Hornsby Heights Public School
NEWSLETTER
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TERM 4 WEEK 4 | ISSUE 72 | 4 NOVEMBER 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHOOL

Thursday 6 November Year 6 assembly in hall from 2:30pm
Thursday 13 November K-2 Assembly in hall from 2:30pm
Tuesday 18 November Kindergarten Orientation 9:30 to 11am
Tuesday 9 December Presentation Day

SPORT

Friday 7 November
Summer HZSS 9:10am

EXCURSION

Monday 3 November to Wednesday 5 November Year 6 Canberra camp

P&C

Wednesday 12 November
P&C Meeting 7pm

SCHOOL CALENDAR LINK:
https://hornsbyhts-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/school-calendar.html

ABOVE: The Media Team is now working on their next video project: 2025 What a year!

FROM THE **PRINCIPAL**

BAND FESTIVAL

Congratulations to our three bands who performed at the Hornsby North Band Festival last Sunday. What a superb effort by everyone!

They all did really well, particularly concert and performance band who are sounding very polished at the moment. Training Band were awarded a credit. Concert Band got a high distinction and performance band received a distinction. Thank you to our dedicated conductors Mr Dave Odems and Nicole Lewis. All the bands did their best and I was so proud of them all!

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PRINCIPAL'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

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

Marian Wright Edelman

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Finalising School Accounts

As we approach the end of this school year, we would like to thank all parents and caregivers for their continued support of our school through their financial contributions. Every contribution assists us in providing your child with a high standard of public education. We would like to request all parents or caregivers to finalise any outstanding fees. If you have any questions, or if you require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Carla Johnson (School Admin Manager) or myself on 9476 5133. Thank you in advance for your immediate attention to this matter.

P&C Trivia Night

Our recent Gatsby-themed Trivia Night, expertly organised by the P&C School Club, was an outstanding success! It was wonderful to see so many families and community members come together to enjoy an evening full of fun, laughter, and friendly competition. The event not only showcased the incredible spirit and connectedness of our school community but also gave our teachers a chance to relax and join in the excitement. We are truly grateful for the strong community connections that events like this foster, and we thank everyone who contributed their time and enthusiasm to make the night so memorable and more convenient for families and teachers to stay connected, all in one place.

2026 School Leaders

Today at lines I announced the positions for Junior and Senior House Captains. These students will receive their badges at Presentation Day. I also announced the 2026 student leadership team in alphabetical order. These 6 students will find out at presentation day which positions they attained. Parents of elected students will soon receive information about the upcoming Presentation Day. We understand that some students may feel disappointed if they didn't get elected and that's completely natural. It's important to remember that leadership goes beyond formal titles - it can be demonstrated in many ways throughout life. Every student has the ability to lead in their own special way, whether through kindness, helping others, showing responsibility, or inspiring their peers. Here at our school, there are many other leadership opportunities available, including our buddy program, PALS (Playground Activity Leaders in School Program), Clean Up Crew, Band Captains, Canteen Monitors, and SRC.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to nurture confident and capable leaders who will help make our school community a positive and inspiring place.

Please see the below list:

2026 School Captains, Vice Captains & Prefects

Positions will be announced on Presentation Day. These six names are listed in alphabetical order.
Beth Cochrane
Remy Dole
Sophie Fogarty
Cameron Saunders
Cooper Steptoe
Elizabeth Wearne

2026 Junior House Captains

Crosslands

Junior
Oliver Thompson
Alaia Keiller

Galston

Junior
Heath Fisher
Tahlia Hogan

Somerville

Junior
Max Clark
Annabel Wearne

Wiseman

Junior
Max Collier
Matilda Ivell

2026 Senior House Captains

Crosslands

Senior
Jacob Orlovich
Lola Keiller

Galston

Senior
Oliver Kent
Ava Melissari

Somerville

Senior
Lachlan Gibbons
Eloise Berg

Wiseman

Senior
Ahsan Jamal
Elise Smith

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

YEAR 6 CAMP

The Year 6 Canberra Camp, led by Mrs Croan, Mr Claydon, and Miss Gow, has been an incredible experience filled with both fun and learning.

The students have enjoyed visiting iconic sites such as Government House, the National Gallery of Australia, and the National Dinosaur Museum, immersing themselves in Australian history, art, and culture.

They have engaged in educational programs including the Reconciliation Place Education Program and interactive visits to the National Museum of Australia and Questacon, which have sparked their curiosity and expanded their knowledge.

