



Hornsby Heights Public School

NEWSLETTER

Aim High



8-20 Somerville Road Hornsby Heights NSW 2077 | PH: 02 9476 5133 | E: hornsbyhts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au | W: www.hornsbyhts-p.schools.nsw.gov.au

TERM 4 WEEK 4

ISSUE 15

1 November 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS



SCHOOL

- Nov 14:** Police visit Year 6
- Nov 12:** Bushland Fair
10:00am-4:00pm
- Nov 15:** Stage 2 Sustainability Presentation (Science)
- Nov 16:** Debating Grand Finals
- Nov 16 6:30pm:** Eco Garden Committee meeting
- Nov 17:** Year 5 ABHS & AGHS High School Experience Day
- Nov 18 9:30am:** Kindy 2023 Orientation Day 1
- Nov 18:** Year 2 Band Recruitment



P&C

- Nov 2:** P&C meeting at 7pm
- Nov 6:** Bushland Fair Working Bee
- Nov 12:** Bushland Fair 10am-4pm



EXCURSION

- Oct 31 to Nov 2:** Stage 3 camp



ABOVE: We have a new addition to our chicken flock: meet "Fishy".

FROM THE
PRINCIPAL

GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

Our Stage 3 students are having a ball at Camp! They are participating in so many adventures and learning new team collaboration skills. They have been taking part in canoeing, orienteering, archery, a high ropes course, pioneering activities as well as a giant swing and taking part in an activity called "Lost Island"! I am sure like me, they will have many wonderful memories to look back on from this trip away! A big thank you to Miss Eudale, Mr Michael, Mr Young and Miss Wright for giving up their family time to be at camp.

Continued on Page 2.

SAVE THE DATE

- DEC 1:** Year 6 Farewell Evening
- DEC 6:** Presentation Day

"It always seems impossible until it's done". **Nelson Mandela**

Continued From Page 1



Culture Survey Closes at the end of this week

Thank you to those 100 parents that have already filled out our survey. As a highly reflective school we are keen to know how you are feeling about a number of our programs that we offer at HHPS as well as the teaching and learning programs we implement. We ask for your support in filling out the below Culture Survey. In this survey you will be asked many important questions regarding our dance, sport, literacy and numeracy programs to name a few. LINK:

<https://forms.gle/Z2YyGk568MRnG91c8>

Planning for 2023

If you are in K-5 and intending to leave Hornsby Heights Public School at the end of 2022, could you please complete the Planning for 2023 form later in the Newsletter. This will assist us with our organisation of staff and accommodation for next year.

Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2024

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may

otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods. Please see Enews for the messages sent out on Selective High School placements.

Class Decisions 2023

As we start to look forward to 2023, we will towards the end of the term begin the process of forming classes. We ask for your cooperation and trust in our professional judgement as we make decisions around this. Considerable thought about every students need is taken into account whilst forming classes. All teachers, executive staff and often the learning support team consult and communicate over a lengthy period to ensure every effort is made to achieve the best possible combination of teacher and learning cohorts. Over the course of your child's time at HHPS they will experience a variety of class combinations including, composite classes, mainstream groupings and job share arrangements.

Visible Learning and Learning Dispositions

At HHPS we use **Visible learning strategies** from the work of John Hattie. Visible Learning is a researched based approach that supports students and teachers in becoming effective learners by:

- displaying the characteristics of an effective learner
- understanding what they are learning, how are they going and where they will go next
- giving, receiving and acting upon feedback to improve their learning

The school will be implementing Learning Dispositions particular to Hornsby Heights Public School early next year. Learning Dispositions refer to the way in which learners engage in and relate to the learning process. We are so excited to share these with you in 2023!

New Signage Installed

We have new signage being installed later in the week as well as promotional material. Large prints of our school song and the National Anthem in the hall will be installed as well as a brand new "Opportunity Board" which will be explained to all our students and families once we "unveil" it! We will also be receiving a much needed House Points board so we can keep track of all those points!

2023 Kindergarten Orientation

We are thrilled that we are able to welcome our 2023 Kindergarten students on Friday 18 November as well as on Friday 25 November from 9:30am – 10:45am for our Kindergarten Orientation sessions. All information regarding this event was sent out via Enews to the 'Pre-Kindergarten' group.

