



Hornsby Heights Public School

NEWSLETTER

Aim High



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UPCOMING EVENTS



SCHOOL

Nov 30: Stage 2 Eggstraordinary Day

Dec 1 5:30pm: Year 6 Farewell

Dec 6: Presentation Day

Nov 18 & 25 9:30am: Kindy 2023 Orientation Day 1

Dec 14: Wellbeing Wednesday

Dec 15: Fancy Dress Parade and Talent Show Finals

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



P&C

Dec 20 and 23: Christmas Wrapping Fundraiser at Westfield



ABOVE: Our exercise book packs: clearly labelled and colour-coded.

FROM THE
PRINCIPAL

LEADERSHIP SPEECHES

What a wonderful pleasure it was to listen to all of our Year 5 leadership speeches. It was a very proud moment for me and the teachers, especially those that have seen our students grow up right from the start of Kindergarten! There are lots of fun events coming up for our students in the next couple of weeks. Students have been working so hard lately with a particular focus on literacy and numeracy and we know these fun

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SAVE THE DATE

DEC 1: Year 6 Farewell Evening

DEC 6: Presentation Day

"It's all about the goal, not the role". Lachlan G (Year 5)

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events will be appreciated by our learners.

The last two weeks have been very busy for us and have included hosting two Kindergarten Orientation mornings as well as continued work with our class maths observations for teachers with a focus on looking at questioning techniques. Coming up we have our Year 6 Farewell dinner, Presentation Day and a bit of fun planned for students with our Holiday Elves getting up to some creative writing fun again this year! Please see all the important information regarding some of the events listed above later in the Newsletter. I have been lucky enough to get a sneak peak at the 2023 Year book and it looks amazing. Thank you to our parent co-ordinators, Michelle T, Michele B and Anna H for their hard work on this and to all our teachers and students for providing the content.

Exercise Book Pack Orders for 2023

For 2023, we have decided to again order school exercise books that do not need plastic contact covering (easier for you and better for the environment) and are clearly labelled and colour coded for easy student and teacher use.

The company we use is offering these exercise books at a competitive rate. Information on how to order these books will be explained on a note posted to Enews. We ask that you order your child's pack 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.

Classes and Numbers

As the year is drawing to a close, we are currently planning for next year. At this stage, our numbers are still changing daily. Next year we are expecting to make 19 classes (we have 18 currently). 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. 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 is currently taking place. 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. 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.

Returning late in 2023 and Planning for 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.

If you are in K-5 and intending to leave Hornsby Heights Public School at the end of 2023, 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.

General Assistant Staffing News

Congratulations to Mr Geoff Patterson who is our new permanent General Assistant at the school for 2 days a week. We also warmly welcome Mr Stuart Mathieson who will be working with us one day a week as a temporary General Assistant on a Friday. We are so incredibly lucky to have these two amazing team members at HHPS.



School Uniforms

Lately we have seen a few add-ons to uniforms creeping in to school and we have been actively reminding students about the correct uniform to wear to school each day. I am appealing to all families to support our school's high expectations by encouraging students to wear school uniform. The majority of our students are wearing their uniform with pride and this is excellent! Please remember that weekend sports shorts or jumpers from sports clubs are not allowed to be worn at school as they are not part of our uniform. The uniform can be purchased from the Uniform Shop and second-hand items are available for \$5. Please see the summer uniform information late in the Newsletter if you would like a visual of the uniform to be worn. Students wear black school shoes with their uniform and sneakers with their sports uniform. Students wear their sports uniform to school on the days they have sport. Thank you for helping us to continue to encourage students to wear the correct uniform.

MRS JO CHAPMAN (6E) will continue her academic studies at university, as well as take part in some travel time. She will continue to be one of our highly sort after casual teachers at HHPS in 2023.

MS NATALIE TAYLOR will be on long service leave for Term 1.



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

Teacher News

There will be a few new faces at HHPS in 2023 due to the following.

