



Hornsby Heights Public School

NEWSLETTER

Aim High



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TERM 2 WEEK 8

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UPCOMING EVENTS



SCHOOL

- Thursday JUN 19:** Interrelate:
Moving into the Teen Years: Year 6
Thursday JUN 19: Assembly Years
3-6 in the hall
Monday JUN 23: Year 6
Workshops: Talking about Money
(Ecstra Foundation)
Monday JUN 23: Knitter Natters
Tuesday AUG 5: Open Day



SPORT

- Friday JUN 20:** Winter HZSS
Round 8 - 9:15 - 11:15
Tuesday JUL 1: Athletics Carnival
Foxglove oval



DANCE

- Wednesday JUL 2:** Dance showcase



P&C

- Thursday JUN 26:** SRC Pyjama Mufti
Day Fundraiser
Friday JUN 27: Eco Garden cooking
sessions



EXCURSION

- Wednesday JUN 25:** Stage 1
Excursion to Sydney Zoo

SCHOOL CALENDAR LINK:

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

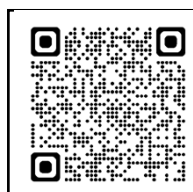


ABOVE: Kindergarten have made a whole village of potato people related to a book they read by Pamela Allen.

FROM THE
PRINCIPAL

2026 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS DUE

2026 Kindergarten enrolments are now overdue. We already have 2 full classes. 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://hornsbyhts-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

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"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

Nelson Mandela

Open Day to Celebrate Public Education Week – Tuesday 5 August (Week 3, Term 2)

Public Education Week is an annual celebration of NSW public education and the achievements of our schools, teachers, and students. This year's theme is Ignite your potential. We are celebrating Education Week on Tuesday 5 August with an Open Day. Please see the 'save the date' flyer later in the Newsletter. Open Day is the day not to miss! In order to ensure that each student has the opportunity to have someone from their family attend the day, we invite Grandparents to our Open Day as well as/or instead of parents/care-givers.

New School Reports

From this term, we're introducing updated school reports. The new format has been developed by the NSW Department of Education in response to feedback from parents and educators to make reports easier to read and understand.

Your child's report will still show their progress across all subject areas. Teacher comments in the form of student strengths and learning goals will appear in English and mathematics, and a comment will be given for the general comment section, in line with department policy. The general comment for Kindergarten also covers all other key learning areas including, creative arts, HSIE, PDHPE, and science and technology. A new achievement scale and descriptions are included to provide a clearer picture of your child's progress eg changing the word "sound" to "expected". We welcome your feedback or questions about the new report format. Your child's report will come to you via School Bytes in the last week of this term.

Anaphylaxis at Hornsby Heights PS

At our school, we have a small number of children who could have a potentially life threatening allergic reaction. They are found across our school from Kindergarten to Year 6. How can parents help these children?

- Choose alternative sandwich spreads to peanut butter and Nutella. Inform your child that these foods can trigger an anaphylactic reaction.
- Reinforce the school's NO FOOD SHARING message.

Big Congratulations!

Congratulations to all of our sport champions. You can see what they have been up to in Mrs Sakanjani's report as well as the Community News sections in our Newsletter.

A big congratulations to all of our students and finalists for the Multi-Cultural Public Speaking Competition. Congratulations to Rhys and Mira from Stage 2 and Remy and Ellery from Stage 3 who were the finalists. Remy won the Stage 3 competition and will be going to the next level. Rhys received a highly commended award.



Remy and Ellery from Stage 3.



Rhys and Mira from Stage 2.

End of Term and School Security

The last day of this term is Friday 4 July. Teachers return to school on Monday 21 July and students return on Tuesday 22 July. If over the holiday break you see anything suspicious in the school, our school security number is 1300 880 021 or please contact Hornsby Police Station. Thank you for looking out for us!

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.

PAX Behaviour Game

Currently we are implementing the next 2 kernels of our PAX program. PAX Voices and PAX hands and Feet. Please see below for information on this and how you can engage with this at home.



