



Hornsby Heights Public School

NEWSLETTER

Aim High



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TERM 1 WEEK 8

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UPCOMING EVENTS



SCHOOL

Thursday MAR 20: Canteen Special Food Day; NAPLAN catch up tests

Friday MAR 21: Harmony Day: wear a splash of orange with your uniform

Monday MAR 24: Social Light meeting at 5pm with principal in staffroom

Tuesday MAR 25: National Young Leaders Day



SPORT

Friday MAR 21: HZSS Winter trials



DANCE

Wednesday MAR 19: Dance ensemble rehearsal and continuing each Wednesday into April



P&C

Thursday MAR 27: P&C Disco

SCHOOL CALENDAR LINK:

<https://hornsyhts-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/school-calendar.html>



ABOVE: Our wonderful new succulent garden in the K-2 playground.

FROM THE
PRINCIPAL

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Term 1 – Bookings Open at 3:10pm on Tuesday 18 March

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held this term at various times for each class. The dates and times available for each teacher/s will be displayed via the School Bytes booking system and will be different for each teacher based on their availability. Mrs Love's class will be having their interviews early in Term 2. Our interview period is from Week 10-11 of this term (it is currently now Week

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"The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet."

PRINCIPAL'S
QUOTE
Aristotle

8). Interview spaces fill up very quickly so it is important that when bookings open at 3:10pm on Tuesday 18 March that you book in as soon as you can. Booking information will be sent via School Bytes.

Interviews will be held face to face at school in your child’s classroom. Interviews are strictly 10 minutes. If you require more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting by contacting your child’s classroom teacher via their email or telephoning the school on 9476-5133.

New Cubby Houses

We have some bright new cubby houses that the 2024 SRC picked and this years’ student leadership team brainstormed some names for the cubby houses and then the K-2 and 3-6 voted on them.

They are as follows:

- 1. Bakery Cubby – ‘Spirit’s Little Bakery’
- 2. Burger Drive Through Cubby – ‘McHeights Burgers’
- 3. Ice Cream Cubby – ‘Hornsby Heights Chill Zone’

The P&C has paid for half of these cubby houses and we are so thrilled that they could as it means we have double the fun! The Bakery will be placed near the existing Farmer’s Market Cubby in K-2. The other cubby houses will go in the 3-6 playground. We also purchased a wooden T-Pee! Installation will happen in the first week back of Term 2 on the Staff Development Day. Thank you P&C!

Behaviour code for students

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive, and responsive learning environments for everyone across a range of settings. We teach and model the inclusive and safe behaviours we value in our students. Please take the time to read the NSW Department of Education Behaviour Code for Students by clicking this link.

https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/policy-library/public/supporting-documents/pd-2006-0316-01-behaviourcodestudents.pdf

Translated versions of the NSW Behaviour Code for Students

This document has been translated into several languages to support families. Please click on this

link to access translated versions of this Behaviour Code for students.

https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/translated-documents/behaviour-code-for-students.html

HHPS March 11 International Day of Maths

The International Day of Maths is a worldwide celebration of Maths and how important it is to our everyday lives. Please see the photos of this celebration later in the Newsletter.

Social Light Positions

Thank you to the wonderful people that have signed up as being class Social Lights. An email to all social lights was sent out last week with information regarding next steps and when we will be holding a meeting. If you did not get this via School Bytes, please contact the office immediately.

We are still looking for parents to be Social Lights in class 5W.

A Splash of Orange for Harmany Day

Harmony Day is an important occasion that celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity and promotes inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone. At HHPS, we will be celebrating Harmony Day by encouraging all students and staff to wear a touch of orange with their uniforms on Friday, March 21. Orange is the colour of Harmony Day, symbolizing social communication and meaningful conversations. Join us in embracing our rich tapestry of cultures and fostering a welcoming environment for all! Students will be engaging in a school wide activity to promote this special day.

