



The Belltower



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Important dates for 2009

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| 17 March 2009 | OC National Park excursion |
| 18 Mar – 3 April | Life Education |
| 19 th March 2009 | Selective High School test |
| 25 th , 26 th , 27 th March 2009 | School photos |
| 9 th April 2009 | Last day Term 1 |
| 10 th April 2009 | Good Friday - Public Holiday |
| 28 th April 2009 | Staff Development Day – pupil free day |
| 29 th April 2009 | Term 2 begins for students students return to school |

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Education Tax Refund – Get 50% back

Under the new Education Tax Refund, parents and others who are eligible can now claim 50% of their eligible education expenses up to \$750 for primary students and \$1500 for secondary students.

This means you could receive a refund each year of up to \$375 for each primary and \$750 for each secondary school student in your care.

Are you eligible?

To be eligible you must have received Family Tax Benefit Part A for each child whose education expenses you wish to claim. You can also claim the Education Tax Refund if you were stopped from receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A because your child received any of the following:

- Youth Allowance (student) aged 18
- Disability Support Pension
- ABSTUDY
- the Veterans' Children Education Scheme
- the Student Financial Supplement Scheme
- a scheme under s258 of the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004
- an Australian Postgraduate Award.

Independent students are also eligible to claim.

What can you claim?

You can claim the purchase, lease, hire or hire-purchase costs, repairs and running costs of:

- laptops, home computers and associated costs — for example, internet and paper
- educational software, printers, USB flash drives, disability aids to assist in the use of computer equipment for students with special needs
- stationery and art supplies
- school textbooks and associated learning materials
- trade tools and safety equipment for secondary school trade courses.

- Some of the expenses you cannot claim include school fees or the cost of school uniforms, school excursions or travel to and from school, musical instruments or sporting equipment, clothing or footwear. For a more comprehensive list visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au

When can you claim?

You can claim your education expenses in your 2009 tax return. If you do not have to lodge a tax return, you will be able to lodge a separate claim with the Tax Office from 1 July 2009.

- Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.

If your education expenses in one year are more than the claim limit for your children, you can add the excess to your education expenses for the following year.

➤ For more information:

- visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au
- phone the Tax Office on **13 28 61**.

Anita Rooney Principal

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Click on the 'newsletter' link at the top of the page.

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You will be asked to fill in your details including the name and class of your child. This information will be used by the school only. If you have more than one child you can still receive just one copy of the newsletter by entering more than one child's name and class on the same form separated with commas.

Once you have received a confirmation e-mail you will know that you have subscribed correctly.

Please ensure all details are filled in correctly especially the spelling of your e-mail address.

Jennifer Birch Deputy Principal

Student of the Week

| | Week 5 | Week 6 |
|----------|------------------|--------------------|
| KS | Leroy Ma | Davina Kuang |
| KM | Cindy Fu | Kelly Pan |
| KV | Blake Alexander | Olivia Li |
| KB | Matthew Li | Rosie Flint |
| KR | Zachary Liu | L.J Kulanoa |
| 1KL | Emily Yu | Siobhan Daly |
| 1M | Brighton Rameka | Helena Yan |
| 1S | Jenny Li | Allan Sharp |
| 1D | Alice Li | Ethan Chong |
| 1J | Jacqueline Oyog | Helen Mai |
| 1/2F | Tarron Zeng | Emily Liao |
| 2W | Deanna El-Hage | Seb Chen |
| 2S | Winnie Wang | Shirley Yu |
| 2CP | Eva Zhang | Kevin Karlis |
| 2G | Kenny Li | Carmen Peng |
| 2/4CM | Taylor Garcia | Christopher Fraser |
| K/2N | Ahmad Moustafa | Jason Smith |
| 3L | Simon Yang | |
| 3AS | Nicholas Khoo | |
| 3T | Dylan He | Lynn Liang |
| 3M | Oshwald Khoo | Heidi Fang |
| 3B | Scarlett Du | |
| 4K | Brandon Yasbek | Angela Chung |
| 4S | Pearl Chen | |
| 4M | Regina Tang | Andrew Zi Li |
| 4F | Sean Callis | Veilah Arrogante |
| 5/6H | Ashley Kumar | Dean Tallis |
| 3/6JV | Michael Bakhoun | Adriana |
| 4/5K | Dallas Yan | Lina Park |
| 5I | Daniel Hardy | Sisi Hu |
| 5RG | Hans He | Samantha Jordan |
| 5H | Sugam Bhandari | Vinsie Wang |
| 5/6RM | Carrie Feng | Mandy Wong |
| 5L | Michelle Qiao | Andy Yu |
| 5S | Mike Xi | |
| 6D | MeiQi He | Andy Chan |
| 6G | David Wang | Sophia Huang |
| 6S | Miffy Deng | Burny Lu |
| 6R | Ajay Umasankar | Kevin Chen |
| 6E | Talei Kotobalavu | Dominic He |
| 6C | Rachael Polt-cai | Danny Deng |
| 6F | Jessie Sun | Ewan Cai |
| Italian: | Andy Yao 5S | Janice Lia 6F |



