



Hornsby Heights Public School

NEWSLETTER

Aim High



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UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHOOL

Wednesday SEP 25: PBEL Barrel Award: Crazy Hair

Wednesday OCT 16: Bushland Fair Mufti Day

Tuesday DEC 10: Presentation Day: Years 3-6 Ceremony: 9:30-11:30am
K-2 Ceremony: 12:30-1:45pm

SPORT

Friday OCT 18: HZSS Summer Competition resumes

P&C

Thursday SEP 26: Bushland Fair meeting

SCHOOL CALENDAR LINK:

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



ABOVE: Stage 2's excursion to the Art Gallery of NSW was very practical and hands-on.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WHAT A BUSY FEW WEEKS

What a busy few weeks full of excursions, incursions, mufti days and not to mention our crazy hair day planned for tomorrow. A big thank you to the teachers for organising these events for the students and to our families for supporting them. We are thrilled to announce that the Year 6 mufti day raised a staggering \$1,127. This money goes towards the Year 6 farewell scheduled at the end of Term 4. Thank you to the community for supporting this special event for the Year 6 students.

Bushland Fair

With just under 7 weeks to go, the Bushland Fair Committee members are busy preparing for this wonderful community event. Many hours have gone into the organisation so far with plenty to

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"Failure is simply the opportunity to begin again, this time more intelligently."

Henry Ford

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come and I thank them for their tireless work. Don't forget to keep up to date with information via the Hornsby Heights Community webpage.

<https://www.hhpscommunity.com.au/>

There will be a reminder that the Bushland Fair Mufti Day is in Week 1 (Wednesday 16th October). Students are requested to bring items from the class allocation list for their grade. Hampers will be made from donations for sale at the Bushland Fair.

KINDY Kids: puzzles, books, pencils/crayons, art items, small games

YEAR 1 Gourmet/BBQ: tea, crackers, nuts, oils, spices, rubs, salts, jams, chutneys

YEAR 2 Sweet Treats: chocolates, biscuits, lollies, nuts, popcorn

YEAR 3 Pamper: candles, facemasks, soaps, hand/body creams, bath bombs, essential oils

YEAR 4 Gourmet: as listed above

YEAR 5 Sweet Treats: as listed above

YEAR 6 Pamper: as listed above

Please ensure all items are unopened with an expiry beyond December 2024. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Sydney North Athletics

Congratulations to the 11 HHPS students as well as our junior and senior relay teams for their achievements at the Sydney North Athletics carnival yesterday. Well done to all of these students who represented their school and zone with pride. They should feel very proud of themselves for progressing to such a high level of sport.

Reminder - Intention to return form is due now

To assist us with planning for staffing in 2025, we request that all families complete the Intention to Return form sent via SchoolBytes. Thank you.

Congratulations to our Performance band

Congratulations to our Performance Band for their effort at the Music by Moonlight Festival at Normanhurst West PS. Our band played several pieces and combined with other school bands to play *Groovee* and *You Belong With Me*. Thank you also to the parents who volunteered to assist with the setup and pack down at this event.



HHPS Culture 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. In this survey you will be asked important questions regarding our dance, sport, literacy and numeracy programs to name a few. Thank you to the families who have taken the time to complete the survey already. If you haven't had a chance but would still like to provide your feedback, please access the survey via the link below. Thank you.

[HHPS Culture Survey - 2024](#)

Demountable removal update

The date for the removal of the two demountables has been finalised and scheduled for Wednesday 16th October (Term 4, Week 1). This process may result in some disruption to the use of the school carpark and grounds as well as neighbouring streets. This is due to the use of a crane and larger trucks. We are expecting the teacher's carpark to be closed as well as the oval for a period of time during that day. The school is awaiting the official communication that will outline further details. This will be emailed to all families once received.

HHPS Shelter in place drill

Last Monday, HHPS held their annual Shelter in Place drill. This drill is very important and helps us as a school, evaluate our emergency processes and procedures. By all accounts it ran very smoothly.

Yesterday, an email was sent to all families regarding the emergency management arrangements for the upcoming bushfire danger period. Our school is in a bushfire prone area and is identified as Category 2 on the NSW Department of Education's bushfire risk register.

This means our school will be non-operational when the NSW Rural Fire Service declares catastrophic fire danger ratings for [Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai NSW Fire Area] or as directed by the NSW Department of Education in consultation with emergency services due to local bushfire activity or in higher risk conditions. Fire danger ratings do not mean there will be a bushfire, but rather the weather conditions pose a high risk if a fire were to start in the area. The measure is proactive to ensure staff, students and the community remain safe.

We will inform the school community after 4 pm if there is a change to the operational status of the school for the following day. To assist us in contacting all families in an emergency, please ensure you have updated your contact details with the school.

Being safe online

eSafety is Australia's independent regulator for online safety. They educate Australians about online safety risks and help to remove harmful content. There are many useful resources for educators, students as well as parents. With school holidays approaching and children having more time online, this is often when families check their parental controls on devices. To learn how to use parental controls and other tools to maximise online safety in your home, esafety provides some helpful tips available at this link

<https://esafety.gov.au/parents/issues-and-advice/parental-controls>

NSW Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook

The "NSW Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook" is a comprehensive and free resource to assist parents, carers as well as teachers on a range of topics essential to child safety.

This new digital edition (link below) includes important content updates from: NSW Rural Fire Service (NEW fire danger ratings), NSW Health

(Water & Pool Safety), Transport NSW (School Bus Safety).

https://issuu.com/associatedmediagroup/docs/cshb_august-2024-update?fr=sYTU5ZTc3NjA2NjY

PBEL - Weeks 9 & 10

Each fortnight we share a message to all students via an engaging presentation centred around our PBEL values of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best. In Weeks 9 and 10 of this term, the focus is on Wearing our hats. These sessions are teaching students how to:

1. Wearing Our Hats When Outside
2. No hat = play under a covered area
3. Whole School Expectation - It is a whole school expectation that you must wear a hat when playing outside in the sun.

Presentation Day

This year our Presentation Day will be celebrated on Tuesday December 10 across 2 events:

Years 3-6 Ceremony: 9:30 - 11:30am
K-2 Ceremony: 12:30 - 1:45pm

Dance Ensemble and Choir students will be performing at both ceremonies as well as the Performance and Concert bands. K-2 will be singing a song at their ceremony, however 3-6 will not be performing a song as their ceremony is a longer event.