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



PAX Voices

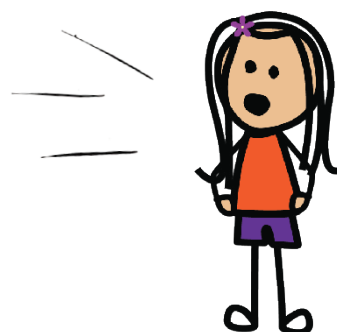
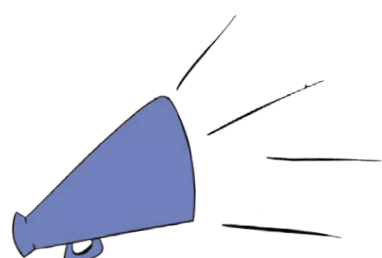
PAX Voices are used to keep voices at an appropriate level in different settings. PAX Voices help students assess and match their own voices for every activity. PAX Voices allow students to predict appropriate volume while allowing the teacher to offer non-harsh guidance.

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

- Use appropriate voices for different settings.
- Require less guidance and corrective feedback.
- Respond more appropriately and quickly to adult feedback.

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

- Recognize appropriate behavior for different settings.
- Assess unfamiliar activities without a great deal of feedback needed.



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

1. When did you have to use PAX Voices today? Which one did you need to use?
2. What are some other times you think you could use PAX Voices throughout the day?
3. What are some times we use PAX Voices outside of school?



PAX Voices regulate sound/voice levels.

PAX Quiet provides immediate focus on you.

PAX Voices Story and Activity

Story Setup: While sitting at a table, the child is showing the adult at home their newest art class project. All of a sudden, a loud “AHHHHHH!!!” came from the other room.

Adult at home: “I’m sorry, I didn’t hear what you call this art project.”

Child: “Well, that’s because the person in the other room was using a 10-foot voice.”

Adult at home: “A 10-foot voice? I have never heard of a 10-foot voice.”

Child: “Today at school, our teacher taught us about **PAX Voices**. A 10-foot voice is when we can be loud, like at recess or in gym.”

Adult at home: “Oh, I get it. What voice are you using right now?”

Child: “I’m using a 3-foot voice because you are sitting next to me.”

Adult at home: “That makes sense. Are there other **PAX Voices** you use in school?”

Child: “Yes, my teacher has a poster that looks just like this in our classroom!”

Instructions:

Look at each of these school activities. Write which voice level is appropriate for that activity.

_____ Voice Taking a test 	 _____ Voice Presenting to the class
_____ Voice Working in pairs 	 _____ Voice Lunchroom Conversations





PAX Hands & Feet

PAX Hands and Feet are used to ensure safe, on-task activity for everyone's hands and feet. PAX Hands and Feet teach body awareness and respect for everyone's personal space. They promote classroom safety and make sure everyone is on the same page with physical expectations in each setting.

Right away, PAX Hands & Feet will help students...

- Become more mindful of physical space.
- Do less fidgeting and bothering of others.
- Require less guidance and corrective feedback.

In the long run, PAX Hands & Feet helps students...

- Actively engage in safe, helpful activities.
- Avoid behavior that may be viewed as bullying or aggressive.



Here are some questions you can ask your child about using PAX Hands & Feet:

1. When did you need to use PAX Hands and Feet today? What did they look like?
2. Who in your class is really good at PAX Hands and Feet? What do they do?
3. When could we use PAX Hands and Feet outside of school?



How might **PAX Hands & Feet** be included in the **PAX Vision**?

PAX Hands & Feet Story and Activity

Story Setup: The adult at home walks into the room to see the child running around a table.

Adult at home: "_____, please stop running around the table. It's not safe to run in the house."
Write in child's name

Child: "Oh, you mean you want me to use PAX Feet?"

Adult at home: "You do PAX with your feet, too?"

Child: "Yes!"

