

Colo Heights Public School

Newsletter

Term 2 - Week 5

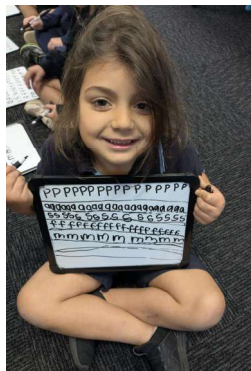


A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents, Guardians and School Community

I want to highlight the fantastic progress our Brightsparks have been making in K-2. Through the InitialLit program, our youngest learners are developing essential literacy skills and gaining confidence in their abilities. It's wonderful to see their enthusiasm for learning!



At Colo Heights, we continue to focus on the values of kindness and gratitude. These principles guide our interactions and create a positive environment for everyone. As we move into the second half of the term, we have many exciting learning opportunities ahead.

Let's keep the momentum going and support one another as we aim for new heights!

#LetsGoColoHeights!

Warm Regards

Thank you,

Georgie Donaldson

Principal



HPGE - HIGH POTENTIAL & GIFTED EDUCATION

Connecting Minds Project



We're thrilled to update you on our two Connecting Minds teams: **Luna Seeds** and **Astronomical Phoenixes**! Each team has created unique logos and is focused on exciting missions. **Astronomical Phoenixes** are exploring "What can we do to maintain the physical and mental health of astronauts in space?" Meanwhile, **Luna Seeds** are investigating "What ways can we find to grow food in space?"

Both teams are demonstrating impressive teamwork and creativity as they tackle these important challenges. We look forward to seeing their innovative solutions! The teams will be presenting with our project partner school in the Australian Pavillion at the World Expo in Osaka on Sunday 21st September!

<https://www.expo2025.or.jp/en/>

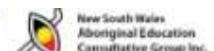
<https://onegiantleapfoundation.com.au/the-connecting-minds-project/>



AECG Award Ceremony



We are very proud of Bryce who received an Academic Award for outstanding improvement in reading and public speaking at the Da Murrytoola AECG Award Ceremony held at the University of Western Sydney. His perseverance and hard work have truly made a significant impact, celebrating his achievements in these critical areas of learning.



Da Murrytoola AECG
STUDENT AWARD CEREMONY

Australian STEM Video Challenge

It's exciting to see the Trailblazers working hard to finish their video games for the Australian STEM Video Challenge using SCRATCH. With this year's theme of "Journey," we can't wait to see the creative and innovative ideas they bring to life. Good luck, team! Your efforts and creativity will surely shine!



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Japanese Studies - with Miss Simmons

The Trailblazers are continuing their Japanese language studies. This week we had a visit from Miss Simmons who is studying teaching Japanese to English speaking students.

So far they have learned to introduce themselves, count, and enquire about people's day. Soon they will be able to converse well enough to travel to Japan!

*Hello
Konnichiwa*



Hawkesbury Show - A Quacking Success!

Our incredible success at the Hawkesbury Show continues. On top of being awarded the Ethel Nutman Memorial Shield for Most Successful Primary School in the Craft Division, we have received further accolades.



**Salami, Cheese & Quackers
were awarded 2nd Place in the
School Duck Challenge!**

Thank you so much to all the students, staff and community members who contributed to their care. This was truly a whole team win!



School Representatives - Longneck Lagoon Enrichment Program

In the coming weeks representatives from CHPS will attend High Potential and Gifted Education programs being run by the Longneck Lagoon Environmental Education Centre.

These will include:-

- Stage 1 - Little Bird's Day
- Stage 2 - Superheros of Nature
- Stage 3 - Visual Arts in the Environment

The programs provide students an opportunity to participate in exploratory activities to investigate whether, compare their own abilities with those in nature and create permanent and ephemeral artworks using the Lagoon's backdrop for inspiration.



