



Hornsby Heights Public School

# NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



### SCHOOL

**Tuesday DEC 10:** Presentation Day:

Years 3-6 Ceremony: 9:30-11:30am

K-2 Ceremony: 12:30-1:45pm

**Thursday 28 November:** Year 6

Farewell

**Monday 11 November 10:45am to**

**11:10am:** Remembrance Day on

Zoom

**Tuesday 12 November:** Band

Showcase for Year 2 students



### SPORT

**Monday 2 December:** Stage 2/3

boys Gala Day



### P&C

**Saturday 9 November 10am**

**to 4pm:** Bushland Fair



### EXCURSION

**Tuesday 6 November:** Year 5 ABHS

& AGHS visit 2:40pm

SCHOOL CALENDAR LINK:

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



ABOVE: The NSW Police Band performed with our students and brought the house down.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

# WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

Last Friday Hornsby Heights celebrated World Teachers' Day. The playground and classrooms were so colourful with students wearing a pop of colour to mark the day. Teacher's received lovely notes of appreciation with the day being topped off by beautiful treats supplied for the staff by the P&C. These certainly were appreciated and the staff thank everyone for making the day special.



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"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself."

John Dewey

## ICAS

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is an assessment that challenges students to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in various subjects. This year the school offered the students tests in Mathematics and English with certificates presented for: Distinction and Credits, Merit and Participation.



We had 10 students participate in the English assessment and were awarded three Distinctions, one Credit, one Merit and five Participation certificates.

13 students participated in Mathematics and were awarded three Distinctions, three Credits, and seven Participation certificates.

The students who participated were presented with their certificates at the 3-6 assembly in Week 2. Congratulations to those students on their effort and achievements.

## Police Band

Today we welcomed the Police Band! Their musicians brought so much energy and enthusiasm, making it a memorable day for our Year 2-6 students. Our Concert band students learned a lot from the workshop session and it was wonderful to see them engaged and inspired. The concert was definitely a highlight. What an incredible experience for our students. Thank you to Wendy, our Band Coordinator and Mrs Berry for

## Kindergarten Information Night

Last week, we held the Kindergarten 2025 information evening. It was lovely to see some familiar faces come along as well as welcome the new families to Hornsby Heights PS. The evening provided opportunities for parents and carers to ask questions, hear all about our wonderful school and concluded with time to mingle and chat. Families who weren't able to make it have

been contacted to collect their information pack. A huge thank you to Mrs Dunn our Early Stage 1 Assistant Principal as well as the 2024 Kindy along with our support staff who came along to present information about our extra programs. A big thank you also to our parent volunteers who shared information about getting involved in our school and providing the yummy goodies. We look forward to meeting the students again in a few weeks for the Kindergarten Orientation sessions.

## Year 5 Public Speaking

Congratulations to our Year 5 public speaking finalists who presented their speeches to the students yesterday. All finalists did exceptionally well delivering speeches to a very high standard. Congratulations to Lelia for winning this competition and to all of the other students who gave their absolute best. Thank you to Mr Young for his outstanding organisation with this event and the two students, Lachlan and Luke from Asquith Boys HS who came along to assist with judging.

## Stage 3 Camp

A huge thank you to the staff who went away with our Stage 3 students last week to the Great Aussie Bush Camp. From all reports, the students (and staff) had a wonderful time. You can read all about it further on in the newsletter.

## Hornsby North Band Festival

Congratulations to our three bands who performed at the Hornsby North Band Festival last Sunday. All the bands were expertly conducted by Dave Odams with the Training Band playing Curse of the Drop Bear and Zombie Dance, earning them a Distinction. The Concert Band played Shadows Unleashed and Colours of the Wind and also received a Distinction. And our Performance Band played Clowning Around and A Million Dreams and were awarded a High Distinction! What a superb effort by everyone! A special mention must also go to Toby who supported the Training Band as well as playing in both the Concert and Performance Bands.

## Bushland Fair

With 4 days to go - there is a flurry of activity and many long nights for the committee members. Information regarding volunteering and purchasing bushland bucks, has now been sent to all families. We hope you received the formal invitation on Friday which was sent home via the children along with a plate for those wishing to donate baked products. Since my arrival at this wonderful school, I have seen the dedication and teamwork amongst the Bushland Fair team expertly led by James Thomas. The organisation and attention to detail to make this day fabulous for everyone is to be admired. From working bees, weekly meetings, the hundreds of emails, phone calls and conversations

- a huge thank you must go to all of the team for their commitment to ensuring this event is a success and enjoyable for everyone. If you haven't had a chance to put your name down to volunteer, please do so as there are plenty of spaces left.

Don't forget to access all the information on the HHPS Bushland Fair website.

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

## 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.

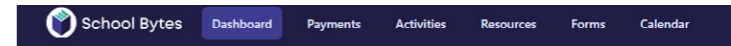
Please note that if your child is a potential House or School Captain (as they have presented a speech in the voting process) then you are welcome to attend the Years 3 - 6 ceremony. However, please note that you will not receive a specific notification to attend.