respect, learning, responsibility

Care & Kindness
Good Manners
Honesty
Fair Go for All
(Tolerance & Acceptance)

Personal Best
Participation
Co-operation
Setting Goals

Personal
Social (Friends and Classmates)
Civic
Environmental

Our Value of the Month for March is Respect

Year 1 News

This term, Year 1 students are learning about themselves and how they fit into different types of communities such as their family, their class, their school and the Hurstville community.

This unit covers content from the HSIE, English and PDHPE curriculum.

The writing text type focus is Recount writing (when writing students need to identify when, who, where, what and why they did something). Recount writing usually describes an event from the past such as: on the weekend, last night etc.

Year 1 will visit Healthy Harold in the school grounds later this term. Please return the signed permission note and \$6 as soon as possible.

In mathematics we have been learning about numbers to 30, groups of 10 and counting by 2's, 5's and 10 to 100. We have also started adding and subtracting numbers to 30. It would be helpful if you could reinforce these concepts at home.

Sport days - 1J & 1D participate in sporting activities on a Tuesday morning at 10am. While 1KL, 1S & 1M have sport on a Friday at 10am. All Year 1 participate in fitness activities on a Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning.

Homework - Homework will go home every Monday and needs to be returned every Friday. Please follow the specific page allocated each week in the maths mental work book. Home reading should be returned daily unless your child is working through a chapter book.

If you have any questions about your child's learning or the Year 1 curriculum please make an appointment with your child's teacher or Ms McKinnon.

Yours truly,
The Year 1 team

Year 2 News

All Year 2 children are settling into class and grade routines. The children were very excited when Sports and CAPA groups started. They particularly enjoy the new activities and skills being learnt in Sports, and the feedback from CAPA groups is all positive. This year CAPA groups will be on a term rotational basis, so most children will experience at least 3 different types of activities throughout the year with Choir, Craft, Dance and Drama.

The children are learning lots of information about healthy eating as part of our Science unit "What's for Lunch?" and many children are enjoying the extra break time with "Crunch and Sip".

A big thanks to all those parents who paid the textbook fees so promptly. This enables all the children to start work in them at the same time. Don't forget, Healthy Harold is coming soon!

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Character



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Enjoyable classes for girls, boys and adults -free trial class

Call Sue 9580 1596 Classes resume 17th February

Information for parents, teachers and childcare workers

Whooping cough (pertussis)

In recent months there has been an increase in the number of school-aged children in NSW diagnosed with whooping cough (pertussis).

Please be on the look out for symptoms of whooping cough:

- a runny nose, followed by a cough, which becomes worse (older children and adults may have only a cough that can last for several months)
- a cough that occurs in spasms, which may be followed by vomiting
- a cough with a 'whoop' (a sudden noisy gasp at the end of coughing)

In order to prevent further cases, if your child or any member of your family has symptoms of whooping cough please see your doctor and take this notice with you. This is extremely important if there is a baby less than 12 months of age living in the household. Pertussis can be a serious life-threatening infection for babies.

If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in its early, infectious stage (within 3 weeks of the cough starting), please advise the school and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics.

Immunisation reduces the risk of infection, however the vaccine does not give lifelong protection, and reinfection can occur. The vaccine is provided free of charge for infants at 2, 4 and 6 months and again at 4 years. Please check that your child has received this primary course. If your child has not been fully immunised, discuss a catch-up plan with your doctor.

Because protection wanes with time, free vaccine will be provided to Year 10 students as part of the NSW School-based Vaccination Program from 2009.

Absence Note

Dear Teacher,

My child _____ from class _____

was absent from school on the following date(s) _____

for the following reason;

_____.

Parent / Caregiver Signature: _____ Date: _____