All students will be acknowledged during the Class Recognition speeches made by class teachers who will then present six Class Awards to their class: two Teacher Choice, two Excellence in Academic Achievement, one Citizenship and one Commitment to Improvement.

Additional Awards will also be presented in the Years 3 -6 ceremony for a range of creative arts, sporting, academic and citizenship achievements.

If your child is receiving a Class Award or an Additional Award at one of the Presentation Day ceremonies, you will be notified during Week 5. This gives those family members who wish to attend the event approximately four weeks notice.

Please note that if your child is a potential House or School Captain (as they have presented a speech in the voting process) then you are welcome to

attend the Years 3 - 6 ceremony. However, you will not receive a specific notification to attend.

We look forward to welcoming our HHPS families to Presentation Day on Tuesday 10 December.

Egg Lotto



Congratulations to our Egg lotto winner: Chioma.

End of term

It's hard to believe we are already at the end of the term. It has been an exciting and busy time where teachers have worked hard to provide opportunities for the students. I thank the staff for their unwavering dedication and efforts and I wish them along with all of our students and their families, a well earned rest for the holiday period. Enjoy the time to relax and recharge, ready for Term 4.



By **FIONA GLEESON**
Hornsby Heights Public School
PRINCIPAL (relieving)

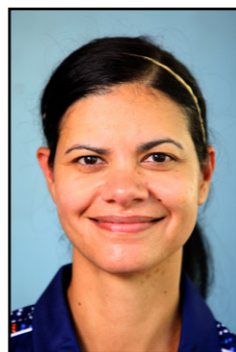
YEAR 2 SWIM SCHEME

In weeks 7 and 8 this term, Year 2 floated, bubbled, kicked and freestyled their way through two weeks of the splash-tacular NSW Department of Education Swim Scheme program. Each day they went on a watery adventure learning swimming techniques, survival skills and water safety tips, meeting PDHPE outcomes in physical activity, health and safety. The students demonstrated our school values admirably trying their personal best each day - even when the water was a tad cold!

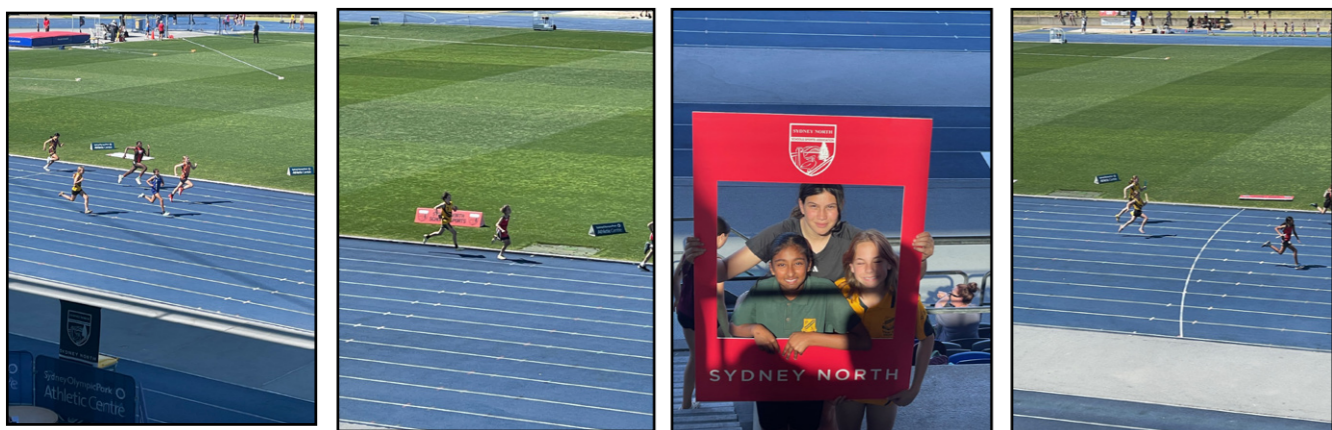


SYDNEY NORTH ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS: MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

What a beautiful day for a carnival! It was an absolute pleasure to manage our Hornsby Zone team yesterday. All students, HHPS included, gave their absolute best, and showed wonderful spirit and sportsmanship. Even though there were no HHPS athletes proceeding through to State, many came extremely close. What an amazing effort.



By **VANESSA SAKAJANI**
Hornsby Heights Public School
SCHOOL SPORTS COORDINATOR



Week 9 - catch up round - Results

Round: 14

AFL played against Hornsby North (all ages) & Wideview (Jnr/Snr)

Soccer & Netball played against Wahroonga

Sport	The scores were:		Players of the Week
Juniors boys AFL	Hornsby Heights - 25	Wideview - 25	The whole Team
Senior boys AFL	Hornsby Heights - 74	Wideview - 0	Milo F & Cooper F
All age girls AFL	Hornsby Heights - 21	Hornsby North - 58	Raegan & Layla
All age mixed AFL	Hornsby Heights - 48	Hornsby North - 23	Josh C & Travis L
Junior boys Soccer	Hornsby Heights - 3	Wahroonga - 1	Alex I, Andy P & Raf Z
Junior girls Soccer	Hornsby Heights - 3	Wahroonga - 0	Ava F, Ava M & Aeva P
Senior boys Soccer	Hornsby Heights - 1	Wahroonga - 2	Isaac C & Sam H
Senior girls Soccer	Hornsby Heights - 5	Wahroonga - 1	Eliza G, Aria S & Sloane W
Junior mixed Netball	Hornsby Heights - 10	Wahroonga - 9	Jacinta & Mira
Senior mixed Netball	Hornsby Heights - 3	Wahroonga - 20	Josie, Maddy & Olivia



HZZS WINTER COMPETITIONS: SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS THIS FRIDAY.

As our Winter competition draws to an end, I would like to thank all our teams for the effort and dedication they have put in this season.

Congratulations to both our Junior girls mixed and Senior girls Soccer, Junior Boys Soccer, and Junior girls Netball teams. ALL games will be played at Montview Oval, Hornsby Heights this Friday, at the following times:

Semi-finals: 9:40-10:25am
 Finals: 10:30-11:15am
 Third place play-off: 10:30-11:15am
 Presentation: 11:25-11:45am

Junior Boys
 1. Turramurra v 4. Hornsby Heights

Junior Girls / Mixed
 Hornsby Heights v 4. Asquith

Senior Girls
 Hornsby North v 3. Hornsby Heights

Junior Netball
 1. Mount Ku-ring-gai PS v 4. Hornsby Heights PS

AFL All Ages and Boys competition results will be released as soon as possible. Good Luck to all our teams!

