Calendar of Upcoming Events

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Principal’s Message

A Happy New Year to our Chinese families! I hope the year ahead brings many good things to you and to all families of Hurstville Public School.

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers at our Information Evening on Tuesday. Building strong partnerships between home and school is very important as it improves outcomes for students in many areas. Where home and school share the same values and expectations about learning and behaviour; where we work together to support students’ emotional and social development; and when we are consistent in the messages we give our students, then children prosper and reach their potential.

One area of children’s development that we will be focusing on this year is their emotional wellbeing. We know that children who are stressed and anxious perform less well in class and test situations. We know that stress and anxiety are increasing in students, and are being experienced by increasingly younger children. We know that this can impact their health and wellbeing, as well as their academic performance, to the extent that children become depressed and withdraw from friends, family and enjoyment of life. High schools are finding this a major issue, and it is especially prevalent amongst high performing students who place great pressure on themselves to live up to their families’ and their own expectations. We are also seeing this in primary schools and at Hurstville Public School.

As we start a new school year, it is important that we focus on the development of our children as people, as well as students. Of course we want them to achieve to their potential, and to be the best that they can be. But this needs to be supported in a way that encourages rather than pressures, and that allows a child to lead a balanced life, with plenty of time for friends, hobbies, family time and relaxation.

During the year, we will be sharing with you why 21st Century universities and employers want students and employees who have strong social and interpersonal skills; why they choose the well-rounded individual who has strengths across the board over those who only perform well in tests. Times have changed from being only about marks as measures of suitability and success, and we need to move with them so that we are preparing our students well for a full range of possibilities for their futures.

So our partnership with you will be even more important this year, as we learn more about how best to create successful (in the best sense of the word) learners, ready to take their place in a rapidly changing world.

Mrs Anne Hewson - Principal
Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)
Thank you to the parents who attended our Meet the Teacher Evening on Tuesday 17th February. We feel it is very important to establish a strong partnership between home and school, and this event was aimed at keeping parents informed about what is happening in classrooms. We hope you found the session in your child’s classroom informative. A PowerPoint presentation can be found on our school website outlining the information that was given in the hall.
We have formed an eighth Kindergarten class this week due to increased enrolments. This will benefit all our students as class sizes will be smaller. We would like to welcome Miss Sandra Lawrence who will be teaching KL. All students have settled in well to their new class.
We ask that you spend some time talking to your child about using the toilets appropriately. We had the boys urinal overflow this week due to toilet paper being thrown in the urinal.
Homework will begin on Monday 23rd February. Your child will bring home a homework book and a home reader. The home reader should be brought back daily so that it can be changed. Homework books are due every Friday. Please spend time reading with your child on a regular basis.
Mrs Jessica Maakaroun - Assistant Principal

Stage 1
Year 1
It was wonderful to meet so many parents at our Parent Information Session last Tuesday evening. We hope you now feel well-informed about general information for your child in Stage 1 and, in particular, the learning program that is being taught in your child’s Year 1 class.
Class routines are now well-established and all the students have settled into Year 1 learning. They are enjoying the aerobics program. It’s a great way to get fit while having fun on a Wednesday morning. The students have been investigating the roles and responsibilities of family members, workers in our school and our community. They have been writing about what they have learned.
Below, we have included two pieces of writing from students in 1B
Today most students received their textbooks. The books are an integral part of the learning program in the classroom, so if you have not yet paid, could you please do so at your earliest possible convenience. If you require assistance with payment, please contact the front office.
The Year 1 teachers have noticed that many of their students are forgetting to bring their hats to school each day. Sun safety is very important, especially at this time of the year. Please make sure your child has their hat in their bag every day.

In The Classroom

A teacher teaches us many things. We learn how to read, write and how to be a good person. I can make the teacher happy by being sensible and listening.
Stage 1-cont.

Year 2

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend our Parent Information Evening on Tuesday. We hope that you found the evening informative and that you now have a better understanding of what Year 2 students will be doing this year.

The students in Year 2 have really improved over the last few weeks. We are seeing quality work produced by many students who are trying very hard to do their best. We have also noticed a pleasing improvement in the student’s behaviour as they are trying hard to follow our school rules. We thank our parents who are having conversations with their children about the expectations we have of them at school. We appreciate your on-going support.

Mrs Zaga Marinkovic - Relieving Assistant Principal

Stage 2

Years 3 and 4

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 17th February. We hope that the visit to your child’s classroom answered any questions you may have regarding activities in Years 3 and 4 this year. If you have any further questions, please speak with your child’s teacher to arrange a time to discuss any other matters.

In Week 4, students have been placed into Maths Groups based on performances in Year 3 or Year 4 maths tests conducted already this term. These groups have been created in order to best cater for the diverse learning needs of all students in Years 3 and 4.

