Calendar of Upcoming Events

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Principal’s Message

At the St George Performing Arts Festival (SPAF) this week, more than 2,000 students from primary schools in the St George area entertained their families and friends in a series of concerts held at the Marana Auditorium in Hurstville.

Hurstville Public School had an outstanding representation of students, performing in six concerts over three days and nights. Our choir members, who were on stage for more than two hours for each of their two performances, were focused and enthusiastic and delivered a beautiful repertoire of songs of different styles and from different eras. My thanks go to our choir teachers – Miss Moar, Mrs Androulis, Mrs Marinkovic and Mrs Proctor – for training the students for this festival and to the students who showed commitment to the choir and pride in doing their best.

This year, we had a number of dance groups represent Hurstville Public School at SPAF for the first time, as well as our established Chinese Dance Group who have been long-term performers. All of our dancers did a superb job: they looked fantastic and danced with style, enthusiasm and great enjoyment! My thanks go to Mrs Muir, Ms Dose, Miss Piper, Ms Roebuck, Mrs Wang and Miss Zhai for coordinating and managing our dance groups.

We also had a display of our students’ artwork in the foyer of the Marana Auditorium. As was the case last year, the quality of the artwork was just fabulous. Thank you to Miss Hoskin for organising this display for our school.

We are very fortunate to have teachers who are willing to take on these additional responsibilities to give our children the opportunity to develop their interests and talents in a variety of areas. Our teachers volunteer for these roles and others, such as coaching sporting teams, coordinating the bands and other dance groups, running public speaking and creative writing programs, to name just a few. I am very grateful for their commitment to our students and for their willingness to take on an extra workload, for our students’ benefit.
Congratulations to all of our SPAF performers for a job well done and for maintaining their commitment to their groups. Thank you to the parents who supported their children’s participation by having them at rehearsals on time each week and who provide encouragement for their children to try new things.

We will have the opportunity to see more of these talented students, and our bands and other dance groups, at our Hurstville Showcase in November. We look forward to it with great anticipation!

Mrs Anne Hewson – Principal

Deputy Principals’ Messages

Trying to juggle home responsibilities, work commitments and support and care for children, is a constant source of stress for many families. Sometimes, no matter how organised you are, things get misplaced or overlooked. This term has been particularly busy so far, with Education Week, excursions, choir and dance rehearsals and performances; and it’s only Week 4! There have been a number of notes sent home to inform you of these activities, with important information included. Sometimes these notes go astray, and families miss important information, such as permission notes to be signed, payments to be made, or early arrival at school for excursions. Please read all notes carefully and enter any changes to routine in your diary or on a calendar. If a note is misplaced, you can always find a copy on our school website.

Mrs Jenny Cooper – Relieving Deputy Principal

Absences
The Department of Education is now closely monitoring school attendance rolls in all schools and the requirement for a written explanation as soon as a student returns from an absence is being monitored. If your child is absent from school, please send in a written explanation as soon as possible.
Also, if your child is sick for three or more days, I would ask that you ring the office and let the school know.
If you are considering taking your child out of school for extended leave, please visit the office to access the appropriate paperwork.

Epipens
Please make sure you are aware of the expiry date of any Epipens sent to school for your student. These need to be replaced once expired. If you have any concerns about how your child’s care needs are managed at school, please make an appointment to see your class teacher.

I thank you for your cooperation with these important matters which are all in place to ensure the safety of our students.

Ms Jennifer Birch - Deputy Principal

Last term, students, teachers and parents participated in a Road Safety campaign to help our students learn the best way to stay safe around roads. Many afternoons during the week, I observe student and parent behaviours at the lights on Forest Rd. I see many students and parents who sensibly follow the rules and patiently wait for the lights. It is important to remember that students follow the behaviours of parents and are developing the habit of keeping themselves safe as they walk home with you each day; habits they will continue when they are old enough to walk home without parent supervision.

Children learn best in the real traffic environment under the supervision of a caring adult. Here are some ways to teach your child about road safety as you are walking home.
• Talk about which direction the traffic is coming from. Remember to identify places where vehicles are turning.
• Talk about the difference between vehicles that are parked, those that are coming towards you and those that are going away. Talk about how the ones coming towards you are the most dangerous. Point at different vehicles and ask your child to tell you if they are coming towards them or going away from them.
• Look for a vehicle coming towards you. Talk about whether it is big or small and how fast or slow it is going. Use the terms near or far to describe where the traffic is.
• Look to the right and left and right again, and in front and behind you for vehicles. Talk about the need to double-check that there is a safe gap before moving onto the road.
• Demonstrate choosing to cross at lights or pedestrian crossings if available.
• Ask them to watch the lights when they are crossing and discuss stopping when the lights start flashing red.

Remember: Drive Safe, Think Safe, Be Safe

Miss Danielle Scott - Deputy Principal

In The Classroom

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)
Speaking and listening is a very important part of school life, particularly in Kindergarten. We encourage our students to share their ideas, knowledge and understanding of concepts. Students have opportunities to speak in pairs, in small groups and to the whole class. We encourage all students to prepare their ‘news’ topics each week so that they can practise talking to the class. Please take the time to help prepare your child so that they are organised and feel confident. Below are some photos of students enjoying Open Day last week.

Mrs J. Maakaroun - Assistant Principal

Stage 1
Year 1

Hurstville Museum and Gallery

Year 1 students went on a walking excursion to the Hurstville Museum and Gallery this week. The excursion reinforced students' knowledge of what life was like in the past. Students rotated between three activities – ‘Home Sweet Home’, which taught students about chores that their grandparents did when they were young; ‘Hopscotch, Hoops and Handballs’ where students played different games from the past and ‘Slates and School Bells’ which taught students about what school life was like in the olden days.