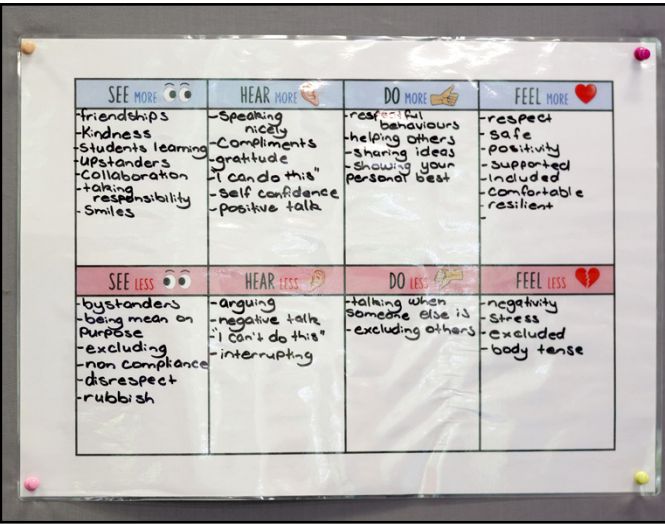
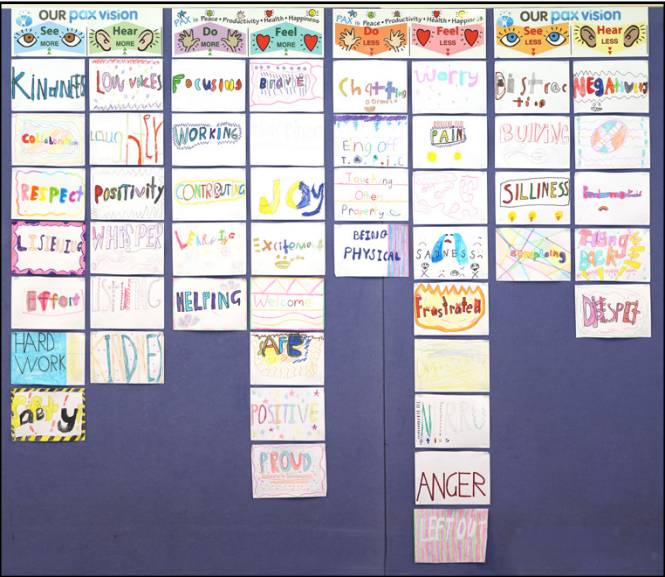
Bikes at School

