Welcome
It is my pleasure to welcome to our school our new Assistant Principal, Mrs Rupinder Singh. Mrs Singh has been appointed through merit selection and brings with her a wide range of skills and expertise which will be a wonderful addition to our school.

Mrs Singh comes to HPS from Canley Vale PS, a large school of 945 students, 98% from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, so in many ways very similar to our school. She has successfully taught English as an Additional Language or Dialect programs and for two years undertook a position at Assistant Principal level with particular responsibility for community language programs within the school. Mrs Singh has experience in mentoring staff through the process of accreditation. She has extensive knowledge of 21st Century teaching and learning practices, such as project/problem based learning, Self-Organised Learning Environments (SOLE) and Genius Hour, and has presented at professional learning conferences and workshops, including the 2015 'Inspire, Innovate' conference and at Community of Schools Staff Development Days. She has experience in the effective use of iPads in literacy and numeracy groups to enhance student outcomes. Mrs Singh has initiated and led the establishment of a sister school partnership with Shanghai; has links with the DEC’s Confucius Institute; and has presented to a delegation of Principals from China on school community partnerships.

Mrs Singh is teaching 1G, as Mrs Glinatsis is on Maternity Leave following the birth of her daughter. We welcome Mrs Singh to our staff and our Executive team.

Road Safety Program
Last year, our P&C received a grant from the NRMA to produce a program focused on improving road safety around our school. A committee of parents and teachers has been working in partnership on this project and has enlisted the support of other agencies, including the local council and police.

The centre piece of the project is the production of a video to be used for teaching and learning in classrooms. The video is due to be filmed this Monday, weather permitting. The film crew will be using Orange Lane, Orange Street, Kenwyn Street and Forest Road, but will try to cause as little inconvenience as possible. Please be mindful of any witches’ hats that are in place which are there to allow room for filming to take place. We thank all of those involved for working so hard to improve safety around our school.
Our new School Plan has been uploaded on our website. I encourage all families to read the plan, as it outlines our strategic directions for the next three years. My thanks go to all the staff, parents and students who contributed to the development of the plan through surveys, discussions, forums and meetings. This link will take you to the Plan.


School Development Day

As part of our ongoing professional learning about the best way to deliver 21st Century Learning, our teachers participated in a workshop on Project Based Learning (PBL). PBL incorporates many of the key features of 21st Century learning, requiring students to collaborate, communicate and think critically and creatively. Whilst aspects of PBL are not new, and many of our teachers already construct their learning programs along similar lines, our School Development Day gave us the opportunity to look at this approach in terms of the new Science syllabus and to develop a more consistent, whole school approach to implementing PBL in our classrooms.

Weather

What a wet and wild start we have had to Term 2! I’m pleased to say that, apart from damage to two of our shade covers, we survived the terrible weather in fairly good shape.

With more wet weather ahead over the coming months, it is very important that children have a raincoat with hood or rain hat, in their school bag every day. As I have told the children, a raincoat should be part of their regular equipment, like a pencil case, as the weather can be unpredictable and they need to be prepared for whatever the day might bring. I know older children can sometimes resist keeping dry and wearing raincoats, but we will be actively encouraging them to make sensible decisions in wet weather.
Support Unit

Welcome back to Term 2. We trust that all the students had an enjoyable and relaxing break and are looking forward to another busy term of school.

During the holidays and recent weeks our garden has received plenty of sunshine and rain which has led to some great results with the zucchinis. As you can see from the photos below the students in Green and Gold class had a great time making zucchini fritters. Mrs Boardman also made some delicious zucchini muffins.

School Improvements

This term, a number of projects will be undertaken to improve our school’s facilities.

During the last holidays, the canteen was completely refurbished – new flooring, cupboards, bench tops, tiles, painting, extractor fans, etc - to ensure our food preparation areas are of the highest standard. This upgrade was long overdue and the facilities are now a pleasure to see and work in.

We have received a new demountable classroom which will be ready for occupation next week. Again, it is in excellent condition with new carpet and new furniture, air conditioning etc.

 Blocks F and G will be externally painted, as well as some railings around that area. Four new gates will installed at the entrance to student toilets. Some rotted walkway posts will be replaced.

Two new gas heaters will be installed in the hall and there will be some bitumen repairs. New steps, a ramp and railings will be installed at the entrances to Gym Block.

Due to the destructive weather in recent weeks, the construction of our new Support Unit playground has been delayed to the end of May as the company reschedules its projects.

