



Hornsby Heights Public School

NEWSLETTER

Aim High



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TERM 4 WEEK 2

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UPCOMING EVENTS



SCHOOL

Thursday 23 October Yr 3-6

Assembly in Hall from 2:30pm;
Kindergarten 2026 Information
Evening 6pm Hall

Sunday 26 October Uniform Shop
second hand sale 10:00am to
11:30am

Monday 27 October Potential
school leader speeches 9:30am to
11:00am

Thursday 30 October World
Teachers Day - wear a splash of
colour



SPORT

Friday 24 October

HZSS Summer 9:10am to 11:15am



EXCURSION

Tuesday 28 October ABHS - Year 4
Sports immersion day

Wednesday 29 October ABHS visit
Year 6



P&C

Monday 27 October

Eco Garden meeting 7-8pm

SCHOOL CALENDAR LINK:

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



ABOVE: Debating winners: Lelia, Iman and Mikaela.

PRINCIPAL

YEAR 6 DEBATING

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 students who took part in this year's debating program. After weeks of thoughtful preparation and lively discussions, the competition culminated in a fantastic final where two talented teams went head-to-head, passionately debating the thought-provoking topic, "Failure is more important than success." Both groups displayed great confidence, respect, and skill throughout the debate, making it a truly memorable event for everyone involved. While the girls' team emerged as the winners, we celebrate the outstanding efforts and achievements of all our finalists. Well done to every student who participated—you have made us all very proud!

World Teachers' Day Thursday 30

We are going to be celebrating World Teacher's Day on Thursday 30 October. All families will receive a message from their social

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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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light regarding this. On this day we invite students to wear a splash of any colour with their uniform eg ribbons, colourful socks.

Kindergarten Information Night

We are looking forward to our Kindergarten Information Night this coming Thursday, 23 October, in the hall at 6pm. It will be wonderful to see familiar faces and warmly welcome new families to Hornsby Heights PS. The evening will provide a great opportunity for parents and carers to ask questions, learn all about our wonderful school, and enjoy some time to mingle and chat. For families who are unable to attend, we will be in touch to arrange collection of their information packs. A huge thank you in advance to Mrs Dunn, our Early Stage 1 Assistant Principal, along with our 2025 Kindergarten teachers support staff, and P&C who will be sharing information about our additional programs. We look forward to meeting our new students again soon during the Kindergarten Orientation sessions!

Culture Survey

Please fill in the 2025 Culture survey . This survey is designed to assess current school practices on learning and parent satisfaction. Your responses will be used to improve and guide the further development and evaluation of the School Plan. Responses will be kept anonymous and confidential. You may fill one survey out per student.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfDSSt7deSwLHex0QkYtMOyC-d2bmNKsa9yAP-j-Mu4aQzhcQ/>

School Bytes and saying good bye to Seesaw

As we continue to grow and improve our communication with you, I want to share an important update. Over the past year, we have been working hard to bring all our communication into one easy-to-use platform—School Bytes. This means that from 2026 onward, we will be saying goodbye to Seesaw. I know many of you have enjoyed receiving photos and updates through Seesaw, and I want to reassure you that these special moments will still reach you. Moving forward, you'll continue to see photos and news about our school through the Newsletter and on School Bytes, as well as on our Facebook page. Thank you for your understanding and support as we make this change. Our goal is to make it simpler

and more convenient for families and teachers to stay connected, all in one place.

Arrival at School

A gentle reminder that playground supervision starts at 8.40am. Teachers are not on duty prior to this time. This term, we have seen an increased number of students arriving before 8:40am. Students who regularly need to be at school before 8:40am should be enrolled in OOSH.

PBEL - Weeks 2 and 3

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Wearing Our Hats When Outside

We always wear our **school hats** when **playing outside**.
Even in the colder weather.

We wear our hats:

- ★ **before school**
- ★ **lunch**
- ★ **recess**



Each fortnight we share a message to all students via an engaging presentation centred around our PBEL values of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best. In Weeks 3 and 4 of this term, the focus is on Wearing our Hats. These sessions are teaching students:

1. Wearing Our Hats When Outside
2. No hat = play under a covered area
3. Whole School Expectation - it's a whole school expectation that students must wear a hat when outside in the sun.