Crazy Hair Day

On Wednesday 25 September we will be holding a Crazy Hair Day to celebrate reaching the line on the Gumnut barrel. Great work HHPS Students!

FROM THE PBEL TEAM



2024 WRITING FOCUS JOURNEY

As part of our School Improvement Plan, we are building the capacity of staff in effective strategies and processes in data collection, analysis and reflection. We are also promoting a culture of collaboration where we continue to share our ideas and learn from each other.

Term 1

- Parent, Teacher and Student surveys on writing attitudes. All data sources gave us valuable insight to assist with our planning.
- Staff Professional Learning analysing writing data and exploring the K-2 and 3-10 Writing Guides

Teacher Professional Learning on:

- Assessing and monitoring writing through the curriculum
- Supporting writing across the curriculum

Term 2

- Teacher Professional Learning on the Writing Process and the Support Cycle for Teaching Writing
- Familiarisation with the Literacy Progressions (Grammar and Punctuation Focus)
- Delving into NAPLAN data
- Classroom Walkthroughs looking at writing goals
- Collaborative Practice
- Peer Writing Feedback lessons 3-6

Term 3

- Classroom Walkthroughs for staff with a focus on improving student outcomes in Grammar and Punctuation
- Teacher Collaboration in forming writing goals for students
- Teachers plot students on the Literacy Progressions to inform next steps in their writing programs

Term 4

HHPS WRITING FOCUS

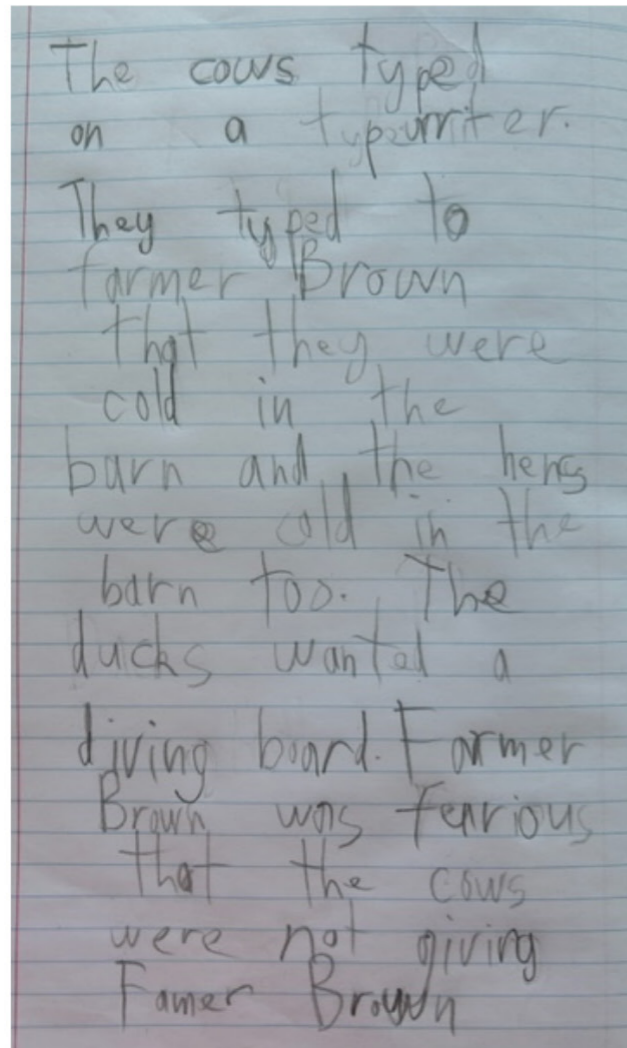
Publishing Writing

Publishing involves the writer presenting their work as a complete piece. Students are given regular opportunities to publish their writing, share writing with others and celebrate their achievements.

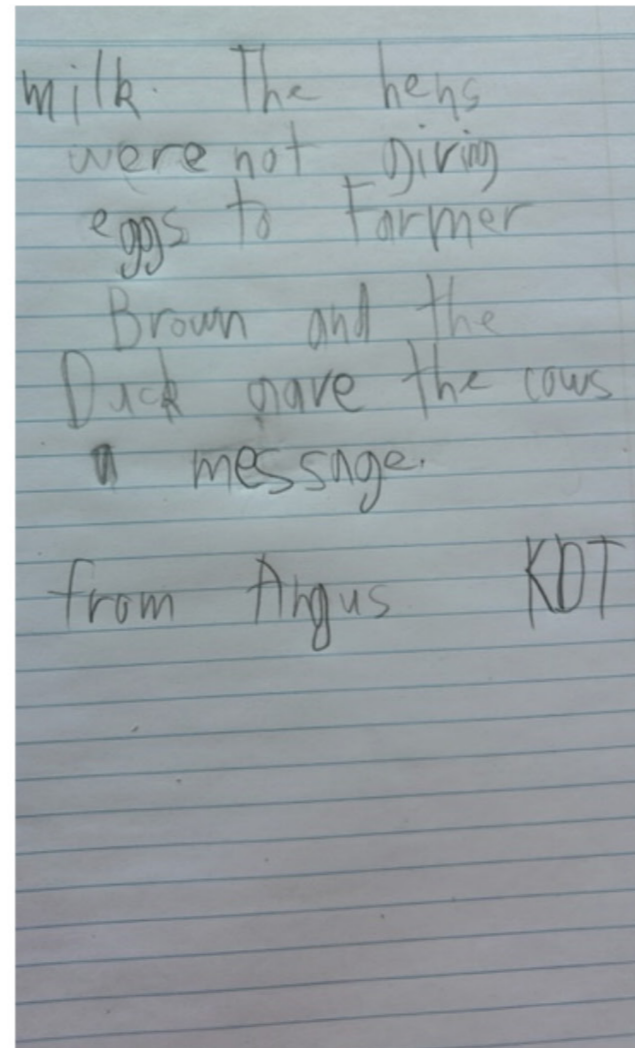
Why is it so important for students to have opportunities to publish their writing?

