

Colo Heights Public School

Newsletter

Term 1 - Week 9



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents, Guardians, and School Community,

What a busy and exciting few weeks we have had at school! With only two weeks left until well-deserved holidays, we have much to celebrate.

The Connecting Minds project teams in Stage 3 had their first teams meeting with Ritsumeikan Junior and Senior School in Osaka, Japan. They will collaborate with them on Space projects to present at the World Expo in Osaka, Japan in September. An amazing opportunity for all students involved. Stage 2 students are working on a “secret” project with Miss Joseph.

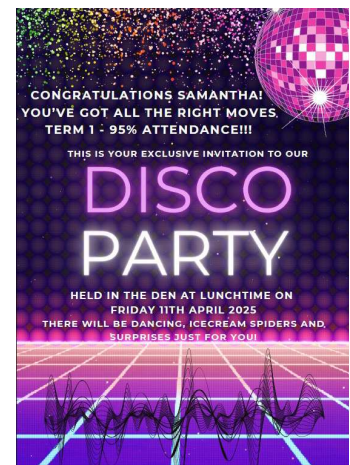


In building news, pest control is nearing completion, and I am awaiting confirmation from the assets team regarding the start date for classroom construction.

On the last day of school this term our first “Attendance Disco Party” will occur. Students with 95% attendance and all absences explained will receive an invitation to attend at the end of next week! Let’s go everyone!

Please note that Ms Walker will be taking medical leave for the next six weeks. We wish her all the best and look forward to her return at Colo Heights. During her absence, Mrs Webb, Mr Ellacott, and Mrs Jo Cafiero will be stepping in. We are excited to have Mrs Cafiero, an experienced teacher from the Hawkesbury, join our team!

Thank you all for your continued involvement in our school. We look forward to another exciting and busy two weeks before holidays!

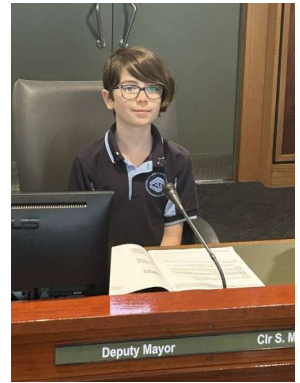


Warm regards,
Georgie Donaldson
Principal

Student Leadership 2025



On Wednesday, Stage 3 travelled to the Hawkesbury City Council to participate in the school leadership program. It was a great day, the students discovered fascinating insights about government and the pivotal role of the local council in shaping our community. Janelle even had the opportunity to be the mayor during a mock council meeting! Thank you to Mrs Martin for assisting with transportation.



Up in Lights - Swimming Team 2025

Yesterday, our Mixed Relay Team competed at the Sydney West Swimming Carnival at Homebush. The girls showcased remarkable strength and determination, securing third place while diving from either end of the fabulous Olympic pool. Special guest Mr Ellis was very proud of their efforts. We are eagerly awaiting news on whether they will continue to the State Championships at the end of term. Go Colo Heights! A big thank you to Mrs Joscelyne and Mrs. Sio for transporting the students for the day!



'Craft-a-noon'

I would also like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our wonderful volunteers for their contributions to our Crafternoon program. We have fantastic entries this year, and we truly appreciate the ongoing support from our school community. During our last session, volunteers were presented with lovely cards from the students. Miss Joseph will assist anyone who hasn't quite finished over the next week.



Thank you, Miss Joseph, for organising such a wonderful creative program.

Haynsies Tradies



On Tuesday, Mr Haynes and his maintenance team were proudly presented with their "Haynsies Tradies" vests. These students will be assisting with special jobs throughout the school every Tuesday afternoon and during the week when required.



Ducklings at School!!!



Results of the duckling naming competition are in! Meet...

Salami, Cheese & Quackers!

Our ducklings have certainly grown over the past few weeks! The students are doing a great job looking after them throughout the term.



May 2025 - National Family Reading Month

This is an initiative that represents the heart of our business - literacy being the key to learning and achievement. We believe that all children, with the help of their families and reading role models, can benefit from a lifelong love of reading.

This year marks the 29th Scholastic's National Family Reading Month, which encourages families to read together on a regular basis to create strong reading habits. Most of us know how important reading together is and its long-term value to our children's success in school and in life. However, we also know it is not always that easy to put into practice with our busy schedules and increasing competition with screen time.