K-2 Toy Shed

Students in Class 2D wrote me a letter asking if they were allowed to create a toy shed in the K-2 playground. They had some amazing reasons to create this and so of course I said YES! We now have some very eager students in Stage 1 buying equipment to put in the toy shed and who have arranged a timetable of leaders to run the Toy Shed as well! I couldn't be prouder of these students for taking on their very own leadership project! A big thank you to Mrs Dunn who has been a motivator for these students and who has allowed their voices to be heard.

New policies, procedures and framework to keep students engaged in learning at school

The Inclusive, Engaging and Respectful (IER) Schools package was announced in February this year by NSW Minister for Education and Early Learning, Hon Sarah Mitchell. It centres on three new policies and procedures and a framework that together set the guidelines for how we ensure all children and young people can learn through public education in a safe and engaging way. The IER Schools package includes the:

- Inclusive Education Policy for students with disability
- Student Behaviour Policy and Procedures
- Restrictive Practices Framework and Restrictive Practices Reduction and Elimination Policy and Procedures.

With these new policies, we want all students to:

- be included in all aspects of school life and supported to learn to their fullest capability
- be supported in engaging, respectful, and effective classrooms with positive and inclusive practices
- feel welcomed, valued and safe in our schools and classroom

Two of the policies are new: the Inclusive Education Policy; and the Restrictive Practices Framework and policy. Both clarify existing legal obligations,

effective, appropriate and prohibited practices, and the rights of students, parents and carers.

The Student Behaviour Policy replaces the Student Discipline in Government Schools and Suspension and Expulsion Policy. The key change is the approach all NSW public schools will take to address disruptive or inappropriate behaviour by a student. The duration of a suspension will be reduced along with the number of suspensions across a school year. Every school will be able to draw on the support of a range of staff including behaviour specialists to effectively address issues resulting in these behaviours in order to prevent future escalations. We will continue to work closely with you and all our families.

It does not mean, however, that students who are violent or seriously disrupt the learning and wellbeing of others will be kept at school. Any student who puts the safety of other students, teachers and staff or visitors at risk of harm – will be suspended until it is safe for them to return. The Inclusive Education Policy for students with disability and the Student Behaviour Policy become operational in Term 4, 2022 and the Restrictive Practices Policy becomes operational in Term 1, 2023.

The staff and I are reviewing our current approach to all of the areas covered by these policies, and wish to share any changes we believe need to be made with you soon.

Our school already takes a strong, positive student-centred approach, but we want to work with you to ensure, together, every student has the right support at the right time to help them grow into confident, resilient adults.

For more information on these policies, please visit the NSW Department of Education website.



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

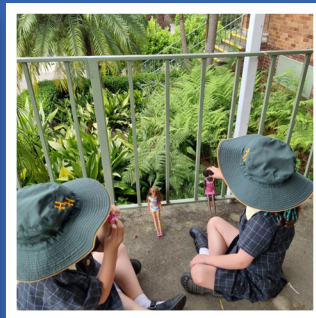
Toy Shed Letter

Dear Mrs Cornell,

2D would like to open a Toy Shed at Hornsby Heights Public School for K-2. We are certain that the children will be happier when we have it. We are not allowed to bring our own toys so we could learn to share the toy shed ones.

Everyone knows that kids need to learn how to return things before they get older. If we could have pop-its, rubix cubes, dolls, cars and magnetic tiles there may be less green cards!

We strongly recommend HHPS has a Toy Shed for K-2 which will be run by the hard-working and responsible 2D.





You can download the 19 page booklet about the fair here:

[LINK](https://hornsbyhts-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/h/hornsbyhts-p/2022/HHPS_BushlandFair_booklet.pdf)

https://hornsbyhts-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/h/hornsbyhts-p/2022/HHPS_BushlandFair_booklet.pdf

ECO GARDEN

UPDATE

NEWS FROM OUR VERY OWN GARDEN OF EDEN

Green Team!

