

Hornsby Heights Public School

SLETTER Aim High

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TERM 1 WEEK 10

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2 APRIL 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS



SCHOOL

Tuesday APR 2: Band workshop 4-7pm

Tuesday APR 9: Combined Easter

service

Wednesday APR 10: Backflips

Against Bullying

Friday APR 12: ANZAC service on

zoom; last day of Term 1

Tuesday APR 30: Dance lessons

begin

Friday May 10: Walk to School

Safely Day



SPORT

Tuesday APR 2: Sydney North

Area Swimming

NOTE: HZSS cancelled due to

ground closures

Monday APR 8: Winter Sports

Trials commence

Tuesday MAY 7: HZSS AFL/Netball

final trials commence 8am

Wednesday MAY 8: HZSS Soccer

Thursday MAY 9: Cross Country



Wednesday APR 3 - 7pm:

Bushland Fair meeting

Friday APR 5: School Disco

Wednesday MAY 1: P&C meting

7pm

SCHOOL CALENDAR LINK:

https://hornsbyhts-p.schools.nsw. gov.au/school-calendar.html



ABOVE: The autumn leaves from our beautiful maple trees have started to fall.

PRINCIPAL

EASTER HAT PARADE RETURNS

hank you to all our students for the wonderful return of our Easter Hat parade tradition last week. It was lovely to see so many family members including younger siblings join us for this event, despite the rainy weather. Students are very much looking forward to the P&C run disco being held this Friday.

Attendance Success- HHPS Number 1!

I wanted to share with you all that our school is ranked number 1 for attendance when compared to similar schools groups. This is something to celebrate! Thank you to every single member of the community for your contribution. The staff and I are so proud of every single student at the school. Let's keep us this great success!

Parent/Teacher Interviews Term 1

Parent/Teacher interviews are being held over the next two weeks at

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various times for each class. If you missed the cut off times for bookings, please contact your child/s classroom teacher via Seesaw or call the school on 9476-5133.

Assemblies Are Back this week - School Hall

Our 2024 SRC badges will be handed out at the two upcoming assemblies.

K-2 Assemblies Next Thursday 2:30- 3:00pm **3-6 Assemblies** This Thursday 2:30- 3:00pm

Anaphylaxis at Hornsby Heights PS

At our school, we have a small number of children who could have a potentially life threatening allergic reaction. They are found across our school from Kindergarten to Year 6. How can parents help these children?

- Choose alternative sandwich spreads to peanut butter and Nutella. Inform your child that these foods can trigger an anaphylactic reaction.
- Reinforce the school's NO FOOD SHARING message.

Staff Professional Learning

Over the next two weeks each Stage Team will be participating in a day of professional learning where they will come off class for a day to collaborate on the teaching and learning programs for Term 2.

ANZAC DAY

Our ANZAC Day Ceremony will be held Friday 12 April via Zoom. This will be run by our School Captains and will feature a guest speaker for the Commemorative Address. The Zoom session will be open from 12.00pm. You can access the event via the link below. We thank Mr Young for organising this for us.

Join Zoom Meeting https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/64153055999?pw d=clFjRFEwS1FUVG12L2Yxc1V2SUludz09

Opportunity Class Placement - Current Year 4 Students

For information on Opportunity class placements and how to register your child to try out for these classes, please see Enews. These are available for students who are currently in Year 4.

School Duty Of Care

Please be aware that the school does not open until 8:40am. Students who arrive earlier than this need to be booked into Before School Care as the school's duty of care does not take place until 8:40am when there is a teacher on duty. The school closes also after the school bell goes and our playgrounds are not in use after this time.



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



Dates for 2024

TERM 1

Tuesday 30 January 2024 Staff Development Day Wednesday 31 January 2024 Staff Development Day Thursday 1 February 2024 Students Years 1 - 6 return to school Tuesday 6 February 2024 Kindy starts Friday 12 April 2024 Last Day of Term 1

TERM 2

Monday 29 April 2024 Staff Development Day Tuesday 30 April 2024 Students return Friday 5 July 2024 Last Day of Term 2

TERM 3

Monday 22 July 2024 Staff Development Day Tuesday 23 July 2024 Students return Friday 27 September 2024 Last Day of Term 3

TERM 4

Monday 14 October 2024 Students return Wednesday 18 December 2024 Last day of Term 4 for students

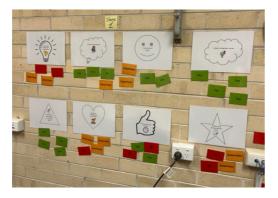


HHPS WRITING FOCUS



Over the past fortnight, we have been gathering data from our school community on attitudes to writing. Thank you to all families who completed our parent survey and to 66 of our students from Year 1 to Year 6 who participated in a student focus group with Mrs Cornell and Mrs Tudor.

