



The Belltower



Term 1 Issue 4

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Important dates for 2009

19 th March	Selective High School test
20 th March	P&C Meeting 9.15am staffroom – all welcome
25 th 26 th 27 th March 2009	School photos- students need to be in full summer school uniform
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

In this issue I have included a copy of the Hurstville Public School Policy for the Use of Mobile Phones, Portable Computer Games, MP3 Players/iPods, Cameras and Similar Devices in Schools by Students.

Please read the policy with your child and discuss the responsibilities that your child has if they bring one of these devices to school. Thankyou for your co operation.

Anita Rooney
Principal

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Anticipated timetable will be:

Wednesday 25.3.09

5RG, 6D, 6S, 6R, 6E, 6C, 5RM, 6G, 5I, 5H, 5S, 5L, 1KL, 1M, 5/6H, 1S, 1D, 1J, 6F, 1/2F, 2W, 2S, 2G, Stage 2 dance group, family photos

Thursday 26.3.09

3/6JV, 4K, 4/5K, 4M, 4S, 4F, 3L, 2/4CM, 2CP, 3AS, 3T, 3M, 3B, Yr 5 Debating, Yr 6 Debating, Yr 5 Chess Club, Captains & Ambassadors, SRC, Training Band, Intermediate Band, Performing Band, family photos continued

Friday 27.3.09

KB, KV, KR, KM, KS, K-2N, all PSSA teams and family photos continued

Jennifer Birch
Deputy Principal

Student of the Week

	Week 7	Week 8
KS	Ray Li	Miranda Sun
KM	Patrick Chen	Ricky Liu
KV	Geoffrey Zhen	
KB	Chelsea Jin	Liam Mock
KR	Rory Turner	Alice Hewett
1KL	Jason Ye	
1M	Ian Cheng	Reyann Moussa
1S		Olivia Ye
1D	Kelly Liu	Stephen Chen
1J	Mahmoud Hijazi	Edward Zhao
1/2F	Curtis Chow (Yr2)	Tian Huang (Yr 1)
2W	Vivian	
2S	Ryan Kc	Anna Petrovski
2CP	Cynthia Perrera	
2G	Kitty	
2/4CM	Thanasi Psychogios	Hamad Nasser
K/2N	Calvin Arrogante	Brock Adams
3L	Ali Moussa	Jessie Cai
3AS	William Mai	Kai Si Zeng
3T	Basil Nayef	Nikki Yao
3M	Shaun Denning	Weipei Luo
3B	Sarah Wu	KaiMin Lin
4K	Adrian Georgievski	Jawahir Hadid
4S	Jordan Mock	Helen Xu
4M	Shi Ying Rong	Harrison Li
4F	Andrew Li	Harrison Li
5/6H		
3/6JV	Amina Zahr	Andrew Colby
4/5K	Emma Zhang	Adam He
5I	Daniel He	Daniel He
5RG	Xibo Wu	Bob Huang
5H	Jonathan Engley	Tracy Deng
5/6RM	Kylie Deng	Bohan Deng
5L	Nina Wang	Leon Xu
5S	Andrew Walls	Lesley Zhang
6D	Ivy Dong	Kelly Lu
6G	Michelle Chow	Antonio Ferlin
6S	Chapman Cheung	Jenny Zhong
6R	Angel Zhang	Hussein Dirani
6E	Jean Yu	John Jiang
6C	Ingrid Wan	Jessica Zhou
6F	Stephanie Ding	Catherine Mai
Italian – Studente della Settimana – Max Li (5L) Jessica Zhang(6C)		

Year 6 News

High School Enrolment for Year 7 2010

The next few weeks are a very important time for all Year 6 students. Last week all Year 6 students received their **Expression of Interest form for Placement in a Government High School in 2010**.

These forms are extremely important and need to be completed and returned by **Friday March 27th**.

A **parent information night** will be held on **Wednesday 25th March 2009** at **6.30pm** in **E Block Hall** and will be a fantastic opportunity to ask any questions about the Transition to High School process.

Translated documents and information sheets will also be available. We encourage all Year 6 parents to attend.

Harmony Day

This Friday, 20th March, Hurstville Public School will be celebrating Harmony Day. What is Harmony Day?

Harmony Day, which began in 1999, occurs on 21 March each year and celebrates Australia's success as a diverse society united by a common set of values.

Since 1945 more than six million people have settled in Australia and in 60 years of post-war migration Australia's population has jumped from 6 million to approximately 20 million.