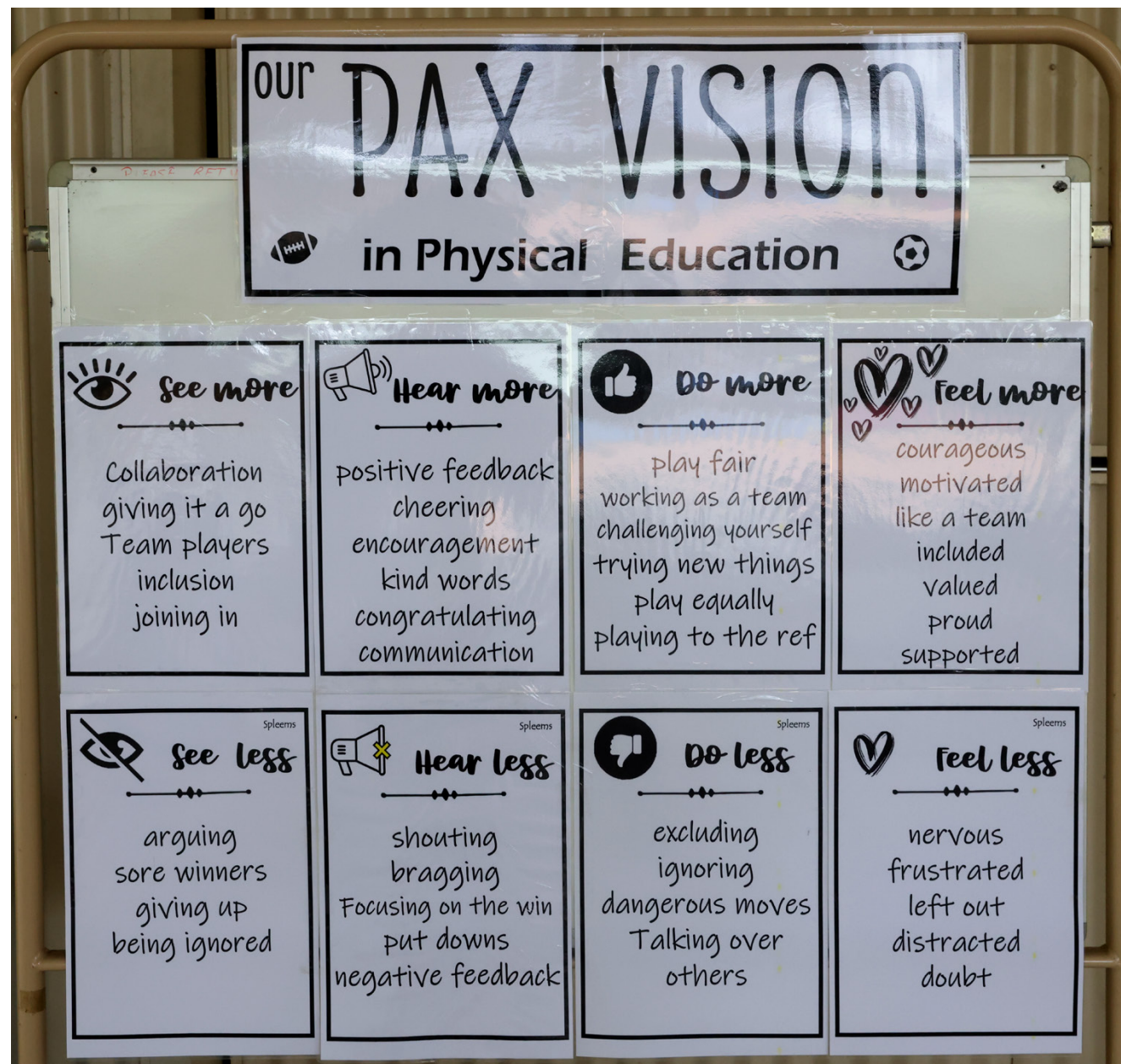
Riding bikes to and from school (if old enough and responsible to do this) is a very healthy activity. We ask that all bike riders and their families please remain vigilant and as respectful as possible when sharing the footpath with others. The front of the school at pick up can become very congested and we all need to work together to ensure all are safe. The rule at HHPS is that students walk with their bike at the front of Somerville road so that all pedestrians are kept safe. Thank you for helping us with this.

PAX Good Behaviour Games

This year we have been introducing the PAX Behaviour Games at HHPS. PAX means peace, productivity, health and happiness, and is what the PAX Good Behaviour Game helps create and strengthen in each classroom.

PAX GBG consists of proven behavioural strategies used daily by teachers with students. By the end of Term 2, students will have been taught the 10 “Kernels” that align with the 5 social emotional core competencies. Here are some examples of a “PAX Vision”.





HHPS Dance Program - Term 2

Dance2bfit will return to our school in Term 2 for our whole school dance program. The program is energetic, innovative and a fun way for our students to get fit learning the latest dance styles to popular music tracks. Please see information later in the Newsletter about this.



By **KATRIN CORNELL**
Hornsby Heights Public School
PRINCIPAL



PAX Leader is used to guide students in making positive choices and avoiding problematic behaviors. PAX Leader promotes teamwork as well as setting and achieving high expectations. It also ensures that students take an active role in bettering the world around them.

Right away, **PAX Leader** will help students...

- Make more thoughtful, positive choices.
- Take pride in their achievements.
- Feel more belonging with their peers at school.

In the long run, **PAX Leader** helps students...

- See themselves as leaders in a variety of settings.
- Associate the positive things they do with who they are as a person.

**I BETTER MY WORLD, I BETTER MYSELF.
I AM A PAX LEADER.**



Here are some questions you can ask your child about using **PAX Leader**:

1. How were you a PAX Leader today? How did that make you feel?
2. Who else did you notice being a PAX Leader today? What did they do?
3. What PAX Leaders do we know in our family and friends?



PAX Leader is not about perfection.

PAX Leaders do their best to bring Peace, Productivity, Health, and Happiness.