Adult at home: "So, PAX Feet are walking feet?"

Child: "Well, sometimes, but if we are in the gym or at recess, then we can run, and it's still PAX."

Adult at home: "Oh, I think I get it. PAX Feet help you be safe no matter what you're doing. So, what about your hands? Do you have PAX Hands too?"

Child: "Yes, PAX Hands never hurt. PAX Hands help. That's on our poster in the classroom."

Adult at home: "I really like that."

Child: "I still feel like running, so I am going to go run outside."

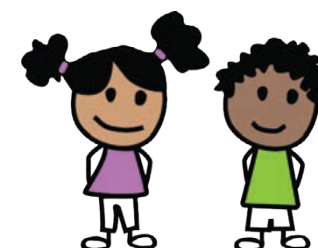
Adult at home: "Sounds great! Take those PAX Hands and Feet outside."

Instructions:

Trace one of your hands and one of your feet on the attached PAX Hands and PAX Feet paper. Write or draw examples of how you can show PAX Hands or PAX Feet inside the drawing.

Demonstrate your PAX Feet or PAX Hands while doing the following:

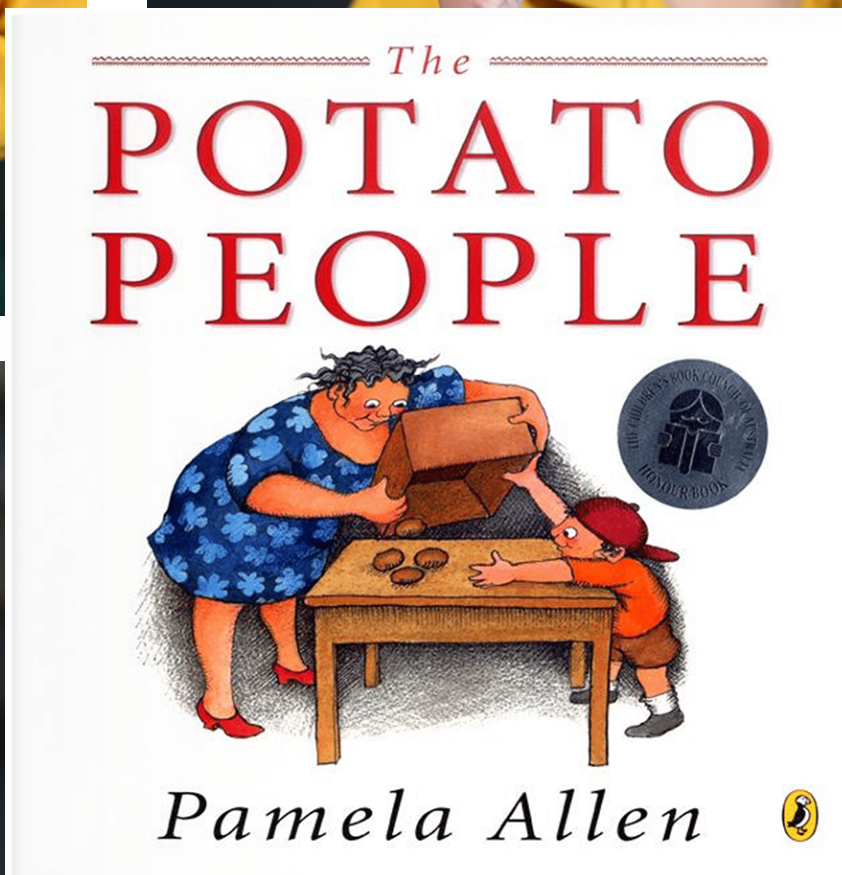
- A. Waiting for the bus
- B. Eating snack
- C. Playing with a friend
- D. Walking into the classroom