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

## SchoolBytes

This week, the calendar option on the parents dashboard will be visible when logging into School Bytes. This gives parents the opportunity to easily keep up to date with events and happenings via the SchoolBytes parent portal. In our last

newsletter, we reminded parents how to turn on their notifications on SchooBytes in order to receive alerts and notifications. Hornsby Heights will be utilising this function more frequently from this week. We have included the flyers to assist. Please contact the office if you have any questions.



## Important - SDD (staff development day changes as of 28 October)

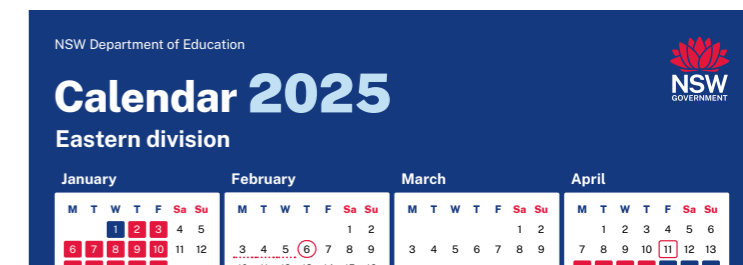
Last week, the Department of Education announced NSW public schools will have additional school development days at the beginning of each term (8 in total per year). School development days are used by schools to build on the knowledge and skills of our teachers, school leaders and school administrative support staff through a targeted professional learning program.

With this announcement the first day for the 2025 school year for students in Years 1-6 will be Thursday 6 February.

## 2025 school development days

**TERM 1:** Eastern division - Friday 31 January to Wednesday 5 February  
**TERM 2:** Monday 28 April and Tuesday 29 April  
**TERM 3:** Monday 21 July  
**TERM 4:** Monday 13 October

Please see the calendar below to view the dates for 2025 or access this electronically at this ink:



<https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/calendars/2025>

## Important information regarding placement tests for selective high schools and opportunity classes in 2025

From 2025, the placement tests for selective high schools and opportunity classes will move from single version paper-based tests to computer-based tests.

There will also be changes to the application process for 2026 entry to selective high schools and opportunity classes.

These changes will result in:

- a more engaging experience for students with computer-based testing
- a longer application period for parents and carers to apply
- more choice for parents and carers of when their child will sit a placement test
- outcomes being released earlier to parents and carers.

The key changes are outlined on this webpage and they have been updated on the relevant pages within the [Selective high schools and opportunity classes](#) web section.

The placement tests in 2025 will be held at scheduled times over multiple days (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) and conducted mostly in external test centres (i.e. not in schools). Students will be allocated an external test centre within the local area of their current school.

## The 2025 selective high school and opportunity class placement test dates are 2-4 May 2025.

A make-up test date will be available for students who were unable to sit the initial test and who have an approved illness or misadventure request. The make-up test date in 2025 is Monday 19 May 2025. There will be multiple versions of the computer-based test to allow the tests to be conducted over several days. Students will not need to bring their own device to sit the placement tests.

## The test structure for each test is not changing in 2025:

- The Selective High School Placement Test will continue to have 4 sections (Reading, Mathematical reasoning, Thinking skills and Writing).
- The Opportunity Class Placement Test will continue to have 3 sections (Reading, Mathematical reasoning and Thinking skills).

Parents and carers will be able to request reasonable adjustments for students with disability, medical conditions or temporary injuries to access the test.

## Applying for entry

Applications for selective high school and opportunity class entry in 2026 will be open from 7 November 2024 to 21 February 2025. There will be no late applications due to the longer application period.

This change to the application period means that parents and carers will now need to apply for opportunity class placement when their child is in Year 3 (or by the end of Week 4, Term 1 when their child is in Year 4). This change applies to students currently in Year 3.

For selective high school placement, parents and carers will continue to apply when their child is in Year 5 and can now apply when their child is in year 6 until the end of Week 4, Term 1.

## Key dates – applying for entry in 2026

- 7 November 2024 to 21 February 2025 – parents and carers apply for selective high school or opportunity class entry in 2026.
- 2-4 May 2025 – students sit the selective high school or opportunity class placement test for entry in 2026.
- 19 May 2025 – make up test date (approved illness/misadventure requests)
- Term 3, 2025 – placement outcomes and offers released to parents and carers
- Term 1, 2026 – students who gain entry begin attending their opportunity class or selective high school

## November P&C meeting

Due to the coordination of the Bushland Fair, the P&C General meeting for November has been moved to the following Wednesday! We hope to see you there.