Mrs Anne Hewson – Principal

In The Classroom

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)

The students have all settled in and have had a great start to Term 2. Pick-up time is now at 2.55pm. This will be the pick-up time for the rest of the year. The Got Game program started this week and students have had a wonderful time participating. If you have not already paid, please send in the permission note and $35 as soon as possible so that your child can participate in the lessons.

Each fortnight, a Kindergarten teacher will write a brief description about some of the learning experiences that are happening in their classroom. This will allow you to see some of the activities in which Kindergarten students are involved.

On the next page there are some photos of the literacy activities KM students participate in daily. They enjoy reading new books each day. Students have opportunities to practise their sounds and sight words. Students work in groups to develop communication skills and to take on different roles.

Umbrellas are not safe in large groups and children need to keep dry as they move around the school on wet days. If children wear gumboots to school, they should also have their school shoes to change into, as the gumboots become uncomfortable when worn all day. As with all items of clothing, please make sure your child’s name is clearly marked on all wet weather gear.
Stage 1
Year 1
Technology
Year 1 students have been developing their ICT skills during weekly computer lessons. 1D worked collaboratively to create a PowerPoint presentation about the four seasons in a year. Then each group presented their work to the class. Here are some photos of 1D in action.

Got Game
*Got Game* will begin this week. Year 1 students are looking forward to participating in some new and exciting sport activities. Thank you to parents and caregivers for your support of this program.

*Miss Sarah Dawes – Year 1 Class Teacher*

Year 2

Welcome back Year 2! We hope you all had a very enjoyable holiday break. We are sure that you are ready for a great term of learning.

Our themes for this term are *Families Past and Present*, and *Our Local Area*. Please ensure that children come to school with all necessary requirements such as pencils, glue sticks, rulers, homework folders and library bags labelled with their name.

It has been great to see so many children wearing our winter school uniform. It is important for children to be warm but also to wear the correct winter uniform. We hope that all children also have a raincoat that stays in their bag for rainy days. Year 2 had their first assembly for Term 2 and 2K is to be congratulated on a fabulous Readers Theatre performance. Looking forward to a great term!

*Mrs Leah Comino– Year 2 teacher*
Stage 2
Year 3

Year 3 students have been busy writing narratives. A narrative is a kind of retelling, often in words; however, there are other ways of sharing stories. 3A has been looking at Auslan Sign Language. This week at the Stage 2 assembly, 3A performed ‘What a Wonderful World’ by Louis Armstrong. This is a photo of us signing the word “bloom”.

Mrs Rebecca Proctor – Year 3 teacher

Stage 3

Years 5 and 6

Welcome back for a very exciting Term 2. This term, Stage 3 students are learning about Antarctica. We will be going on an excursion to IMAX later on in the term to see “Antarctica” and “Shackleton’s Antarctic Adventure”.

We are also undertaking our Project Based Learning Assignments on the Science topic of “Adaptations”, which promises to be a fun and valuable learning experience.

In Week 5, Year 5 will be attending camp at the Berry Department of Sport and Recreation Camp. We are all very excited and an information session for all students attending camp will be held at 2pm in E-Block Hall on Friday 8th May. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Miss Bronwyn Daniels – Assistant Principal
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Mrs Nicole Moore – Assistant Principal

Band

This term, all bands will perform at the annual Bandfest competition. This is a wonderful opportunity for the bands to be assessed on how well they play together as part of a group. They always receive wonderful feedback and are given suggestions on how to improve in the future. A note will go home in the next couple of weeks with details. It is a great opportunity for parents to watch the bands perform if they are free on the day.

Early next week, any students who are new to the band this year will receive a note to purchase a Band T-shirt. All students in the band must wear the band uniform for all performances, which includes the Band T-shirt and a pair of black pants (available from our uniform shop). They should also wear plain black shoes and black socks. I look forward to seeing all bands perform at Bandfest.

Ms Danielle Scott – Deputy Principal
ANZAC SERVICE
Last Friday we commemorated ANZAC with a whole school service near the flagpole. Year 6 students led a very moving service. They are all to be congratulated on the way they set up and led the service. We were very lucky to again be joined by veterans from Kingsgrove RSL club. Mr Barnes shared his thoughts about ANZAC Day and after the service they enjoyed speaking to a number of interested and very polite students. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 displayed their most respectful behaviour which was a credit to each of them.

