



Hornsby Heights Public School

NEWSLETTER

Aim High



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TERM 3 WEEK 2

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UPCOMING EVENTS



SCHOOL

Monday AUG 4: Healthy Harold Van

Tuesday AUG 5: Open Day and Book Fair

Thursday AUG 14: ICAS English competition

Friday AUG 15: Wear a pop of purple for anti-bullying day



SPORT

Friday AUG 22: Zone Athletics



EXCURSION

Thursday AUG 7: Kindy Calmsley Hill City Farm excursion

Monday AUG 11-12: Bricks4Kids incursion Year 6

SCHOOL CALENDAR LINK:

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



ABOVE: Today was Photo Day at Hornsby Heights Public School.

FROM THE
PRINCIPAL

PHOTO DAY

It is only Week 2 and already we have stepped into a very busy term! Our Athletic's Carnival was a great success yesterday. So many parents helped out on the day. Every child ran their best race and did so with great sportsmanship. Thank you to Mrs Sakajani for her leadership of this event. Thank you to Mrs Karen Fisher who took some photos for us and to also put into our 2025 Year Book.

Open Day

I look forward to welcoming you all to our Open Day next Tuesday. Please make sure you have ordered your morning tea packs from the canteen via QKR for any grandparents or other family members that you have coming on the day. Our book store will be open and you can purchase books for yourself or donate a book to the school. We look forward to seeing the Dance Ensemble, Choir and Bands perform for us and opening up our classrooms to you. We also have some Maths, literacy and reading

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“Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world for the better.”

PRINCIPAL'S

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Marian Wright Edelman

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activities around the school for you to engage in.

Leadership Processes Review and Update

This year we are reviewing and updating our Leadership processes in regards to School Captains, Vice Captains, Prefects and Senior Sport House Captains. We welcome your feedback on this. Please fill out the below survey.

The selection of school leaders is a crucial process that serves to empower students, foster leadership skills, and enhance the school community. The roles of School Captain, Vice Captain, and Prefects provide students with valuable opportunities to develop essential skills such as communication, teamwork, decision-making, and conflict resolution. Participating in the selection process helps students understand responsibility, accountability, and the importance of being positive role models, as well as the ways in which they display and reflect our three school expectations of Respect, Responsibility, and Personal Best.

The selection of House Captains is an essential process that empowers students to take on leadership roles within the sporting community of our school. This opportunity not only enhances their leadership skills but also promotes teamwork, resilience, and a spirit of sportsmanship among their peers. The House Captains serve as role models who exemplify our school's values of Respect, Responsibility, and Personal Best, guiding their fellow students in embodying these principles through their actions and attitudes in sports activities.

Effective student leaders play a significant role in fostering a positive school culture. They can initiate and lead programs, activities, and events that enhance school spirit and community engagement. By selecting motivated and capable leaders, we help create a supportive and collaborative environment that benefits everyone.

Survey Link

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd4QUSj8upoxBec-DsXgtrzc7puUlqolNgCgX7SrObkalimlQ/viewform?usp=header>

Upgrades at HHPS

This Term a shade shelter over the Table Tennis area will be built as well as a new air conditioner put into the Learning and Support room. The OOSH is in the process of being painted inside and out and all the bag rooms will also get a paint upgrade.

Bullying No Way - Week of Action is coming up

This year's theme is **Be Bold. Be Kind. Speak Up.** Each day in Week 4 has a theme and discussion point (with optional activities) for teachers to facilitate. Teacher will engage with this as it suits their classes.

On Friday the 15th of August we will all wear a 'pop of purple' to spread awareness and prevent bullying behaviour. We will also complete an activity with our buddy class (this will include a short slide show and craft activity in the middle session). Thank you to Mrs Dunn and Miss Fogden for leading this week.

Attendance Matters

Coming to school every day matters. Attendance rates have been extremely high this year. This is great and let's keep it like that. Please support your child to maintain the routine of being at school every day. Being late to school can cause much upset for students as they enter a classroom that is already in full swing with teaching and learning. As a team at HHPS we are focussing on arriving on time to school each morning. We thank you for being part of this team effort.