Wednesday November 13 - 7pm in the HHPS Staffroom

## Arrival at school

A gentle reminder that playground supervision starts at 8.40am. Teachers are not on duty prior to this time. This term, we have seen an increased number of students arriving before 8.40am. Students who regularly need to be at school before 8.40am should be enrolled in OOSH. We understand there can be one off situations when this occurs such as parents attending a meeting with the teacher. In these circumstances, we request students sit under the upper cola until the playground duty teacher arrives at 8.40am. It has also come to our attention that groups of students are purchasing sweets at the corner store before

school. We have had reports of students arriving at school and then leaving the school grounds to go to the shop and then running in front of cars when coming back to school. This deeply concerns all staff as once students arrive they are under our duty of care and crossing Pike Road is dangerous especially as it gets busier in the morning. Teachers have spoken to the students regarding this and we would greatly appreciate families speaking with their children also, reinforcing that once a student arrives at school, they are to walk directly into the school grounds and stay on site, including when arriving by bus. Thank you for helping to keep your children safe.

## PBEL Reward Day reminder: Wednesday November 6

Students have been working hard this term to show the school values of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best and have been collecting lots of gumnuts. They had a new target on the gumnut barrel and have successfully reached it! SRC have brainstormed ideas and they have chosen CRAZY SOCKS.

On Wednesday 6th November Week 4 students will be allowed to wear their craziest socks to school. Full school uniforms and school shoes must be worn.

Congratulations to Xavier P in 3C who won a prize at the Trivia Night earlier in the year. His prize is that every student in 3C is able to wear mufti on this reward day. Well done Xavier!

## PBEL - Weeks 3 & 4

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 3 and 4 of this term, the focus is on Wearing our Hats. These sessions are teaching students:

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

## Thank you

As my time at Hornsby Height draws to a close, I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude to the students, staff and families of this wonderful school community. Since day one, I have been made to feel welcomed and at home. I will remember my time here very fondly and will always be grateful for the experience. I will miss the school spirit, the friendly and engaged students, the dedicated staff who work tirelessly to support every student along with the supportive community. Hornsby Heights Public School really is a special place and I feel very fortunate to have been here, even if only for a short time. Mrs Cornell will return in Week 6 and I know you will warmly welcome her back to HHPS.



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



# URGENT CALL OUT FOR VOLUNTEERS!



Saturday 9th November

10am - 4pm

The Bushland fair is this Saturday. Hope everyone is excited.

This is a reminder and a request - if you haven't already done so and can spare 2 hours on Saturday, **please sign up to volunteer!** At the moment we still have over 50 gaps in the roster, and we will have to reduce the time that activities are available if we can't fill them

Click on the below link to fill in the volunteer form

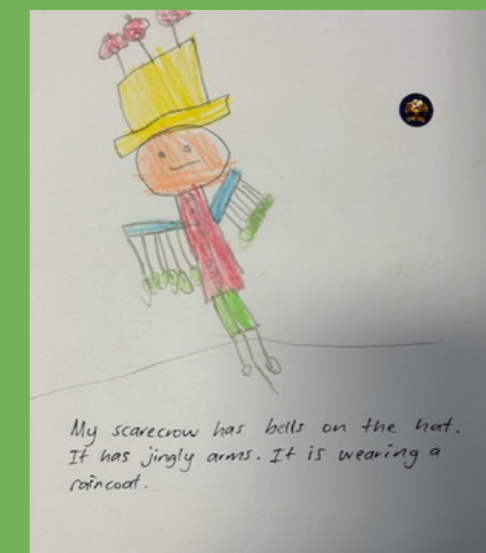
<https://www.hhpscommunity.com.au/volunteer-signup>

One class will benefit: if they have the most number of volunteers to sign up they will receive an **extra 10 minutes recess and a birthday bucket!**

# Kindergarten Project Based Learning

In Term 3 of Kindergarten, our driving question was 'How can we protect the crops in our Eco-Garden from the birds?'

We invited Wendy from the Eco Garden Committee to talk to Kindergarten about the ongoing problem of birds eating the Eco Garden produce (as well as our resident 'Spirit' friends that like to open up lunchboxes for a tasty treat!). She told us the best way to keep birds away is by having shiny things, objects that move, and objects that make sound. In response to the discussion, KDT made a scarecrow, KC made hanging mobiles from old CDs and KT made some pinwheels.



My scarecrow has bells on the hat. It has jingly arms. It is wearing a raincoat.



My scarecrow has singly dangly bells. They are wearing raincoats and have a stand so they don't fall over.



# ECO GARDEN UPDATE

## CHICKEN HOLIDAY HOSTING



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

**W**e are looking for families who would like to host the chickens during the summer school holidays. This involves the chickens coming to live in your backyard in their own portable coop, daily feeding, collecting the eggs and lots of pats and cuddles! If you are interested in hosting the chickens for the whole holidays or just a couple of weeks, please contact Julie (ecogardenhhs@gmail.com) for more information.

### Egg Lotto continues!

The chickens have been busy laying lots of eggs recently, which means there have been lots of Egg Lotto winners. Congratulations to Patrick F and Jacqui H who each won eggs in Week 3!