1. It provides an authentic purpose and audience for their writing
2. It provides an opportunity for real and authentic feedback and helps them to revise their work
3. It celebrates their achievements and gives them a positive attitude towards writing

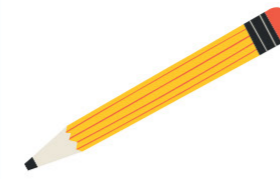
Kindergarten Writing



The cows typed on a typewriter. They typed to farmer Brown that they were cold in the barn and the hens were cold in the barn too. The ducks wanted a diving board. Farmer Brown was furious that the cows were not giving Farmer Brown



milk. The hens were not giving eggs to Farmer Brown and the Duck gave the cows a message.
from Angus KDT



HHPS WRITING FOCUS

Stage 1 Writing



The Dance Showcase

Yesterday when we got to school it was nearly nighttime and the dance showcase was about to start.

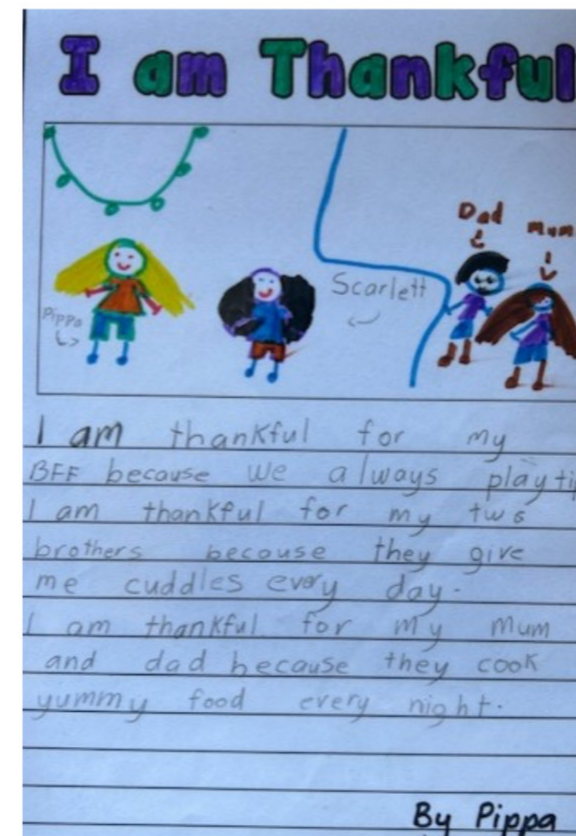
Firstly, when I got there I put my bag away and watched Bluey for about 10 minutes. When I went on stage with my class, I felt really nervous.

Secondly, my song was called *Put On A Happy Face* and my dance teacher was called Miss Emily. The actions were really cool but I think my costume was fabulous. It looked like a clown costume with two big blue and silver pom poms.

Thirdly, when we were done with the dance and when we walked up to the classroom, my teacher Mrs Berry thought we were really COOL! We watched Bluey while we waited for the concert to be over. Ten minutes later, my mum picked me up.

My favourite part was that we got to dance and have fun. All my family came to watch and they all said I looked great in my costume and I did a great job. It was really easy for me to sleep that night because I was very tired.

By Abbey 2BK



I am Thankful

I am thankful for my BFF because we always play together. I am thankful for my two brothers because they give me cuddles every day. I am thankful for my mum and dad because they cook yummy food every night.

By Pippa

Dogs are better than cats

Do you like dogs? I think dogs are the best pets because they don't scratch you, they cuddle you and they love you no matter what.

Thinking of getting a cat as a pet? Think again!

Dogs are more playful than cats. Cats get scared easily and will run away from humans rather than stay and play. Where do you think 'scaredy cat' comes from?

Dogs lick you to tell you that they love you but cats just run away.

Dogs never jump over fences. They jump over only if they see a cat on the other side. If you let a cat outside, it runs away.

Dogs don't kill other animals, but cats do. Cats eat birds and that is bad for the environment.

Dogs can swim in the pool with you and they can even go to the beach, but cats don't. Cats hate water.

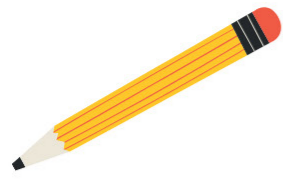
That's why I think dogs are the best pets. Would you want a cat or a dog?

From Tyler 1/2B



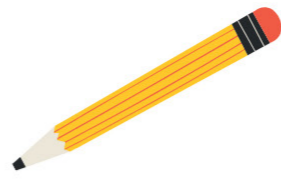
Minions

My favourite character is a minion. I like Minions because they are funny. They have a blue jumpsuit and black hands and feet. They are cheeky and kind. My favourite part is when the strong man hits the wall.



HHPS WRITING FOCUS

3-6 Writing



The life cycle of a chicken - Xavier 3C

Did you know that there are 25 billion chickens in the world? Chickens have brown, blue, green and grey skin colours. Chicks have 21 days to hatch and they have to stay in side of the nest. They have to stay under there for 6 months!

Egg

First, the baby chick gets out of the egg with a little sharp bit of its beak. When the chick gets out of the egg, it looks very gross, with parts of the surrounding chick pouring out. The chicken eats parts of the egg to get vital nutrients and become big and fit.

Chick

Now that the chick is mature it can learn to catch bugs, worms and little critters. But it still has a long way to go until its teenager years but it needs to learn to fly properly. It will start to get its culter.

Teen

Now the chicken will start to grow even stronger and much more. The chicken can live up to seven or six years. Chickens have a good navigation that means it can find stuff easily. Chickens have a big mind set so it can remember stuff like its home or people.

Adult

When a scary animal is chasing the chicken it runs very fast and flies in to the tree. Chickens love dust baths so they can get so dirty and messy. Hens can lay more then 30-0 eggs. Chickens can fly long distances but when you have a chicken you can cut their wings so they don't fly away.

This is the life cycle of a chicken. They rely on its flock to keep them safe from predators like foxes, snakes and many animals. Chickens have an amazing memory and can remember faces.

Arctic Foxes Remi P. 4C

Arctic foxes are extraordinary creatures that have to deal with harsh conditions due to climate change. They live in the Arctic Circle.

Diet

Arctic foxes are omnivores. They will eat anything they can find, sometimes even human poo! Their diet mainly consists of lemmings, voles, seaweed, eggs, birds, berries, insects and small mammals. They hunt small mammals by jumping into deep snow.

Habitat

Arctic foxes live in the Arctic Circle. They live in burrows with multiple tunnels. Winters in the Arctic are extremely cold. Arctic foxes have adapted to live in harsh weather conditions.

Appearance

Arctic foxes have white fur in the winter, their fur changes brown in the summer. They have a short nose and small ears. They have a long bushy tail which they use as a blanket.