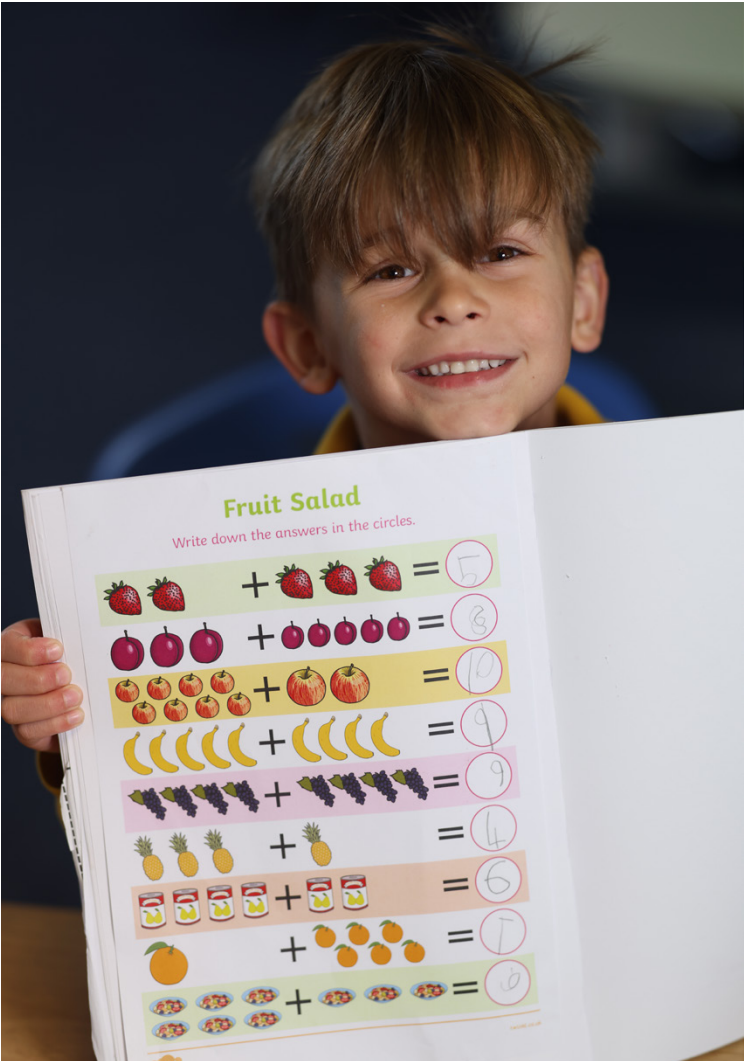




DANCE REHEARSALS







YEARS 3-6

MULTICULTURAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

MITCHELL CLAYDON

Hornsby Heights Public School
COORDINATOR

On Thursday 5th of June, 8 students from Years 3-6 completed in the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. Congratulations to all students who did an amazing job on the day. Well done to Remy D 5R, Ellery V 5R, Rhys G 3/4P and Mira M 4Y who have made it into the Regional Final which is being held in Week 7 at Mt Colah Public School.

A massive shoutout to Eliza G 6C and Olivia L 6G for hosting the event. As well as our fantastic judges, Mrs Baker, Mrs Sakajani and Madden and Jack, Year 10 students from Asquith Boys HS.



HORNSBY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

A SEA OF HANDS



HANDS HAVE LONG BECOME A SYMBOL OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR RECONCILIATION, RIGHTS AND RESPECT.

AT HORNSBY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL, WE HAVE DECORATED HANDPRINTS TO CREATE A SEA OF HANDS, SHOWING A PROMISE THAT WE HAVE MADE FOR RECONCILIATION. WE HAVE EMBEDDED OUR HANDPRINTS INTO THE BODY OF A SERPENT.

THE SERPENT IS A KEY FIGURE IN ABORIGINAL DREAMTIME STORIES, WHERE ITS MOVEMENTS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SHAPED THE AUSTRALIAN LANDSCAPE, SUCH AS WATERWAYS AND BILLABONGS.

THERE ARE OVER **427** HANDS REPRESENTED IN THIS ARTWORK.