Presentation Day

This year our Presentation Day will be celebrated on Tuesday December 9 across 2 events:
Years 3 - 6 Ceremony: 9:30 - 11:30am
K-2 Ceremony: 12:30 - 1:45pm

Dance Ensemble and Choir students will be performing at both ceremonies as well as the Performance and Concert bands. K-2 will be singing a song at their ceremony, however 3-6 will not be performing a song as their ceremony is a longer event.

All students will be acknowledged during the Class Recognition speeches made by class teachers who will then present six Class Awards to their class: two Teacher Choice, two Excellence in Academic Achievement, one Citizenship and one Commitment to Improvement.

Additional Awards will also be presented in the Years 3-6 ceremony for a range of creative arts, sporting, academic and citizenship achievements.

If your child is receiving a Class Award, an Additional Award, or is receiving a leadership position (captain/prefect/house captain) at one of the Presentation Day ceremonies, you will be notified via Schoolbytes during Week 5. This gives those family members who wish to attend the event approximately four weeks notice.

We look forward to welcoming our HHPS families to Presentation Day on Tuesday 9 December.



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

TERM 4 WEEK 9
**PRESENTATION
DAY
SAVE THE
DATE**

**TUESDAY
DECEMBER 9**

YEARS 3-6 CEREMONY:

9:30 - 11:30am

K-2 CEREMONY:

12:30 - 1:45pm



Sleep & Devices

THE NUMBERS



WHAT CAN WE DO?

Kids should have **ALL notifications turned OFF**

Rearrange the home screen to remove social media apps from view

Schedule time for phone use instead of scheduling time off your phone

OTHER TOOLS FOR PARENTS

1. **Limit technology**, and reconnect with your kids emotionally through play and other activities they are interested in.
2. **Role model** the behaviour you would like to see
3. Limit your own time on your device to enable you to **have special time with your kids** that is not interrupted by a work email!
4. **Don't be afraid to set limits!** Turning off the Wifi and leaving your devices on the kitchen bench are great ways to help your child get quality sleep

Stage 2 Term 3

Project Based Learning

How can we, as poets, write and perform poems that bring to life the experiences of a convict from the First Fleet?

Bringing together History, Drama and English, our Year 3 and 4 students had a fantastic time working in small groups to write and perform lively poems that captured what life was like for a convict on the First Fleet.



Something that went well was

- everyone worked together
- everyone was expressive
- we all contributed, we made it through and we did it!



SCHOOL GROUNDS

WHAT'S NEW

SHADE SHELTER RECEIVED VIA A COMMUNITY GRANT (JAMES WALLACE MP). THE GRANT WAS ACCESSED VIA THE P&C. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

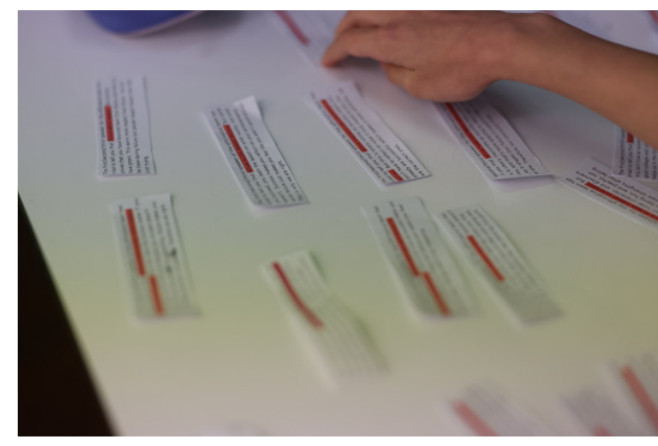
**HORNSBY HEIGHTS
PUBLIC SCHOOL**

DEBATING

FAILURE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN SUCCESS.



**WELL DONE TO OUR WINNERS:
MIKAELA, LEILA AND IMAN
& OUR RUNNERS UP:
SAM, HARRY & OLIVER.**









ECO GARDEN UPDATE

THE ECO GARDENERS



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

Thank you Saunders family!!!

We would like to give a heartfelt thank you to the Saunders family for taking such wonderful care of our three chickens — Squeakers, Batgirl and Pixel — over the October school holidays. The Saunders also generously look after the chickens during the school terms, which is no small job! Their ongoing support is truly invaluable — without them, we simply wouldn't be able to keep chickens at the school. We are incredibly grateful for their dedication, which allows our Eco Garden to continue being a fun and educational space for all our students.

Chicken Holiday Hosting

We are looking for 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 just a week or two, please contact Julie (ecogardenhps@gmail.com) for more information.

Egg Lotto continues!