Mrs Denise Storr - Coordinator

Some reflections from the students on our ANZAC Day service:

ANZAC DAY SERVICE HPS 25th April 2015

After the successful ANZAC day service, and after the retirement of teachers and fellow classmates into their classrooms, the captains and ambassadors leapt out of their seats, and began asking the veterans about the wars, their participation in the wars, and whatever else there was to be asked about wars. There was lots of laughter, and many questions answered. The leadership team learnt many things, about weapons used in the Vietnam wars, about what the brave men did and about their treatment in the wars. One of the men told us about a fearsome weapon, known as the splinter, which had the capability of firing 6000 small darts, every single one lethal. The same veteran also told us about the accuracy of the artillery, and about its insane power. It could shoot through a window 70 metres away! Another veteran told us that they had driven a tank during the Vietnam War.

After we had the ANZAC Day service, and the lectures from the veterans, I wrote the following poem.

War is a terrible, destructive fellow,
A thing with no winners.
War is a slow but directed destruction,
A tiresome routine of stratagems and fighting.
War is a hopeless, evil being,
A thing with no feelings of mercy.
War is a dark manifestation of the soul,
A consummation of our lives.
War, something that should not be,
Made deadly by human means.

BY THOMAS ZHENG 6I
Did you know that in some wars, soldiers did not fight in trenches? Instead they charged recklessly at their enemies! There was also a feared weapon in war which was called the splinter. One shot of it could release up to 6000 tiny darts. The darts were about 5cm long and every shot of the powerful splinter gun could kill up to 150 soldiers! Also when you were using a mortar, you did not have to be able to see where you were shooting. All you needed was a map of where you were shooting! When the shells exploded, they shot out tiny pieces of metal that could injure nearby soldiers. Medals by itself represent that the soldier have served in the army for 15 years. You needed to be at least 18 years old to join the army but many adventurous young people lied about their age to be able to join the army, thinking that it would be a fun adventure. All the soldiers regretted joining the army after experiencing what it is like in war. After the war, not many returned and many were injured. We shall always remember the brave ones that protected the country.

Lest We Forget

Hongliang
Welcome back to our Library for Term 2. Parents, please remember that your children need to return the books they have at home before they can borrow new ones. Also, students in Years Kindergarten to 5 must carry their books in a Library bag.

**Book Club Issue 3**
New brochures have been given out. There are three ways of ordering items:

- Using cash, returning it with order form in an envelope with your child’s name and class written clearly on the front;
- By cheque, returning it with order form in an envelope with your child’s name and class written clearly on the front;
- Using LOOP, the online credit card ordering facility. No order forms need to be returned to school; items are automatically recorded and issued with the final school order. To order for students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 parents should log on to Hurstville Infants School; to order for students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents should log on to Hurstville Public School.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Phone credit card payment is no longer available. All orders must be completed and returned by next Wednesday, 6th May.

**Premiers Reading Challenge**
Quite a few children have completed the challenge for this year. There is still plenty of time to complete reading of challenge books. These can be identified in our Library in the following way:

- Years K-2 books have a YELLOW sticker on the spine;
- Years 3-4 books have a BLUE sticker on the spine;
- Years 5-6 books have a RED sticker on the spine.

Each book also has its PRC number written inside the front cover.

**Ms Leslie Hyde – Teacher Librarian**

**Chinese Community Language**

Chinese community language lessons cater for all Chinese background students and non-background students who are interested in learning Chinese from Kindergarten to Year 4. The classes are organised in two levels: Beginner level with Ms Yenching Jang and Advanced level with Miss Amy Zhai or Mrs Elizabeth Wang.

In the Beginner Class, there are Chinese background students and non-background students. This class focuses on listening and speaking skills as well as learning about Chinese culture. The Advanced Class focuses on reading, comprehension and writing skills as well as Chinese literature. Students are placed in different classes according to teacher’s assessment of their language ability. All students receive two hours of Chinese community language lesson each week.
This term we also have a new teacher joining the Community Language Team, Miss Jessie Liu. Miss Liu teaches Year 5 and Year 6 Chinese background students. These students receive a one hour Chinese lesson each week.

We welcome any feedback and suggestions that will help us in improving the Chinese community language program.

Thank you for your continued support!

Miss Amy Zhai, Mrs Elizabeth Wang, Ms Yenching Jang and Miss Jessie Liu – Chinese Community Language Teachers

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**Primary School-Opportunity Class**

**Application for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2016.**

If your child is seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 you must submit the application [online](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement) between Monday 27 April 2015 and 15 May 2015.

The application website is at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement)
Welcome to the 21st Century Learning Corner! Here you will find up to date information on 21st Century Learning skills that we are in the process of implementing as part of our school plan. Head to this corner for links to relevant websites, work samples or other information that will support you in understanding the purpose and content of 21st Century Learning skills. For our first submission, we have included an image from the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) that predicts what schools will look like in 2030!! Watch this space for more exciting updates.

