

Colo Heights Public School

Newsletter

Term 1 - Week 6



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents, Guardians, and School Community,

What a busy and exciting few weeks we have had at school!

Today, we had new carpet laid in the Den, which looks fantastic. A special thank you to Mr and Mrs Daly for their hard work cleaning the walls last weekend. Additionally, several tree stumps around the school have been removed, with further stump grinding scheduled for next week. The library area has also been tidied up, and we are preparing to lay turf to complete the space. More improvement projects will continue in the coming weeks, and I am pleased to say that our students have been handling these changes exceptionally well. Our Trailblazers group has even been receiving lessons on Project Management in the building industry!

During last week's stump grinding, all students participated in an outdoor learning session on the oval. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and creativity. Congratulations to all students for their outstanding drawings and excellent behaviour!



Canteen Vouchers were awarded for outstanding artwork and behaviour:

Artwork: Bryce D, Miriama, Bryce T, Darla, Kane, and Lachlan

Behaviour: Cody, Erica, Moana, Colton, Shaye, and Paul



We are also thrilled to share that Jesse, Moana, and Melaina have been selected for the Hawkesbury PSSA basketball teams and will be competing at the Sydney West Basketball Competition next Tuesday in Penrith. Zack narrowly missed out but demonstrated incredible skill - watch out for Colo Heights at the Basketball Gala Day in Term 4! It is always rewarding to hear from selectors about how much our students have improved and how respectful they are. We are incredibly proud of all their efforts and their willingness to rise to the challenges of competition.



Thank you,
Georgie Donaldson
Principal

Student Leaders 2025

Congratulations 2025 School Leaders!

We have our new SRC (Student Representative Council) for 2025. The SRC will meet with Mrs Daly and Ms Walker to discuss possible ideas and changes that can benefit the students and the school.

Congratulations as well to our Library, Flag, and Sports Monitors for 2025.

Students were presented their badges at our first assembly.

For those who were unable to attend, photos of the event (only students with parental permission) are now on the school's website:-

<https://www.colohts-p.school.nsw.gov.au>



Swimming Team 2025—We're going to Regionals!

Last week I had the pleasure of watching our Mixed Relay Team compete at the Hawkesbury Zone Swimming Carnival.

The girls displayed remarkable strength and determination, securing third place. Janelle faced tough competition but swam beautifully in the 12-year-old 50m Freestyle event - well done!

Their incredible efforts at Zone saw the girls place 3rd in the Peter Dobson relay and they will now advance to the PSSA Sydney West Regional Swimming carnival held at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre in Homebush.



Welcome 2025 Kindergarten

Our new 'kindys' have started the year in big school extremely well. Mrs Daly and Ms Walker have been most impressed with their keenness to learn and participate in school.

Each new Kindergarten student has been allocated a Year 6 buddy, who can offer peer support, friendship and guidance during their introduction to 'big' school. The Buddy system works on building a relationship between an older student and the Kindergarten child based on trust, affirmation and acceptance.

Thank you to our Year 6 buddies who are doing an amazing job!



Ducklings at School!!!

Today, I had the exciting task of picking up three ducklings for our entry in the Hawkesbury Show. I even received some valuable tips on what the judges will be looking for!

Next week, we will be holding a "Naming Competition" for the ducklings - so students, get your thinking caps on! Each class will be rostered to help care for the ducklings in their brand-new cage.

A huge thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Martin for sourcing and constructing a donated cage for the ducks, and to Yvonne Jansen for her generous donation. Your support is truly appreciated!

Thank you Yvonne Jansen



'CRAFT A NOON' – Wednesdays



Thank you to all those volunteers who have been able to assist our students with this year's Hawkesbury Show craft entries.

The entries are looking amazing and we can't wait to see the final results!

Our 'Craftanoons' sessions are held every Wednesday afternoon during Term 1 from 1:45PM and go to 3:10PM.



Star Students



*Congratulations
to*

Lachlan & Zackary



Every assembly we announce the star student.

A Star Student represents the best qualities of
RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and PERSONAL BEST.

We hope all students can strive to achieve this award throughout the year and continue to demonstrate these fine skills.

"At Colo Heights Public School, we are Responsible and Respectful learners, who strive to do our Personal Best".



School Leadership Camp



Last week, we were proud to send our first-ever group of students to Leadership Camp at Brewongle.

It sounds like they had an amazing experience and learned valuable leadership skills.

Well done to Jesse, Zack, Janelle, and Charli!

P & C Association - Update

Congratulations and sincere thanks to the following community members who have taken on roles to help support our P&C Association for 2025:

President - Leonie Skarstrom

Vice President - Kim Stokes

Treasurer - Ros Martin

Secretary - Jess Green

Committee Members - Bec Hudson, Debbie Kassis,
Josephine Daly, Susie Da Conceicao,
Veronica Joscelyne



Our next P&C meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 12th March 2025 at 3:30pm. This is an opportunity to discuss events for 2025. Please bring your ideas and suggestions for our school. All are welcome!