If you would like to enter the Egg Lotto for your chance to win 6 of our chickens freshly laid eggs,

please write your full name and class on a slip of paper (or fill out the slip below!) and put it in the purple box located next to Lost Property. One entry per student. Egg Lotto is drawn at each Assembly when the chickens have been laying.



### Egg Lotto

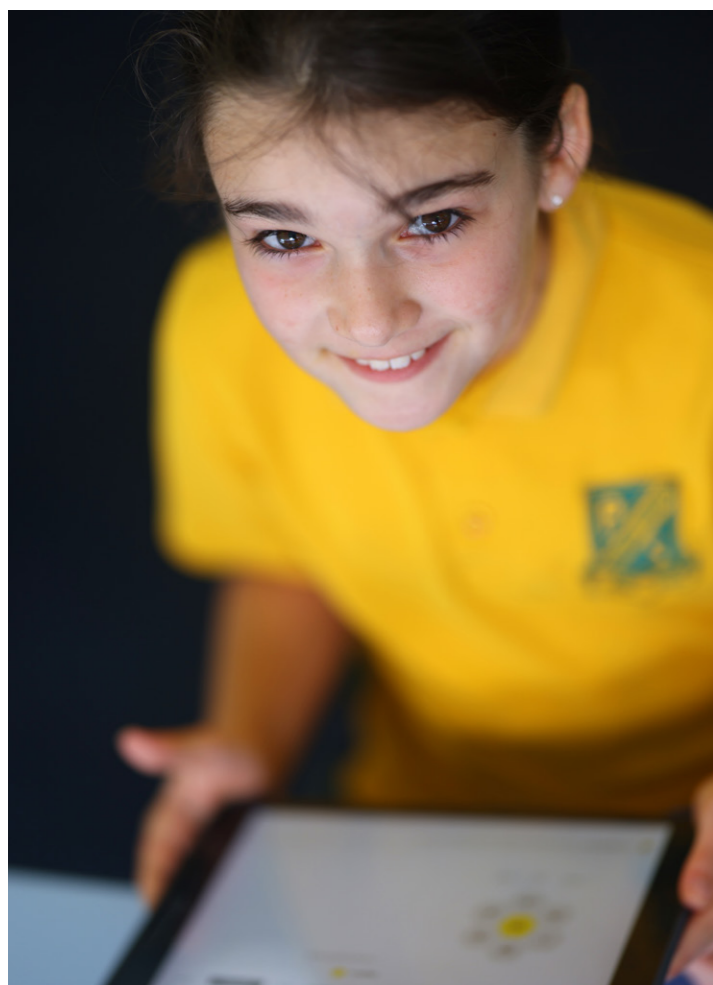


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# SPORTS UPDATE

## Week 1 - washed out

Round: 9

League Tag played was to play against Berowra

Cricket & T-Ball/Softball was to play against Hornsby South

## Week 2 - Results

Round: 10

League Tag played against Turramurra North & Brooklyn

Cricket & T-Ball/Softball played against Hornsby North



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

Sport	The scores were:		Players of the Week
League Tag Jr A	Hornsby Heights - 9	Turramurra Nth - 8	Ava M & Max F
League Tag Jr B	Hornsby Heights - 11	Brooklyn - 10	Remi P, Charlie C & Ella M
League Tag Snr A	Hornsby Heights - 8	Turramurra Nth - 2	Aaradhya S & Bentley G
League Tag Snr B	Hornsby Heights - 10	Brooklyn - 2	Harrison B & Matilda B
Cricket juniors	Hornsby Heights - 119	Hornsby North - 70	Faizan J
Cricket Seniors	Hornsby Heights - 49	Hornsby North - 46	Mitch G & Cooper F
T-Ball	Hornsby Heights - 20	Hornsby North - 9	Rainbow M & Marlee C
Softball	Hornsby Heights - 6	Hornsby North - 10	Eshaal A & Ava T

## Week 3 - Results

Round: 11

League Tag played against Turramurra

Cricket & T-Ball/Softball played against Mt Kuring-gai

Sport	The scores were:		Players of the Week
League Tag Jr A	Hornsby Heights 6	Turramurra 1	Liam I & Jacob O
League Tag Jr B	Hornsby Heights 1	Turramurra 3	Jacinta F & Zac D
League Tag Snr A	Hornsby Heights 2	Turramurra 3	Lucas B & Tommy H
League Tag Snr B	Hornsby Heights 8	Turramurra 5	Bentley G & Milo F
Cricket juniors	Hornsby Heights -	BYE	N/A
Cricket Seniors	Hornsby Heights -	BYE	N/A
T-Ball	Hornsby Heights - 20	Mt Kuring-gai 3	Cara R & Layla F
Softball	Hornsby Heights - 8	Mt Kuring-gai 4	The whole team

# STAGE THREE CAMP

Stage 3 students went to the Great Aussie Bush Camp in Week 3 - Monday 28 to Wednesday 30 October. Students and teachers had a wonderful time!