Below are some ways you can help build positive attendance habits;

- Helping your child learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Making sure your child arrives on time from the start of the school day, ready to take part
- Reducing disruptions to learning where you can, by planning necessary appointments outside of school time
- Contacting us to explain any absences before the school day starts and having this in writing within 7 days of the first day of absence.
- Making sure any holidays or medical appointments are taken outside school hours
- Working with the school to encourage and support regular attendance.



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

Pop of Purple

BULLYING NO WAY WEEK

Friday 15 August - Week 4

Wear a POP OF PURPLE to show that you are going to prevent bullying behaviour

Full school uniform is required, but your pop may be a ribbon, a hat, a scrunchie, some socks, or maybe purple shoes!



Be Bold. Be Kind. Stand Up



**MANY FACES
ONE
COMMUNITY**





**TOGETHER
WE
SHINE**





HHPS TERM 2

ATTENDANCE UPDATE



OVERALL SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE RATE

94%

NETWORK
ATTENDANCE RATE

89%

BEST ATTENDANCE WEEK

WEEK 8

GRADE WITH THE
HIGHEST ATTENDANCE

YEAR 2
96%

CLASS WITH THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE

94%



HORNSBY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

ATHLETICS

CARNIVAL

FOXGLOVE PARK 28 JULY 2025

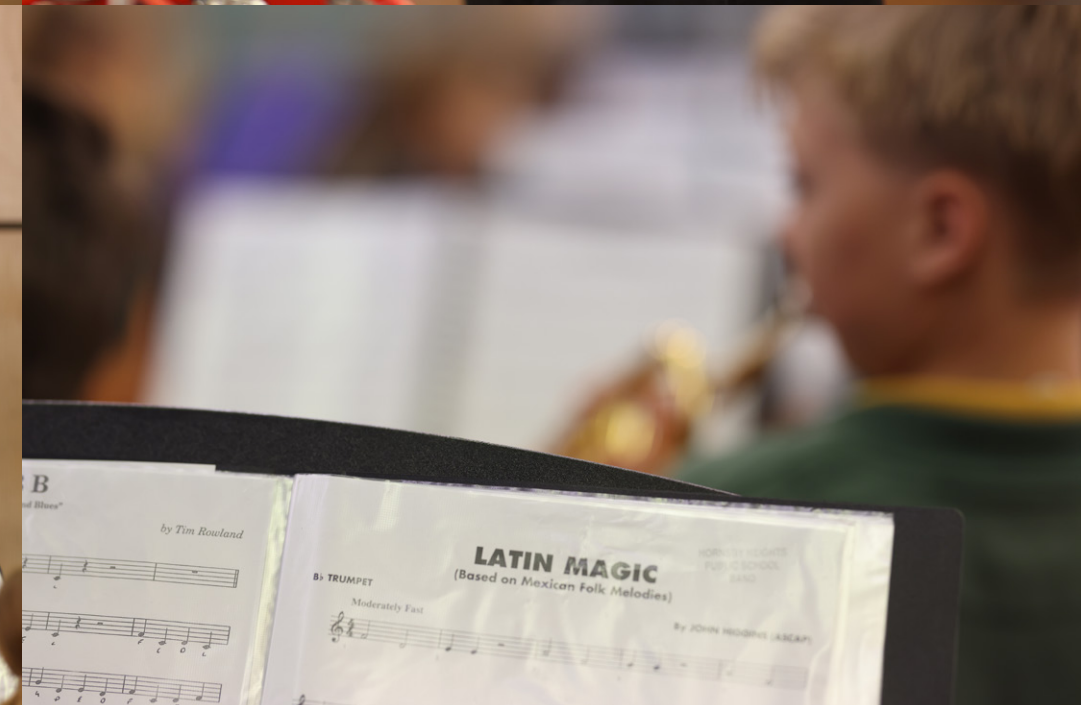


PHOTOGRAPHY
Karen Fisher









— SAVE THE DATE —

CHILDREN'S BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

Week 7
Tuesday 2
September.