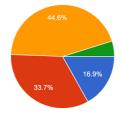




In Week 11, all teachers will complete a writing survey and as a staff, we will be closely analysing all data, as well as participating in professional learning on supporting, assessing and monitoring writing to make improvements to the way we teach, give feedback, and assess writing across K-6.

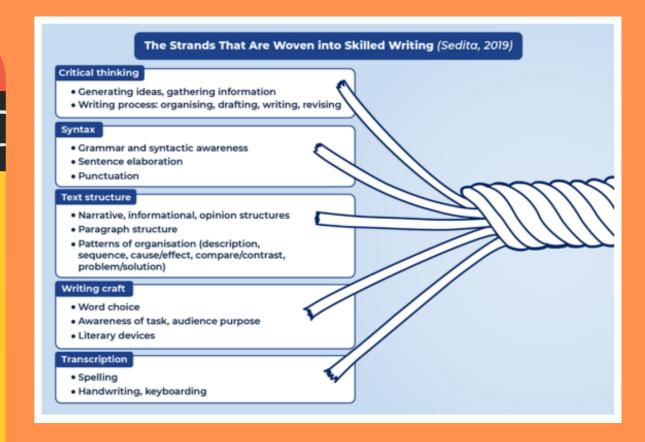
How do you feel about the writing curriculum and instruction provided in your child's classroom?

83 responses



Very satisfied
Satisfied
Neutral
Dissatisfied
Very dissatisfied

One area we already recognised from our parent survey is that families may not have an awareness of the writing curriculum and instruction we have in our school. In response to this, each fortnight, we will be giving you some insight into the subject area of Writing in our newsletter.



Writing is one of the most complex things we ask students to do and the evidence is clear that very few students become good writers on their own. If we expect students to learn to write, we need to teach them how.

Writing is not caught. Writing must be taught.

Writing demands motor skills, thinking, and memory, and learning these takes time, support, and practice.

As we can see in the diagram above, there are so many skills that are woven together to become a skilled writer. In each newsletter edition this year, we will take you through the following areas we teach in writing:

- Handwriting and keyboarding skills
- Spelling
- Punctuation and Grammar
- Sentence construction
- Vocabulary
- Topic Knowledge
- Organising ideas
- The writing process
- The support cycle for teaching writing

Nicole Tudor

Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction

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HORNSBY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

We are currently forming a new Media Team for 2024. Everyone in Year 5 and 6 has the opportunity to join via audition as spaces are limited. Please see information about the audition video task in this issue. The Media Team meets every Tuesday at lunchtime. Together we learn all aspects of photography and film production through practical, hands-on activities and projects.

PRODUCTION VALUES

You will learn how to create high quality video productions. This means using professional lighting and sound recording equipment to make our video projects look and sound professional.

TV NEWS PACKAGE

You will learn how to design and edit a complete news package using iMovie, Adobe Premiere and iPads using a template. You will have a chance to document how you learn in class and make videos about important issues you feel strongly about. You will learn official HHPS Media Team badge.

to document through photography the life of our wonderful school.

COMMITMENT

The Media Team will run for the whole year and you will need to commit for the entire year each Tuesday lunch. At major school events such as sports carnivals you will be asked to collect footage for our TV news broadcasts and newsletter.

BADGE

All Media Team members will receive an

Let their voices be heard!





HORNSBY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

EDIA TEAM



All Year 5 and 6 students are eligible to join the Media Team which will meet every Tuesday at lunchtime. The Media Team consists of about 25 students who document important school events through photos and videos. Year 5 students who are interested in joining must submit an audition video.

TASK: MEDIA TEAM AUDITION VIDEO

Students must make a short video. There are 3 options.

1. Prepare a short video presentation on why you should be selected: what special skills and seconds. Students must prepare this video qualities do you have?