The HHPS Green Team is a group of approximately 30 year 3-6 students who meet Ms Taylor and parent volunteers each Tuesday lunch time to help maintain the Eco Garden. They are always very busy doing a range of different tasks, such as composting, weeding, watering, and planting. Congratulations to the Green Team who received their special badges at the 3-6 Assembly in Week 3. We thank them for giving up their lunchtime every Tuesday to help maintain our beautiful garden.

Chickens

During the last school holidays our chickens had a little vacation as well as the students! They spent the two weeks at the Dammert family house and had a great time! Thank you to the Dammert family for taking such great care of our chickens! If you are interested in looking after the chickens during a weekend or school holidays, please contact Julie at the email address below.

Goodbye Flash and welcome back 'Fishy'!

You may have noticed some changes in the chicken coop this week. Unfortunately, our beautiful Flash passed away last week after a short illness. She was a lovely chicken with a gentle nature and very speedy legs (hence her name!) and we will miss her a lot.

There is some good news. This week we will be welcoming back Fishy who was one of the 7

chicks we raised at the beginning of the year. She has been living at Ms Taylor's house, but will be returning to live with our chickens at school! She lays pale cream/pink eggs and is a Salmon Faverolle breed. Can you guess why she is named 'Fishy'?

Who's ready for the Bushland Fair?!

As you may know, the Bushland Fair is coming up on the 12th November. The Eco Garden will be having a stall with an abundance of different activities available and many items for sale. This includes a raffle, a guessing competition, silent auction for a dozen of our eggs, seedlings and plants, arts and crafts, and demonstrations! We hope to see you there with your Bushland Bucks! What's in the Raffle?

Tickets: \$2 each or 3 for \$5 Buy tickets at the Eco Garden stall at the Fair.

Thanks to the following companies for their generous support of our Eco Garden: Seasol, Cyclone, Sproutwell, WaterUps, Maze, Birdies, Botanex, Hoselink, Diggers, Yates and Moo Goo.

The 'Eco Gardeners'

The Eco Gardeners are a group of volunteer family members who come along to our Eco Garden to complete some gardening and light maintenance of the area. We would like to thank everyone who has come along so far! Our Eco Garden could not run so successfully if it wasn't for the support of our volunteers.

The next Eco Gardeners event is on Sunday 20th November from 10am-12pm. If you are interested in coming along (even for just half an hour!) please ensure you are wearing enclosed shoes, a hat and if possible, bring along your gardening gloves. All children need to be accompanied by an adult.

Want to know more?

It has been wonderful to welcome some more new faces to the Eco Garden team over the last few months. The committee is always looking for additional helpers and invites all families to be involved in any capacity. If you would like to be involved or find out more information, please contact Julie at ecogardenhhps@gmail.com. The committee meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month during the school term at 6:30pm via Zoom. The next meeting will be held on 16th November. For Zoom details, please contact the email address above. All are welcome to attend.

FIRST PRIZE (WORTH APPROX. \$850!)	RUNNER UP PRIZE (WORTH APPROX. \$500!)
<p>Garden Tools from Cyclone Seed Stand from Sproutwell Wicking Pot from WaterUps Bokashi Bin from Maze Large Garden bed from Birdies Tree Surround from Birdies \$50 Seasol Hamper from Seasol Garden Knee Pads from Botanex Water Wise Starter Set from Hoselink Variety of seeds from Diggers Harvest bag and Strawberry bag from Diggers</p>	<p>Wicking Pot from WaterUps \$100 Hamper from Moo Goo Large Garden bed from Birdies Tree Surround from Birdies Garden Knee pads from Botanex Secateurs from Botanex Decorative Pot from Sproutwell Water Wise Starer Set from Hoselink Variety of seeds from Diggers Harvest bag and Strawberry bag from Diggers</p>

Egg Lotto

The Egg Lotto has been a huge success with lots of lucky students winning half a dozen of

our chickens freshly laid eggs! The Egg Lotto is drawn each Thursday at Assembly. If you would like to enter, fill out the slip below and put it in the big barrel located next to lost property.



Egg Lotto



Name.....Class.....





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

.....