Between us we now speak more than 200 languages, including 45 Indigenous languages. Our most commonly spoken languages are English, Italian, Greek, Cantonese, Arabic, Vietnamese and Mandarin.

We are proud that Hurstville Public School is also a community in which many different cultures interact in a harmonious way.

Children will be completing activities in class about Harmony Day and will be encouraged to wear an orange item of clothing eg. T-shirt, hair ribbon or socks to celebrate this important day.

OZOpera

We are delighted to be able to host another performance by Opera Australia's OzOpera at the school on Monday, 4th May, for Years 2 to 6 at the extremely reasonable cost of \$6 per pupil.

Kindergarten and Year 1 will have their performance later in the year.

These productions are designed to introduce opera to young people in a most exciting and enjoyable way.

This year's presentation is Rossini's extremely popular opera, Cinderella.

Permission notes will be sent home shortly and it would be appreciated if they could be returned before the end of this term.

Thank you for your support.
Mrs I. Higgins, co-ordinator.

Calling All Artists - Write 4 fun Art Competition

Art works may be presented in the following forms:- painting, drawing, photography, collage, charcoal, computer designed.

ARTWORKS MUST BE ORIGINAL and in **A4 format**

(No 3D artworks) Entry is free

All entries must be in by May 11th 2009

1st prize \$1000 (\$500 + \$500 for HPS)

2nd prize \$300

3rd prize \$200

15 finalists \$50

See Mrs Lobina for further details and entry forms

OR visit www.write4fun.net

P&C News - Next P&C Meeting

Don't forget our next P&C meeting will be held on Friday 20th March 2009 at 9.15am in the staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend

Hurstville Public School

Policy for the Use of Mobile Phones, Portable Computer Games, MP3 Players/iPods, Cameras and Similar Devices in Schools by Students. Draft Policy February 2009



Introduction

There is a range of technology available today including mobile telephones, pagers, digital cameras, portable CD and MP3 players/iPods, personal digital assistants and other similar devices. All of these have the potential to be incorporated appropriately into lessons, opening exciting new approaches to learning. When these technologies are misused by students they can be very disruptive to teaching and learning and in some cases cause harm.

Hurstville Public School acknowledges that students may need to be in possession of a mobile telephone at school for reasons relating to their safety in travelling to and from school.

Taking photographs or videos while at school or engaged in school-related activities by students may only occur if there is a sound reason for the photography. Depending on the particular circumstances and purpose of the photography, the permission of staff, parent/ carer or student may be required.

Where students bring a mobile telephone, portable computer game, MP3 player/iPod, camera and similar devices to school:

Student Responsibilities

- The student must take full responsibility for these devices. The school or staff will not be responsible for their loss, theft or damage. Students who bring them to school do so at their own risk.
- Students will use their mobile phone in a way which reflects the core values being taught in schools, including the values of respect, responsibility, care and fairness.
- Students must not use mobile telephones or other devices to disrupt the learning environment or interfere with the operation of the school. Such activities may incur disciplinary action including suspension.
- Students must not use mobile telephones or other devices to threaten, bully, intimidate or otherwise harass other people through any SMS or text message, photographic, video or other data transfer system available on the telephone or for any illegal activity. Such activities may incur disciplinary action including suspension.
- Under no circumstances will inappropriate use of mobile telephones with cameras be tolerated. Students found to be using any camera contrary to this acceptable use policy will be dealt with under the school discipline policy. Disciplinary action will be taken in all cases.

Improper use of mobile telephones or other electronic devices may result in:

- Detention or other appropriate disciplinary measure as determined by the school's disciplinary policy.
- The student being required to hand in their mobile telephone or other electronic device at the beginning of the school day for collection when the student goes home.
- Confiscation of the mobile telephone or other electronic device until such time as their parent or caregiver is able to attend school to collect the device.
- Other disciplinary action in cases where students have bullied or threatened or harassed other students or staff via the mobile telephone or other personal communication device or where the device has been used to take photographs or display inappropriate material.

Emergency Contact

- If a parent or caregiver needs to contact a student at school as a result of an emergency, they are required to call the school's main office and a message will be sent immediately to the student.
- If a student needs to make emergency contact with anyone they can do so through the school's main office.