Time to get your creative thinking caps on and start organising your outfit for this year's Children's Book Character Parade.

The theme for Children's Book Week 2025 is
"Book an adventure"

and we will be celebrating on Tuesday, 2 September with our showcase of parading book characters.

More details of the event will follow closer to the date however half the fun is in the planning and creation of costumes. Start searching through wardrobes, get cutting, constructing and pasting, turn a household item into your character's prop and use your skills as a recycler and upcycler to make your children's book character come alive.

Remember it's not a competition just a celebration of the many adventures reading can take us.

Need some ideas?

Try these websites for inspiration:

[27 easy Book Week costumes to make at home](#)
[Last minute World book day costumes ideas](#)
[20 super easy Book Week costumes to make at home](#)
[Penguin Australia 12 easy Book Week costumes](#)

Mrs Demlakian,
TEACHER LIBRARIAN





WHAT'S ON

TERM THREE & FOUR

EXTRA CURRICULAR

ACTIVITIES

Monday

Games Club	Miss Jenson	First Break	Near Hall
Toy Shed	Mrs Wood	First Break	Kindy Verandah
Knitter Natters	Mrs Thorpe	First Break	1T
Choir	Mrs Finlay	First Break	Hall
*Library subject to change	Mrs Demlakian	First break	Library

Tuesday

Green Team	Miss Giaquinto	First Break	Eco Garden
Games Club	Mrs Callow	First Break	Near Hall
Toy Shed	Mrs Wood	First Break	Kindy Verandah
Library open-quiet reading only	Mrs Demlakian	First break	Library

Wednesday

Dance Ensemble	Miss Steward Mrs Ward	8:00am-9:00am	Hall
Games Club	Miss Jenson	First Break	Near Hall
Toy Shed	Miss Wood	First Break	Kindy Verandah
PALS	Mrs Sakajani	First break	Various
*Library open subject to change	Mrs Demlakian	First break	Library

Thursday

Maths Olympiad	Miss Wright	8:15am Fortnightly	5W
Chess Club	Mr Claydon	First Break	5C
Games Club	Mrs Callow	First Break	Near Hall
Toy Shed	Mrs Wood	First Break	Kindy Verandah
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Games Club	Mrs Callow	First Break	Near Hall

Friday

Games Club	Mrs Callow	First Break	Near Hall
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HORNSBY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

OPEN DAY



IGNITE YOUR POTENTIAL

EDUCATION WEEK OPEN DAY

SEE YOU THERE!

TUESDAY AUGUST 5 2025
9:30 - 11:30am



YEAR 5

Media TEAM

Today the Year 5 Media Team went out and shot in the playground. Their task was to think about photo composition and to focus on **shadows** and **reflections**. Here are a few samples of their work.





29/7 Yesterday it was Hornsby Heights 'athletics' carnival. First we got on the Bus. I sat next to Karim. Then I went to my color tent. When we went back on the Bus I sat next to Henry. My favorite part was going back to school.

Great we all enjoyed it then after school you go back and edit some spelling?

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

STUDENT VISITS
Mrs Cornell's
favourite part
of the day.