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

Name: _____ Class: _____

Name: _____ Class: _____

Name: _____ Class: _____

The relocation is due to:

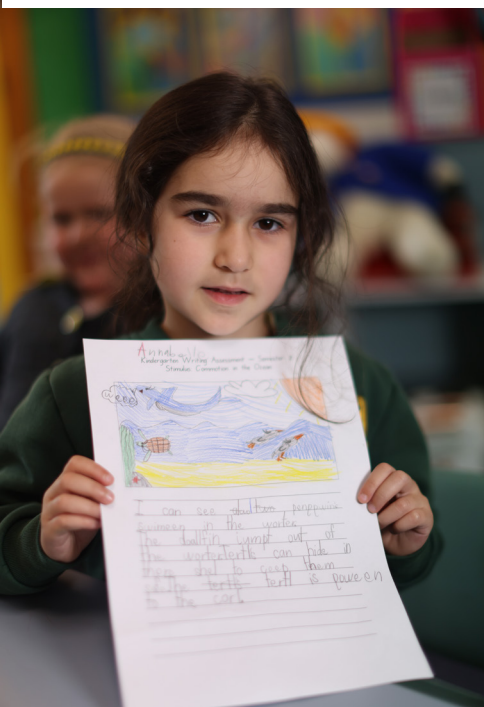
moving overseas or interstate

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

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



TODAY IN KINDERGARTEN



PRESENTATION DAY

DATE:

Tuesday December 6th

TIMES:

Years 3-6 Ceremony

at 9:30 - 11:30am

Years K-2 Ceremony

at 12:15 - 1:15pm

VENUE:

The Hall

Save The Date

MEDIA TEAM

Photographic assignment

A photograph of a school playground. In the foreground, there is a close-up of green grass and some brown leaves, slightly out of focus. In the background, several children in school uniforms are walking on a path. The overall scene is bright and natural.

**OUR
PLAY
GROUND
OFFERS A
SAFE AND
NURTURING
ENVIRONMENT**

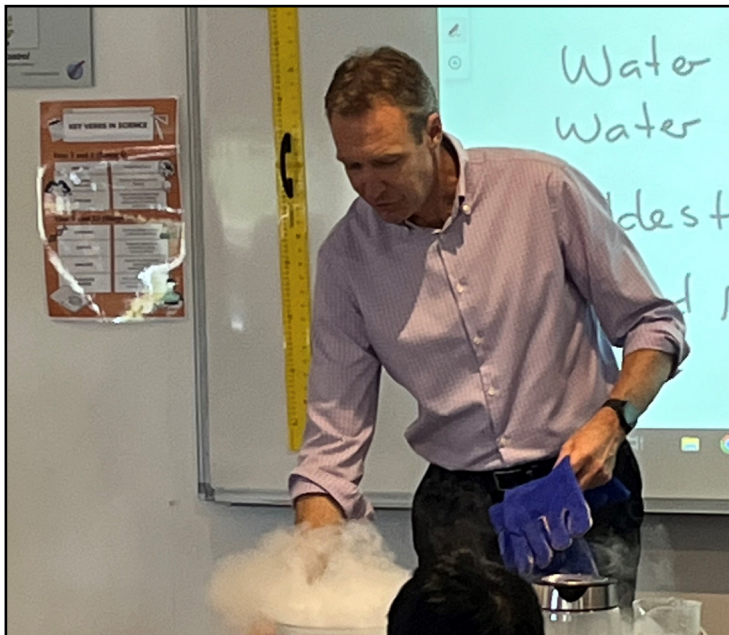
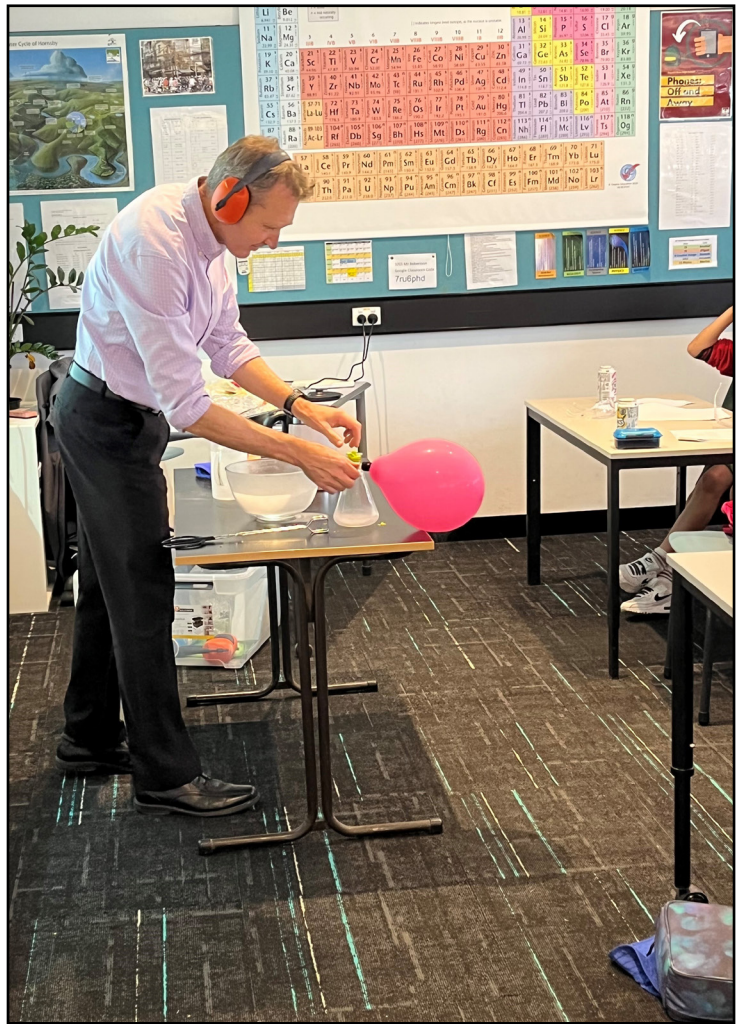