Fun Facts

They are members of the canine family. They follow polar bears when food is scarce.

Arctic foxes are extremely interesting creatures that live in the Arctic.



August 21, 2024

Dear Dad,

I can't believe Auggie cut off the braid at the back of his head; it took him years to grow that. Why would he cut it off? Dad, do you think he got bullied for his braid and cut it off? I asked "Did you tell Christopher?" and he said "No were not even friends anymore" and I was like "That's not true". I know him dad but I don't know why he would cut it off. I asked him "did someone make fun of it?" and he said "No" and then I said "Why would you cut it off then?" and he replied with "I don't know". I know he got bullied for it, why else would he cut it off? I think he'll fit in better but is that what will help or, will that make it worse? I just don't understand.

I know you didn't like the braid but it demonstrates his personality and what he likes. If cutting it makes him happy, that's fine but he wouldn't do it for no reason right? I would understand if someone made fun of it so he cut it to fit in, but he said no one made fun of it or made jokes about it. Do you think he lied to me? Would he lie to me?

I know he already cut it off and there's no going back. I really hope he didn't because I just wish he knew he doesn't have to change who he is to fit in. I hate when people stare at him and when people look shocked at him but just because he wants to make friends doesn't mean he has to feel bad about himself, and the way he looks. He doesn't know how truly extraordinary he really is, and how amazing and kind and brave he is. I really wish he remembered it doesn't matter what's on the outside, just what's on the inside.

All love from,
Via

Written by Felicity T in 4/5E

Task: Write a letter from the perspective of Via, a character in the story 'Wonder' by RJ Palacio.

PERSUASIVE-WHY WE SHOULD GET A SUPPORT DOG

By Sophie F. 4C

Dear Mrs Cornell,

Kids crying, kids not coming to school. Is this what you really want Mrs Cornell? I'm guessing not. Why don't we- HHPS - get a support dog, TODAY!!! These are three compelling reasons why...

Well...Firstly a support dog will help children calm down. Why? Evidence shows that just by being near a dog when stressed can reduce anxiety (Dogs Connect). This is an example: Say a child had an argument at lunch with someone in the playground. They could feel sad or angry but the support dog could sooth them.

To show my point, let's look at reading. Don't you agree that many don't feel comfortable reading to their teachers or peers? Having a support dog at HHPS would not only make children read more but would definitely improve literacy too! WOW!

Consider the fact that improving school attendance is a top priority. So think, how will I get students to come to school? Well a support dog will help! Can you guess why? You must surely agree that everyone will be bouncing out of bed to get to school every morning! So please can we get a support dog Mrs Cornell?

I hope you now understand why HHPS absolutely needs a support dog! Children will feel calm at school, reading and literacy rates will improve and our attendance will go sky high! But only if we get a support dog

-TODAY!!!



HHPS WRITING FOCUS

3-6 Writing

Year 6 Quick Write using a picture prompt

Year 6

Quick Write using a picture prompt

As I cautiously step closer to this abandoned town, I can hear crows squawking at me. A chilling wind hits me, and my baggy shirt clings to my chest. A chill goes down my spine making me shiver. I check my watch and it says it's 12:01am - the witching hour.

As the colossal moon rises higher, I squint my eyes. I look closely at the grubby houses ahead of me. The sound of wood creaking and whispering fills in the silence of this night. I look at the cracked road underneath, roots growing out of it. As the moon sets in the sky it starts glowing a baby blue colour, lighting up all the cold, dusty alleyways.

Bella S, 6R

Mikaela - 5Y

Dear Grans,

I have to admit, I've had a really bad Christmas, what about you? I was feeling happy and in high spirits the morning of Christmas. I raced down the stairs to find lots of presents under the tree! How many were for me, I wondered? Mum and Dad weren't there, usually they're still asleep in their bedroom.

Suddenly I noticed a small slip of paper stuck to one of the plastic branches on the Christmas tree. I walked toward it feeling curious, and I took it off the sharp leaves. It explained that Mum and Dad were taking Auggie to the hospital for surgery on his chin. I was so upset that we couldn't share Christmas as a family. You would be sad too wouldn't you?

It was as if I'd disappeared from their life, a minor character in their story that they could just toss away. I was depressed, but there was nothing I could do. Suddenly I remembered the mountain of presents in the living room under the tree!

I walked to the tree, excitement building up inside me despite the bad morning. How many were for me? What would I get? I looked at the nametag on the biggest present: Auggie. I was a little disappointed but I tried to shrug it off and reasoned that the next one would be for me. I checked all of them and they all said: Auggie, Auggie, Auggie. Suddenly I noticed a small present tucked underneath the chair, and the tag said via.

I opened it and inside was a lonely pair of socks. I was practically breathing fire! It is so not fair! Why does he get so many presents!!! I was fuming for the rest of the day until Auggie came home. I watched him open all of his presents: A toy truck, a light sabre, a book about Star Wars and so on. I felt so sad and alone. I hope you understand, you're the only person I can really tell anything to. I wish you were here, and I really miss you!

Love, Via.

Crack! Boom! I heard a noise as I pulled the sheets off my bed over my head. Lightening was striking on a gloomy night. The vibrant colours of the light danced around the pitch-black sky. I peeked out the window as the blinding lightning exploded through the dark, gloomy night. Then suddenly, it struck right near our rickety, wooden house. I could feel the floor slowly swaying back and forth from the huge gust of wind.

'Ahhh' I shouted startled, suddenly jumping in shock.

I wondered to myself, what should I do in this horrifying situation?

Noah Caisley, 6R

INTRODUCTION
Arctic foxes are mammals and are a part of the K9 family. Did you know that the arctic fox can make more than over 40 sounds but humans can only make 35 sounds?

ARCTIC FOX
By Samuel in 4G

HABITAT
The arctic foxes main home is the arctic and alpine tundras but sometimes they travel on sea ice to get the remains of seals that polar bears hunted hundreds of kilometres away from their tundra home.

APPEARANCE
Arctic foxes' fur turns brown in summer and white in winter. The arctic fox is 109 cm long. Some people say it has a stocky appearance.

August and Jones - A letter to a researched person from the perspective of August

Dear Reece Langdon

My name is August and I'm 11 years old. I am writing this letter to you to express my admiration and gratitude for all that you have done and you've achieved and to share how you've inspired me and my friend Jones.