That is why we ask you to take the 31-Day Challenge - to inspire you to make reading together for at least 10 minutes every day a focus, to create positive, long-lasting reading habits and lifelong readers!





Star Students



*Congratulations
to*

Cody



Every assembly we announce the star student.

A Star Student represents the best qualities of

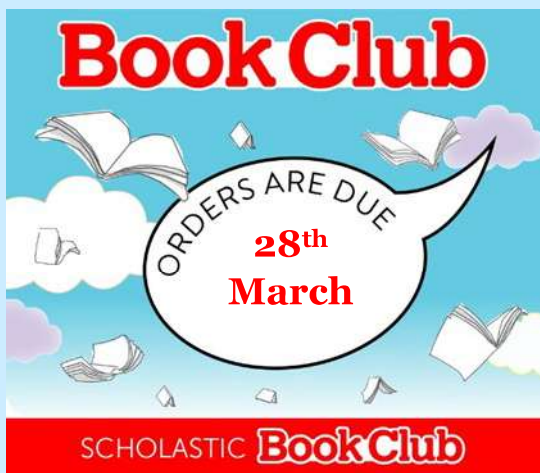
RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and PERSONAL BEST.

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".



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>

Congratulations to Samantha & Lucas who have achieved 'Reading Rockstar' status in the library this term. They have borrowed over 20 books! Keep reading!



From the Office

- Thank you for the café lunch orders. Don't forget Friday 4th April - no need to pack lunch (just recess).
- There are several items of unclaimed uniform in the lost property box at school. If possible, please have a search through it next time you're at school to reclaim any missing items. Could everyone please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly marked with you child's name (particularly jumpers and hats).
- Please make sure asthma plans and Ventolin are submitted upon expiry.
- Remember - Wednesdays are Slinky Apple Day!



Road Safety Tip - On & Off the Bus Safely

Your child is most at risk just after getting off the bus. To reduce this risk, meet your child at the bus stop, **never on the opposite side of the road**. At the bus stop, hold hands and stand with your child, well away from the passing traffic. Never wait close to the kerb. Wait until the bus has driven off before choosing the safest place to cross the road. Then follow the usual road crossing procedures with your child.

- **STOP!** One step back from the kerb.
- **LOOK!** For traffic to your right, left and right again.
- **LISTEN!** For the sounds of approaching traffic.
- **THINK!** Whether it is safe to cross.



Teach your child to turn their head in both directions to look and listen for traffic as they cross the road. Remember, until your child turns 10, hold your child's hand whenever you cross the road. At school, your child will learn about road safety as part of Personal Development, Health and Physical Education. Help them learn the bus safety messages by using them and sharing them whenever you are out and about on a bus.

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WHAT'S ON TERM 1, 2025



Week 10

Wednesday	2 nd Apr	Easter Hat Parade 12:30pm to 1:15pm Bring your hat along - Parents invited to stay for lunch
Thursday	3 rd Apr	ANZAC Day Service, Hyde Park (Moana & Charli) Constable Hogan Visit - Community Liaison Officer, Windsor Police
Friday	4 th Apr	Cheeky Monkeys Sports Program Assembly

Week 11

Monday	7 th Apr	Mrs Laboyrie on leave, please contact Miss Joseph in the office
Wednesday	9 th Apr	Hawkesbury 7's Tag Day Windsor (Stg 2 & 3 selected students)
Thursday	10 th Apr	Colo Heights ANZAC Day Service 9:15am to 9:40am NSW PSSA Swimming (waiting for confirmation on Relay team progression and date)
Friday	11 th Apr	95% Attendance Party Celebration – disco, ice-cream spiders and prizes! Last Day of Term 1 - Happy Holidays

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)

WHAT'S ON TERM 2, 2025



Week 1

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

Week 2

Wednesday	7 th May	Colo Heights Cross Country 10:30am – 11:30am P & C meeting 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Friday	9 th May	Hawkesbury Show
Sunday	11 th May	<i>Mother's Day!</i>

KEY DATES COMING SOON

Friday	23 rd May	Hawkesbury PSSA Zone Cross Country
Mon-Wed	3 rd - 5 th Nov	Stage 3 Camp – Broken Bay Sport & Recreation



Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills



Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight
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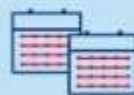
= **4** weeks



= Over **1** year missed

1 day per week
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= **8** weeks



= Over **2.5** years missed