**LET**

The Stage 3 Great Aussie Bush Camp was SUPER FUN! Some of the activities we did were Power Fan, Lost mud world, Disco night, Raft building, Crate Climb, Archery, High ropes course, Commando, Canoeing and finally the GIANT SWING! Everything was really fun but our favourites were the giant swing and the power fan. The funniest was how loud Miss Eudale screamed on the Giant Swing. The mud was super stinky so we all stunk after the mud run but it was still really fun especially when we fell over. While we were there we saw lots of animals including possums and kangaroos. The funny thing was Felicity thought the possums were cats. Twice a day everyday we got snow cones and they were delicious and nice and cold which was good on the hot days. At night when it was bedtime we stayed up late. Overall it was such a great experience and we hope to again some day.

Written by Felicity T and Claire H (4/5E)

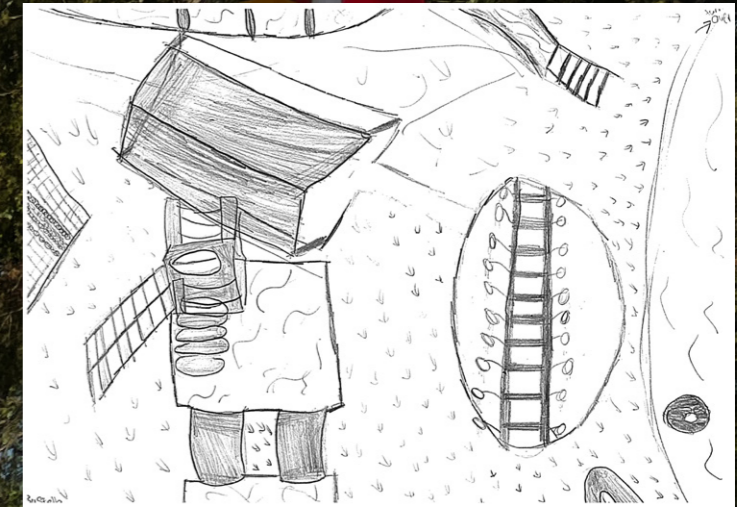
**LES**

Stage 3's Great Aussie Bush Camp was so fun, we got to do lots of fun activities and for every morning and afternoon tea/break it was always snow cones, muesli bars and apples. My favorite activities are:

- The Giant Swing
- Canoeing
- Archery
- The Lost Island/Mud World
- Raft building
- Crate Climb
- Spotlight/Commando

I got 10 crates on the crate climb and if I could have two goes on the giant swing I would have definitely gone to the top. It was awesome.

Welcome to Matilda B (4/5E)



It's a drawing of Lost World (Mud World) obstacle course drawn by Stella M in 6R.

## QUOTES





# YEAR 5 PUBLIC SPEAKING

Our Year 5 Public Speaking Final was held in the hall on Monday morning. Seven representatives were selected across the grade after multiple speeches throughout the year. The topic selected for the event was 'The Power of Storytelling'. Congratulations to our finalists Felicity T, Riva Y, Oliver M, Mikaela B, Lelia D, Valentina T and Samuel C. A big thank you to our judges Mrs Gleeson, Mr Claydon and former H.H.P.S students Lachlan H and Luke S. Our winner Lelia D will be receiving the Year 5 Public Speaking Medal at Presentation Day.



Hornsby Heights Public School

# THE NSW POLICE BAND COMES TO OUR SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 5, 2024









YEAR 5

# Media TEAM

AN IMPORTANT TRADITION HERE AT HHPs: THE MEDIA TEAM IS TASKED WITH TAKING BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPE PHOTOS FOR THE PRESENTATION DAY PROGRAM.

HOW DID THEY DO?







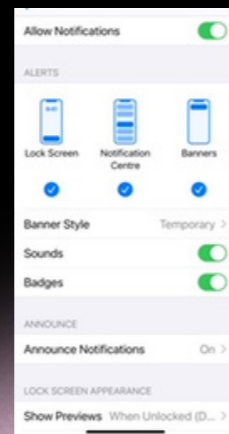
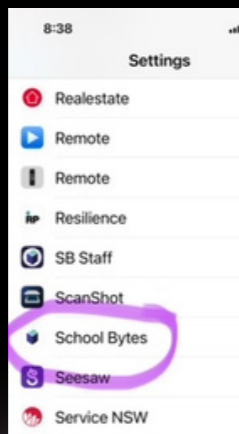
## SCHOOL BYTES APP & PUSH NOTIFICATIONS

School Bytes now offers a parent app for Apple and Android devices. This app is designed to complement our existing parent portal, and makes it easier for parents to use School Bytes on your mobile device.

A key feature is the addition of push notifications. Push notifications come from the app on a parent's phone and will pop up as an alert. You need the School Bytes app for push notifications to be activated.

Push notifications will automatically activate when the School Bytes app is downloaded. If you accidentally turn off the notifications, this can be changed in two places.

