

Colo Heights Public School

Newsletter

Term 3 - Week 9



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians and School Community

I'm delighted to share some wonderful news and reflections as we near the end of another busy and successful term.

Our school grounds are looking absolutely beautiful, thanks to the hard work and dedication of Mr Haynes, Haynsies Tradies, and the Muru Mittigar Group. Their efforts have truly enhanced our environment, and we are incredibly grateful for their ongoing support.

Our seedling and planting day was a fantastic success! Special thanks to Mrs Laboyrie and her wonderful gardening team for nurturing the seedlings with such care. The seedlings are now ready to be sold at Putty Fair and we hope the students enjoy planting them and watching their growth over time.

Good luck to all those volunteering and helping out in the Market Day bake stall this weekend. Your efforts are truly appreciated, and I'm sure the community will enjoy the delicious treats on offer.

I'm also excited to report that our school cookbook is steadily coming together, with many generous sponsors stepping forward to support this project. Please send your recipes in!



Today, we had the pleasure of welcoming the captains from Hawkesbury High School, who spoke with our Stage 3 students about the exciting transition to high school. Additionally, we recorded Episode 3 of the CHPS and Gravy podcast, which is currently being produced and will be shared soon – stay tuned!

A gentle reminder to all families about the importance of monitoring your child's internet use. Please remember there is a ban on social media for students under 16 years old and reinforcing this rule at home helps keep our students safe online.

This term, the energy and enthusiasm of our families have been inspiring. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped create the students' costumes and supported our Book Fair by purchasing books. Your involvement is invaluable and plays a huge role in fostering a lifelong love of reading among our students.



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I'm thrilled to share some exciting news – the Joscelyne girls are currently in Japan! This Sunday, they will present our Connecting Minds project live at the Australian Pavilion at the World Expo in Osaka. We are incredibly proud of their achievement and wish them all the best.

Looking ahead to next week, we have chess on Monday, student representatives competing at Sydney West Athletics Carnival and going to Longneck Lagoon on Thursday, and the Attendance Party on Friday. We look forward to celebrating and supporting all these wonderful events with our students.

Thank you once again for your continued support throughout the term. Have a safe and restful holiday, and we look forward to welcoming you back refreshed and ready for Term 4.

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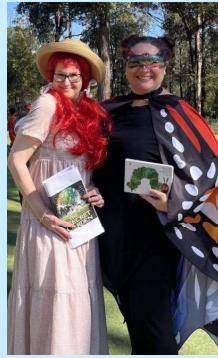


Thank you,
Georgie Donaldson
Principal



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING - Photo Gallery

Book Fair - Book an Adventure



Hawkesbury High School - Podcast Visit



RAAF - 100 year celebration



Spring has Sprung!



STAR STUDENT



*Congratulations to
Kaylee*



*Every assembly we announce the star student.
A Star Student represents the best qualities of
**RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and
PERSONAL BEST.***

Congratulations to Kaylee, who was selected by all staff members as our Star Student at the last assembly. Kaylee is a responsible and respectful learner who strives to do her best at all times! Congratulations Kaylee - we are so proud of the example you set for all students in our school!



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".

Office Report

- Absences – when students are absent for 3 or more days with sickness, a doctor's certificate is required on your child's return to school. This can be emailed to the school, added to School Bytes by yourself when adding a planned absence for your child or handed to the office when your child/children return to school.
- Stage 3 camp final payment must be paid before the 26th September, the last day of term. Please complete all online paperwork sent from camp before 13th October.
- Café lunch orders are due by 19th September. Lunch orders are on the 26th September the last day of term 3.



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WHAT'S ON TERM 3, 2025



Week 10

Sunday	21 st Sep	Colo Heights Public School Connecting Minds teams present their project in the Australian Pavillion at The World Expo in Osaka, Japan
Monday	22 nd Sep	PSSA Chess Competition (selected students)
Thursday	25 th Sep	HPGE Enrichment Program - Longneck Lagoon Little Birds Day - Stage 1 (selected Students) Sydney West Athletics RAAF plane on display in Windsor Mall
Friday	26 th Sep	Cheeky Monkeyz Sports Program Last day Term 3
Sunday	5 th Oct	Putty Spring Fair

WHAT'S ON TERM 4, 2025

Week 1

Monday	13 th Oct	Student free day
Tuesday	14 th Oct	Students return

Week 2

Tuesday	21 st Oct	HPGE Enrichment Program - Longneck Lagoon Stage 2 (selected Students)
Wednesday	22 nd Oct	Grandparent's Day
Friday	24 th Oct	Hawkesbury PSSA Soccer Gala Day

Week 3

Mon - Fri	27 - 31 Oct	Swim Scheme Program
Wednesday	29 th Oct	P&C Meeting - 3:30pm

Week 4

Tuesday	3 - 5 Nov	Broken Bay Sports & Recreation Centre Camp - Stage 3
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Week 5

Thursday	13 ^h Nov	Kindergarten Orientation 2026 starts 3 week program
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Ministerial media release

NSW Government welcomes social media ban for children under 16

The NSW Government welcomes the Federal Government's ban on social media for children under 16.

The *Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Bill 2024* passed both houses of Parliament this week.

The minimum age will apply to 'age-restricted social media platforms' as defined in the Bill, which includes Snapchat, TikTok, Facebook, Instagram, X and others.

The Minns Labor Government is pleased that we have a national approach to social media bans. It means we have consistent rules across the country.

This follows the joint social media summit held by the NSW Government and the Government of South Australia - the first of its kind.

The Summit in Sydney reached consensus that social media, if left unchecked, uncensored, unsupervised, poses a threat, particularly to young people in our community.

Evidence shows us the links between increases in social media use and greater instances of mental health issues, loss of sleep, less in person interaction, and less practice of social skills.

The social media ban is a welcome measure for many parents, and another of the many measures now in place to help minimise the negative impacts of social media and devices on young people including:

- Banning mobile phones in all NSW Public schools, with a recent survey showing that 86 per cent of principals believing socialising has improved since this came into effect.
- Developing a statewide approach to address bullying in New South Wales schools.
- A \$2.5 million research fund to investigate the impacts of excessive screen time, video games and mobile phone use on young people and their learning.
- Recruiting 250 additional school counsellors as part of the NSW Labor Government's election commitment to student wellbeing.

Social Media in Schools - update...

Premier of NSW Chris Minns said:

"I want to congratulate the Albanese Government on passing these laws. They are world leading."

"I've said before, social media is this giant global unregulated experiment on children, and we have to change that."

"The parents I speak to and certainly the evidence acknowledges that social media is doing an enormous amount of harm to young people."

"By making this law, at the very least we empower parents to be able to say no to their kids when it comes to social media because it's now against the law."

"It also means kids can focus on being kids, talking to each other face to face, spending time outdoors and not fixated on their screens."