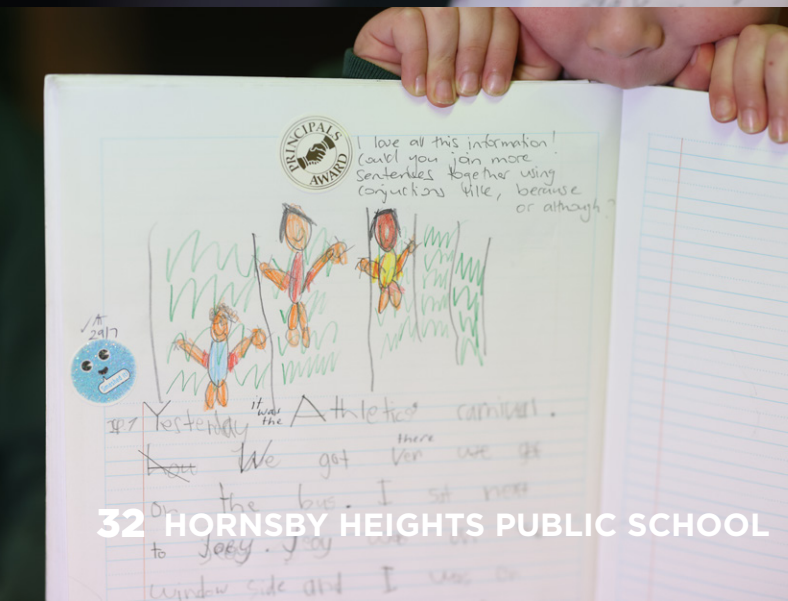
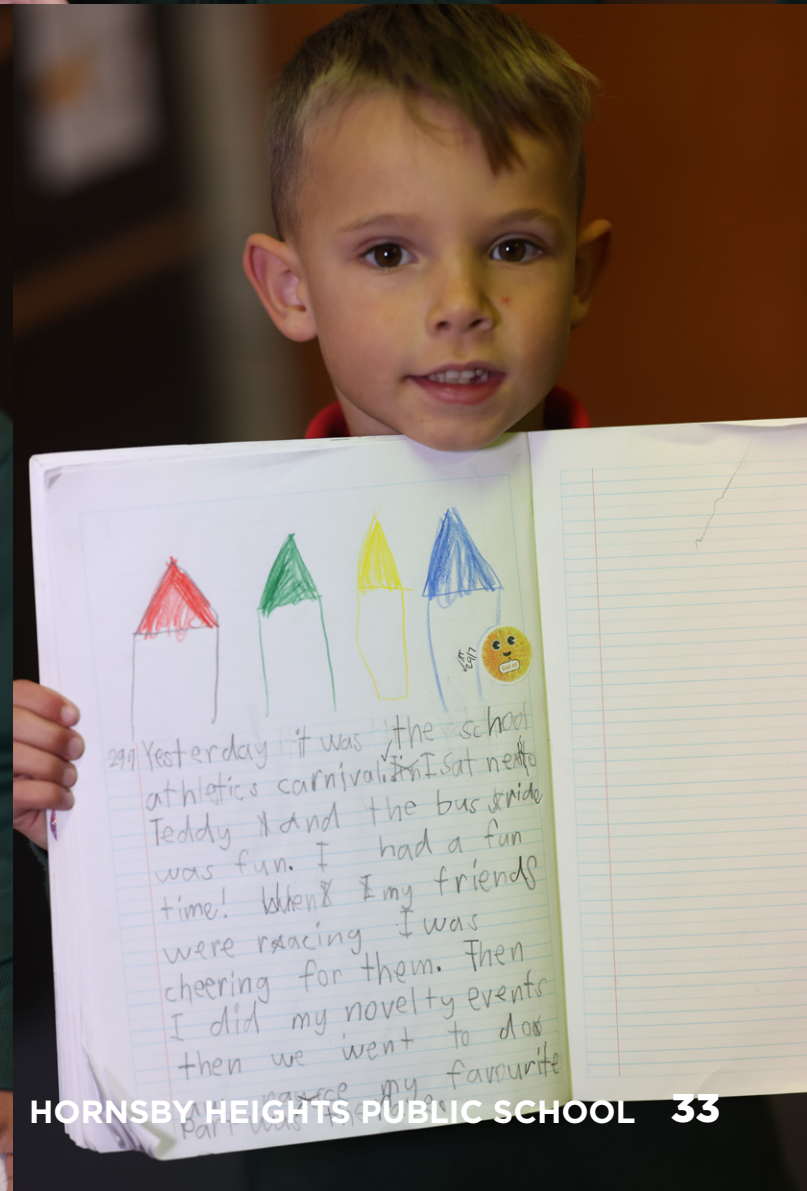