CANTEEN WEEKLY SPECIALS

Monday 16th March – Friday 20th March

Mon: Fresh Fruit Salad **\$1.50**

TUES: Mini Sausage Rolls **\$0.80**

WED: “Meal Deal” – Home-made Cheese Pizza with a bottle of water **\$4.00**

THUR: “Meal Deal” – Ham, Cheese, Tomato Roll with a Juice Popper **\$4.00**

FRI: “Meal Deal” – Lean Beef Burger with a Juice Popper **\$4.00**

CANTEEN WEEKLY SPECIALS

Monday 23rd March – Friday 27th March

Mon: Milkshakes **\$1.50**

TUES: Jelly & Custard **\$1.00**

WED: “Meal Deal” – Sweet Chilli Tender Wrap and an Orchy cup **\$4.00**

THUR: “Meal Deal” – Fish Burger together with a bottle of water **\$4.00**

FRI: “Meal Deal” – Nuggets & Mash Potato with an Orchy cup **\$4.00**

CANTEEN WEEKLY SPECIALS

Monday 30th March – Friday 03rd April

Mon: Fairy Bread **\$1.00**

TUES: Pizza Fingers **\$1.00**

WED: “Meal Deal” – 97% Fat free Hot Dog and a bottle of water **\$4.00**

THUR: “Meal Deal” – Cheese & Salad wrap and an Orchy cup **\$4.00**

FRI: “Meal Deal” – Home-made Lasagna and a Juice Popper **\$4.00**

CANTEEN WEEKLY SPECIALS

Monday 06th April – Thursday 09th April

Mon: Fresh Fruit Salad **\$1.50**

TUES: Mini Pies **\$0.80**

WED: “Meal Deal” – Fried Rice and a bottle of water **\$4.00**

THUR: “Meal Deal” – Cheese Pizza with a bottle of Sports Water **\$4.00**

Staying safe online

1. **Keep computers out in the open!**

Your child might think twice about looking at inappropriate websites and won't be able to chat to their friends all night while you think they are doing their homework.

2. **Mind your business**

Remind your child to keep information such as their name, address, phone number, school and even your credit card number to themselves. When signing up to a chat room, they should use a screen name that is a nickname and not easy to work out. The same goes for choosing passwords - don't make them easy to figure out. If your child is going to put photos on the Internet, ensure they don't show them wearing their school uniform – this can be enough to identify your child's school. Also ensure that any photos are not the type that would attract unwanted attention from strangers.

3. **Just because it's on the Internet, it doesn't mean it's true!**

Make sure your child uses multiple sources for research, and is careful not to plagiarise.

4. **Stranger danger is online too**

Ensure your child never organises to meet up with any strangers that they have met online. If they really want to meet up, encourage them to talk to you about it first and insist on going along with them.

Remind your children to also be wary opening emails from strangers too. They could contain spam (online junk mail), a virus (which will harm your computer), or be from a stranger looking for trouble.

5. **So get a filter!**

Internet filters can help block inappropriate sites for children. You can download a free filter at www.netalert.gov.au. These aren't completely reliable and it's best if you talk about what websites are appropriate with your child so they understand and make the right choice on their own.

6. **Encourage your child to talk with you about their online experiences – good and bad**

This will make it easier for them if they see something inappropriate or are emailed something unsuitable. If they are embarrassed to tell you, persuade them to at least tell a teacher or another trusted adult.

7. **Life online works better when people maintain good manners and treat each other as they'd like to be treated**

Talk about this with your child and it may lead to a decline in bullying behaviour, not to mention the many disagreements that children have amongst themselves.

8. **Forever is a long time**

A lot of blogs and websites maintain information as part of cyberspace forever – long after your child may have changed their minds about "hating boys" or whatever is the hot topic of the day. By publishing without thinking of the future, your child's innocent work online may be something that comes up down the track and negatively impacts their career and personal life.

Danger signs

- Your child constantly sits on the computer in chat rooms or instant messaging, from straight after school to very late at night.
- Your child begins showing unexplained money or items that come from "a friend you don't know."
- Your child starts to be secretive about what they are doing online – this could include anything from minimising screens as you walk past, to not letting you see their blogs/chat/social media sites.

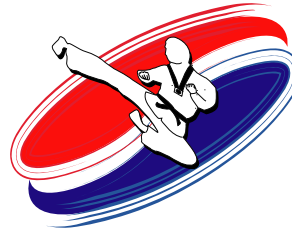
<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/technology/cybersafety/yr2008/staysafe.php>

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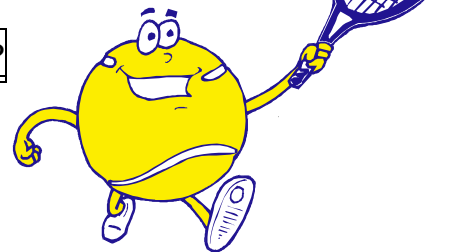
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