

Colo Heights Public School

Newsletter

Term 2 - Week 2



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents, Guardians and School Community

A warm welcome to everyone as we embark on a busy term ahead.

Highlights from Term 1 - The last two weeks of Term 1 were action-packed:

- Stage 3 visited Hawkesbury Council for a successful leadership day.
- Students completed impressive art and craft projects for the Hawkesbury Show.
- We held a delightful Easter Hat parade.
- We welcomed Constable Hogan from Hawkesbury police.
- A great Hawkesbury 7's tag day. Colo Heights played their hearts out.
- We celebrated our first 95% attendance party.

Staff Development Day Term 2

During our staff development days this term, we participated in professional learning focused on High Potential and Gifted Education. At Colo Heights, we offer various activities and support to help students excel and nurture their unique abilities. We will keep you informed with updates throughout the year.

Building Update

The pest control company has completed their work, and we are now awaiting a date for the construction to begin on our two classrooms.

Staffing Update

Mrs. Walker will return on Monday and is excited to reunite with the students. I would like to extend my gratitude to Mrs. Cafiero for her fantastic work in delivering engaging lessons during Mrs. Walker's absence; she will be missed.

Honouring Our Wonderful Mothers This Mother's Day

As Mother's Day approaches, we take a moment to celebrate the incredible women who enrich our lives with love and wisdom. Mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures are the heart of our families, providing unwavering support and guidance. We hope the cards and gifts you receive remind you of how cherished you are. Thank you for being our first teachers and greatest supporters. May your day be filled with joy, surrounded by loved ones.



Thank you,
Georgie Donaldson
Principal

HPGE - High Potential & Gifted Education

At Colo Heights Public School we are embracing the Department of Education's High Potential and Gifted Education Policy that promotes engagement and challenge for every student in every school.

This includes intellectual, creative, social-emotional and physical domains and at CHPS includes the following programs:-

- Connecting Minds Project
- Hawkesbury Show Art & Craft Community Program
- PSSA Sporting Days & Competitions
- Australian STEM Video Challenges
- The Resilience Project
- Leadership Camps
- And many, many more.



AECG Award Ceremony

Congratulations to Bryce T who has been nominated by the staff at Colo Heights for an AECG award. Bryce will attend the presentation ceremony on 22nd May at the University of Western Sydney.

Good luck Bryce from all of us - we are so proud of you!



BE KIND - BUCKET FILLERS at CHPS



At Colo Heights Public School we are practising to be Bucket Fillers!

What have you done to fill someone's bucket today?

BUCKET FILLERS	BUCKET DIPPERS
• Using kind words. • Including everyone. • Saying "I'm Sorry" • Using your manners, • Helping people. • Following directions. • Sharing your things. • Working together. • Being a listener. • Using safe hands and feet.	• Being mean. • Making fun of someone. • Blaming someone, • Being bossy • Touching someone without their permission. • Laughing at people. • Ignoring someone. • Leaving a mess. • Not taking turns. • Not sharing.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Japanese Studies

Our Trailblazers (3456) loved making sushi for lunch on Friday 2nd May, as part of their studies about Japan and Japanese culture. They prepared and made their rolls, then practised using chopsticks. Some were even brave enough to try the pickled ginger!

A special thanks to Ms Cafiero for organising this magnificent cultural feast!



School Representatives - ANZAC Services

We are immensely proud of students Zack, Jesse, Kaylee, Moana, and Charli who represented our school proudly at ANZAC services during the school holidays. We also held our own service at school where RJ read the Ode of Remembrance.



Choir Rehearsals

Choir rehearsals are under way in anticipation of the Hawkesbury Performing Arts Festival.

Students from Colo Heights Public School will join with the combined schools choir to perform throughout the night.

Ticket information will be sent home to families closer to the event.



Easter Parade

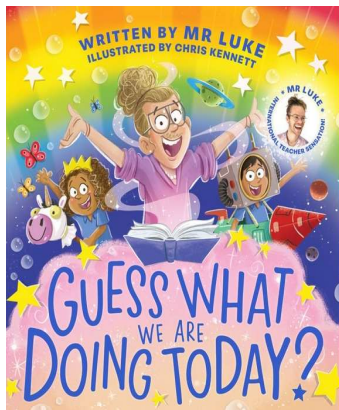


Thank you to all those families who were able to help us celebrate our very first Easter Parade.

Your presence made our day shine brighter, and we're so glad you could join in the fun.

A special thank you to the Colo Heights P&C for the delicious hot crossed buns & hot chocolate we all enjoyed for morning tea.

May 2025 - National Family Reading Month



We celebrated the Scholastic National Family Reading Month, which encourages families to read together on a regular basis, by joining in the reading of Mr Luke's "What are we going to do today?"



Hopefully our school families are making the most of this daily challenge - by reading together for at least 10 minutes every day, to help develop long-lasting reading habits and lifelong readers!

Hawkesbury Show

We are Show Ready!

Thanks to a huge school and community effort we are ready for the Hawkesbury Show!

We have entered it all - Art, Craft, Agriculture/Poultry. This term, the students have prepared our ducks - Salami, Cheese, and Quackers. They have enjoyed caring for them and creating an amazing competition poster, which will be displayed in the general poultry section. Salami will be showcased in the school's pavilion.