The chickens have begun laying eggs again! This means that Egg Lotto is back up and running!!!

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.

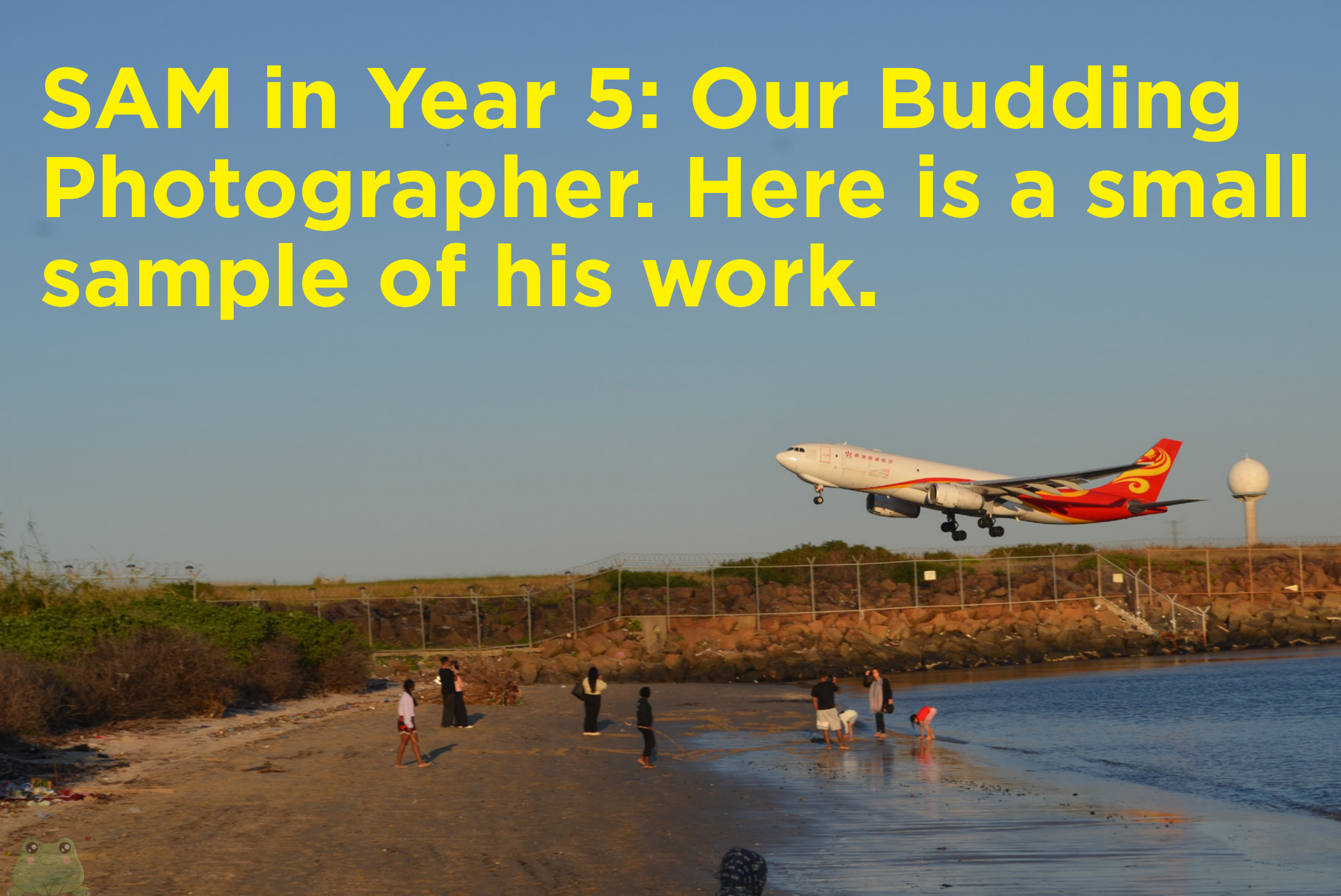
	Egg Lotto 
Name.....Class.....	

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 ecogardenhps@gmail.com.

The next Eco Garden Committee meeting is on 27th October at 7pm via Zoom. For Zoom details contact the email address above. All welcome to attend!

SAM in Year 5: Our Budding Photographer. Here is a small sample of his work.







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



JOIN US FOR HHPS P&C

Trivia

GREAT GATSBY

Saturday, 1st November 2025

From 6pm - 11pm

Thornleigh Community Centre

Dress Code: Gatsby/1920s

Tickets available via QKR!