OR

2. Prepare a video demonstrating your camera/ editing/interviewing/writing/research skills on a topic of your choice.



"The Day That Changed My Life". Make a dramatic video of a day you'll never forget.

Videos should run for no more than 30-60 presentation in their own time, not class time. Please bring your video to school on a thumb drive - USB stick (labelled with your name and class) and hand it to your teacher.

DATE DUE: Tuesday, 16 April









EAL/D AT HHPS

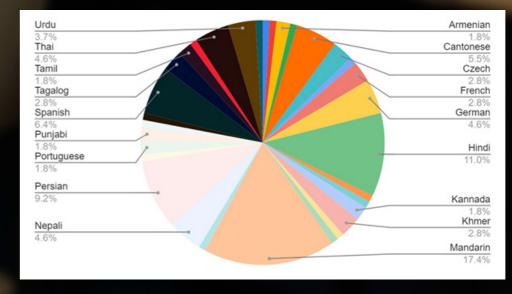
By JANE FINLAY
Hornsby Heights Public School
EAL/D TEACHER

ello. I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you all. I am the EAL/D teacher at Hornsby Heights Public School this year. I have the pleasure of working with students who are learning English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) at the school 2 ½ days a week. This year, the school has also received funding for the New Arrivals Program (NAP), in which I provide intensive language tuition for eligible newly arrived students to our country.

I recently submitted a LBOTE
(Language Background other than
English) census for the school and
wanted to share the results with you.
Did you know that at Hornsby Heights

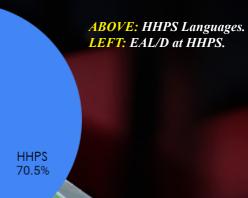
Public School, we currently have students who are from 33 language backgrounds other than English?! Wow! We are so very fortunate to have such a diverse community with students from a wide variety of language backgrounds!

I have enjoyed getting to know the students that i've been working with so far and learning more about their cultural backgrounds and look forward to getting to know more of you over the course of the year. If you ever need to contact me, I am available at the school on Tuesdays and Thursday and Wednesday (half a day).



LBOTE

EAL/D



HELLO FROM THE READING ROOM!



Hornsby Heights Public School LEARNING AND SUPPORT TEACHER

ello. I have met some of you over the past 13 months, but for families new to HHPS, let me briefly tell you about my role in the school. My main role is to support students who need help with their literacy. I also work closely with the class teachers, providing them with advice and practical teaching strategies to use in the classroom. Students who, for whatever reason, are not meeting stage outcomes in literacy will be referred to me by their class teachers for assessment and further support. We are fortunate at HHPS to have two excellent, evidence-based reading programs that are designed for this exact purpose. The MacqLit program, a small group instruction program, was introduced at HHPS in Term 2 2021 and targets Stage Two and Three students who require further explicit instruction in mastering literacy skills. The MiniLit Sage program, introduced in 2022, is an early literacy intervention program that incorporates the five key elements necessary for early reading programs to be effective: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary development and text comprehension. This program has been developed primarily for Stage One students who have not yet mastered the phonic code or who are struggling to read fluently enough to read independently. Children cease to attend these lessons once reading at or beyond age/grade expectations. How

HOW TO HELP YOUR

A key element to children developing their confidence and skills in literacy is reading at home to an adult or older sibling. Frequent, short sessions tend to be more beneficial that one or two marathon (and often angst-producing) sessions. Try to make your reading time together relaxed and fun, which can be challenging at the end of a long day. You may like to take turns reading a page or even a sentence each or use silly voices every now and then. Use the "Pause, Prompt, Praise" method below. If you would like a copy of the Pause, Prompt, Praise card, email the office and I'll organise one to be made available for you.



I am also a big advocate for reading TO your children. This can ignite a love of reading, help to develop a sense of wonder and curiosity and facilitates the development of vocabulary, grammar, imagination and the rhythm of language while expanding your child's world. Be a good role model and allow yourself

time to read something YOU love. Make the most of the books that classroom teachers send home with the children and encourage your children to borrow from our wonderful library. Mrs Demlakian has a magnificent selection of titles to choose from and is very knowledgeable about all things "bookish!" Audio books are another wonderful way to absorb a book when everyone is just too tired or when travelling to a holiday destination. I listen to them while I'm cooking and driving. They can be borrowed from most public libraries.