THANK YOU TO MR YOUNG FOR CREATING OUR SERPENT'S INCREDIBLE HEAD AND TAIL!

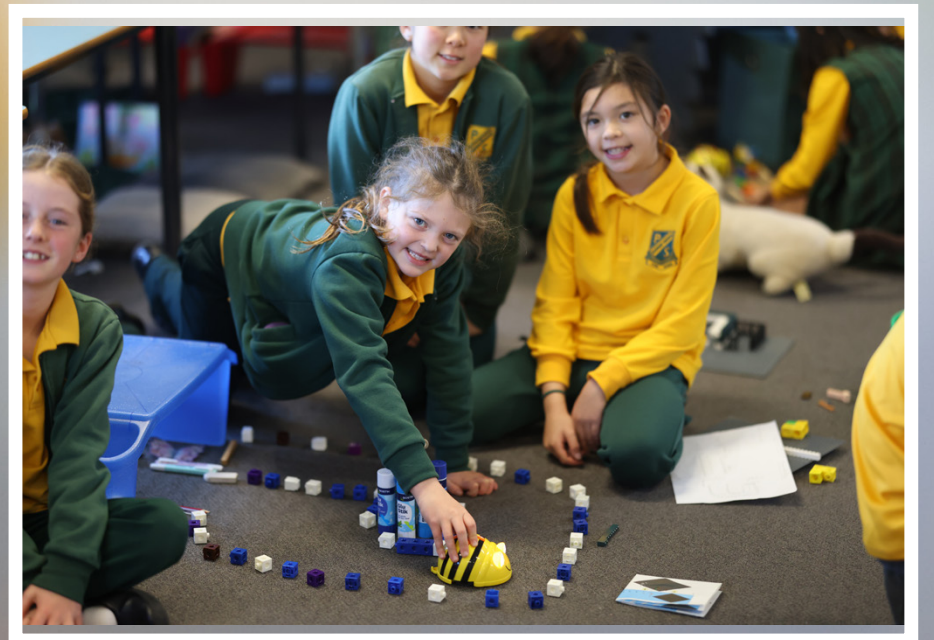


TECHNOLOGY

BEE BOTS

STAGE 2 STUDENTS ENJOY LEARNING ABOUT POSITION IN MATHS USING THE BEE BOTS AND CODING.





HORNSBY HEIGHTS TERM 2 ZONE CROSS COUNTRY



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

Hornsby Heights 4th! Sensational effort from our HHPS Zone Cross Country representatives, their efforts resulting in HHPS placing 4th overall in Hornsby Zone. Congratulations to the following students with the following results at Zone:

Lillian B - 3rd place 10 yrs girls
Josh C - 2nd place 11 yrs boys
Beth C - 2nd place 11 yrs girls
Eliza G - 4th place 12 yrs girls

The students above had some fantastic results at the **Sydney North Cross Country Championships** last Friday.

Amazing results amongst hundreds of other competitors across our Area.

SYDNEY NORTH

SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION



REPRESENTATIVE SPORTS NEWS

SYDNEY NORTH TRIALS NEWS - TOUCH FOOTBALL

Sydney North Touch Football trials were held in Week 5 at the Central Coast. It was an amazing day of Touch footy, and our Combined Hornsby / Kuring-Gai Zone team played their best against very tough competition.

Congratulations to Max F of 5R who made it through to the final top 20, and only just missed out on the Sydney North Team. A fantastic effort from Max.

NSWPSSA CHAMPIONSHIP NEWS

Both the boys Rugby League and boys AFL NSWPSSA championships were held in Week 6. We had 2 Hornsby Heights students in both Sydney North teams.

Jayden L in 5W unfortunately broke his thumb the weekend before, so he cheered on his Sydney North team from the sidelines. Sydney North placed 2nd overall in the state. What a result.

Max F in 5R participated in the Sydney North boys AFL team. They had a fantastic 3-day competition and placed 3rd overall. These are inspiring results from our students. Go Hornsby Heights!