The excitement continues with tours of Parliament House and the Australian Institute of Sport, offering unique insights into our government and sports excellence.

It has truly been a memorable adventure where students are learning so much while having a great time together!

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Athletics

SCHOOL
ZONE
40

FILA

NIKE

P & C Meeting 1st Wednesday of e
Before and After School & Vacation

TOMMY
ELLSWOOD
EST - 2017

Champion
Matt Kean

RECRUITING NOW

NEW MEMBERS FOR THE

2026 TRAINING BAND

STUDENTS IN YEARS 3-6 2026, ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR TRAINING BAND. NO MUSICAL EXPERIENCE NEEDED

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE BAND IN 2026, **STUDENTS** NEED TO ATTEND AN INSTRUMENT TRIAL SESSION HELD IN WEEK 7 DURING SCHOOL HOURS AND PARENTS NEED TO COMPLETE THE BELOW FORM by 4th NOVEMBER 2025

https://forms.gle/5efRVQ3X3W8Ep8w16

PROFESSIONAL MUSIC TUTORS WILL BE AT THE INSTRUMENT TRIAL TO TEST STUDENTS ON A RANGE OF INSTRUMENTS.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE BAND PROGRAM WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PARENTS ON THE PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT - **WEDNESDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2025 @7PM (further details to follow)**

Any questions?

Contact the Band Coordinator

Bandhhps@gmail.com

Band
Program

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

On Tuesday of Week 5 (11th November), we will have a Remembrance Day service via Zoom from 10:45-11:10ish.

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83190481934?pwd=fFpu5SwqknMyzlRjh99xuogGPsLSX9.1

LINK

Meeting ID: 831 9048 1934
Passcode: 5MQTCx

NSWPSSA ATHLETICS NEWS

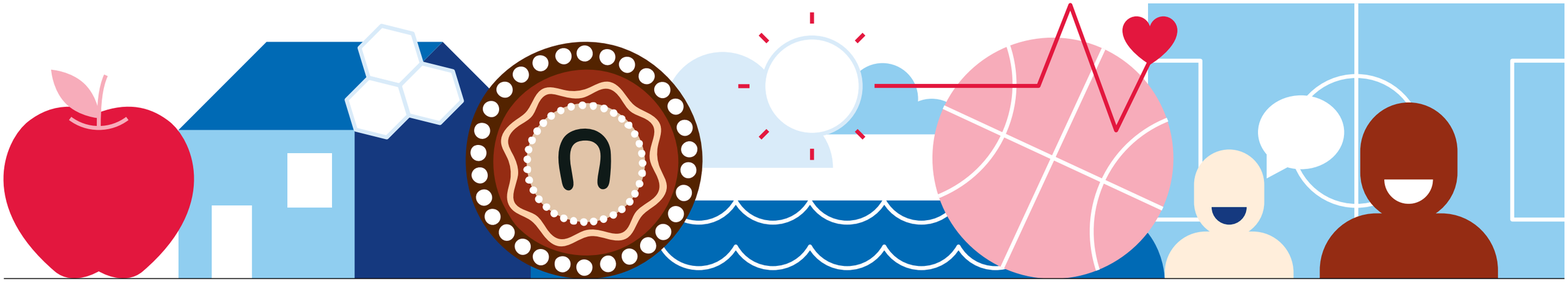
Congratulations Matilda B for representing Sydney North at the NSWPSSA Athletics Championships in Discus on what was a very hot and humid day. We are so proud of you getting through to this level of achievement.

Well done!

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) K–2

Scan the QR code to find out more about the PDHPE K–6 syllabus or visit **curriculum.nsw.edu.au/learning-areas/pdhpe/pdhpe-k-6-2024/overview**

You have an important role in supporting your child at home in their learning.



What will my child learn?

Your child will learn and practise fundamental movement skills in physical activities and games. Research confirms the positive effects of movement on brain function, physical performance and academic development.

Your child will learn interpersonal skills to communicate respectfully and effectively and learn ways to stay safe in offline and online environments, including the 'No-Go-Tell' strategy.

How will my child benefit?

Learning in PDHPE provides opportunities for your child to:

- develop vocabulary to manage and express thoughts, feelings and ideas
- read, view and listen to texts about health, wellbeing and physical activity
- develop movement skills to support physical and cognitive growth
- develop an understanding of the Cultural significance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander games and activities
- learn how self-management and interpersonal skills contribute to positive and respectful communications and relationships
- describe how responsible behaviours keep themselves and others safe in road, water, fire, sun and online contexts
- participate in activities, learning to respectfully win, lose and accept results.