- In the app – Settings → make sure notifications are turned on here
- On your phone – Settings → Notifications → find School Bytes in the list and make sure notifications are turned on



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# Parent App

### Available now!

Download on the App Store or Google Play by clicking the image below.



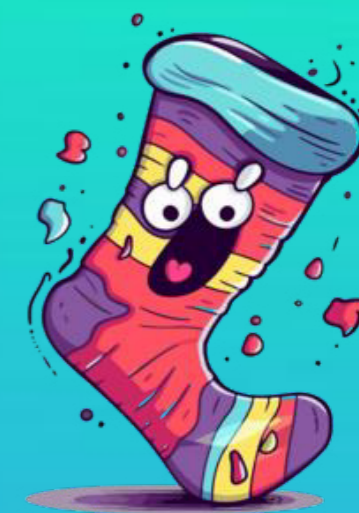
### Key Features

- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news



# HHPS PBEL GUMNUT BARREL REWARD DAY

## CRAZY SOCK DAY!



**Wednesday 6th November 2024**

Please come to school with your most crazy socks on to celebrate reaching the line on the PBEL barrel.

**Full school uniform and school shoes must still be worn.**



# HHPS 2024 YEARBOOK

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SEPTEMBER 16TH  
YEAR 5&6 EXCURSION  
ANTARCTICA

Year Five went on an excursion. 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. 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! 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)

BOOK WEEK:  
READING IS MAGIC

In a celebration of Children's literature where we recognised the magical power that reading has on our imagination and daily lives. Students came to school dressed as a children's book character or book to inspire us to read it.

AUGUST 27TH

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - JUNE 18TH

CROSS COUNTRY - MAY 16TH

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**BUSHLAND  
FAIR**  
2024

**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.

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**2025 OOSH Enrolment – New OOSH Families**

Please find below the OOSH enrolment process and timeline for children who will first attend our OOSH in 2025. Enrolment packs may be obtained from the center from 28/10/24 or by emailing [hhoosh@bigpond.com](mailto:hhoosh@bigpond.com).

New OOSH families	
Collect your enrolment pack from the Centre AND book your enrolment interview	From Monday 28/10/24
Attend your enrolment interview, return all completed paperwork, pay \$150 bond	Tues 12/11/24 to Thurs 14/11/24
Confirmation of booking email sent to all new families	Monday 25/11/24
Final date to amend booked days for 2025. Changes after this date will incur fees & absences for the first two weeks as per the original enrolment	Friday 6/12/24

**Please book an interview appointment at the time of collecting your enrolment pack.**

**10-minute Sessions for new OOSH families (K- 6)**

Tuesday 12/11/24 6:00pm-8:00pm	Wednesday 13/11/24 6:00pm-8:00pm	Thursday 14/11/24 10:00am-12:00pm
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**OOSH start dates for 2025:**

Parents of 2024 Kindergarten children may elect to start their Kindergarten enrolment between Friday 7/2/25 (Term 1 Week 1), and Monday 17/2/25 (Term 1 Week 3). Siblings will still be charged from Tuesday 4/2/25. For permanent places (Yrs. 1 – 6), fees will be billed from Tuesday 4/2/25 (Week 1 Term 1). Non-attendance will still incur fees and absences.

**Vacation Care in 2025**

All enrolment information that you have given us will be deemed applicable for any Vacation Care utilized during 2025. Booking and permission forms will still be required for Vacation Care at the relevant time.

**Requirements to confirm your 2025 booking:**

- Our preference is that you bring your enrolment paperwork to your allocated session so we can review and confirm all is complete. We will not accept new enrolment paperwork until **Friday 15th November** unless you attend an enrolment session.
- OOSH enrolments will be confirmed during the enrolment session provided all paperwork has been fully completed. Incomplete paperwork will be rejected and returned. Your booking will not be confirmed until the paperwork has been corrected.
- Pay \$150 bond per family. The bond is fully refundable when your family leaves OOSH. If required, the bond will be used to recover any fees not paid by the due date in accordance with the Fee Policy. A Bond payment is only required if you receive a permanent booking, this can be paid via direct deposit or eftpos at the Centre.
- Confirmation of bookings including waitlist days, will be emailed by **Monday 25th November**.
- Immunisation paperwork is required as well as an up-to-date photo of your child.
- All relevant Medical, Allergy, Dietary Action Plans are required for your child to attend the service. Any medications that are named on their plans must be provided in original packaging with the child's name and dose. Children cannot attend the Centre until action plan medication has been provided.