To all the Year 4 students who represented our school in the Botany Bay PSSA summer school sport competitions for the first time in Week 3, congratulations on your selection. Students are required to display good sportsmanship at all times and must ensure they are representing our school in a positive manner whilst travelling to and from the grounds and whilst playing or spectating.

Year 3 students will soon be engaged in an excursion around Hurstville to support their ‘Cooperating Communities’ unit of work in HSIE. Parents, please be aware that a permission note for this activity will be handed out shortly.

Thank you to all parents for your assistance in providing students with items noted in the equipment list for each class. If these items have not yet been supplied, please endeavour to do so in order to allow your child to participate in the great variety of activities conducted in Year 3 and 4 classes.

Mr Graham Enright - Relieving Assistant Principal
Stage 3

Years 5 and 6

We would like to thank the parents who attended the Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 17th February. Strong communication between home and school can help to ensure that your child is working to the best of their ability.

This term, Stage 3 students are learning about Identity and Values. Throughout the term, they will explore Australian images and symbols, and build their understanding of immigration and cultural diversity. Please take the time to talk to your child about these concepts.

A reminder that all students must return their Kempt Field notes to school as soon as possible. Well done to our cricket and softball players who represented Hurstville at their first games of the season. We ask that all PSSA students arrive at school each Friday by 8.20am, with all necessary equipment. All PSSA teams will be training at school on Friday 27th February due to the Zone swimming carnival.

Mrs Rebecca Ingram – Assistant Principal

Support Unit News

We are all very excited about planting some new crops in our Support Unit garden. Keep an eye out for some photos of the progress in the garden or even some samples of our produce.

Please make sure children bring in all required equipment, clearly labelled, as promptly as possible. With the weather still being so warm, we ask that all children have a bottle of water and a hat clearly labelled with their name. Textbook and Living Skills/Community Access money and notes are now due, as these programs will commence in Week 5.

A reminder that ‘Breakfast Club' has now commenced. Every Thursday morning, in the Living Skills room, children are invited to come and make their own breakfast. We look forward to seeing lots of children participating in this program.

It was great to see so many parents at our Parent Information Evening. As discussed at this meeting, please make sure you read your child’s communication book daily and initial what you have read. If you have any concerns please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher.

Mrs Nicole Moore – Assistant Principal
From the Library

Welcome back to our Library for 2015.

Borrowing of books will commence for all students from February 23rd. Please make sure that your child has a suitable book bag (see below) with name and class on the outside (Year 6 students do not need a bag). Also, students who have not returned items from 2014 must either return them or pay for their loss before they are able to borrow this year.

Scholastic Book Club: The first issue of our book club brochures will be distributed in the near future. There are now four methods of payment available; however, the Parent Online Payment (POP) system is not one of them, as the money here goes directly to Scholastic, not to the school:

- Credit card using the new LOOP facility
- Credit card by phone or online
- Cash
- Cheque made payable to ‘Scholastic Australia’

This year students will receive one pamphlet only, with extra titles located in the last few pages. Order forms are distributed on a Thursday, and orders must be returned by Wednesday of the following week. Unfortunately, late orders cannot be accepted.

Premier’s Reading Challenge: Once again our school is participating in the PRC. Registration opens on March 2nd.

Families can register and record books read through the PRC website. This can be accessed through our school homepage:


From the side menu, select: Curriculum & activities
then: Scholarship & awards
then: Premier’s reading challenge

It is important that students know the User name and Password that they use to access the computers at school before trying to enrol in the challenge.

Library Bags: Library bags are no longer available from the School Library. They may now be purchased from the My Schoolwear Uniform Shop opposite the Post Office in Hurstville for $12. These bags are designed for multi-purpose use (Band music, excursions, dance and swimming gear, as well as Library books).

Please note: our Kindergarten students will be supplied with a cloth library bag once book borrowing begins.

Lost Property: The lost property box is located in the foyer outside the Library double doors. No items are held inside the Library itself. The box is checked regularly, and any named items returned to classes.
Welcome back everyone. We have an exciting team running the SRC.

This year the SRC team of teachers is completed with Ms Erin Piper, Mrs Kate Carey, Mrs Anna Kakakios and Ms Vanessa Hoskin.


These students will be officially inducted as our school SRC representatives on Thursday 26th February (Week 5) in the school hall at 9:15am. We would like to remind parents that while you are welcome to take pictures of your own child we ask that you respect the privacy of other students and refrain from taking their photo. We look forward to seeing you at this special event next week.