Hornsby library: 9847-6813 library@ hornsby.nsw.gov.au.

The Jill Sherlock Memorial Library, based at Oatlands PS allows parents to borrow audiobooks via the SORA platform. You can access SORA from the library website once you've joined the library. jsherlock. library@det.nsw.edu.au Ph: 9630-8684.

Or you may like to use the following apps: Overdrive/Libby, Bolinda/BorrowBox and Indyreads.

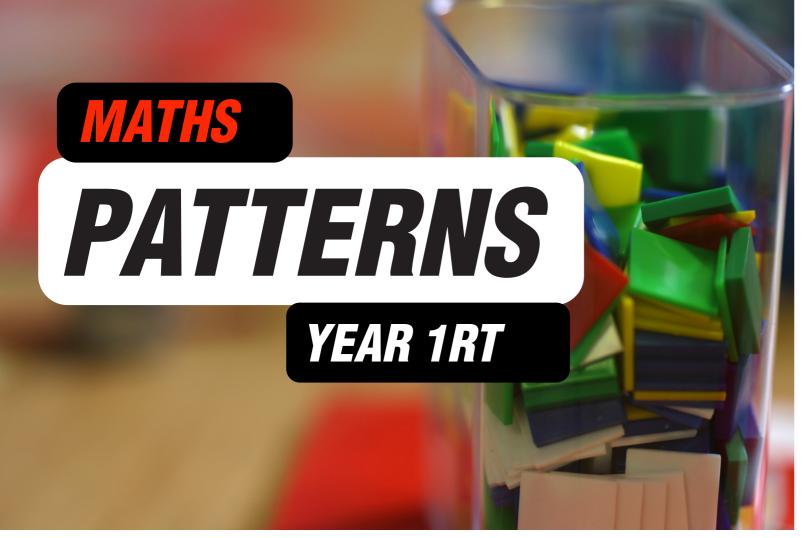
Here are the new MultiLit videos created for parents. Links to these videos are below for your information.

Explainer: Phonemes and Graphemes https://vimeo.com/412603116/65eab513a7

How to support your child reading with **InitiaLit Readers** (The Sad Cat 2.3) https://vimeo.com/412622117/f759d1322c

How to support your child reading with InitiaLit Readers (What Did You Say? 8.5) https://vimeo.com/412625634/

to help your child.

















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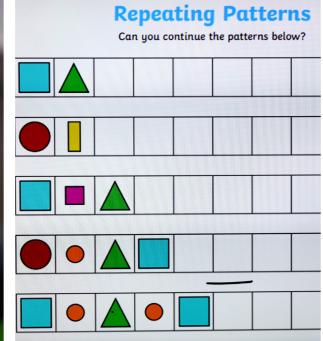
















KINDERGARTEN

INFORMATION - 2025 -

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 & 2025 STUDENTS

Tuesday 24 September 2024 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.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING IN THE SCHOOL HALL

Thursday 24 October 2024 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

Tuesday 19 November and Tuesday 26 November 2024 from 9:30am to 11:00am

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: Debbie Dunn
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL Curriculum Support: Nicole Tudor



Reminder: Regular menu QKR! orders close at 8:40am
Sushi orders close at 8:20am

The Canteen is looking to hire a paid Canteen Assistant on Mon/Wed/Fri . Check out the job ad on the next page



The chicken seasoning popcorn does not appear to be very popular so we are switching it out for the Saucy BBQ. Butterscotch will till available, both for \$1.70. We also have plain freshly popped popcorn, 10c for a small bag.



Sushi is back!

Wednesday is SUSHI DAY. Both rolls and baby rolls available with 6 filling options each.



We have items stock controlled for availability/limited oven space, but the limits can't be set for each day, so if you order several days in advance, the limits may still be in place for the current day and items will not appear to be available, so just try again later.

Please sign up to help us to get through the last weeks of the term!