\$25 per ticket

Teams of 8

(no team - no worries - we will find you one)





WHAT'S ON

TERM 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
*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
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Summer 2025 ~ Players of the week

Week 10, Term 3 - Results

Round: 5, Summer Competition

League Tag played against **Hornsby South**

Cricket & T-Ball/Softball played against **Wideview**



Sport	The scores were:		Players of the Week
League Tag Jr A	Hornsby Heights 6	Hornsby South 2	Whole team
League Tag Jr B	Hornsby Heights 8	Hornsby South 4	Tahlia H, Max Cl
League Tag Snr A	Hornsby Heights 9	Hornsby South 3	Eliza G, Val T, Max F
League Tag Snr B	Hornsby Heights 7	Hornsby South 4	Jack W, Cooper S
Cricket juniors	Hornsby Heights 86	Wideview 29	Faizan, Ira B
Cricket Seniors	Hornsby Heights 42	Wideview 41	Ahsan
T-Ball	Hornsby Heights 15	Wideview 13	Lexie R and Ciara M
Softball	Hornsby Heights 10	Wideview 8	Chloe H, Claire H, Amy C, Anmol K

Week 1, Term 4 - Results

Round: 6, Summer Competition

League Tag played against **Warrawee**

Cricket & T-Ball/Softball played against **Mount Colah**

Sport	The scores were:		Players of the Week
League Tag Jr A	Hornsby Heights 2	Warrawee 6	Harry J and Ollie B
League Tag Jr B	Hornsby Heights 4	Warrawee 5	Lucas H and River P
League Tag Snr A	Hornsby Heights 2	Warrawee 2	Max F and Harry B
League Tag Snr B	Hornsby Heights 9	Warrawee 5	Jacob O and Henry D
Cricket juniors	Hornsby Heights 130	Mount Colah 99	Jack M
Cricket Seniors	Hornsby Heights 36	Mount Colah 38	Josh C
T-Ball	Hornsby Heights 14	Mount Colah 6	Ciara M and Olive R
Softball	Hornsby Heights 9	Mount Colah 7	Claire H and Sloane W