Thank you to all those who have been involved in making this an amazing experience - hope everybody enjoys the show!



P & C Association - Update

Thank you to the P&C for your incredible effort in organising the bake stall during the recent election. Your hard work truly showcased our strong community support.

Also special thanks for coordinating the Mother's Day online shopping; gifts and cards were sent home on Thursday.

Keep an eye out for the annual Pie Drive order forms coming your way very soon! Perfect for winter!



SPORTING SKILLS

PSSA State Swimming Finals

Our swim relay team qualified and competed at the NSW State Championships, making us all proud of their efforts. They have joined in with Olympians Ian Thorpe, Michael Klim, Grant Hackett, Kieren Perkins, Susie O'Neill and Leisel Jones in competing at the Sydney Olympic Stadium. What an effort!



Cross Country

This week, we held our first cross country carnival, and it was inspiring to see everyone giving their best!

Junior Boys	Junior Girls	11 yo Boys	11 yo Girls	Snr Boys	Snr Girls
Bryce T	Samantha	Lucas	Erica	Jesse	Moana
Bryce D	Melaina	Cody		Zack	Charli
Frankie	Miriamia			Castiel	Janelle
Dante	Jelena				
	Kaylee				

Our students gave it everything they had. The before and after shots say it all! Please ensure that notes are returned and your dash is completed by the end of next week. Feel free to reach out for assistance if needed. Thanks to the families who have already done this!



Hawkesbury 7's



On 9th April our students competed at the Hawkesbury 7's Gala Day. We showed incredible skills, teamwork and determination.

A special thanks to Mr Sio who continues to give up his time to show us the finer points of the game.



Grants & Programs—Cheeky Monkeys

We are fortunate to receive another Sporting Schools grant this term, allowing us to conduct 7 lessons with Cheeky Monkeys and Shaun, focusing on athletics. I have also invited Bob Kleyn to come and teach high jump to primary students, leading up to our school carnival, where we will select representatives for Small Schools.



Office Report

- Stage Three Broken Bay camp is well on it's way. Please note parents all deposits should be paid by now and payment number 2 is due by 30th May 2025.
- We are organising our Winter mid term lunch order for week 5. Notes will come out next week keep an eye out for this.
- Stewart House envelopes need to be back at school by Monday 19th May so they can be mailed on the 20th.
- Please remember that we are unable to make up 2 minute noodles for students lunches due to Department of Education restrictions regarding boiling water as a potential health and safety hazard. However they can be pre-made at home at sent in to be re-heated or brought to school in a thermos to keep warm.

Transport & Road Safety

The Department of Education's is focusing on National Road Safety Week 11th to 18th May. Each day has a different theme. Please take the time to review and discuss these themes with your families.



Date	Theme	Call to action
Sunday 11 May	More than a number	A moment to remember the 1300 lives lost on our roads
Monday 12 May	Your speed matters	Please slow down and drive to conditions
Tuesday 13 May	The road to zero	Take your road safety pledge
Wednesday 14 May	Get home from work safe	Let's get everyone home safe
Thursday 15 May	Road safety for every age	Make safe choices today and everyday
Friday 16 May	On the same path	Share our space safely
Saturday 17 May	Yellow Ride	Give each other space and share the road safely
Sunday 18 May	Regional roads	Take extra care on regional roads

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WHAT'S ON TERM 2, 2025



Week 3

Friday 16th May Cheeky Monkeys Sports Program

Week 4

Wednesday 21st May National Simultaneous Storytime: 11.00am
(THE TRUCK CAT)
Zone Cross Country Dash needs to be Completed

Thursday 22nd May Da Murrytoola Awards Ceremony
Western Sydney Uni - Bryce T

Friday 23rd May Hawkesbury Zone Cross Country

Week 5

Thursday 29th May Winter Lunch - Nachos

Friday 30th May Cheeky Monkeys Sports Program
Bob Klein: High Jump Lessons

Week 6

Tuesday 3rd Jun Spelling Bee

Friday 6th Jun Cheeky Monkeys Sports Program
Bob Klein: High Jump Lessons

Week 7

Monday 9th Jun Kings Birthday

Tuesday 10th Jun School Photos

Wednesday 11th Jun P&C Meeting

Thursday 12th Jun Pie Drive order & money due

Friday 13th Jun Cheeky Monkeys Sports Program
Bob Klein: High Jump Lessons

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Week 8

Monday	16 th Jun	P&C Pie order
Tuesday	17 th Jun	Mass Choir Rehearsal – Hawkesbury Performing Arts Windsor (selected students)
Friday	20 th Jun	Futsal Gala Day (Stage 1) NSW Junior Chess League: Wilberforce (selected students)

Week 9

Wednesday	25 th Jun	Colo Heights Athletics Carnival – K-6 @ Oval
Thursday	26 th Jun	Riverside Cafe Lunch
Friday	27 th Jun	Cheeky Monkeys Sports Program

Week 10

Monday	30 th Jun	NAIDOC Week Celebrations this week
Tuesday	1 st Jul	Pie Collection @ school
Wednesday	2 nd Jul	Attendance Party Australian STEM Video Challenge Entries Due
Friday	4 th Jul	End of Term 2