HARMONY *day*

EVERYONE BELONGS

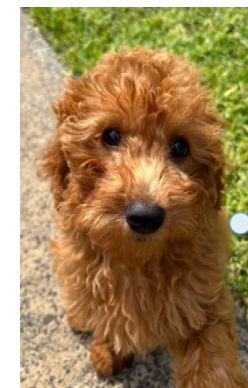
Friday March 21st, 2025

**WEAR A SPLASH OF ORANGE WITH
YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM**



DOGS CONNECT
RESTORING BALANCE

Essential Learnings – Term 1 Week 8



Please read this fortnight's essential learnings and talk about them with your child/children.

These are very important to help me feel safe and relaxed when I come to work at HHPS.

Helping Poppy feel safe and relaxed

- Poppy will have a mat in each main area of the school. Poppy's mat is her **safe space**
- We need to respect Poppy's space and not approach her when she is on her mat



- Poppy is still young and will need to rest throughout the day. Only teachers will wake Poppy if needed
- We need to use a calm and quiet voice when we are around Poppy
- All rubbish and small objects (outside and inside the classroom) need to go in the bin to keep Poppy safe
- When Poppy is engaged in something (i.e. playing with a toy or having an interaction with someone) we don't disturb her

We want Poppy to feel safe when she comes to work at HHPS.

We will all play a special role in making sure Poppy always feels safe.

When Poppy feels safe, she will be happy and relaxed.



DOGS CONNECT
RESTORING BALANCE

3 Expectations

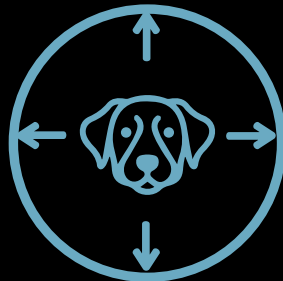
It's easy as 1,2,3 to help our Well-being Dog to learn to relax.

1



We say hello to
the person,
not the dog!

2



We give lots of
space when we
pass the dog!

3



We keep moving
(we don't stand
around
and stare).

HELP POPPY OUR WELLBEING DOG

Competition- create a
sign for Poppy's safe
space



The sign must

1. Be on A4 paper
2. Include a main heading of Poppy's Safe Space
3. Include the phrases- Please do no disturb or pat
4. You can add any drawings or decorations.
5. Be given to Mrs Cornell by Friday 29 March

the winning poster will be displayed in classrooms!
The Wellbeing Dog Committee are the judges.

HORNSBY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

SPORTS

CAPTAINS

2025 JUNIOR CAPTAINS

Galston House Captains:

Lilian B.
Cara R.

Crosslands House Captains:

Luke H.
Joel T.

Somerville House Captains:

Jai G.
Lexi R.

Wiseman House Captains:

Zac D.
Rhys G.









HORNSBY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL MEDIA TEAM

We are currently forming a new Media Team for 2025. Everyone in Year 5 and 6 has the opportunity to join via audition as spaces are limited. Please see information about the **audition video task** in this issue. The Media Team meets every Tuesday at lunchtime. Together we learn about all aspects of photography and film production through practical, hands-on activities and projects.

PRODUCTION VALUES

You will learn how to create high quality video productions. This means using professional lighting and sound recording equipment to make our video projects look and sound professional.

TV NEWS PACKAGE

You will learn how to design and edit a complete news package using iMovie, Adobe Premiere and iPads using a template. You will have a chance to document how you learn in class and make videos about important issues you feel strongly about. You will learn

to document through photography the life of our wonderful school.

COMMITMENT

The Media Team will run for the whole year and you will need to commit for the entire year each Tuesday lunch. At major school events such as sports carnivals you will be asked to collect footage for our TV news broadcasts and newsletter.

BADGE

All Media Team members will receive an official HHPS Media Team badge.

“*Let their voices be heard!*”



HORNSBY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL MEDIA TEAM



AUDITION

All Year 5 and 6 students are eligible to join the Media Team which meets every Tuesday at lunchtime in the library. The Media Team consists of about 15 students who document important school events through photos and videos. Year 5 and 6 students who are interested in joining must submit an audition video.

TASK: MEDIA TEAM AUDITION VIDEO

Students must make a short video. There are 3 options.

1. Prepare a short video presentation on why you should be selected: what special skills and qualities do you have?

OR

2. Prepare a video demonstrating your camera/editing/interviewing/writing/research skills on a topic of your choice.

OR

“The Day That Changed My Life”. Make a dramatic video of a day you’ll never forget.

