



Hornsby Heights Public School

NEWSLETTER

Aim High



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TERM 2 WEEK 4

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UPCOMING EVENTS



SCHOOL

Wednesday MAY 21: National Simultaneous Story Time K-6
Thursday MAY 22: Assembly Year 3 - 6, 2:30 to 3:00pm
Wednesday MAY 28: Mufti Day - Year 6 fund raiser
Wednesday JUL 2: Dance showcase



SPORT

Tuesday MAY 27: Zone Cross Country Carnival



DANCE

Mon-Wed: Term 2



EXCURSION

Mon-Wed JUN 2-3: Band camp

SCHOOL CALENDAR LINK:

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



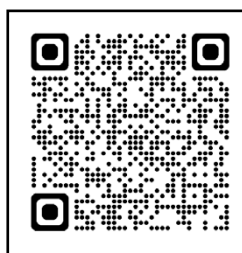
ABOVE: See photos of our new Year 5 Media Team in action in the library today.

FROM THE
PRINCIPAL

2026 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

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026 Kindergarten enrolments are now due. Please see our schedule of events for Orientation Days later in the Newsletter. Information on how to enrol as well as online enrolments can be accessed via the link below.



<https://hornsyhts-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

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"I touch the future. I teach."

Christa McAuliffe

Mother's Day Stall

We would like to thank the Mother's Day stall team who did a wonderful job of purchasing, organising and running the Mother's Day Stall for our students. The mums at school are incredibly thankful!

National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week – Bridging Now to Next

National Sorry Day is held on May 26 and marks the day that the landmark 'Bringing them Home' report was tabled in federal parliament in 1997. It is a time to remember the past policies of forced child removal, and reflect on the sad and painful stories of the Stolen Generations. It is a time to recognise the resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the power of saying Sorry.

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all of us to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The Week runs from 27 May to 3 June every year. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

This year's theme for National Reconciliation Week is, Bridging Now to Next. Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

I encourage you to engage in a conversation with your child/ren about National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week. Our students will be taking part in activities in the coming weeks in their classrooms.

Attendance and absences

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

- parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unexplained on the student's record.



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

Mufti Day Fundraiser For Our Year 6 Farewell

***You are invited to
wear mufti as part
of our year 6
farewell***

PLEASE
PROVIDE
YOUR
DONATION
VIA
SCHOOL
BYTES

STUDENTS MUST
WEAR
ENCLOSED
SHOES
AND
SHOULDERS
MUST BE
COVERED

**WEDNESDAY
28TH MAY**

**THANK YOU FOR
SUPPORTING YEAR 6!**



KNITTER NATTERS ANNOUNCEMENT

I'm thrilled to share that the HHPS Knitter Natters Group will be meeting this term! Today, interested students in Years 3-6 gathered in the 1T classroom at 11:10 AM to join the group. We already have 19 enthusiastic students who have registered, sharing the yarn crafts they can do or would like to learn.

The group will meet every Monday (weather permitting) from 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Students are welcome to bring their own knitting needles (size 4mm) and 8ply wool, or a 4mm crochet hook. No prior experience is necessary!

Community Involvement

We'd love to have any 'crafty' parents or family members join us in supporting the Knitter Natters Group. If you're interested, please reach out to me or send an email. Please note that you will need to be cleared for working with children, which can be arranged through the office. Additionally, we welcome donations of yarn. We are particularly in need of inner tubes from kitchen rolls, cling wrap rolls, or aluminium foil rolls (please note that we cannot accept toilet roll tubes).

Thank you for your support!

ANNE THORPE
Y1 Teacher and Knitter Natter Coordinator
HORNSBY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL





KNITTER NATTERS





I LOVED...



meeting Bluey in 2G



learning how to rest in my safe space in classrooms



that a story was written about me by a 2E student



staring at the birds and Squeakers



playing on the basketball court



my new name label on all of my water bowls



THANK YOU FOR...

understanding that I am still a puppy so I need to be introduced to my job at HHPS slowly and gradually. I will be working one day a week until I am a bit older and will visit as many classrooms as I can safely manage each Thursday.



YEAR 5

Media TEAM

The Year 5 Media Team meets every Tuesday at Lunch 11:10 to 11:40am in the library.

Last week we posed the question “What makes a great photo” and found different examples using a Google Image Search.

Great lighting and great colour were a feature of many photos. Even though photos are still and flat, a good photographer will convey movement and action, and add depth to a photo with a foreground, middle ground and background.







MEDIA TEAM

YEAR FIVE



Elizabeth
W
5R



Remy
D
5R



Samuel
S
5R



Sophie
F
5R



Kaiden
M
5W



Lomah
B
5W



Lucy
G
5W



Jonah
C
5W



Lucy
S
5W



Elise
S
5W



Eloise
B
5W



Melis
K
5W



Timothy
H
5C

STUDENT COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT HORNSBY HEIGHTS

BLACK BELT IN KARATE

Harrison (6G) recently obtained his black belt in karate over the weekend (on 3rd May).

This is a culmination of 7 years of training, an 8 week prep cycle which requires attendance at ~5 karate sessions per week (including HIIT and 5km run sessions) and completion of weekly and special tasks such as a week long digital detox, 56 random acts of kindness, daily fitness exercises, mindfulness and breathing exercises, goal setting and more.