Nude Food Day returns again this year each Wednesday. For our new students and families, Nude Food Day is an initiative which the SRC introduced last year. This is one day per week where everyone makes a special effort to bring their recess and lunch in a reusable, non-breakable container such as a plastic style container or with no wrapping on food such as fruit.

2015 looks like it is going to be filled with loads of exciting ideas and heaps of fun. We look forward to working closely with the students and the wider community of this wonderful school in the year ahead.

Mrs Kate Carey, Ms Erin Piper, Ms Vanessa Hoskin, Mrs Anna Kakakios and all of the SRC students.

Band

Please find attached to this Belltower the latest tutorial timetable. We have had many changes over the last week to try to accommodate all groups and extracurricular activities operating within the school. We anticipate this will be the final timetable. Although we encourage participation in extracurricular activities, sometimes students need to make a choice about the groups they would like to be in and their availability. Thank you for your understanding and patience while we finalise timetables and groups.

Miss Danielle Scott
Chinese New Year
Chinese New Year is a very important holiday in China. It is also called the Spring Festival because it marks the end of the winter and the beginning of the spring in the Chinese calendar. Chinese New Year starts on a New Moon and ends with the lantern festival on the full moon 15 days later. This year, Chinese New Year is celebrated on 19th February, and it is the Year of the Goat/Sheep. People born in the Year of the Sheep are generally believed to be gentle, shy, stable, sympathetic, kind, amicable and brimming with a strong sense of justice.

In Miss Zhai and Mrs Wang’s Chinese Community Language classes, students have been busy doing art and craft that are associated with Chinese New Year celebration. We are making lots of fishes, because the pronunciation of ‘fish’ is the same as ‘abundance’ in Chinese.

Students designed stamps for the Year of the Sheep

We are having fun with paper cutting: 春 which means spring.

On behalf of Hurstville Public School Community Language Team, we wish you a happy Chinese New Year! Gong Xi Fa Cai! 新年快乐！恭喜发财！

Mrs Wang and Miss Zhai – Chinese Community Teachers
Chinese New Year Mufti Day
To acknowledge the cultural celebrations of many of the families who attend our school, we are recognising Chinese New Year on Monday 23rd February. All students are encouraged to wear red clothing or traditional Chinese costumes in place of their school uniform. This is NOT a fund-raising event.
We invite you to come to our Monday morning assembly to see the students in their costumes.

Values in Action Awards
We are very excited to inform you that we have introduced a new award system at Hurstville Public School this year. The focus in 2015 will be on promoting the core values of respect, responsibility and learning. The old merit cards will be replaced with Values in Action Awards. These awards will align with our three core values and will be colour coded for easy recognition. These awards will be given for:

- **Respect** - Students demonstrate acceptance and value differences within our school community.

- **Responsibility** - Students make safe and sensible choices within our school community.

- **Learning** - Students always strive for excellence, aiming high and contributing to the school in a positive way.
There will be examples of expected behaviours on the back of the Values in Action awards relating to each of the 3 values. Teachers will tick the dot point which best applies to the student. The dot points have been kept broad so that they cover a range of expected behaviours.

These Values in Action Awards will be sent home and we ask students and parents to keep them in a safe place. Once your child has 5 Values in Action Awards, please send them in to school and give them to your child’s teacher. Students will be able to trade in these 5 awards for 1 Bronze Award. When your child has 5 Bronze Awards, they will be able to trade them in for 1 Silver Award. When your child has 5 Silver Awards, they will be able to trade them in for 1 Gold Award. When your child has 2 Gold Awards, they will be able to trade them in for a Trophy.

We understand that this may be a lengthy process but we believe it will be a fair and equitable process, where students will aspire to achieve a trophy. Student achievement will be recognised in the classroom, at grade assemblies and at our whole school Monday morning assembly where parents will be invited, through the Belltower, to attend.

Please keep any old awards as they can also be traded in the new award system. Below is a table to show how the old awards equate to the new awards. Students in older grades will be able to hand in a mixture of the old and new awards.

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We will include more information in upcoming Belltowers. Please feel free to ask classroom teachers if you have any questions. We look forward to acknowledging and rewarding all of our students.

Mrs Jessica Maakaroun - Assistant Principal

**CANTEEN**

Lunch Menu is available on Hurstville Public School website.

Please organise your child’s Lunch Bag before coming to school with the following written on it:

- Your child’s name
- Your child’s class
- Your child’s order
- Total amount paid

Thank you!

Hurstville 小学的网页上有小卖部的菜单。请家长在来校之前准备好午餐订购袋并写上：

- 学生的姓名
- 学生的班级
- 学生所需订购的午餐
- 午餐的价格

谢谢！
Blakehurst High School, highest achieving public co-educational comprehensive school in the district with 2014 HSC students and their teachers achieving outstanding academic results once again. Some highlights were: highest achieving Comprehensive school in both the St George & Sutherland districts, (ranked 20th in NSW) 81 students named in the State's Merit list in 26 subjects (a 41% increase on 2013).