I recently learnt about your inspirational journey. After losing your whole left side feeling in your body due to severe illness, at 6 years of age, you went on to become a Silver medal recipient in the 2023 Paralympics championships. You were awarded a Victorian institute of sport scholarship.

Your personal attributes of courage, determination and sportsmanship remind me of my friend Jones Kirby who lost her right eye when she was 3. She recently learnt that she may become blind too, despite this she still remains a bunch of courage, determination, resilience and full of life, just like you.

Jones and I were both inspired by you and your achievements and the way you never give up. Giving up is not in your vocabulary! You have taught us that disabilities don't stop you from achieving your dreams. So Jones and I have made a bucket list. Together we are going to do the bridge run and climb Mt Kosciuszko which is the tallest mountain in Australia! Even though I'm terrified of heights.

Thank you for being an amazing inspirational person and everything you do. Keep on being inspirational. You're a real star.

Yours sincerely, August

by Ethan Caisley 6W



STAGE 3 INCURSION

A JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA INCURSION

Today, Year Five went on an incursion. It was all about Antarctica. We learnt all about the temperatures, animals and travel it takes to get there. Some of the animals we learnt about were different species of penguins and seals. Chris (the man running it) took so many amazing photos about his experiences there.

It was SUPER cool! Some people got to try on some of the equipment used in Antarctica. At the end of the session, we had a question and answer time. Overall, it was really good to hear all about his experiences in Antarctica.

CLAIRE H. (4/5E)

We all watched a slide show full of photos and videos. When that was done, we got to feel some rocks, look at photos and we got to feel a piece of ice from Antarctica!





STAGE 2 EXCURSION

THE ART GALLERY OF NSW ART-MAKING WORKSHOP

Last week, Stage 2 students attended an excursion to the Art Gallery NSW. They took a tour of the gallery to explore and discuss artworks and installations with a focus on Francis Upritchard's towering

bronze sculptures. Taking inspiration from the exhibitions, students also participated in an art workshop where they experimented with a range of art-making techniques and materials.



Spinner
You may have only two spins at a time to help choose your book





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Saturday 9th November
10am - 4pm

Join us for a day of family fun at the
Hornsby Heights Public School Bushland Fair!

- RIDES | MARKETS | FOOD STALLS | ENTERTAINMENT**
- DEVONSHIRE TEA | STUDENT ART SHOW**
- BAKING SALE AND COMPETITION**
- HAMPERS | COLOUR FUN**
- SIDE SHOW ALLEY**



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Saturday 9th
November

10am - 4pm

Calling all HHPs families!

Do you have a local business? Opportunities for your business to be involved with the upcoming Bushland Fair are still available.

You can **SPONSOR** the event and/or take up one of the remaining **MARKET STALLS**. It's a great opportunity to promote your brand, engage with the community, and support our local school. Click on the links below to learn more.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need you! The organising has all been done, we now need volunteers to help make the event a success! Whether you can assist with setup or working on a stall during the fair, your time and effort are invaluable and we can't do it without YOU! Please complete the sign up form via the link below.



www.hhpscommunity.com.au

TERM 4 WEEK 9

**PRESENTATION
DAY
SAVE THE
DATE**

**TUESDAY
DECEMBER 10**

YEARS 3-6 CEREMONY:

9:30 - 11:30am

K-2 CEREMONY:

12:30 - 1:45pm



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.

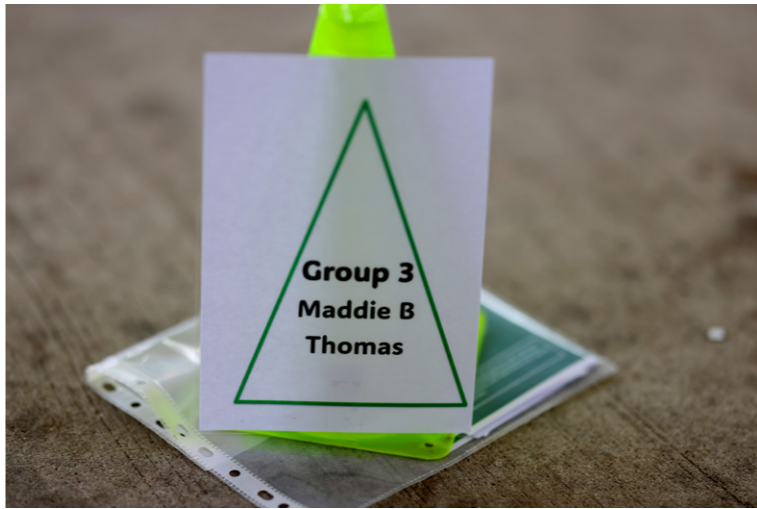
PRINCIPAL: Katrin Cornell
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Debbie Dunn
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL Curriculum and Instruction: Nicole Tudor



HORNSBY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN 2025 SHOWCASE







ECO GARDEN UPDATE

ECO GARDEN BAKE SALE: ELECTION DAY



By **LAUREN GIAQUINTO**
Hornsby Heights Public School
TEACHER

On Saturday 14th September, the Eco Garden Committee held their Bake Sale at the Election. It was a HUGE success with over \$2000 raised for our much-loved chickens, gardening activities and cooking program. The committee would like to thank all of the families that contributed baked goods or lollies and to all the volunteers who assisted in the organisation and running of the sale.

Chicken Holiday Minding

A big thank you to the Oxley family who have volunteered to host and care for the chickens in the upcoming school holidays! We hope you enjoy having them and that they lay you lots of eggs!

If anyone is interested in looking after the chickens in the December/January school holidays, please contact Julie at ecogardenhyps@gmail.com.

Egg Lotto

Our lovely chickens have begun laying again which means that Egg Lotto is back! If you would like the chance to win half a dozen of our chickens freshly laid eggs, please fill out the slip below and put it in the purple box located next to Lost Property. One entry per student. Egg Lotto winners will be announced each Thursday at Assembly on the weeks the chickens have laid enough eggs.

Want to know more?

The Eco Garden Committee is always looking for additional helpers and welcomes all families to be involved in any capacity. If you would like to be involved or find out more please contact Julie at ecogardenhyps@gmail.com. The committee meets on Monday of Week 3 of each term at 7pm via Zoom. The next committee meeting is on Monday 28th October. For Zoom details, please contact the email address above. All are welcome to attend!





MAKE A PLAY THIS HOLIDAYS!