The grading weekend itself spans multiple days of fitness sessions and challenges, 6 kata demonstrations, sparring matches, kihon execution (technical skills), a brief oral exam and board breaking.



**THIS WEEK
WE HAVE
THREE**

SWIMMING AGE CHAMPION

Liam S. was awarded age champion of the Hornsby Swimming Club on 9 May.

He swam in several races over 3 championship nights. Points are awarded based on where you place in your age group for each race.

Liam's biggest achievement was swimming 400m freestyle which for an 8 year old is amazing. He also competed in 50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle, 200m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke, 100m Breaststroke, 200m Breaststroke and 25m Backstroke. Liam really loves the challenge of longer races.



GREY WOLF AWARD AT SCOUTS

On Friday 9 May Kieren T. from 6G received his Grey Wolf Award. This is the peak award for the Cub section of Scouts for children aged 8 - 11 years old.

It takes a lot of hard work to get your Grey Wolf Award and only a few people achieve it each year. The award has been in place for 20 years, and only 70 cubs from Hornsby Heights have achieved it. During that time Kieren has hiked 77 km and slept 19 nights in a tent as part of the many camps he has attended. He did 6 special interest badges that included sport, music, signals & communications, plants and cooking. He also led his very own hike in Arcadia.

Scouts is all about developing your skills in teamwork and leadership along with the ones that everyone knows like bushcraft, bushwalking and camping. Kieren has achieved the highest level for cubs in these areas. He led many activities and is well known for leading the campfire singing and skits. Kieren is in the Hornsby Gangshow this year, a variety show for Scouts and Guides and is looking forward to showing off his singing, dancing and acting skills. He has now joined the Scouts section (age 11-14) and has already started working towards the Australian Scout Award.



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025

Bridging Now to Next

27 MAY –
3 JUNE

#NRW2025

RECONCILIATION.ORG.AU



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

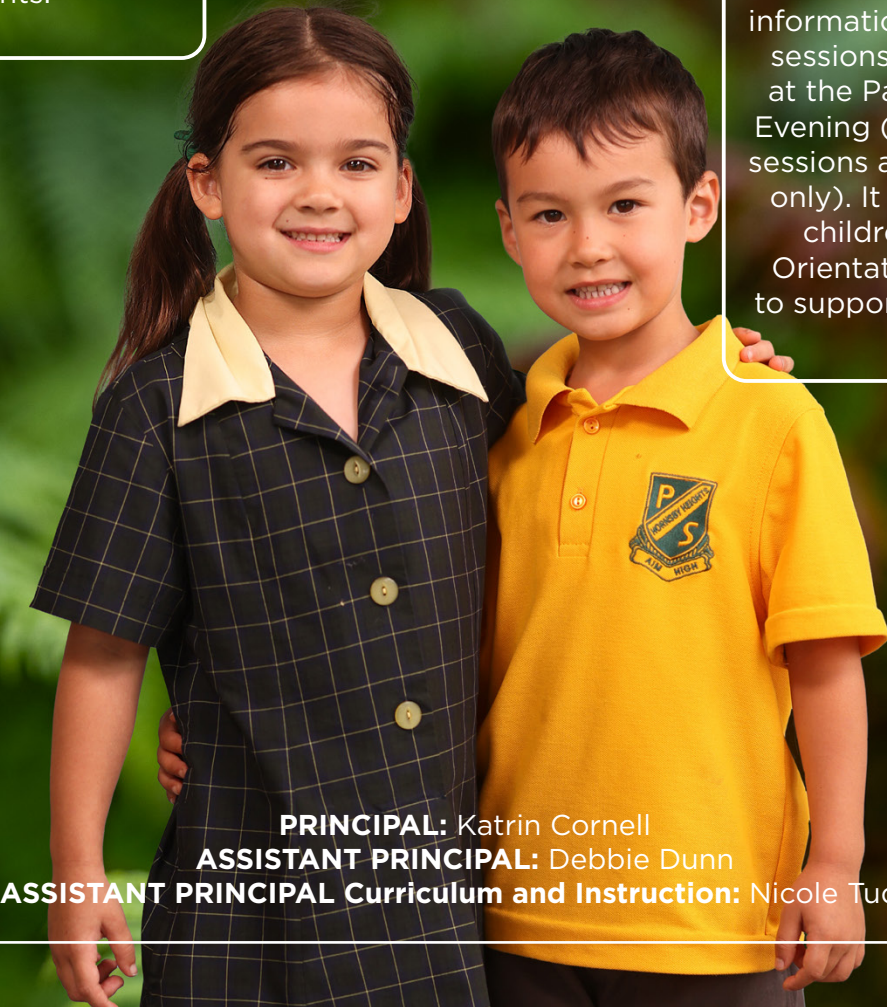
*Thursday 23 October 2025
6:00pm*

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

Winter Uniform

HORNSBY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL



Girls

- Bottle green/navy/gold plaid tunic with long sleeved gold polo shirt
- Green bootleg pants with gold long sleeve polo shirt
- Bottle green jacket with school emblem
- White socks or bottle green tights
- Black school shoes

Boys

- Long sleeved gold polo shirt
- Grey gabardine long pants
- Bottle green jacket, sloppy joe or jumper
- Grey short socks with green/gold band
- 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)