Videos should run for no more than 30-60 seconds. Students must prepare this video presentation **in their own time**, not class time. Please bring your video to school on a thumb drive - USB stick (labelled with your name and class) and hand it to your teacher.

DATE DUE:
Tuesday, 1 April



OUR P&C SUCCULENT GARDEN HAS
PROVED IRRISISTIBLE TO OUR LOCAL
FLOCK OF COCKATOOS

SCHOOL GROUNDS
**WHAT'S
NEW**



OUR NEWLY RE-SURFACED BASKETBALL COURTS, HANDBALL COURTS and OUR NEW PORTABLE SOCCER NETS



ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

Our ANZAC Day Ceremony will be held Friday 4 April via Zoom. This will be run by our School Captains and will feature a guest speaker for the Commemorative Address. The Zoom session will be open from 12.00pm. You can access the event via the link below.

ZOOM

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/62865508351?pwd=fCag6qQBHP7yk7SQLVXz7riarJjXai.1>

KINDERGARTEN

INFORMATION

- 2026 -

*Starting school is such an exciting time.
We are looking forward to being part of
this journey with you!*

MINI SHOWCASE AND SCHOOL TOUR FOR PARENTS/CARERS & 2026 STUDENTS

*Tuesday 23 September
2025 9:30am - 11:00am in
the School Hall*

Come along to see and hear about some of the programs we have on offer and take part in a school tour led by our senior students.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING IN THE SCHOOL HALL

*Thursday 23 October 2025
6:00pm*

This is an introduction to Hornsby Heights Public School and information on preparation for school. Meet the Principal and the current Kindergarten Team!

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION VISITS & SCHOOL TOUR

*Tuesday 18 November and
Tuesday 25 November
2025 from 9:30am to
11:00am*

Children visit Kindergarten classrooms and participate in various activities. All enrolment paperwork must be provided to be eligible to attend. Further information regarding these sessions will be provided at the Parent Information Evening (please note these sessions are for the children only). It is important that children attend both Orientation Day sessions to support the transition to school.

PRINCIPAL: Katrin Cornell
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Debbie Dunn
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL Curriculum and Instruction: Nicole Tudor



BUDDY CLASSES

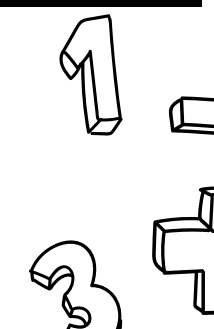
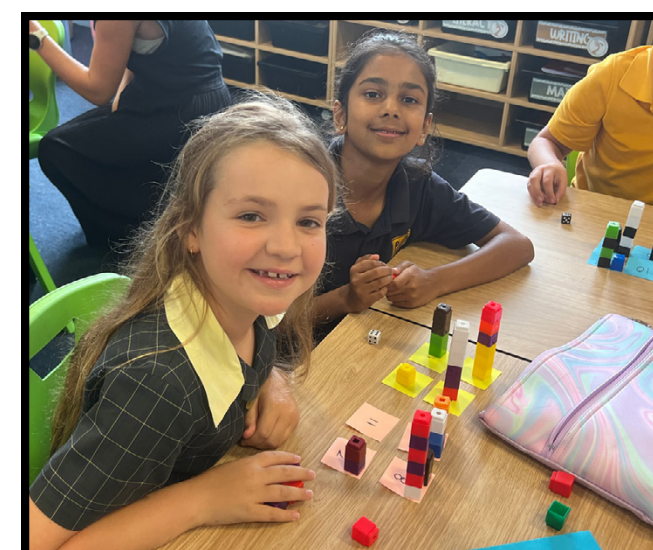
INTERNATIONAL MATHS

DAY



This term, our Buddy Class program kicked off with a celebration of all things maths in honour of International Day of Mathematics. The theme for this year is 'Maths you can touch' so we enjoyed getting hands on with maths inside and outside of the classroom.

Buddy classes play a vital role in nurturing a supportive school community by promoting social and emotional connections, as well as facilitating smooth transitions between grades. At HHPS, our Kindergarten students are paired with Year 6 students, while classes from Years 1 to 5 buddy up with another class. Throughout the year, we will meet with our buddy classes to engage in activities that strengthen these essential community bonds.