30TH SEPT - 4TH OCT | 8TH OCT - 11TH OCT

HORNSBY & KILLARA

FOR GRADES KINDY-YR 6 | NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

"THE BEST KIDS DRAMA CLASSES IN SYDNEY...

IF YOU WANT FUN AND CONFIDENCE BUILDING CLASSES

FOR YOUR CHILD THEN THESE GUYS ARE IT!" PARENT REVIEW

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FOR YOUNG
PEOPLE

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TERM THREE

EXTRA CURRICULAR

ACTIVITIES

WHAT'S ON

Monday

Maths Games	Mrs Commisso and Mrs Pethybridge	First Break	3J
PALS Stage 3 leaders K-2 soccer	Student led & Mrs Sakanjani	First Break	Lower grass
K-2 Toy Shed	Student Led, SLSO and Mrs Dunn	First Break	KDT Balcony
Library open	Mrs Demlakian	First break	Library

Tuesday

SRC * every second week	Mrs Commisso and Miss Wright	First Break	3J
Media Team	Mr Rutherford	First Break	Library
Chess Club	My Claydon	First Break	3C
Green Team	Julie Lim (Eco Garden parent), Miss Giaquinto & Ms Love	First Break	Eco Garden
K-2 Toy Shed	Student Led & Deb/SLSO	First Break	KDT Balcony
Training Band	P&C - Wendy Hordern	3:30-4:30pm	KDT
Concert Band	P&C - Wendy Hordern	3:30-4:30pm	Hall
Stage Band	P&C - Wendy Hordern	4:30-5:30pm	Hall
Library open READING ONLY TUESDAY	Mrs Demlakian	First break	Library
Maths Olympiad	Miss Ridley and Miss Wright	Before School 8:30-9am	6R

Wednesday

HZSS AFL Training	Mrs Sakanjani and Mr Young	Before School 8:30-9am	School Oval
PALS Stage 2 leaders K-2 basketball	Student led & Mrs Sakanjani	First Break	Basketball courts Weather permitting
Dance Ensemble	Miss Steward and Mrs Ward	Before School 8:00-9:00am	Hall
Knitter Natters	Mrs Thorpe	First Break	KT
K-2 Toy Shed	Student Led & SLSO and Mrs Dunn	First Break	KDT Balcony
Library open	Mrs Demlakian	First break	Library

Thursday

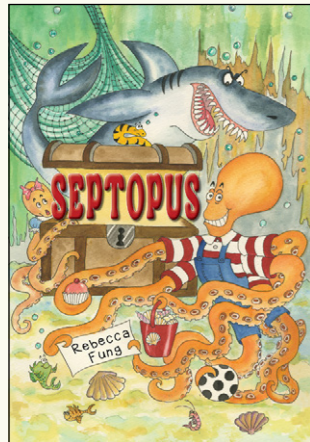
Choir	Mrs Finlay	First Break	Hall
PALS Stage 3 leaders Athletics events	Student led & Mrs Sakanjani	First Break	Upper right oval (in front of long jump pit)
K-2 Toy Shed	Student led & SLSO Mrs Dunn and Mrs Tudor	First Break	KDT Balcony
Writing Competition group	Ms Love	First break	Library or 5L classroom
Library Open	Mrs Demlakian	First break	Library

Friday

HZSS Soccer Training	Miss Eudale	Before School 8:30-9am	School Oval
K-2 Toy Shed	Student Led & Mrs Tudor /SLSO	First Break	KDT Balcony

BOOK LAUNCH of first Owlitude Press book

SEPTOPUS by Rebecca Fung



Illustrations: Kathy Creamer

DATE

Sat 26 Oct 2024

TIME

11am

WHERE

BOOK FACE

St Ives Shopping Village
166 Mona Vale Rd, St Ives
*Parking available, or
catch the 195 or 196 bus to
St Ives Shopping Village

RRP

\$16.99 inc GST

What's the book about...

'Five ... six ... seven ... wait, I must have counted incorrectly. Where's his eighth limb?

He's supposed to be an octopus. Let me start over. One ... two ... no, only seven.'

'Count again,' demanded my father.

Stanley is a septopus – a seven-tentacled octopus. Life can be difficult when the octopus world is built for the eight-tentacled types. Games don't work the way you expect, clothes don't fit and even things like preparing a meal are a challenge.



What's worse, Stanley's parents worry about him so much that they're scared to let him do anything fun. His sister and brothers tease him and bully him. All Stanley wants is a chance to get on with a normal life in the ocean... and to find some friends. Is that too much for a septopus to hope for?

This book is a story about family, friendship, sports, school, action and humour.

What our young readers are saying...

'I really like it because it is very original.' – Olivia, aged 13

'When I was reading, I didn't want to stop. I would rate this a 5 out of 5!' – Chansie, aged 9

'The parents are overprotective and paranoid, but I love how Stanley just wants to be himself.' – Elisa G, aged 11

'Brilliant! Fantastic! Septacular!' – Lois, aged 9

***GET A FREE SHARK PEN WITH YOUR PURCHASE - UNTIL STOCKS LAST!**

RSVP

This event is free but we would love for you to please **RSVP by 16th Oct.**

Please email your name(s) to owlitude@outlook.com and we will send you a reply confirmation email.

Many have asked if the book is available to buy at the launch... YES! and the author will also sign it for you!



Come and enjoy some refreshments! We can't wait to see you there.

Who is the author...

Rebecca Fung grew up in St Ives and attended school in the area. She has strong ties to the community and is excited about having the launch of her new book, *Septopus*, at Book Face in St Ives.

She loves to write children's fiction and several of those stories have been published in Christmas Press anthologies *Once Upon a Christmas*, *A Toy Christmas*, *A Christmas Menagerie*, and *A Miniature Christmas*. She likes owls, mandarins and chocolates, and she is often found curled up on the sofa with her face in a book.


She has written two chapter books, *Princess Hayley's Comet* and *A Very Special Moon Mission*. She is involved in the Author Pen Pals program which promotes children's literacy and love of reading and writing.

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Hornsby Heights Outside of School Hours Care Association Inc.