YEAR 5 SCIENCE IMMERSION DAY AT ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL





WORLD TEACHERS' DAY







YEAR 2 LIBRARY LESSON



AND OUR NEW FURNITURE





KINDERGARTEN

INFORMATION - 2023 -

*Starting school is such an exciting time.
We are looking forward to being part of this
journey with you!*

MINI SHOWCASE AND SCHOOL TOUR FOR PARENTS/ CARERS & 2023 STUDENTS

Tuesday 16 August 2022 9:30am - 11:00am in the School Hall

Come along to see and hear about some of the programs we have on offer and take part in a school tour led by our senior students. Following the showcase and school tour we invite you to stay and have a light morning tea provided by the School P&C.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING IN THE SCHOOL HALL

Thursday 20 October 2022 6:00pm

This is an introduction to Hornsby Heights Public School and information on preparation for school. Meet the Principal and the current Kindergarten Team!

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION VISITS & SCHOOL TOUR

*Friday 18 November and Friday 25 November 2022
from 9:30am to 10:45am*

Children visit Kindergarten classrooms and participate in various activities. All enrolment paperwork must be provided to be eligible to attend. Further information regarding these sessions will be provided at the Parent Information Evening (please note these sessions are for the children only). It is important that children attend both Orientation Day sessions to support the transition to school.

PRINCIPAL: Katrin Cornell

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL KINDERGARTEN (relieving): Nicole Tudor



HORNSBY HEIGHTS OOSH NEWS

What's happening at the centre:

Our rewards system is working well at the Centre. Last term the winner was year 2, we are looking forward to seeing who will win this term. All the children are encouraged to help out with a variety of things at the Centre and join in with our fantastic activities that have been programmed, we love seeing our OOSH children's faces when they receive a token for helping out at the Centre. We would love to encourage all families to give us feedback for our program and menus and about the Centre.

We are looking forward to running a Sand Art Stall at the Bushland Fair... Make sure you pop by and say hello.

Before and After School Care:

Please remember to call 9476 6901 / 0499 333 352 or email the OOSH centre at hhoosh@bigpond.com if you need a casual morning or afternoon. Please inform OOSH if your child will not be attending a booked session of after school care. If you do not inform us, you will be charged a search fee.