*Thanks, OOSH TEAM*

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**





# TERM FOUR

# 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
HZSS Softball Training	Mrs Pethybridge	8:30-9:00am	School oval

## Wednesday

HZSS cricket Training	Mr Claydon	8:30-9:00am	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

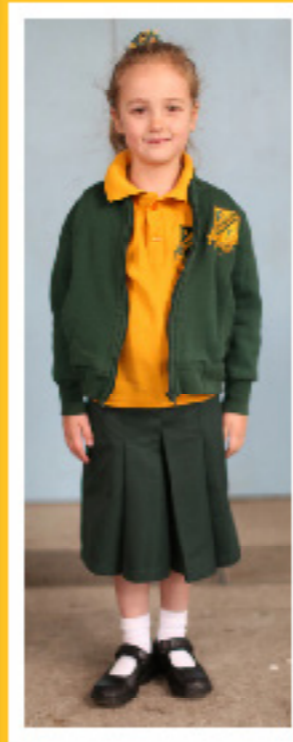
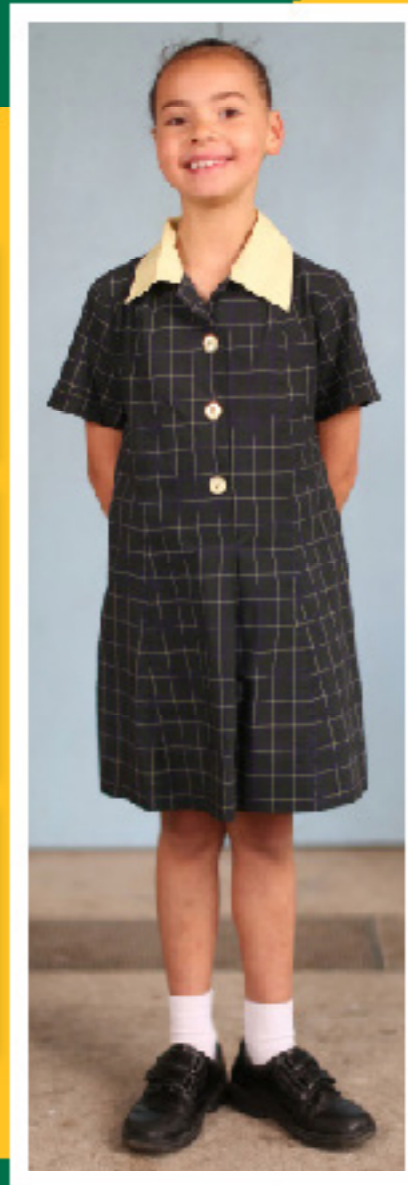
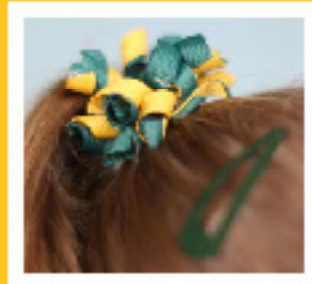
HZSS AFL Training	Mrs Sakanjani and Mr Young	Before School 8:30-9am	School Oval
K-2 Toy Shed	Student Led & Mrs Tudor /SLSO	First Break	KDT Balcony

# 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)



# 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



# HHPS CANTEEN COMMITTEE



The Canteen committee is a volunteer sub-committee of the P&C charged with overseeing the operation and management of the school canteen with the aim to provide a balanced and nutritious food service at reasonable cost



## New Secretary Required

Our current Secretary will be leaving the school at the end of the year and the committee are looking for a replacement Secretary for Term 1 2025. Duties are scheduling meetings, recording minutes and communicating canteen news to the school community

## New General Members Needed

Do you have any ideas for the canteen?  
Come along to our meetings and be a part of the school community



Online meetings last Tuesday of the month @ 7:30pm  
Next meeting: 29th October

Contact the Canteen  
for meeting links or further information



HHPS Canteen



hhpspandccanteen@gmail.com




# HHPS CANTEEN NEWS



## Smoothies are back!

Smoothies replace hot chocolate over Summer  
**Blueberry Monday**  
**Banana Wednesday**

Term 4  
Special Food Day

COMING SOON



## Our Volunteer Roster is Bare!

Can you spare a hour or two to help out at the canteen in Term 4?

<https://signup.zone/hhps-canteen>



Get a ticket in the raffle for each shift and win a \$20 cafe or book voucher. 2 drawn per term

Prior to your first shift, new volunteers need to perform a volunteer check at the office and read & sign the canteen policies



HHPS Canteen



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# Go4Fun

Healthy, Active, Happy Kids



Make new friends and build confidence!

Win rewards and exciting prizes!

## Register for the FREE Go4Fun Program!

Want to get your child off their screens and get active?

- Go4Fun is for kids aged 7-13 and their families looking for support with healthy eating, physical activity and overall wellbeing.
- 10 week FREE program, run during the school term.

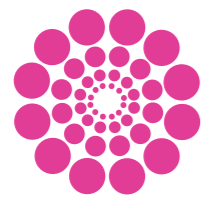
### Term 1, 2025 Programs

- Hornsby 4:00-6:00pm
- Ryde 4:00-6:00pm

**REGISTER NOW!**

Go4Fun.com.au | Call 1800 780 900 or SMS 0409745 645 for a call back





AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



# Is this your daughter?

Look no further than the **Australian Girls Choir** because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they **learn to sing, dance and perform.**

## Join us at our NOVEMBER OPEN DAY!



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS



### No stopping and no parking signs

#### No stopping sign

'No stopping' sign means you must not stop at any point on the road or kerb in the direction of the arrow, unless in an emergency.