MATHS LESSON

Buddies

YEAR 6 & KINDY





ECO GARDEN UPDATE

THE ECO GARDENERS



By **LAUREN GIAQUINTO**
Hornsby Heights Public School
TEACHER

Next committee meeting:

The Committee meets once a term via Zoom. The next meeting will be held on Monday 12th May at 7pm. For Zoom details or if you would like to find out more, please contact Julie at ecogardenhyps@gmail.com. All welcome to attend!

The Eco Garden Committee is always looking for additional helpers and welcomes all families to be involved in any capacity.

A couple of times a term the Eco Garden is open for school families to come and do some gardening and light maintenance. If you are interested in helping us out (even just for half an hour!) please wear enclosed shoes, a hat and, if possible, bring along your gardening gloves. No gardening experience required! See below for the 2 dates this term (please note the change of date of the 2nd session).

- **Saturday 15th March from 2-4pm.** Meet Julie and Michelle in the garden from 2-4pm. Children welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.
- **NEW Date - Wednesday 2nd April from 2-3:10pm** – the perfect way to kill the time while waiting to pick up your kids! Please meet Wendy in the garden once you have been to the office and signed in as a volunteer.



DO YOU....

- ENJOY GARDENING?
- HAVE HALF AN HOUR TO SPARE?
- WANT TO HELP OUT OUR AMAZING SCHOOL?

THE ECO GARDEN NEEDS YOU!

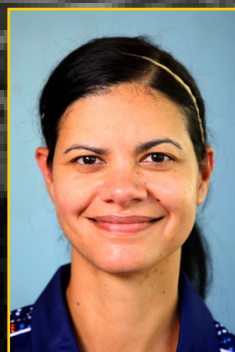


- ✱ Come down to the Eco Garden to help with some light gardening on:
 - **Saturday 15th March from 2-4pm** (kids must be accompanied by an adult)
 - **CHANGE OF DATE - Now Wednesday 2nd April from 2-3pm** (a great way to help out while waiting to pick up your kids! Please sign in at the office)
- ✱ **MORE INFO**
See the HHPS Newsletter
or contact Julie at ecogardenhyps@gmail.com



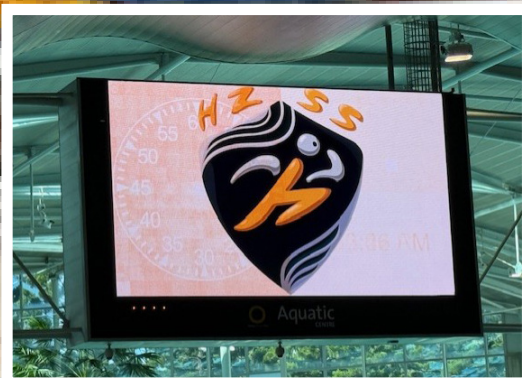
TWILIGHT SWIMMING

SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK AQUATIC
CENTRE - WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH



By **VANESSA SAKAJANI**
Hornsby Heights Public School
SPORTS COORDINATOR

Hornsby Zone held their annual Twilight Swimming Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre this week and it was an amazing venue and atmosphere for our 35 swimmers. Wonderful to see lots of PBs and a huge congratulations to Isla Z who will progress to the Sydney North Championships for freestyle and butterfly. What an achievement!



PHOTOGRAPHY:
MS BEAUMONT (PARENT)

Unpacking the new PDHPE syllabus – with Mrs Sakajani

The aim of PDHPE K–6 is to empower students with the essential knowledge, understanding, skills, values and attitudes to promote wellbeing and lead a safe, active and healthy life.

Students practise, develop and refine the physical, cognitive, social and emotional skills that are important for engaging in movement and leading a healthy, safe and physically active life

The syllabus for PDHPE K–6 (2024) is based on evidence highlighting that:

The evidence

the development of essential movement skills competency during childhood lays the foundation for an active lifestyle during adolescence and into adult life (Pill and Harvey, 2019)

Rationale

SYDNEY NORTH TRIALS UPDATE



We have started the year strong with many of our senior students attending Zone trials across various sports. Congratulations to the following students who will represent our Zone teams at the Sydney North trials:

- Jacob O - Tennis
- Isla Z - Swimming
- Jayden L - 11s boys Rugby
- Josh L - boys Opens rugby
- Val Taborsky - 1st reserve for Metro West primary all schools Girls AFL team.
- Milo Fenn & Max Fenn - boys AFL

So wonderful to see their hard work and commitment rewarded. We wish them all the best for their next round of competition.