Breakfast:

For breakfast, we offer toast, cereal, fresh fruit, yoghurt, muesli and special breakfast days in line with the menu. Drinking water is always available. *Breakfast closes at 8.20am*, as this gives our staff time to clean up and sign children out.

Vacation Care:

Keep your eyes open for when Vacation Care is out! Just a reminder that our new kindies for 2023 can attend Vacation Care in January only.

Lost Property:

Please check our Lost Property box at the centre as we always have a collection of hats, jumpers etc.

Fees 2022:

Before School Care:	Permanent:	Casual:
After School Care:	\$16	\$17
Vacation Care:	\$23	\$24
	\$60 Normal rate plus in/excursion costs	

Opening Hours:

Before School Care: 7am - 8.40am ... Kindy children will be signed out at 9am and walked to class in Term 1
After School Care: 3.10pm - 6.30pm ... Kindy children will be collected at 3.10 from the Kindy Classrooms Term 1
Vacation Care: 7.30am - 6.30pm

Contact the Centre via Email:

Coordinator: Bronwyn Little
coordinator@hhoosh.org.au
OOSH Centre: hhoosh@bigpond.com
Secretary c/o: hhoosh@bigpond.com
Accounts: hhooshaccounts@bigpond.com

Who to Talk to at the Centre:

Coordinator - Bronwyn Little
Assistant Coordinator- Carrie Bissaker
Responsible Persons - Hannah Schuman, Lily Porter & Charmion Taylor, Felix Holm

Accounts:

If you have any questions about your account, please contact Lynne at hhooshaccounts@bigpond.com
Fee statements are issued in the 1st week of the month and payments are 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

Committee Meetings:

**Our Next Meeting is Wednesday 7th December @ 6:30pm,
We are run by a fantastic parent volunteer committee and all are welcome to attend!!**

Closure Dates:

**Our Last day of care will be Thursday 22nd December
OOSH will be closed from Friday 23rd December
OOSH will re-open Monday 9th January 2023**



Hornsby Heights Public School P&C Association

FROM THE P&C

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

Canteen News: Term 4 menu changes

The cold weather is behind us and so are hot chocolates. Now we have blueberry smoothies on Monday's and banana smoothies on Wednesday's.

Our yummy food from Bite Me has had a price increase. Sausage rolls, footy pies and spinach and cheese rolls will now be \$4 each.

There is no HZSS menu this term as players will be at school at lunch time.

As always we are needing volunteers to help our canteen run smoothly. Unfortunately it will be CLOSED THIS FRIDAY due to not having enough volunteers. If you can help out for a shift please visit <https://signup.zone/YLtvzNdLwHb8SP3KM> and sign yourself up for a shift.

So great to see that the next 2 weeks are full, and we have some newbies coming in to give it a go! Thank you to our ever wonderful upcoming volunteers, the HHPS community appreciate you!!!

PLEASE CHECK THE ROSTER

Monday 7th November: Helen D and Kerry M.

Wednesday 9th November: Julie L and Alisa A.

Friday 11th November: Melanie G-L, Cass C and Amanda T.

Monday 14th November: Elissa D and Fiona K.

Wednesday 16th November: Melanie B and Steph G.

Friday 18th November: Adelle T, Kirsty A and Scott A.



**SIGN UP
TODAY**



🔍 Play Cricket

Girls Only Cricket Master Blasters Hub 2022-2023

Come and join the local Girls Only Master Blasters cricket hub!

*14 week introductory program - providing the opportunity for girls aged 7-10 to learn all the skills of cricket in a fun and social setting at Parklands Oval, Mount Colah from 6.00-7.30 pm on Friday evenings.

*Girls who register with Mount Colah CC will combine with participants from some other local clubs.

*Sessions run from Friday 21st October, 2022 and will continue through to late February, 2023. Registrations are welcome throughout the season.

*Come and try the first session for free!

For more details and registration links go to:

www.mountcolahcc.com



YOU COULD PLAY FOR FREE!
Claim your Active Kids voucher today





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

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



@HornsbyHeightsNetball



@hornsbyheightsnetballclub