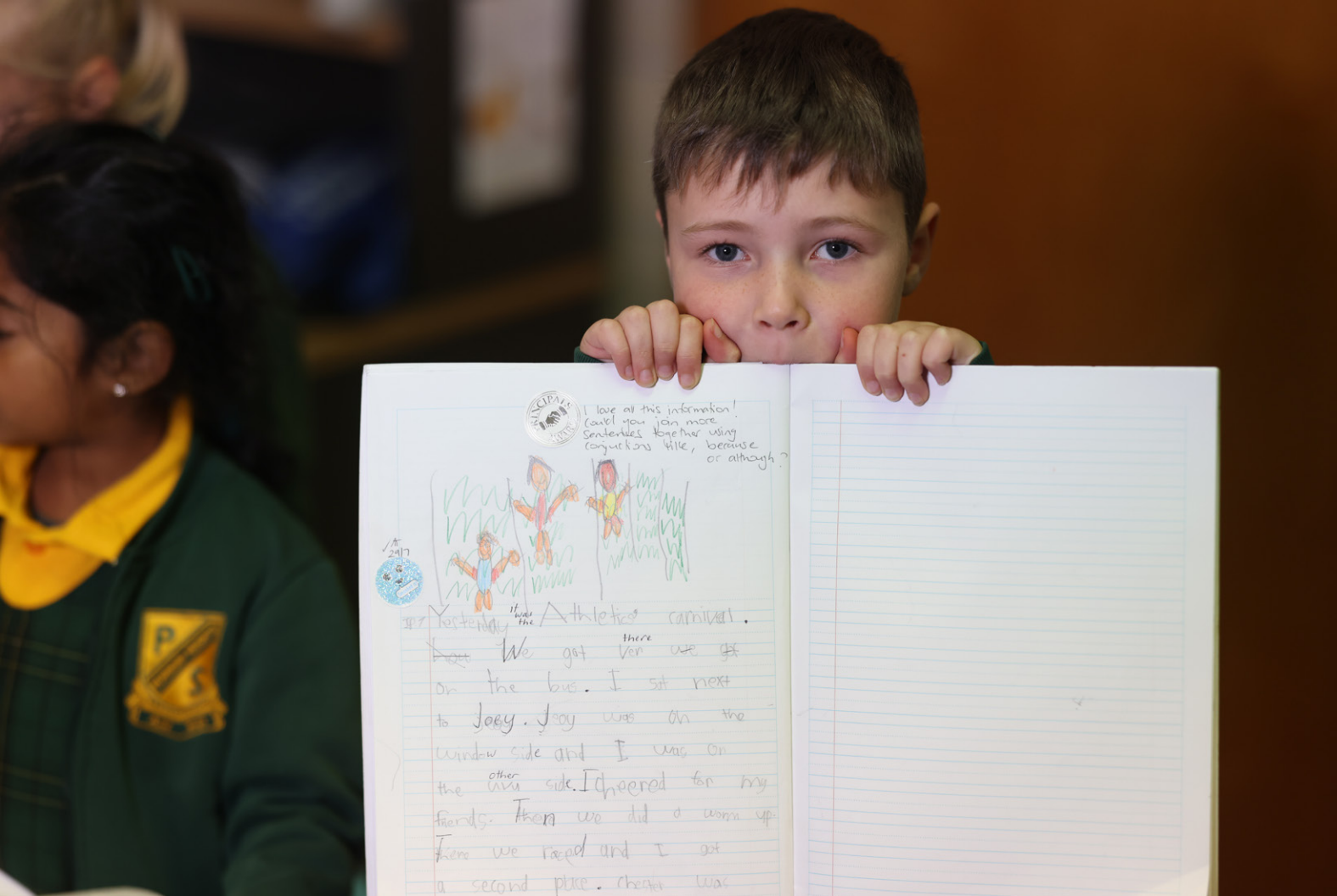