What can I do to help?

You can support your child at home by:

- reading, viewing and listening to texts together where characters demonstrate positive attributes and resilience
- playing games that involve balancing, running, throwing, catching and kicking
- allocating time to engage in movement and outdoor activities together
- supporting them to develop friendships and positive connections
- encouraging discussions and modelling respectful ways to interact
- connecting with people, through family or community events
- providing opportunities for them to demonstrate their growing independence and responsibility in everyday situations, for example, helping with household chores
- encouraging discussions about hygiene and how to care for the body
- managing their screen time and any online activities
- playing word, imaginary and board games together to practise cooperation.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) 3–6

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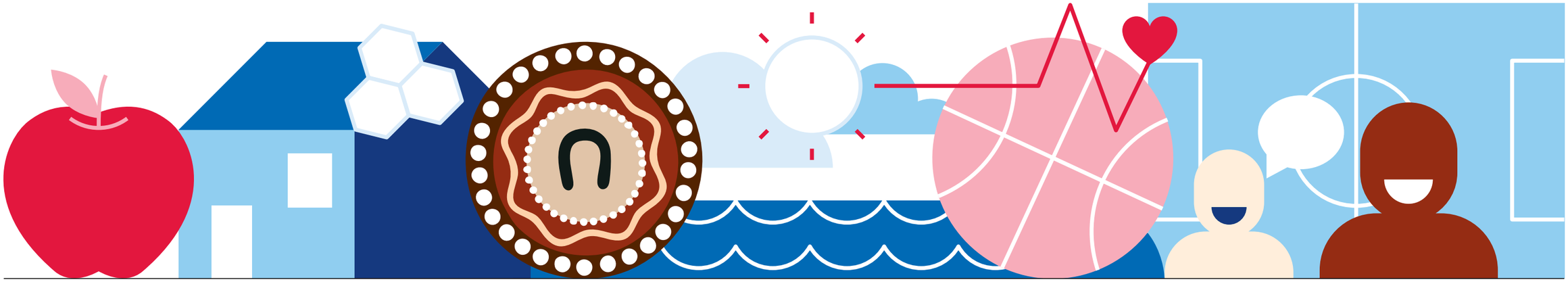

What will my child learn?

Your child will learn how to apply movement skills, strategies and teamwork in physical activities, sport and games. Research confirms the positive effects of movement on brain function, physical performance and academic development.

Your child will use interpersonal skills to communicate respectfully and effectively and learn ways to stay safe in offline and online environments, including responsible digital citizen behaviours and the 'No-Go-Tell' strategy.

How will my child benefit?

Learning in PDHPE provides opportunities for your child to:

- use specific vocabulary to communicate ideas and collaborate with others effectively
- read, view, listen to and write texts about people and organisations who contribute to our health and wellbeing
- demonstrate movement skills and participate in games and sport
- develop an understanding of the Cultural significance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander games and activities
- learn how respectful relationships contribute to safety and effective communication
- make responsible choices about road, water, fire, sun and online safety
- use skills and strategies when problem-solving
- participate in activities, learning to respectfully win, lose and accept results.

What can I do to help?

You can support your child at home by:

- encouraging wide reading about health, wellbeing and physical activity through shared and/or independent reading
- playing games that involve, running, throwing, catching, kicking and striking
- allocating time to engage in movement and outdoor activities together
- supporting them to develop and maintain friendships and positive connections
- encouraging discussions and modelling respectful ways to interact
- connecting with people, through family or community events
- providing opportunities for them to demonstrate their growing independence and responsibility in everyday situations, for example, helping with household chores
- providing age-appropriate resources about growth and development
- encouraging discussions about hygiene and how to care for the body
- discussing and managing their screen time and online activities
- playing word, imaginary and board games together to practise cooperation.