MRS SUSAN LIDDLE, our Learning and Support Teacher, will be leaving us at the end of this year to pursue some travel and family time. Mrs Liddle has been instrumental in setting up our Learning and Support program and working with teachers and students in the area of literacy. She has helped set up many new programs within the school and will be very missed by all. Mrs Liddle has been part of our learning support team and also set up our parent reading program that will continue to run in 2023. The Learning and Support position is currently in the recruitment process and our new permanent Learning Support Teacher will be announced early next year.

MR MAX MYCHAEL is taking up a position in the country in 2023 where he has always wanted to teach. We wish him all the best and hope he will return to us soon!

MRS SUSAN LUNDSTROM, our English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EAL/D) will be taking some leave next year. Mrs Libby McCorristen will be taking over in this 2 day a week role in 2023.

HORNSBY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

GAMES CLUB

IN THE COURTYARD

1:00PM - 1:40PM

TUESDAYS • WEDNESDAYS • THURSDAYS

It's a
quiet space
away from the
busy
playground
and oval areas.

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!

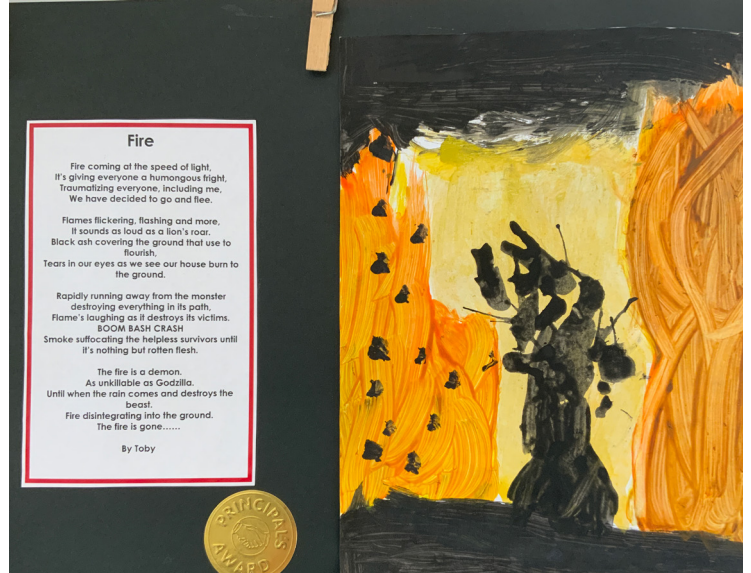
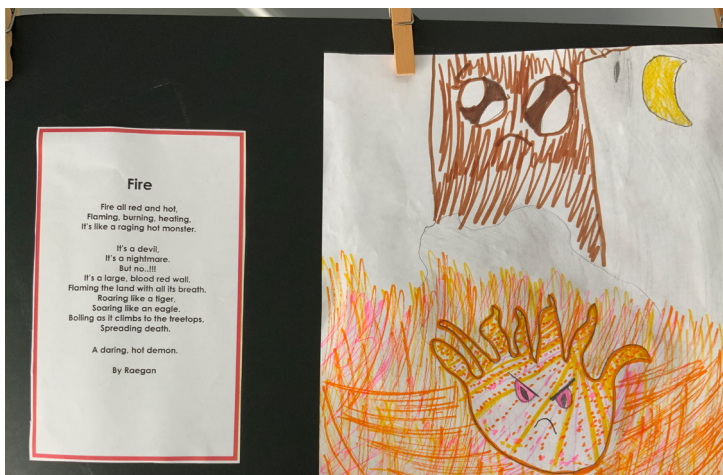
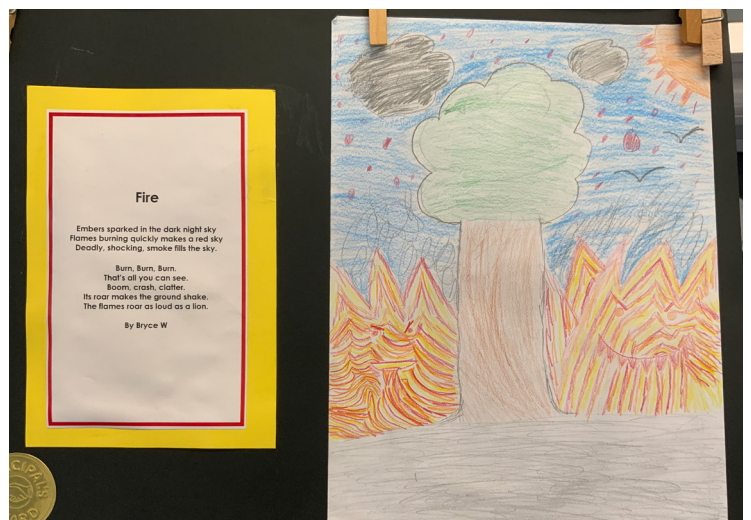
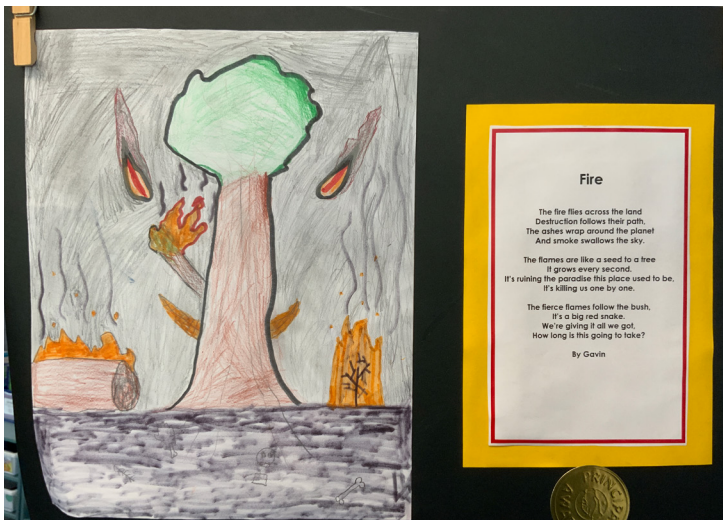
As you can imagine, this is going to be lots of fun. So please get writing! Remember that all letters need to be kind and sensible so we can spread some joy!