SPORTING SKILLS

Zone Cross Country

I am thrilled to extend my congratulations to our incredible cross country team for their outstanding performance at the Hawkesbury PSSA Zone Cross Country event! It was truly inspiring to see our students believe in themselves, give it their all, and, most importantly, wear their smiles throughout the day. Each runner demonstrated remarkable determination and sportsmanship, making us all proud.

A special thank you goes out to the dedicated team that made this event possible. Our teachers worked hard to prepare our athletes, and we are grateful for the support from parents and siblings who helped with travel and logistics. Your involvement plays a vital role in fostering a strong school spirit and community.

Some of the amazing results:-

Erica 12th	Samantha 13th	Bryce T 33rd
Melaina 54th	Moana 56th	Jesse 53rd

Congratulations to you all!



Athletics Training

Athletics training is in full swing as we prepare for our School Carnival on Wednesday 25th June 2025!

Mr Klein put us through our first high jump training today and was impressed with our technique. We learned about the proper approach to the high jump bar and which side of the arena best suits our individual style.

Shaun from Cheeky Monkeys showed us how to work as a team in relays and helped us work on our long jump skills.

How lucky are we to have 2 sport coaches this term!



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Nachos Lunch

A very special thank you to all our staff members for putting on a fabulous and healthy Nachos lunch for us today.

Just the perfect thing after a week of cold weather, athletics training and cross country running.



Composting Workshop

This week we participated in the Hawkesbury City Council's Primary School Waster Education Program. We learnt about 'nature's recycling factory', how it works and the elements needed to make the best environment for composting. We got to participate in hands on activities and to identify how every small act of recycling can contribute to saving the Earth's natural resources.

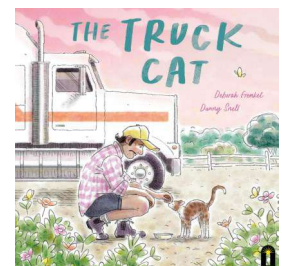


National Simultaneous Storytime

CHPS students joined in this year's National Simultaneous Storytime as we read *The Truck Cat* written by Deborah Frenkel.

The Truck Cat is a story about cats and humans, immigration and identity, and homes lost and found. Along with his human, Yacoub, Tinka travels roads wide and narrow, near and distant. But no matter how much they travel, home feels very far away – for both of them.

The Truck Cat is a story about belonging and connection and was a great way for our students to explore themes of what home means to them.



P & C Association - Update

While we've been keeping warm in our school uniform the P&C have been putting together the amazing

Winter Warming Pie Drive!



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



Orders are due in on Thursday 12th June 2025

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Haynsies Tradies



Our athletics training and carnival wouldn't be possible without the hard work going on behind the scenes.

Thank you to Haynsies Tradies this week, who have been preparing our long jump pit ready for the big day!



BUCKET FILLERS - A Feel Good Clip for Everyone!

We all need a little encouragement every now and then. Kid President, knowing this, has put together a video you can play each morning as you wake up or to share with your friend who needs to move in the right direction. Take a moment and spread some encouragement.

"It's everybody's duty to give the world a reason to dance."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-gQLqv9f4o>



KINDERGARTEN 2026 ENROLLING NOW!

🌟 **Enrol Now for Kindergarten 2026 at Colo Heights Public School!** 🌟

Join us for an exciting Kindergarten experience in 2026!

📅 **Enrolment Opens:** May 2025

Join Us in Shaping Bright Futures!

For more info, visit <https://colohts-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

or contact our school directly 0245 650202

Colo Heights Public School – Where Every Child Thrives!





Star Students



*Congratulations
to*

Colton & Samantha



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".



Attendance

Congratulations to all those who achieved 95% attendance during Term 1 for 2025!

We hope you enjoyed the party!