PHOTO DAY







ECO GARDEN UPDATE

THE ECO GARDENERS



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

Chicken Holiday Minding

We would like to extend a big thank you to the Bray family for kindly hosting and taking such wonderful care of our school chickens — Squeakers, Batgirl and Pixel — during the July school holidays.

We're so grateful for all the families who support in keeping our chickens happy and healthy during the break times. If you are interested in looking after the chickens in the next October school holidays, please contact Julie at ecogardenhyps@gmail.com.

No Bake Lemon Slice Recipe

Last term the Green Team used freshly squeezed lemon juice to make a delicious no-bake lemon slice. It was such a hit that we thought we'd share the recipe so our families can make some at home.

No Bake Lemon Slice

LEMON SLICE BASE

- 80 g butter
- 250 g ($\frac{3}{4}$ cup) sweetened condensed milk
- 250 g plain sweet biscuits (e.g. Arnotts Marie biscuits)
- 90 g (1 cup) desiccated coconut
- lemon juice and zest from 1 lemon

LEMON FROSTING

- 360 g (3 cups) pure icing sugar
- 90 g butter softened to room temperature
- 75 ml (5 tbs) extra lemon juice
- 20 g (3 tbs) desiccated coconut

METHOD

1. Grease and line a 18cm x 28cm rectangular slice tin with baking paper.
2. Crush biscuits and place crumbs into a bowl.
3. Add desiccated coconut and grated lemon rind. Mix to combine.
4. Add melted butter, condensed milk and the juice from 1 lemon to the biscuit mixture. Mix thoroughly until well combined.
5. Press into the prepared tin and place into the fridge.
6. In a bowl, whisk the icing sugar, room temperature butter and extra lemon juice in a bowl until creamy and 'frosting-like' - if the frosting is too thick to spread, add a little more lemon juice.
7. Spread the frosting over the slice, sprinkle with the extra coconut and place back into the fridge to firm completely.
8. Cut into pieces once slice has firmed. Store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 1 week or freeze for up to 3 months.

Want to know more?

The Eco Garden Committee is always looking for additional helpers and welcomes all families to be involved in any capacity. If you would like to be involved or to simply find out more, please contact Julie at ecogardenhyps@gmail.com.

The next Eco Garden Committee meeting is on 4th August May at 7pm via Zoom. For Zoom details contact the email address above. All welcome to attend!

STUDENT COMMUNITY **ACHIEVEMENT** HORNSBY HEIGHTS

STATE WIND BAND SELECTION

Kai has been selected as Trombone 2 in the NSW Junior State Wind Band.

This is a competitive program, with around 65 students chosen each year to play advanced repertoire and work with professional conductors.

Kai's selection reflects his hard work, dedication, and strong AMEB results.

He'll take part in rehearsals and workshops in September, finishing with 2 performances at the Sydney Opera House.