NSW Department of Education

Calendar 2026

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Key dates

First to last days for all students:

Term 1: 2 February to 2 April
Term 2: 22 April to 3 July
Term 3: 21 July to 25 September
Term 4: 13 October to 17 December

School development days:

Term 1: 27 January to 30 January
Term 2: 20 April and 21 April
Term 3: 20 July
Term 4: 12 October

Public holidays

School holidays:

Summer 2025–26: 22 December 2025 to 26 January 2026
Autumn: 7 April to 17 April
Winter: 6 July to 17 July
Spring: 28 September to 9 October
Summer 2026–27: 18 December 2026 to 27 January 2027

School development days

The dates are determined by the department. Parents and carers should not send their children to school on school development days.

education.nsw.gov.au/school-development-days

Scan me for key dates

education.nsw.gov.au/calendars

TERM DATES 2026

Term 1	Tuesday 27 January 2026	School Development Day
	Wednesday 28 January 2026	School Development Day
	Thursday 29 January 2026	School Development Day
	Friday 30 January 2026	School Development Day
	Monday 2 February 2026	Students commence school for 2026
	Thursday 2 April 2026	Last Day of Term 1
Term 2	Monday 20 April 2026	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 21 April 2026	Staff Development Day
	Wednesday 22 April 2026	Students return to school
	Friday 3 July 2026	Last Day of Term 2
Term 3	Monday 20 July 2026	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 21 July 2026	Students return to school
	Friday 25 September 2026	Last Day of Term 3
Term 4	Monday 12 October 2026	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 13 October 2026	Students return to school
	Thursday 17 December 2026	Last Day of Term 4

ECO GARDEN UPDATE

THE ECO GARDENERS

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

Chicken Holiday Hosting

We are looking for a family or families who would like to host the chickens during the summer school holidays. This involves the chickens coming to live in your backyard in their portable coop, daily feeding, collecting the eggs and lots of pats and cuddles! If you are interested in hosting the chickens for the whole holidays or even just a week or two, please contact Julie (ecogardenhhps@gmail.com) for more information.

Green Team Harvest!

Every week the Green Team works hard completeing an abundance of jobs in the Eco Garden. Last week their hard work paid off as they harvested a wide range of fresh produce – including potatoes, lettuce, wild raspberries and strawberries. As a special treat, the Green Team got to prepare and taste the food – the air fried potatoes with salt bush seasoning were a highlight!

Egg Lotto continues!

If you would like to enter the Egg Lotto for your chance to win 6 of our chickens freshly laid eggs, please write your full name and class on a slip of paper (or fill out the slip below!) and put it in the purple box located next to Lost Property. One entry per student. Egg Lotto is drawn at each Assembly when the chickens have been laying.

Egg Lotto

Name.....Class.....

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 ecogardenhhps@gmail.com.

Uniform Shop

second hand sale

A great opportunity to stock up for summer.

Sunday 26th October

10:00-11:30 am outside the Uniform Shop

Qkr, Cash and Eftpos available

Second hand sale and new stock available to purchase on the day

We'd love donations in the lead up to the sale.

Please drop them off to the uniform shop on Friday mornings or to the office at other times.

For enquiries contact: hhpsuniforms@gmail.com

HORNSBY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

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

TERM FOUR

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

WHAT'S ON

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

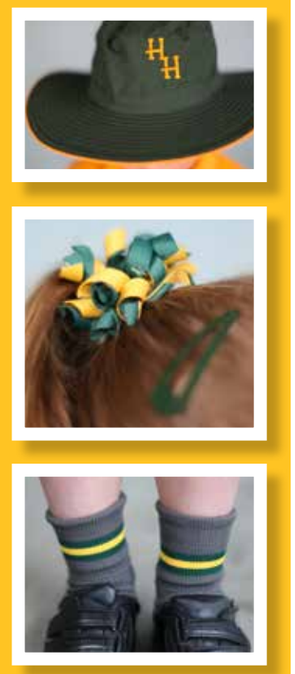
Maths Olympiad	Miss Wright	8:15am Fortnightly	5W
Chess Club	Mr Claydon	First Break	5C
Games Club	Mrs Callow	First Break	Near Hall
Toy Shed	Mrs Wood	First Break	Kindy Verandah
*Library open subject to change	Mrs Demlakian	First break	Library
Games Club	Mrs Callow	First Break	Near Hall

Friday

Games Club	Mrs Callow	First Break	Near Hall

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)

SCRIPTURE TEACHER PROFILE

DAN LESLIE

NEW YOUNG SRE TEACHER

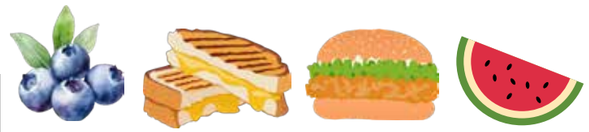
I've certainly heard the goodness of Jesus all my life, but I first saw the GREATNESS of Jesus when I went to a Friday night youth group as a young Year 6 kid. Not just a kind, loving man, I heard clearly that Jesus was a Saviour, a rescuer who held out his hand to me!