	WEEK	9am - 11am	11am - 1pm	1:30pm - 2:30pm
Negowie	Week 10 EASTER MON Wed 3rd Apr Fri 5th Apr	CLOSED Leisa W / HELP Michelle M / Stephanie/ HELP	CLOSED HELP / HELP Michelle M / HELP / HELP	CLOSED HELP Michelle M / Leanne
	Week 11 Mon 8th Apr Wed 10th Apr Fri 12th Apr	Melanie B / HELP Ash / HELP Leisa W/ HELP / HELP	HELP / HELP Esha / HELP Stephanie / Leisa W / HELP	Christine Louise M Stephanie / Carina F

https://signup.zone/hhps-canteen





Summer Uniform

HORNSBY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL













Sports Uniform











Girls

- Bottle green/navy/yellow plaid check dress
- Bottle green culottes and gold polo shirt
- Bottle green jacket, sloppy joe or jumper
- White short socks (socks must be
- Black school shoes

Boys

- Gold short sleeve polo shirt
- Grey shorts
- Grey short socks with green/ gold band
- Bottle green jacket, sloppy joe or jumper
- Black school shoes

Girls

- Bottle green shorts
- Polo shirt in house colour
- Sports shoes and white socks
- Green track pants (in winter)

Boys

- Bottle green shorts
- Polo shirt in house colour
- Sports shoes and white socks
- Green track pants (in winter)





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Introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by MasterCard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

With Okr you can:

- Order and pay for your child's lunches, reducing the need to bring cash to school;
- Pay for school fees, uniforms, excursions and more;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.



Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

Step 1 Download Qkr!

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app





Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10km's of the school, or search for our school by name.

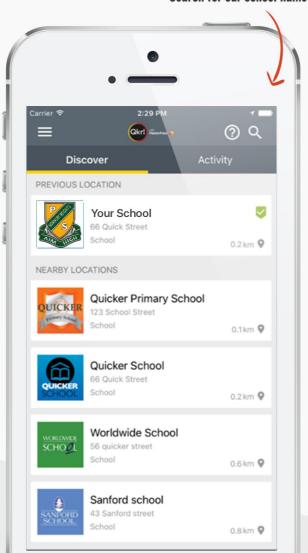
Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

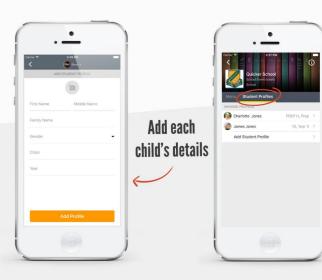
Search for our school name





Add your children's details in Student Profiles

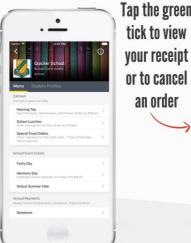




Manage each child's details in Student Profiles

Order meals

Select a menu from our canteen



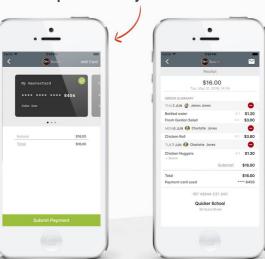




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Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page, or view your receipt.



Dates for 2024

TERM 1

Staff Development Day Tuesday 30 January 2024

Wednesday 31 January 2024 Staff Development Day

Students Years 1 - 6 return to school Thursday 1 February 2024

Tuesday 6 February 2024 Kindy starts

> Friday 12 April 2024 Last Day of Term 1

TERM 2

Monday 29 April 2024 Staff Development Day

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Friday 5 July 2024 Last Day of Term 2

TERM 3

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TERM 4

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GET SET HHPS!

The Bushland Fair is back for 2024!

We hope to build on the success of the 2022 fair and we'd love your input.

Join us for our first official meeting on Wednesday April 3 at 7pm in the School Staffroom. Please note that this is in lieu of the normal P&C meeting.

If you have any questions, please direct them to this year's Fair Coordinator, James

EMAIL: hhpsbushlandfair@gmail.com

Hope to see you there!

Kind Regards,

JAMES THOMAS P&C President

HORNSBY RSL GYMNASTICS HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED DAY OF GYMNASTICS ACTIVITIES THAT IS SURE TO KEEP THE KIDS ENTERTAINED ALL DAY LONG.



WHAT DOES THE DAY INVOLVE?