What we do at HHPS to support this:

What you can do at home to support this:

- Organised sports lunch time programs – PALS, student led where leaders teach K-2
- Whole school Dance program
- Explicit teaching of fundamental movement skills in PE
- HZSS inter-school competition.
- Exposure to cultural games, and specialised skills eg: Athletics.

- Throw and catch soft toys for fun – from a young age
- Let your child lose when playing, model being a kind winner
- Organise play dates with friends
- Invest in equipment to have at home (balls, skipping ropes, etc)
- Use things you already have at home to keep active: bike rides, trampolines, balls
- Consider Little Athletic clubs – speed, strength and agility training for all sports.

Week 7 – Results

Round: 3 - last game for this term

League Tag played against Hornsby North

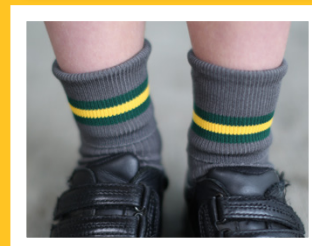
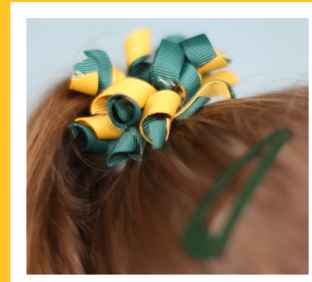
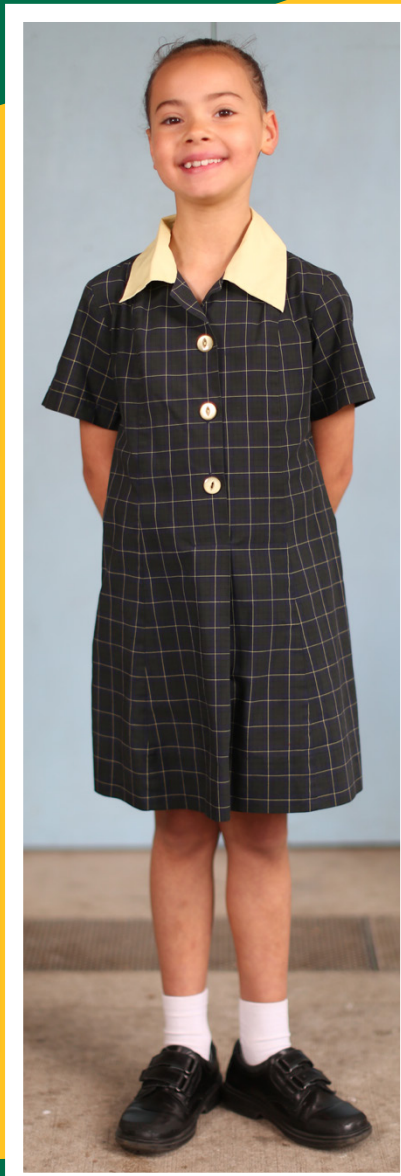
Cricket & T-Ball/Softball played against Asquith



Sport	The scores were:		Players of the Week
League Tag Jr A	Hornsby Heights 2	Hornsby North 5	Jai, Reuben, Andy
League Tag Jr B	Hornsby Heights 4	Hornsby North 5	Heath, Tess
League Tag Snr A	Hornsby Heights 3	Hornsby North 2	Harry, Matilda
League Tag Snr B	Hornsby Heights 6	Hornsby North 2	Matteus, Ollie
Cricket juniors	Hornsby Heights 75	Asquith 48	Ira, Billy
Cricket Seniors	Hornsby Heights 61	Asquith 40	Jack H, Josh T
T-Ball	Hornsby Heights 15	Asquith 10	Lyla B & Cara R
Softball	Hornsby Heights 10	Asquith 2	Chloe H & Elizabeth W