*FACING PAGE: Max F in 5R
participated in the Sydney North boys
AFL team.*





Winter HZSS 2025 ~ Players of the week
Week 6 - Results



AFL Round 5: played against
Netball & Soccer Round : played against

Sport	The scores were:		Players of the Week
Junior AFL	Hornsby Heights 10	Asquith 26	Benji DB
Senior AFL	Hornsby Heights 63	Asquith 3	Matteus & Remi P
All age girls AFL	Hornsby Heights 7	Hornsby Nth 34	Tilly I & Emily F
All age mixed AFL	Hornsby Heights 62	Hornsby Nth 7	Josh Catt & Lincoln B
Mixed Junior Soccer	Hornsby Heights 6	Mt Kuring Gai 2	Lexie R & Tess M
Junior Boys Soccer	Hornsby Heights 1	Mt Kuring Gai 3	Luke H
Senior Girls Soccer	Hornsby Heights 5	Mt Kuring Gai 1	Sloane W
Senior Boys Soccer	Hornsby Heights 8	Mt Kuring Gai 0	Leo L
Junior mixed Netball	Hornsby Heights 14	Mt Kuring Gai 2	Jack M & Lyla B
Senior Mixed Netball	Hornsby Heights 2	Mt Kuring Gai 23	Lola

Week 7 - Results

AFL round : played against Hornsby South & Turrumurra
Netball & Soccer round : played against Wideview

Sport	The scores were:		Players of the Week
Junior AFL	Hornsby Heights 25	Hornsby Sth 6	Ollie T & Liam S
Senior AFL	Hornsby Heights 54	Hornsby Sth 7	Max F & Ryan D
All age girls AFL	Hornsby Heights 20	Turrumurra 21	Estella F & Annabel S
All age mixed AFL	Hornsby Heights 44	Turrumurra 34	Ming & Liam I
Mixed Junior Soccer	Hornsby Heights 1	Wideview 1	Ariana F & Pippa L
Junior Boys Soccer	Hornsby Heights 1	Wideview 1	Whole Team
Senior Girls Soccer	Hornsby Heights 1	Wideview 1	Ava T & Aria S
Senior Boys Soccer	Hornsby Heights 3	Wideview 0	Raf Z
Junior mixed Netball	Hornsby Heights 3	Wideview 2	Jack M and Imogen S
Senior Mixed Netball	Hornsby Heights 12	Wideview 4	Lola K and Elizabeth W



I LOVED...



being read to



going to Colouring Club



getting gentle pats and strokes from Kindy students



discovering the Eco Garden



spending time in K - 6 classrooms



how students remembered to pick up their rubbish so I don't accidentally swallow something that could harm me



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 and meet as many students as I can safely manage each Thursday.



STUDENT COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT HORNSBY HEIGHTS

HUGO GAINS FIRST PLACE

On the weekend Hugo D in Year 6 and one of our School Prefects, competed in the 5km Kuring-gai Chase Fun Run, an all-abilities running event. Hugo completed the 5km in 25 mins, earning him first place in the SO Athlete division!

Hugo completed weeks of training in order to complete the 5 km run. He and his brother Remy also ran an orange juice stall out the front of their house on a Saturday afternoon, to boost Hugo's fundraising efforts. With the help of generous sponsors, Hugo was able to raise over \$800, which was an amazing effort. He was named as the top fundraiser for the event, out of 700 registered participants!

All money raised goes towards Special Olympics Australia, a global movement using the power of sport to build a more inclusive world for people with intellectual disability and/or autism.

We are so proud of Hugo!



5KM KURING- GAI CHASE FUN RUN



HORNSBY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

OPEN DAY



IGNITE YOUR POTENTIAL

EDUCATION WEEK OPEN DAY

SAVE THE DATE

TUESDAY AUGUST 5 2025

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

DANCE SHOWCASE K-6

OF A TERM'S WORTH OF
DANCE LESSONS

WHERE
SCHOOL HALL

WHEN
WEDNESDAY JULY 2 WEEK 10

Two sessions to choose from:

MORNING PERFORMANCE
9:30-11:00pm
AFTERNOON PERFORMANCE
1:00-2:30pm

2025



HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL

DID YOU KNOW?