An effective school however, is far more than its HSC results. An outstanding school achieves outcomes for all of its students, not just those who can achieve academically. We are delighted with all those students who have been assisted to receive full time apprenticeships and traineeships and other school to work outcomes.

Similarly we are proud of students in all years who have been assisted to achieve their best by our wonderful staff. If you would like to learn more about our quality programs.......

Information Evening
for
Year 7 2016
24th February 2015

Program-
4:00pm - 5:00pm - School Tours
5:00pm -5:30pm An Introduction to our school in the School Library - Presentation by Principal, Students, Parents and Year 7 Student Advisers 2016.

There will be time for questions at this meeting.
KINGSGROVE HIGH SCHOOL

Year 5/6 students and parents are invited to Kingsgrove High School’s

OPEN AFTERNOON
TUESDAY 10th March
3.30pm to 6.00pm in the School Library

- Tour the school
- Talk to the Principal and staff about our educational programs

Cnr Kingsgrove & Stoney Creek Roads,
Kingsgrove NSW 2208
Phone: 9150 4416
www.kingsgrove-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
多蒙学院

“创造你的未来”
http://www.grc.nsw.edu.au/

恭喜我们的2014年12班学生在HSC高考取得优异成就。学生们的HSC高考成续包括:

- HSC DUX 99.8，超过15名学生获得90以上分数
- 140名学生获得HSC和TAFE资格证书
- 126名学生获得澳大利亚VET框架资格证书
- HSC学科概览：2文学科；2在视觉艺术

多蒙学院的成就：五项总览者的成就 — 出色的公共服务至公共教育; 例外的成果在该学校证书中；
- 建立学习社区；在技术上卓越；在高级学校卓越。

杰出成就：
- 悉尼地区最佳教育成就学校
- 澳大利亚最佳学校
- 区域的学生成就

多蒙学院各校区开放日

赫斯维尔男孩校区

2月26日星期三 6:30－8:30
Kewwyn St, Hurstville

- 在图书馆欢迎您及您的信息
- 从专题演讲到导游，让学生参与
- 茶歇和提问时间

http://www.grc.nsw.edu.au/hurstville-boys

联系方式：Leanne Larcombe
查询：02 9507 3199

佩克富斯校区

3月24日星期二 6:30－8:30
Samuel & Rosa St, Peakhurst

- 在图书馆欢迎您及您的信息
- 从专题演讲到导游，让学生参与
- 茶歇和提问时间

http://www.grc.nsw.edu.au/peakhurst

联系方式：Terry Voss
查询：02 9507 3199

彭士乔女孩校区

3月2日星期二 5:30–7:30
Carrington St, Penshurst

- 在图书馆欢迎您及您的信息
- 从专题演讲到导游，让学生参与
- 茶歇和提问时间


联系方式：Renee Ross
查询：02 9507 3199

奥特利校园

3月3日星期三 6:30－7:30
Carrington St, Penshurst

- 在图书馆欢迎您及您的信息
- 从专题演讲到导游，让学生参与
- 茶歇和提问时间

http://www.grc.nsw.edu.au/aoteley-senior

联系方式：Kate McFie
查询：02 9507 3199
啟思中文學校是華人服務社自 1992 年開辦的，有著超過 20 年的歷史。啟思中文學校老師教學嚴謹，學生多次在校外比賽中獲獎。

啟思中文學校 (好事圍分校) 早前因為好事圍公立學校的改建工程而暫遷至 Carlton 區，而隨著工程完成，2015 年度已遷回好事圍公立學校上課，並已於 2 月 1 日 (星期日) 開課，上課時間為周日上午 9 時 30 分至下午 12 時 30 分。而今年將加開從初學班至四年級的下午班，上課時間為下午 1 時 30 分至 4 時 30 分。

如欲報名或查詢詳細資料，請致電華人服務社 9789 4587（電話接通後請按<2>鍵與接待處聯絡）及致電楊校長 0435 111 592 或瀏覽啟思中文學校網站 www.casschineseschool.org.au 及華人服務社網站 www.cass.org.au。

CASS Chinese School at Hurstville Public School Campus has commenced classes on 1 February 2015 for beginners to Year 13. Class Hour: Every Sunday 9:30 to 12:30 pm (morning session) and 1:30 to 4:30 pm (Afternoon session)

For enquiry please call CASS on 9789 4587 (ext. 2) or Principal Ms Yang on 0435 111 592 or browse our website: www.casschineseschool.org.au