Summer Uniform

HORNSBY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL



Girls

- Bottle green/navy/yellow plaid check dress
- Bottle green culottes and gold polo shirt
- Bottle green jacket, sloppy joe or jumper
- White short socks (socks must be visible)
- Black school shoes

Boys

- Gold short sleeve polo shirt
- Grey shorts
- Grey short socks with green/gold band
- Bottle green jacket, sloppy joe or jumper
- Black school shoes

Sports Uniform

HORNSBY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL



Girls

- Bottle green shorts
- Polo shirt in house colour
- Sports shoes and white socks
- Green track pants (in winter)

Boys

- Bottle green shorts
- Polo shirt in house colour
- Sports shoes and white socks
- Green track pants (in winter)



THE **BEST FUN** YOUR **4 -7 YEAR OLD** CAN HAVE ON A
SUNDAY MORNING!

JOIN OUR **50+ GIRLS & BOYS** IN OUR AUSKICK PROGRAM!

AUSKICK IS A FUN INTRODUCTORY **AUSTRALIAN**
RULES FOOTBALL PROGRAM FULL OF AGE-APPROPRIATE
GAMES & ACTIVITIES!

SUNDAYS 8:30 – 9:30AM

ROFE PARK, HORNSBY HEIGHTS

COMMENCES 6 APRIL 2025 & RUNNING THROUGH UNTIL 10 AUGUST 2025

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFO GO TO
WWW.HORNSBYBEROWRAEAGLES.COM



Hornsby Community Workshop

**Learn how to prepare for and recover
from extreme weather events**

Build community connections and capacity

Extreme weather events are becoming more frequent and unpredictable. This workshop will provide information and practical strategies on how to prepare for fires, floods and other extreme events and will provide local residents the opportunity to build connections and capacity.

- Gain an understanding of the impacts that these events can have.
- Learn about the impact of cascading (repeat) disasters and its effects on individuals & communities
- Build practical skills to support local level preparedness and recovery and hear about initiatives being employed by other communities
- Receive support to implement resilience building events in your local community

"With the right information, people can become stronger and as a community, we can work together, to make a real difference"
- Community Workshop participant

Where: Storey Park Community Centre
12 Old Berowra Road
Hornsby NSW 2077

When: 26th March 2025
9.30am - 3.30pm

Cost: Free *
Lunch provided

** Registration is essential and places are limited*

To register:

Go to Eventbrite by using the QR code or click on this [LINK](#)



This activity has been made possible by funding from Sydney North Health Network, through the NSW Ministry of Health



Parent/Carer workshops

Positive Partnerships Parent/Carer workshops provide the opportunity for participants to learn and share with and from other parents and carers of school-aged children on the autism spectrum.

The workshops are designed to help you understand your young person and foster productive school, family and community relationships.

Participants can access the following workshop types:

- 1 day (in person)
- 2 days (in person)
- Online sessions (covering a variety of topics)



Free to attend

Topics explored include:

Diversity of autism

- examines parent's knowledge of autism and how autism directly impacts their child at home and school
- investigates a range of practical strategies to use at home and school to improve learning outcomes

Working together

- examines ways for parents to strengthen partnerships between home, school and community
- increases awareness of support and services for families and how they can be accessed
- explores ways parents can advocate more effectively for their child's needs
- helps parents develop a plan for moving forward

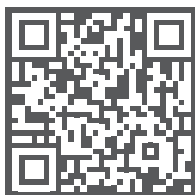
Understanding sensory processing

- explores sensory processing and the different ways children on the autism spectrum can be impacted by sensory needs
- identifies strategies that can be used to help manage and support children experiencing sensory processing issues

Understanding behaviour

(only offered at our 2-day workshop)

- examines the function/purpose of behaviours
- recognising that understanding behaviour is the key to supporting children on the autism spectrum
- explore tools and strategies to understand and respond helpfully to our young people



Scan the QR code for more information about our workshops and resources.

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Such supportive and knowledgeable presenters - I feel much more engaged and informed about Autism and where I am better equipped to help my child(ren)! Thank you so much for the opportunity to attend this informative workshop.

(Sandgate Qld - 2 day PC)

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