From the staff car park you can still see the stage on the right where our end-of-year presentation day used to take place and on the left the tiered seating running down the hill where our students sat. It is all covered in grass now. Since then, a new concrete road was installed so that emergency vehicles can drive up to the oval.

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

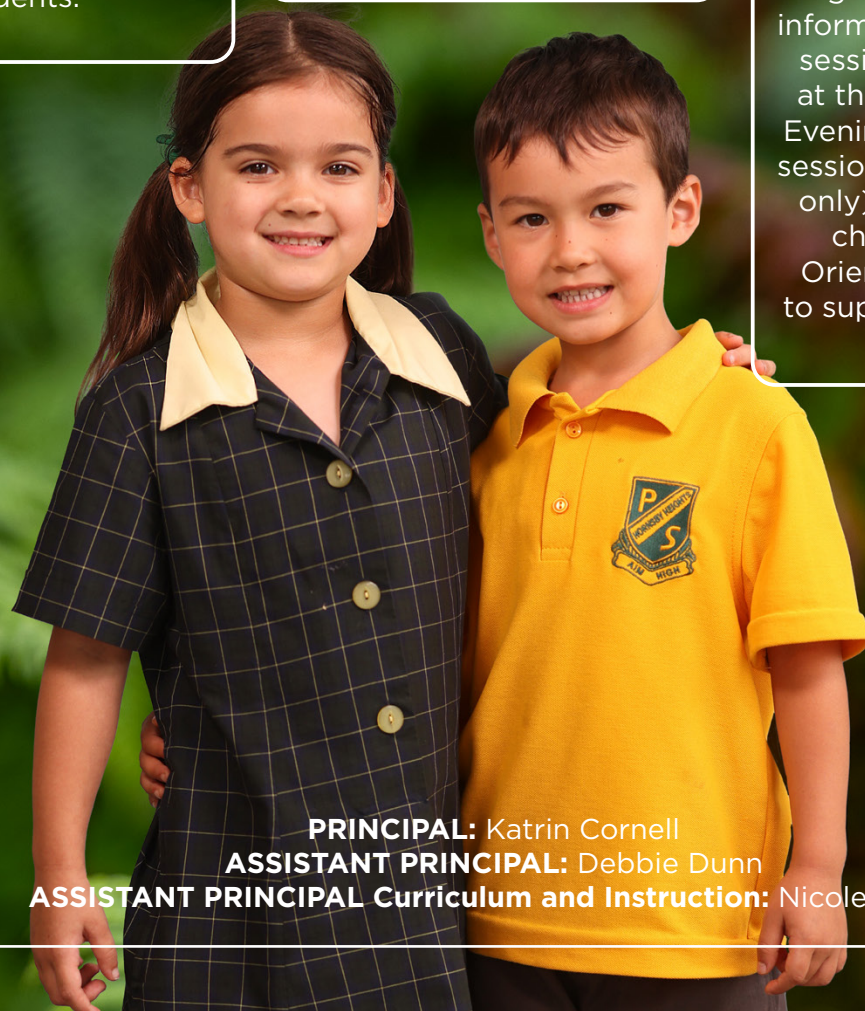
*Thursday 23 October 2025
6:00pm*

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

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

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)

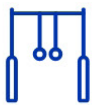
Boys

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LEARN, PLAY & GROW AT PCYC THIS JULY!



BASKETBALL



GYMNASTICS



NERF/LASER TAG



STEM



CRAFTS



MINI OLYMPICS



PARKOUR



FUTSAL

Book 3 Days and Get the 4th Free!
Active and Creative Kids vouchers accepted.



**SCAN FOR
MORE INFO**