All students had a great time at the excursion. Thanks to any parent helpers that came along!

Mrs R. Singh - Assistant Principal Year 1

Year 2

Thank you to all the parents and other special visitors who came to visit our classrooms last Wednesday morning for the Education Week Open Day. We hope that you enjoyed your visit as much as your children enjoyed having you here.

We are very proud of our Year 2 Choir group who performed so splendidly at the St George Performing Arts Festival. Year 2 Choir had a great time and they are to be commended for their wonderful singing and behaviour during the concert.

Parents and caregivers are reminded that payment for the Book Week Author Visit is due soon. The Author Visit will encourage students to use their creativity in a writing workshop.

Mrs Z. Marinkovic - Assistant Principal (Rel. Year 2)

Stage 2

Year 4

Sir Ken Robinson has said that “All children start their school careers with sparkling imaginations, fertile minds, and a willingness to take risks with what they think.” Last term, through Project Based Learning, students were encouraged to collaborate with others to explore ideas, take risks and produce a product that promoted road safety.

Creative thinking is “thinking out of the box,” or “the ability to come up with innovative ideas.” With the variety of projects that students developed last term, we can see that they are certainly able to do this. They drew on each other's talents and interests to create a viable product. Some conducted
experiments or they created games, movies, posters, books, dioramas and Power-point presentations using a range of technologies.

Mrs D. Cumines - 3/4C Teacher

Stage 3

Year 5 and 6
This term, Stage 3 has been involved in various creative arts activities, including visual arts and drama. Students have been challenged to use their imagination and creativity to problem-solve and produce various artworks, one of which was ‘Pebble Art’. Students were asked to use simple objects found in nature, such as pebbles, sticks and bark, to create some sort of animal. The results were surprising and so beautiful; it was difficult choosing only 8! (See student artwork below)
This term, Stage 3 students have also been discussing the importance of drama, and how it can improve their confidence and ability to perform and speak before an audience. Various classes are in the process of rehearsing either plays or songs to perform in stage assembly, which takes place on even weeks, on Thursdays.

**Ms N. Sedhom**

**Support Classes**

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In the support unit garden we have a new scarecrow. His name is Tim. He is a minion. The Minion is yellow and blue. He has a blue hat.
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**Mrs Nicole Moore - Assistant Principal**

**Values in Action Awards**

I am very excited to announce that the new Hurstville Public School Values in Action medals have arrived. These medals will be distributed to students who have received two **GOLD** awards. The students listed below will receive their **MEDAL** on Monday 10 August at the whole school assembly in the morning. Congratulations to these students. Parents are most welcome to see the students receive their medals.

- Teonie Q. 4G
- Ali M 5/6K
- Jodie H 5/6K
- Yvonne D 5/6K

The students listed below will receive their **GOLD** award at the Monday morning assembly as well.

- Kane B. SU Green
- Angelina Z. 2L
- Patrick L. 2M
- Kaitlyn L. 3/4C
- Stella Y. 3T
- Amber D. 3T
- Holly W. 5/6K
- Grace C 5/6K
- Cindy L. 6D
- Percy B. 6B

Congratulations to these students.

If your child receives 5 Values in Action Awards, please send them in so that your child can receive their Bronze award at their grade assembly.

**Mrs Jessica Maakaroun - Assistant Principal**
Band

In Week 8 of this term, Year 3 students will be attending a concert where the Training Band will perform. At this concert, they will receive information about joining the HPS Band Program in 2016. Joining the band requires a commitment from both parents and students. If you would like to consider having your child join the band in 2016, please read the Band Handbook on our school website. Please discuss the commitment with your child. At the concert, students who are interested will receive further information and will be able to audition for the band in Week 2 next term.

Miss Danielle Scott

From the Library

*Turn the pages of your imagination ... READ!*  
- Author unknown

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

There are now only three weeks to complete the reading log for the PRC. Title entries will no longer be able to be made after 26th August. Several students have only a few more books to enter, so please ensure that those last entries are made before this date.

BOOK FAIR

You will receive a note regarding the dates, and additional information about our annual book fair, within the next few weeks. I hope students have started saving their money for some very good deals.

Ms Lesley Hyde – Teacher Librarian

Chinese Community Language

Last week, Miss Liu’s class had fun writing Chinese calligraphy. The calligraphy lesson helped students to have better understanding of Chinese language and culture.

This is their first attempt at writing Chinese calligraphy; holding the brush in the correct way is challenging for them!
The Chinese Dance Group also had great fun performing at St George Performing Arts Festival this Tuesday. They were stunning! Well done girls!

Chinese Community Language Team

Kindergarten enrolments

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2016

We are currently accepting enrolments for students starting school in 2016.

- If you have a child who turns 5 before 31 July 2016, and you wish them to enrol into Kindergarten next year, please contact the school office as soon as possible to complete an enrolment form.
- If you know of a friend or neighbour who lives within our school boundary area and has a child who is intending to enrol at our school in Kindergarten in 2016, please advise them to contact the school office as soon as possible.

The school boundary area and information about documentation required to enrol a child at Hurstville Public school is available on our website www.hurstville-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Our New School Sign

Thank you to our past Year 6 students for their donation of a new electronic school sign at our Forest Rd entry. We think it looks wonderful.
**Education Week**

It was wonderful to have so many parents attend our presentation on 21st Century Learning during Education Week. For those who were unable to attend, the presentation can be viewed on the School website.


We hope you enjoyed seeing 21st Century learning in action during the classroom visits.