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**

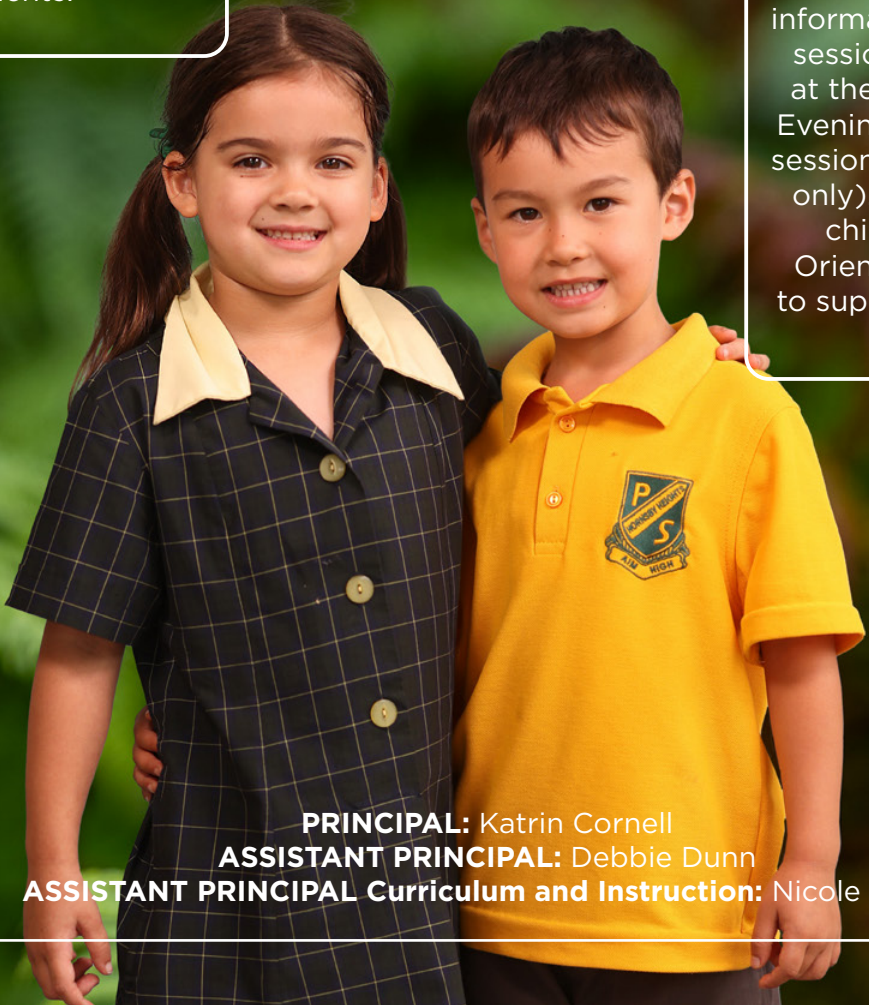
*Thursday 23 October 2025
6:00pm*

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

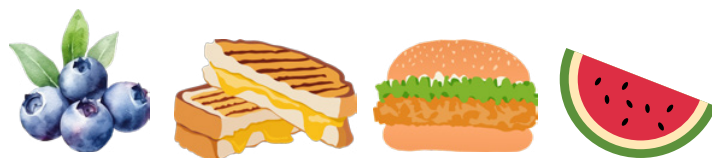
CANTEEN NEWS

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.



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 your 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.



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



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:



hhspandccanteen@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER!

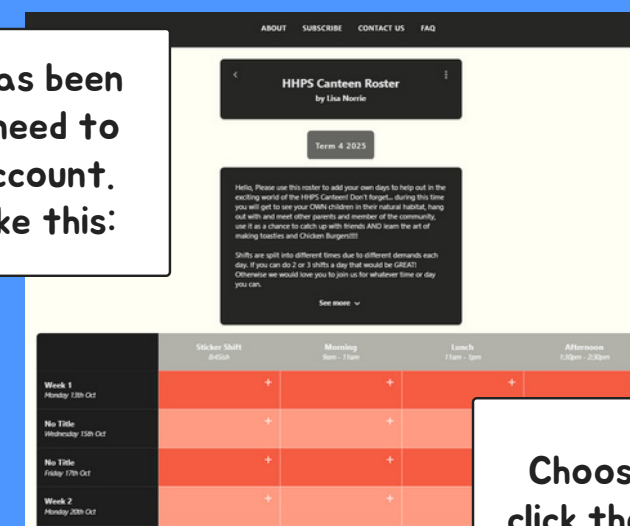
How to Volunteer in the Canteen!



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

CLICK HERE

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



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

CLICK HERE

	Sticker Shift 8:45ish	Morning 9am - 11am	Lunch 11am - 1pm
Week 1 Monday 13th Oct	Jay - +	Nick - +	Nick - +
No Title Wednesday 15th Oct	Daisy - +	Tom - +	Myrtle - +
No Title Friday 17th Oct	Jay - +	Daisy - +	Daisy - +

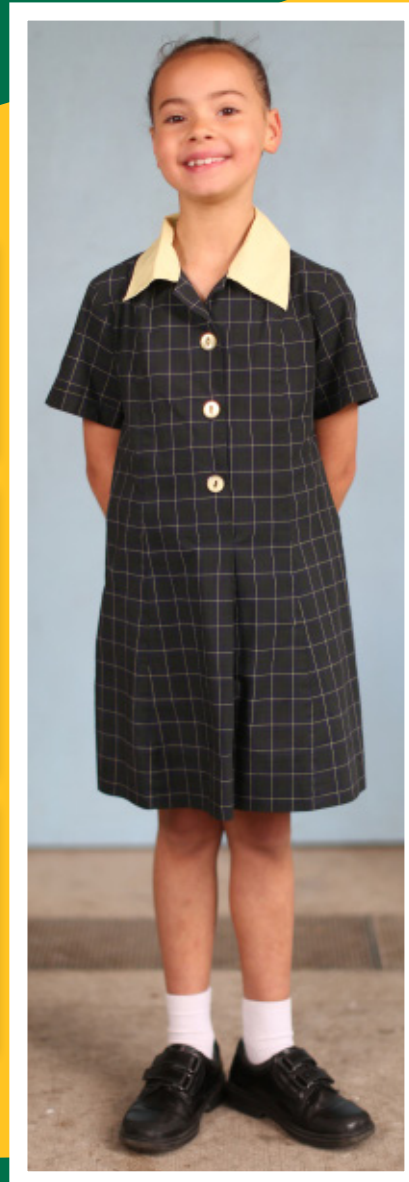
Why?

- ~ 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 hhspandccanteen@gmail.com

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

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)