October Vacation Care

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find below our Vacation Care Program for the upcoming October School holiday period. Please return your completed Booking Form and make payment to reserve your place. An early bird discount of **\$5/day** applies to bookings and payments made by **6.30PM FRIDAY 6th September**. **Please note: Taronga Zoo must be booked by September 19th**. The Centre will be open from 7.30am-6:30pm daily during Vacation Care

WEEK ONE				
MONDAY 30 th September	TUESDAY 1 st October	WEDNESDAY 2 nd October	THURSDAY 3 rd October	FRIDAY 4 th October
<p>SLIME PARTY! Come join us for a sensationally sensory day! We will make all types of slime, exploring with fun additions, colours and more! Wear some old comfy clothes and be prepared to get messy as we kick off our October Vacation Care program</p> 	<p>Taekwondo INCURSION 1.30pm – 3.00pm Time to take our ninja skills to the next level and learn some Taekwondo! This Activity is for all, those who know how to kick and those who never have before, come join us as we learn this awesome martial art!</p> 	<p>WEDNESDAY WHEELS! Due to popular demand, HHOOSH Wheels day is making a comeback this Vacation Care. Whether you come and practice your skateboarding, roller skates or bring your own bike, we will have a wheely good time! All children must BYO helmet. No helmet=no riding.</p> 	<p>LAZER TAG INCURSION 1.30pm – 3.00pm Come and join us at Hornsby Heights as we turn OOSH into a laser tag arena! Come and run around and play with your friends and compete in fun paced laser tag!</p> 	<p>TARONGA ZOO EXCURSION [BOOK BEFORE SEPTEMBER 19th] 9.30am-3.30pm Bradleys Head Rd, Mosman NSW 2088 Come and celebrate World Animal Day at the best place in Sydney, Taronga ZOO. Come ready for a fun filled day as we walk around and watch some incredible animal shows. Arrive by 8am</p> 
WEEK TWO				
MONDAY 7 th October	TUESDAY 8 th October	WEDNESDAY 9 th October	THURSDAY 10 th October	FRIDAY 11 th October
<p>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p>	<p>DISCO Day INCURSION 1.30pm – 3.00pm It's time to partayyyy Do you love dancing? Bright lights? Good music? Hanging out with your friends? Well today is for you! Come dressed in bright disco colours and get ready to boogie in our Silent Disco! Music at your own level, maximum fun</p> 	<p>ROCK CLIMBING EXCURSION 49/5 Gladstone Rd, Castle Hill NSW 2154 Have you been inspired by the incredible Olympic rock climbers Or have you ever wanted to try rock climbing? Come along to our rock climbing excursion and climb at your own pace!</p> 	<p>CARNIVAL DAY INCURSION 10.00am-12.00pm Do you love Jumping castles! Come on over to our Carnival day where we will have a special inflatable surprise! Join in the fun as we make some carnival favourite treats and play some fun games! Ring toss Popcorn Fairy floss craft</p> 	<p>Pen Pal Fun Mini EXCURSION Time TBC Lets go for a walk! Walk with us to Rofe Park and meet up with Hornsby North vacation care! Come and meet your pen pal and your peers from down the road as we challenge them to a mass game of rob the nest And maybe, just maybe indulge in a yummy treat of HOT CHIPS!</p> 

ACCREDITED BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE AND VACATION CARE

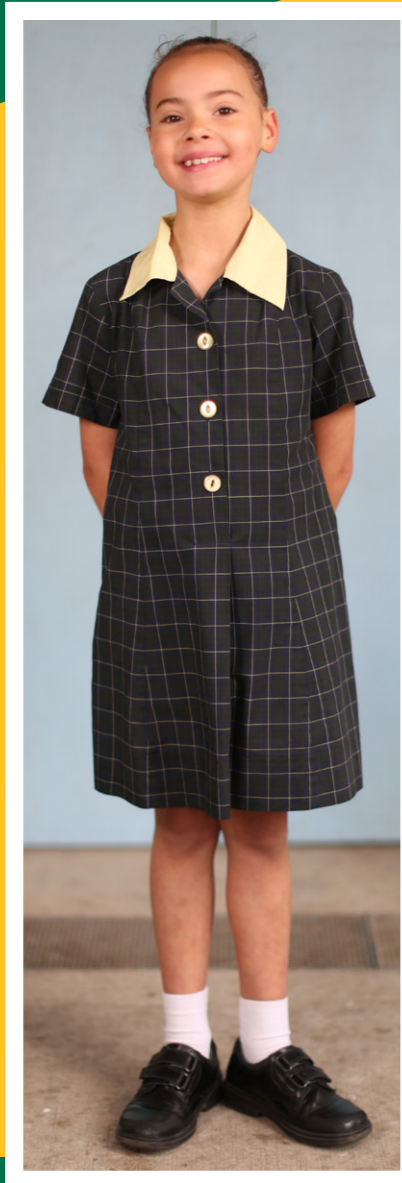
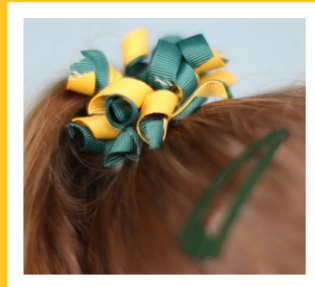
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Summer Uniform

HORNSBY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Sports Uniform

HORNSBY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL



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 visible)
- 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)



HORNSBY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL
 WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YEAR 5 STUDENTS AND PARENTS TO OUR
YEAR 5 OPEN DAY 2024

The morning activities include the Principal's address, tour of the school, performances by the school band and information regarding extra-curricular programs.



Hornsby Girls High School is a Selective High School.
 Enrolment enquiries should be directed to the Selective Schools Unit:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

Monday 14 October 2024 | Edgeworth David Avenue
 The program starts at 9 am and concludes at 11 am | **Hornsby NSW 2077**
9476 5711



NORMANHURST BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

Fostering excellence in young men through holistic education



Open Day
For Prospective Year 7 2026/2027 Families

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

Thursday 26 September 2024

Registration by 10:00 am on
 Tuesday 24 September 2024 is essential!

Register at:
<https://nbhs.nsw.edu.au/open-day-2024/>

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

Web: normanhurstboys.nsw.edu.au
 Email: office@normanhurstboys.nsw.edu.au

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
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PROGRAM DETAILS

SEPT/OCTOBER 2024 PROGRAM:

MONDAY 30TH SEPT (COMBO DAY)
 WEDNESDAY 2ND OCT (HOLIDAY FUN)
 FRIDAY 4TH OCT (COMBO DAY)
 WEDNESDAY 9TH OCT (HOLIDAY FUN)
 FRIDAY 11TH OCT (COMBO DAY)

9AM - 3PM

\$65 PER CHILD PER DAY

AGES 5-12 YEARS

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