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



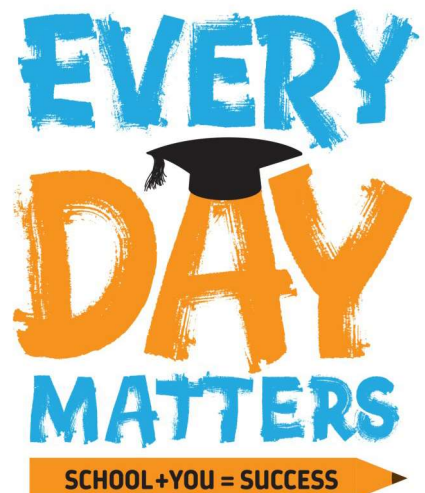
= Over 1 year missed

1 day per week
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= 8 weeks



= Over 2.5 years missed



Office Report

- Doctor's Certificate for Absences: Please email to the school or attach into School Bytes when responding to an absence or adding a planned absence. A Doctor's certificate is required when your child has been away for 3 consecutive days.
- Camp payments are now due for Stage 3 - Broken Bay Sports and Recreation camp.
- If your child has been invited to Longneck Lagoon, please fill out all forms and make payment before the day of the program.
- Compulsory School Attendance forms will be sent out fortnightly when there has been no response to School Bytes SMS requests for absence explanations. These need to be completed and returned to the office asap as all absence explanations are required by the School Liaison Officer.
- Photo order envelopes need to be returned by Friday 5th June 2025.



Transport & Road Safety

Informal School Bus Stops

Informal school bus stops are not sign-posted and usually found in rural areas. They may be at the front of a property, or on the side of the road. Drivers may find it difficult to see children at informal school bus stops.



Families should take special care when using informal school bus stops. Remember:

- At the bus stop, hold hands and wait as far back from the passing traffic as possible
- Meet your child AT the bus stop after school. NEVER wait on the opposite side of the road
- Wait till the bus has gone, then use a safe place to cross the road
- If you cannot be with your child, organise for a trusted adult to take your place.

Staying on the bus a bit longer to travel to another bus stop may reduce the need for your child to cross the road.

The [Centre for Road Safety website](#) has advice to help those involved in selecting or reviewing locations of informal school bus stops.

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WHAT'S ON TERM 2, 2025



Week 6

Tuesday	3 rd Jun	Spelling Bee Connecting Minds Zoom- 1:30pm with Ritsumeikan Junior and Senior High School Osaka (Connecting Minds Teams)
Friday	6 th Jun	Cheeky Monkeys Sports Program Bob Klein: High Jump Lessons

Week 7

Monday	9 th Jun	Kings Birthday
Tuesday	10 th Jun	School Photos
Wednesday	11 th Jun	P&C Meeting
Thursday	12 th Jun	Pie Drive order & money due
Friday	13 th Jun	Cheeky Monkeys Sports Program Bob Klein: High Jump Lessons

Week 8

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 Oz Tag Gala Day – Stage 2 and 3 (selected students)

WHAT'S ON TERM 2, 2025



Week 10

Monday	30 th Jun	NAIDOC Week Celebrations this week HPGE Enrichment Program - Longneck Lagoon Stage 2 & 3 (selected Students)
Tuesday	1 st Jul	Pie Collection @ school HPGE Enrichment Program - Longneck Lagoon Stage 2 (selected Students)
Wednesday	2 nd Jul	HPGE Enrichment Program - Longneck Lagoon Stage 1 (selected Students)
Thursday	3 rd Jul	Attendance Party Australian STEM Video Challenge Entries Due NAIDOC Week Celebrations at Kurrajong East Public School
Friday	4 th Jul	End of Term 2

TERM 3

Week 1

Monday	21 st Jul	Staff Development Day
Tuesday	22 nd Jul	Students Return to School

Week 2

Monday	28 th Jul	Hawkesbury Performing Arts Festiva (CHPS Choir)
Tuesday	29 th Jul	HPGE Enrichment Program - Longneck Lagoon Stage 3 (selected Students)

Week 3

Tuesday	5 th Aug	Small School Athletics Carnival Field Events (selected students)
Friday	8 th Aug	Small School Athletics Carnival Track Events (selected students)