Canteen

Our students are thoroughly enjoying the new canteen area. Our SRC are responsible for selling items at lunchtime and have taken on the responsibility with renewed enthusiasm this year.

Some students have even been lucky enough to receive a Canteen Reward Voucher! Ice blocks on these hot Summer days have been greatly enjoyed!

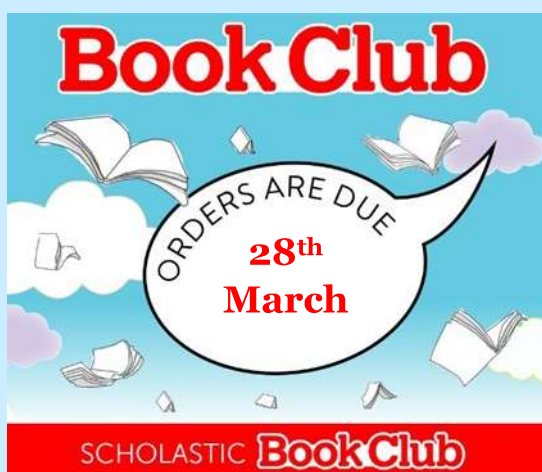
Milks are also still available to purchase in the mornings before school.



Don't forget mini
pizza day is Friday 14th March 2025. Best day ever!



Book Club Reminder



The latest issue of Scholastic Book Club is now available!

Please ensure orders are placed via the Book Club Loop website:

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/parent/login.aspx>

Happy Reading!

From the Office

- Please remember to come to the office when dropping your child off late or before you leave early.
- All parent volunteers must sign in on arrival at the school. We have an ipad available for this.
- Parents have been emailed this week about making sure the school has all updated Medicare details. Please understand if your details have expired, you need to provide current details to the school as soon as possible. Thank you for the fast response from some families.
- YEAR 6 Expressions of Interest for high school opened this week and need to be completed online now.
- Slinky Apple Wednesday is going great. We even tried some hard pears! They worked beautifully and made us all laugh.



School Bytes Tip—Providing a Student Absence Explanation

How to respond to an Absence Explanation SMS request.

1. Open the parent portal link – <https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/login> – and log in to your portal.
2. Select attendance from the navigation bar.
3. Select respond for the absence.
4. Select an absence type from the available options.
5. Optionally upload any supporting documentation.
6. Enter a reason for the absence in the comment field.
7. Select submit.

Once the school has reviewed and approved the absence, it will no longer appear in the absences list.

[Parent Portal: Manage student absences \(Primary only\) – School Bytes](#)



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WHAT'S ON TERM 1, 2025



Week 7

Tuesday	11 th Mar	Sydney West Basketball Competition, Penrith Colo Heights Representatives – Melaina, Moana and Jesse Mrs Donaldson – Hawkesbury Boys Team Coach
Wednesday	12 th Mar	Crafternoon (with parent & community helpers) 1:45pm-3:15pm P & C Meeting, all welcome!
Thursday	13 th Mar	Mother's Day Shopping Online with students (P&C)
Friday	14 th Mar	Cheeky Monkeys Sports Program

Week 8

Monday	17 th Mar	NAPLAN Week
Wednesday	19 th Mar	Crafternoon (with parent & community helpers) 1:45pm - 3:15pm
Friday	21 st Mar	Cheeky Monkeys Sports Program Assemble & Harmony Day 2025

Week 9

Monday	24 th Mar	NAPLAN Week
Wednesday	26 th Mar	School Leadership Program (Year 5 and 6 students only) 9:00am-12:00pm Hawkesbury City Council Chambers
Wednesday	26 th Mar	Crafternoon (with parent & community helpers) 1:45pm-3:15pm
Thursday	27 th Mar	Sydney West Swimming (Moana, Charli, Erica & Janelle)
Friday	28 th Mar	Cheeky Monkeys Sports Program

Week 10

Wednesday	2 nd Apr	Easter Hat Parade 12:30pm to 1:15pm Crafternoon (with parent & community helpers) 1:45pm-3:15pm
Thursday	3 rd Apr	ANZAC Day Service, Hyde Park (Selected Stage 3 students)
Friday	4 th Apr	Cheeky Monkeys Sports Program

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Week 11

Wednesday	9 th Apr	Hawkesbury 7's Tag Day Windsor (Stg 2 & 3 selected students) Crafternoon (with parent & community helpers) 1:45pm-3:15pm
Friday	11 th Apr	Last Day of Term 1

ANZAC DAY SERVICES

Friday	11 th Apr	McQuade Park Memorial Service, Windsor 5:50am (selected students)
Sunday	13 th Apr	Colo Riverside Memorial Day Service 9:00am (selected students)

TERM 2

Monday	28 th Apr	Staff Development Day
Tuesday	29 th Apr	Staff Development Day
Wednesday	30 th Apr	Students Return