I've been an SRE teacher for less than a year now, teaching kids from the Bible – and I love this role because I can show the kids that Jesus is someone that all people can know and trust for themselves. I love seeing the kids grapple with the profound ideas presented in the Bible and how they tackle life's questions with such curiosity and honesty!

I work at St Luke's Church Hornsby Heights as an apprentice. I enjoy reading and playing music. I love soaking in the beauty of nature, in all the great things that God has made.

CANTEEN NEWS

Term 4 Week 2



A note from the committee:

Welcome to Term 4. Please join us in welcoming Aiza as a canteen assistant on Friday - Friday's is our busiest day so having another reliable pair of hands on deck is a great help. It doesn't mean we don't need volunteers still!!

CONGRATULATIONS to volunteers Melanie Boyd and Megan Harvey-Hook who are our Term 3 recipients of the $20 voucher to HB cafe or QBD.

Food spotlight:

Summer Smoothies

The weather is warmer so hot chocolates are no longer available... it is all about the Smoothies.....
Monday - Blueberry
Wednesday - Banana

Volunteering:

Thank you to Michelle, Carina, Jane, Sarah, Andrew, Megan, Melanie, Emily, Cass, Steph, Leanne and Rebecca for helping in the canteen in Term 3.

Sign Up Zone has been updated, please see attached pages for details on how to sign up.

Year 6 parents - this is your last chance to see them at primary school, maybe bring a friend along to the shift and see yOour kids in their last term of primary school.

The signup sheet is out for Term 4. You can sign up **HERE** or email us and we can put your name down.

Looking ahead:

MONTHLY MEETINGS
TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER
TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER
SPECIAL FOOD DAY
THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

Fun Fact:

Did you know? In Term 3....
- we made 2473 orders.
- we sold 297 apple slinkys
- we gave out 80 birthday buckets
- we made 480 chicken burgers
- we made 365 sandwiches

Contact:

hhpspandccanteen@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER!

How to Volunteer in the Canteen!

Signup Zone

https://signup.zone/signup/a8a84b09-2502-4144-b24a-d0c406e414a0

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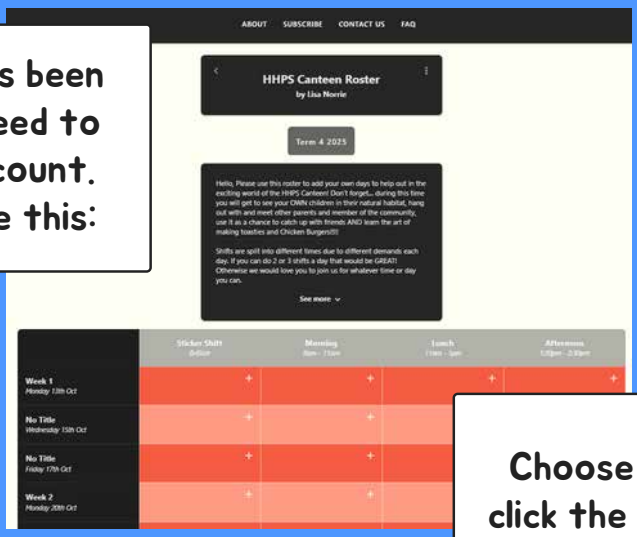
SignUp Zone has been updated: you need to make a new account. It now looks like this:



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Choose your day and click the + and add your name to the shift/s

	Sticker Shift	Morning	Lunch	
Week 1 *Monday 13th Oct*	Jay	Nick	Nick	Nick
No Title *Wednesday 15th Oct*	Daisy	Tom	Myrtle	Myrtle
No Title *Friday 17th Oct*		Jay Daisy	Daisy	Daisy Tom

Why?
~ Volunteering in the canteen is a great way to help the school community.
~ It helps keep the costs of the food down.
~You can see your child and their friends in the school environment.
~ Meet other parents and volunteers.
~ If you do 2 or more shifts in a day you can have your own canteen lunch.
~Go into the draw to win one of two $20 HB or QBD voucher each term.

For more information please talk to Kirsty, Morgan or Lisa or email us at hhpspandccanteen@gmail.com