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

Elf Advik
Elf Ruby-Rose
Elf Ashleigh
Elf Joel



4M POETRY





Fire

One single spark sets the fire alive,
Raising the flames,
Throwing out the ash.

Fire is a tiger, devouring all the land.
Flaring, glowing, growing,
Obliterating, destroying, demolishing.

Fire, the monster that turns night to day,
Leaping to where the forests lay.

For a moment all the animals fear,
Is that a flame they hear?
Is the fire far or near?

Time to run, to try to flee,
The roaring fire in hot pursuit,
Finding a safe refuge at a clear river, splashing
in,
Embers barely reaching your roughly torn
sleeve,
Coming up, then diving back, you see the fire
retreating,
Water hoses cool it down, you finally leave the
wet shelter.

The greenness of Earth is coming back,
Pushing the blackness away.

By Gregory

SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS

STAGE 2 SCIENCE PRESENTATION



By **JASMINE P.**
Hornsby Heights Public School
YEAR 4 STUDENT

On the 22 November, Sam Maitra (a HHPS parent), came in to teach us about sustainable materials which we are learning about in Science.

We learnt all about a more sustainable option for straws and I was so amazed that straws can be made out of grass in Vietnam! The water grass plant that is used is called *Lepironia Articulata*.

We were all given our own grass straws and I was really surprised at how strong they are!





Our Mission

Our Mission is to WIPE OUT PLASTIC STRAWS and provide the hospitality industry best sustainable alternatives.





SCHOOL NEWS

STAGE 2 POET INCURSION

Last week on Wednesday, Year 3 and 4 had a visit from a poet who did performance poetry. We laughed a lot because of his funny poems and performances where he used alliteration, props, costumes, facial expressions and silly voices. Our favourite part was when he used a puppet to act out a poem about school.