'No stopping' areas are sometimes marked by an unbroken yellow edge line.

Restrictions may apply at certain times only. Hours of operation may apply to some signs.

- Disobey no stopping sign exceeds \$320.
- Disobey no stopping sign (school zone) exceeds \$410 2 pts.



#### No parking sign

You must not park on a road or in an area where there's a 'No parking' sign.

This may be all the time or at certain times, as shown on the sign.

You can stop for less than 2 minutes if you stay within 3m of your vehicle unless you are dropping off or picking up passengers or loading or unloading items.

- Disobey No Parking sign exceeds \$136.
- Disobey No Parking sign (school zone) \$227 2pts.



### Obstructing driveways, ramps, paths, and passageways

#### Why is it illegal?

Obstructing a driveway even if it is to your own property is an offence as it prohibits access for emergency services such as the police, fire and rescue and ambulance.

- Stop on/across driveway/other access to/from land exceeds \$320.



Obstructing a ramp, path or passageway can limit access points for prams and mobility impaired pedestrians, resulting in them having to use the roadway.

- Obstruct access to ramp/path/passageway exceeds \$320.

#### Double parking

You must not stop or park your vehicle: alongside another parked vehicle (double park) across a driveway unless you're picking up or dropping off passengers, on a median strip.

- Double Park exceeds \$320.
- Double Park (school zone) exceeds \$410 2pts.



### Wrong direction of travel

#### Why is it illegal?

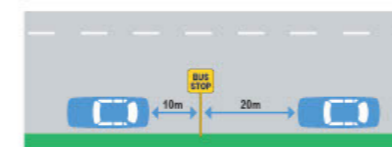
Parking in the wrong direction of travel is dangerous as the parked vehicle must travel on the wrong side of the road when departing. This maneuver exposes other road users to the risk of a head on collision.



- Not parallel park in direction of travel, penalty exceeds \$320.
- School Zone offence penalty exceeds \$387 and 2 demerit points.

### Bus stop signs

You must not park within 20m before and 10m after a bus stop unless a sign says you can.



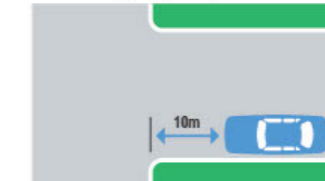
Space requirements for parking before or after a bus stop

- Stop at or near bus stop penalty exceeds \$320.
- Stop at or near bus stop (school zone) exceeds \$410 and 2 pts.

### Parking too close to intersections

Parking within 10 metres of an intersecting road at an intersection without traffic lights is an offence unless the posted sign states otherwise.

- Stop within 10 metres of an intersection (no traffic lights) penalty exceeds \$410 and 2 pts.



Parking within 20 metres of an intersecting road with traffic lights is an offence unless the posted sign states otherwise.



- Stop within 20 metres of an intersection (traffic lights) penalty exceeds \$410 and 2pts.

### Childrens crossings

Children's crossings are part-time crossings. They usually operate during school zone hours, and at other approved times and locations.

When a children's crossing is operating, it's marked by red orange flags at both sides. When you see the flags, you must slow down and stop before the

# Parking Education and Road Rules

## Commonly misunderstood parking rules

Discover information about parking and vehicle restrictions in the Hornsby Shire Council area to avoid fines and ensure safety for all road users.



white stripes or 'Stop' line to give way to pedestrians. You must remain at a complete stop until all pedestrians have left the crossing.



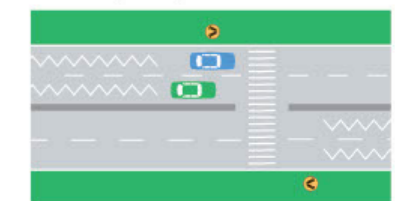
Orange flag at a children's crossing

If the flags are not displayed, it's not operating as a children's crossing.

Some children's crossings are controlled by school crossing supervisors. When you see a supervisor holding a 'Stop - children crossing' sign, you must slow down and stop.

You must remain at a complete stop until:

- all pedestrians have left the crossing, and
- the school crossing supervisor is no longer showing the sign.



- Stop on or near pedestrian crossing exceeds \$410 2pts.
- Stop on or near children's crossing exceeds \$410 2pts.
- Stop on or near pedestrian crossing (school zone) exceeds \$544 2pts.
- Stop on or near children's crossing (school zone) exceeds \$544 2pts.



# twilight christmas markets

TURRAMURRA HIGH SCHOOL

Stalls, Food, Activities  
& Lucky Door Prizes

**Thursday**  
**5th December 2024**  
**5:30pm to 8:30pm**

104 Maxwell St  
South Turrumurra

Entry via gold coin donation

[twilightmarkets.ths.community](https://twilightmarkets.ths.community)

Go4Fun

# Healthy active kids