- A full day program for children aged 5-12 years, members and non members, no experience necessary, all welcome!
- There are two programs types available where we fit the very best things into one fun filled, action packed day:
- COMBO DAY: Combining the very best of GymSKILLS, FreeG + Tumble, Tricks and Flips! Learn new skills and try a wide range of different drills and activities!
- HOLIDAY FUN DAY: Sessions loaded with lots of gymnastics activities, circuits, games and other FUN activities including craft, free play and lots lots more!
- Morning tea and lunch break (bring your own food)



HORNSBY RSL GYMNASTICS **1 ASHLEY LANE HORNSBY NSW 2077** 9476 6689 INFO@HORNSBYRSLGYMNASTICS.COM.AU

WWW.HORNSBYRSLGYMNASTICS.COM.AU

PROGRAM DETAILS

APRIL 2024 PROGRAM:

MONDAY 15TH APRIL (COMBO DAY) WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL (HOLIDAY FUN) FRIDAY 19TH APRIL (COMBO DAY) MONDAY 22ND APRIL (COMBO DAY) VEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL (HOLIDAY FUN FRIDAY 26TH APRIL (COMBO DAY)

9AM - 3PM

\$65 PER CHILD PER DAY

AGES 5-12 YEARS

BRING MORNING TEA, LUNCH, DRINK BOTTLE, HAT, SUNSCREEN

APRIL SCHOOL HOLDAYS 5 FUN ACTIVITIES

WRITING WORKSHOP WITH DEBORAH ABELA

Presented by award winning author Deborah Abela these sessions will engage children in activities that explore the writing process from developing ideas, to planning outlines and, most importantly, creating characters and plots readers will love whilst having lots of fun!

Hornsby Library Where: When: Wednesday 17 April

> 10.30am-11.30am 12pm-1pm

2pm-3pm

Recommended for ages 7-12 Age:

\$10 per child Cost: Bookings: Bookings essential.

> Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library or at any Hornsby Shire Libraries Branch.

Children 10 & under must be accompanied by an adult.



PUSHMI-PULLYU: REVERSE GARBAGE WORKSHOP

Build a toy that moves - and learn how to get things running without batteries! Kids experiment with push/pull forces and use materials they would find in their own home to make their own battery-free push-toy. Children use low-waste construction techniques as they develop an understanding of how things move.

Tuesday 23 April When:

Where: Pennant Hills Library, 11am-12pm

Berowra Library, 1pm-2pm

Age: 5-12 years Cost: \$10 per child Bookings: Bookings essential.

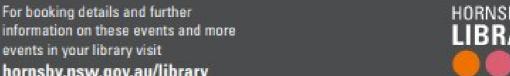
For booking details and further

hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

events in your library visit

Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

or at any Hornsby Shire Libraries Branch. Children 10 & under must be accompanied by an adult.





HOLIDAY STORYTIME

Join us for a fun, interactive session filled with stories and songs.

Where: Hornsby Library

When: Thursday 18 April, 10am **Pennant Hills Library** Where: When: Friday 19 April, 10am

Where: Berowra Library

When: Friday 26 April, 10.30am

0-7 years Age: Cost: Free

Bookings: Bookings essential.

Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library or at any Hornsby Shire Libraries Branch.

Children 10 & under must be accompanied by an adult.



DROP IN AND DISCOVER AT GALSTON

Explore your creativity, constructions skills and have fun with STEM in this interactive session. Activities include craft kits, Lego, Sphero Minis and more!

Where: **Galston Community Centre** When: Tuesday 16 April, 2pm-4pm

5-12 years Age: Cost Free

Bookings: Bookings not required.

Children 10 & under must be accompanied by an adult.



MEGA DROP IN AND DISCOVER AT HORNSBY LIBRARY

Join us for a mega discovery session! Complete your passport as you visit the Construction Zone, Lego Zone, Tech Zone and Craft Zone.

Where: **Hornsby Library**

When: Monday 22 April, 10am-12pm

Age: 5-12 years Cost Free

Bookings: Bookings not required.

Children 10 & under must be accompanied by an adult.





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Open Day

For Prospective Year 7 2026/2027 Families

This Open Day is repeated from March 2024 for those who were unable secure the limited places available.

On the day, there will be a Principal's Address and free school tours.

Address:

54-72 Pennant Hills Road, Normanhurst, NSW 2076 Web: +61 2 94891077 Fax: +61 2 94895722

Monday 8 April 2024

Registration by 10:00 am on Friday 5 April 2024 is essential!

https://nbhs.nsw.edu.au/open-day-april-2024/

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