Riva and Lelia (3R) pictured above.





Mathematical Matters

Some time to just have fun with maths! You could try this puzzle at home using paddle pop sticks or toothpicks.

How can you make this number sentence true by moving ONLY ONE matchstick (or paddle-pop stick or toothpick)?



<https://www.mashupmath.com/blog/free-math-riddles-for-kids>



Our pogo sticks are retiring from school... they are ready for a new home.

If you would like to take one of them home, please get your parent's signature and write your full name and class below. Drop it off into the box by the PE room's door. Mrs Sakajani will announce the winners will next Tuesday afternoon. Good Luck!

I (parent name) _____ give my child

_____ of class _____ permission to enter the pogo stick lotto. I

understand the pogo sticks are used and not new but still in good condition.

Parent signature _____





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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: _____



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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



FINAL DONATION DATE: Friday 9 December

Share the Joy! The SRC are happy to be supporting the Anglicare Toys 'n' Tucker appeal again this year.

Christmas is quickly approaching and some of us have begun to think about the food and presents we will be enjoying with our family. We encourage you to share a thought for those families who do not have the resources to do the same.

To support these families, please donate non-perishable food and new toys at the school office. Items like tinned food, pasta, biscuits and long life drinks are great. Please do not wrap any toys as they will be sorted into age and gender appropriate gifts by Anglicare.

Donations may be placed in the front office area from Wednesday 30

November. Please give generously, our appeal will run until Friday 9 December.

We appreciate your support.

THE SRC STUDENTS.



SHOPPING LIST

FOOD

Here are the things we include in a food hamper. Standard sizes (as indicated) are preferred to help fit everything in neatly.

- Christmas cake
- Christmas pudding
- Tinned ham (450g)
- Tinned salmon (415g)
- Tea (50pk) or Coffee (100g)
- Milo (small tin)
- Packet of biscuits
- Dried pasta (500g)
- Pasta sauce
- Long-life milk, custard or cream
- Tinned fruit and vegetables (425g)
- Jam (500g)

Sadly we can't include chocolate as it's likely to melt.

GIFT IDEAS

- Pre-school
- Age-appropriate games
- Educational toys
- Picture books
- Children
- Good-quality toys
- Outdoor games
- Sporting equipment
- Teenagers
- Gift cards/vouchers
- Sporting equipment
- Toiletry packs

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

FROM THE P&C

Sign Up

P&C Westfield Xmas wrapping

Dec 20 & Dec 23



All proceeds to the P&C.

Canteen happenings:

Sausage Rolls will now be available everyday until the end of the term.

Monday and Friday Specials will now be under the Hot Food menu for those days.

As always we are needing volunteers to help our canteen run smoothly. We have a lot of shifts that need to be filled as we finish up the term. If you can help out for a shift please visit:

[LINK](#)

<https://signup.zone/YLtvzNdLwHb8SP3KM>

and sign yourself up for a shift.



Monday 21st November: Rosey S and **HELP NEEDED**

Wednesday 23rd November: Lisa N and **HELP NEEDED**

Friday 25th November: Michelle E, Althea W/ Natalie W and **HELP NEEDED**

Monday 28th November: Rhiannon R and David G/Helen D.

Wednesday 30th November: Katie B/ **HELP NEEDED** and **HELP NEEDED**

Friday 2nd December: Michelle M, **HELP NEEDED** and **HELP NEEDED**

SCHOOL CROSSING PROGRAM

Good Afternoon,

We at the School Crossing Program are recruiting for casual crossing supervisors to act as cover for your LGA.

To enable us to reach quality candidates for the role, please post the attached ad poster to best effect in your school community information boards such as your newsletters, Facebook page & notice boards etc. until applications close 19th October 2022.

External [LINK](https://jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au/job-invite/78263/) - <https://jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au/job-invite/78263/>