellbeing. Students wear normal school uniform.

Thursday 15 December - Fancy Dress Parade and Talent Show finals

All students entering the fancy dress parade are to come to school in their costume, and may change into mufti clothes afterwards if they choose to. Students not participating in the parade can wear mufti clothing to school. Please try to use what you have at home to dress up rather than purchase anything new. Please ensure suitable closed-in footwear is worn. Categories are Christmas Cheer, Book/Movie character or Multicultural dress.

Students have been signing up for the Talent Show in class. This week, students will perform to their class, and grade finals will be run in Week 9. Teachers will select representatives from each grade to perform at the finals in Week 10.

Share the joy



Dear Families,

**Thank you for all the generous
donations to the Anglicare Toys 'n'
Tucker Christmas appeal!**

**All donations have now been
collected.**

FROM THE P&C

Sign Up

P&C Westfield Xmas wrapping

Dec 20 & Dec 23



All proceeds to the P&C.

Give life. Give blood in Hornsby

2 William Street
28 December - 30 December



Wednesday 28 December	01.30 pm - 06.30 pm
Thursday 29 December	10.30 am - 03.30 pm
Friday 30 December	10.30 am - 03.30 pm



fusion
SYDNEY NORTH

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Activities for young people in school years 6 and above

SUMMER 2023

Jan
16
MONDAY

Balmoral Beach Outing

8.15am - 3pm Cost: \$15*

Meet at Fusion before catching public transport to the beach. Balmoral Beach is located on the northern end of Sydney Harbour so it is both calm and protected making it very safe for swimming, etc
*includes lunch

Jan
18
WEDNESDAY

Games/Movie/BBQ

11.30am - 4pm Cost: FREE

Pool, Table Tennis, Nintendo, Boardgames, and more! Included BBQ lunch and Movie: TBA

Jan
20
FRIDAY

Connection to Country Tour & Family Picnic

10am - 2pm Cost: \$30/person \$60 family

Come and experience Hornsby Shire's rich and enduring aboriginal heritage from Uncle Laurie Bimson in this for the whole family.

Meet at Bobbin Head

Jan
24
TUESDAY

Art Workshop

9am - 1pm Cost: \$30*

Come and create your very own masterpiece as local artist Kim Neil facilitates your creativity in this fun and interactive workshop.

*Cost includes all supplies.

25
WEDNESDAY



For registrations & information:

<https://sydneynorth.fusion.org.au/youth-work>

Fusion Community Centre

5 Jersey Street Hornsby

ph. 9477 1110



PLAY NETBALL WITH HORNSBY HEIGHTS!

**FROM 6YRS TO 18YRS+
BOYS (UP TO 12YRS) AND GIRLS**

REGISTRATIONS FOR WINTER
COMPETITION OPEN EARLY
JANUARY 2023

VISIT OUR WEBSITE / FACEBOOK /
INSTAGRAM TO STAY UP TO DATE

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communitynetball.com.au/](https://www.hornsbyheightsnc.nsw.communitynetball.com.au/)

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 @hornsbyheightsnetballclub



**Christmas
Edition
2022**

The run up to Christmas and the holiday period can be especially chaotic and stressful. Here are some tips to help you get through it safely, as well as how to prepare for school travel in 2023.

Wishing you all a very happy holiday period this year. Remember that everyone has a role to play in keeping all road users safe. Let's make sure everyone has a safe and Merry Christmas!

**Christmas Time
Driving Tips**

- ★ Be patient. Congestion when driving and on foot is high this time of year. Take your time and stay focused.
- ★ Watch out for pedestrians who may be distracted or in a rush.
- ★ Place packages in the boot of a vehicle to avoid them moving about.

**Double
Demerit Points**

Double demerit points apply for speeding, seatbelt, mobile phone and motorcycle helmet offences during the following holiday period:

Christmas Day to New Years

Beginning of Friday 23 December 2022 to end of Monday 2nd January 2023 (inclusive)

**Planning
ahead**

The January school holidays is a great time to start planning how your family will travel to school in 2023.

Walking, cycling or catching a bus to school is a great alternative to school zone congestion.

- Plan and practise safe travel routes with your child/ren.
- Identify safe crossing locations.
- Discuss how to spot dangers, like vehicles exiting driveways, and how to cross where there is no crossing facility.



Merry Christmas