“21 世纪的学习园地”

欢迎来到“21 世纪的学习园地”！在这里，你会发现更多最新的21世纪学习技能。我们将以此作为本校计划的一部分，并且正在实施中。“21 世纪的学习园地”将链接到其它相关网站，为您提供有用的信息和资料。这些资料将帮助你理解21世纪学习的技能。

在这期的学习园地里，包括了“世界教育创新峰会（WISE）”的图像，以此预测2030年世界性学校的趋势。

*Mrs Amy Mortimer - Teacher*

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2030年世界性学校的趋势

据教育专家的调查，2030年教育主要趋势如下：

- 93%的教育专家赞成由创新的学习方式，只有7%的专家赞成举出教学方式。
- 73%专家认为老师将扮演监督和指导的角色。
- 几乎有一半的人认为网络教学是主要的知识来源。
- 虽然专家们都认为人与人在教室内的互动是很主要的学习方式，只有29%的人认为课堂才是主要的知识来源。
- 个人技能占75%，实际应用展59%，以上两项将扮演更重要的角色。学业成绩只占42%。
- 83%的人认为学校的课程将个人化。
- 职业技能、合作技能以及创新技能将与学校毕业文凭占相等地位。
- 90%的人认为教育是一辈子的事情。
Dear fathers and students,

P&C together with the school are holding a Mother's Day stall to celebrate Mother's Day! We will provide lovely gifts for all of our children to purchase for their mothers (or grandmas) for this special day. This year, there is a great variety of gifts to suit different mums. We are asking for your support for this fund raising event, which has been enjoyed by all, over the years.

Each class will take turns 'shopping' in the school hall during Wed 6th - Thur 7th May 2015, 9:00am-1:00pm. Please make sure the children have money in an envelope/plastic bag to ensure it won't be lost.

Happy Mother's Day!
INVITATION: Kogarah High School Gifted and Talented Test
Tuesday 5 May 2015 8.45am

Kogarah High School would like to extend an invitation to year 6 students to sit a test for placement in the Gifted and talented Class 2016.

Parents should use the form located on this page to register:
http://www.kogarah-high-school.net/about/gifted_talented_test_registration.html

http://www.kogarah-high-school.net
phone: (02) 9587 5815
email: kogarah-h.school@dct.nsw.edu.au

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We are offering an opportunity for students to apply for our Gifted and Talented class.
THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF PLACES AVAILABLE

Year 7 (2016) - Gifted & Talented class Placement Test is on Tuesday 5 May, 2015.
Registration can be done by phoning 9587 5815 or on the school’s website
www.kogarah-high-school.net

Details are as follows:
- 9.00 – 10.30am (students can be at the office at 8.45am)
- Parents are welcome to a morning tea at 10.15am.
- Morning tea will be provided for students.
- Students will be completing the test online

Any student unable to attend this date is welcome to contact Ms Natalie Hale (Deputy Principal) to arrange an alternative time.
National Families Week Event

Join Interrelate and The Hub for a special seminar on building stronger families.

Learn more about:
- raising children in an informed and respectful way
- giving children skills to live a full and satisfying life
- how to communicate effectively, manage anger and resolve conflict

Wednesday 20 May
11:30am - 1:30pm

Venue: Interrelate
Shop 1C 383-385 Port Hacking Road
Caringbah, NSW

To book, call Interrelate on 02 8522 4450

Free BBQ lunch provided
华人家长小组

服务群体：在圣乔治地区生活，有学龄前
年龄0-5岁的华人家长。

活动内容：专家讲座，社区活动，育儿经
t验和技巧的分享，发展友谊，亲子互
动游戏。

时间：逢星期五上午10am - 12pm
（学校学期期间）

*社区Bus接送+简单茶点*

详细信息：请电 Annie 9553 9100

电子邮箱：annie.liu@sgfss.org.au
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Chinese Parent Group

Target Group: Chinese speaking parents
with children 0 - 5 years who live in the
St. George Area.

Improve parenting skills and
develop new friendships.

WHEN Every Thursday morning
(During the school term)
TIME 10.00am — 12.00pm
Refreshments provided for parents and children

For further information please
contact Annie on 9553 9100 or
email: annie.liu@sgfss.org.au
“It's not only children who grow. Parents do too. As much as we watch to see what our children do with their lives, they are watching us to see what we do with ours. I can't tell my children to reach for the sun. All I can do is reach for it, myself.”

~ Joyce Maynard