**WELL
DONE
KAI K.
6C**



KINDERGARTEN SPORT WITH MRS SAKAJANI





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

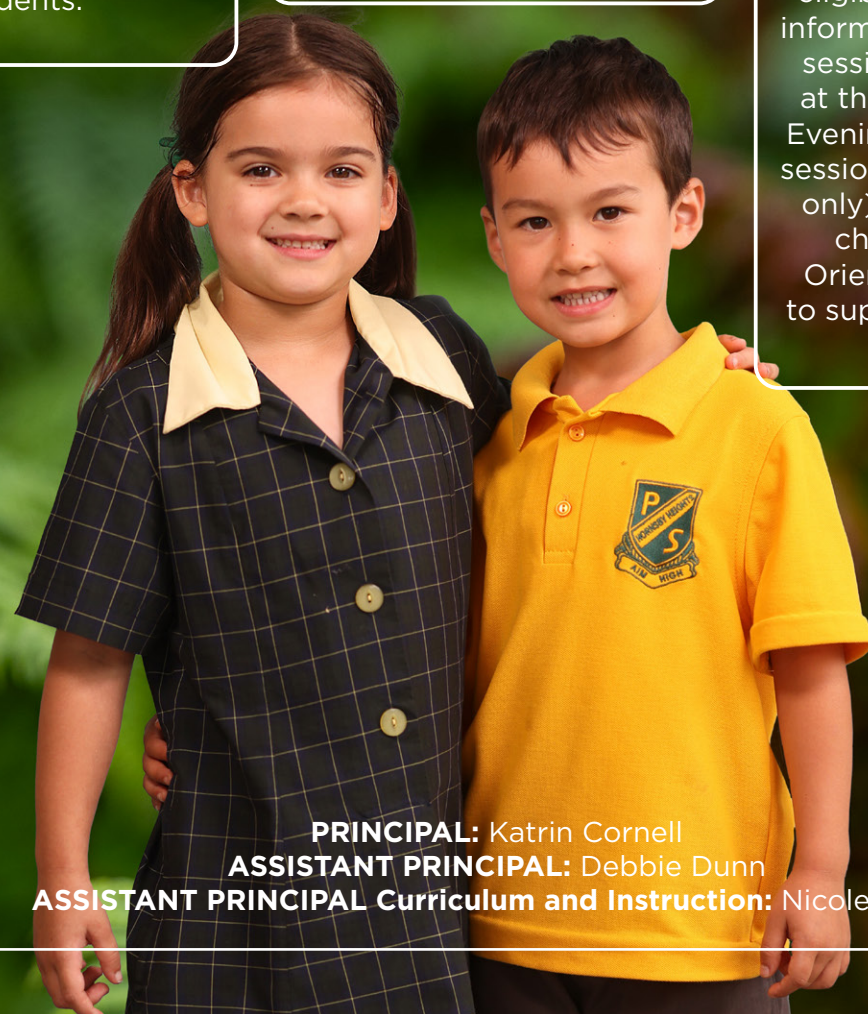
*Thursday 23 October 2025
6:00pm*

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

Transition to School Webinar for families



**FREE
WEBINAR**

The Northern Sydney Early and School Years team is excited to partner with Wayahead to offer a free **'Transition to school webinar'** to assist parents and carers for a smooth and successful start to school.

This informative session will focus on understanding and managing childhood anxiety, with practical strategies to support your child through this important milestone. Topics include separation anxiety, the cycle of anxiety, strategies to manage and the "Small Steps" approach - helping children tackle their worries one step at a time.

Date: Wednesday, 10th September 2025

Two options available: 12pm - 1.15pm; or
7:15pm - 8.30pm

Location: Online via Zoom

Partnered with:



Scan QR code to register



12 - 1:15pm



7:15 - 8:30pm



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)

CANTEEN NEWS

Term 3

A note from the committee:

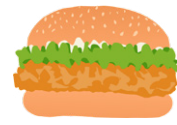
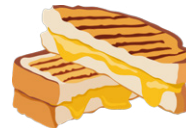
Welcome to Term 3 as we head out of the colder months. Hot Chocolates are still available this term and lots of warm food to fill the students bellies.

CONGRATULATIONS to volunteers Melanie Grandlouis and Andrew Hassey who are our Term 2 recipients of the \$20 voucher to HB cafe or QBD.



Don't forget to order your OPEN DAY MORNING TEA packs on Qkr.

We are always looking for more committee members so if you would like to join us.



Volunteering:

Thank you to Melanie, Andrew, Carina, Leanne, Karen, Shirley, Megan, Sarah, Althea, Michelle and Alexandra for helping in the canteen in Term 2

The signup sheet is out for Term 3. You can sign up at <https://signup.zone/hhps-canteen> or email us and we can put your name down.



The 'sticker shift' is a 20 minute job at school drop off which helps the canteen out A LOT. We have a play table for younger siblings and you can start your day feeling you have helped the school community.



Food spotlight:

Have you noticed??

Fresh orange quarters are now being offered for over the counter sales.

For 20c your student can buy a juicy orange quarter.



Looking ahead:

MONTHLY MEETINGS

TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST

TUESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY 7TH OCTOBER

Fun Fact:

On our Fun Bun Special Food Day we sold 318 Fun Buns and Fairy Bread slices. The Pink Icing with sprinkles was the most popular - 144 sold. Class 6G had the most with 29 orders and 5C the least with 10.

Contact:



hhpspandccanteen@gmail.com