

# HUNTERS HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## Message from the Principal



### Safe and Healthy Eating at School

At HHPs, as in all department schools, safe and healthy eating are important focuses in the arenas of health and safety as well as the personal development and health curriculum. Our school canteen operates in accordance with the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy.

As such, there are a few expectations regarding safe and healthy eating at school:

- Please do not pack any products containing nuts.
- Students are not allowed to share food/drinks.
- Students are not allowed to purchase food/drinks for others from the canteen.
- Students should bring fruit or vegetables and water daily for in-class morning 'Crunch and Sip'.
- Students should come with a refillable water bottle.
- Students should not ever bring lollies or chocolate to school.
- 'Sometimes' foods such as cakes, biscuits, chips, etc should be limited to sometimes inclusions in lunch boxes.

Thank you very much in advance for your cooperation for the health and safety of all students.

We will remind students about expectations regarding the sharing and purchase of foods and thank you for supporting these endeavours by also reminding your children at home.



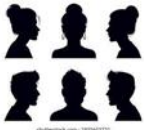
### Welcome BBQ

Although the weather was very warm, we did have a lovely afternoon for our P&C Welcome BBQ last Friday. It was a fun and relaxing afternoon which I trust everyone enjoyed. The atmosphere and feedback at the time was certainly positive and the new addition of the petting zoo was definitely a hit! Many many thanks to Jenny and her support crew for their organisation of the event, and to the trusty team of parents who volunteered to help on the day – particularly those who braved the additional heat of the BBQ! Thank you also to everyone who was able to join in the event and I hope you were all able to catch up with current friends and make some new ones.



## Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews took place across last week with a great turn-out of parents. Many thanks to everyone who attended an interview for their child. It is so important to establish productive relationships with parents and carers in regard to supporting the academic and personal development of all students. We very much appreciate your attendance and the opportunity to meet you.



## Class Parents

You should have received advice by now of who to contact as the class parent for each class should you wish to. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and to everyone who has taken on this role.

Just as a reminder, the role of the class parent includes such things as:

- Relaying class information and school information on an 'as needed' basis.
- Supporting parents in terms of clarifying information or providing guidance around where to go or who to ask if needing information.
- Liaising with the class teacher on matters of class items, activities, or events that may involve parent help or assistance.
- Potentially arranging out-of-hours class activities.

Please be advised that all communication will come from the school in the first instance and all families should have downloaded and be using the **School Bytes App**.



## Drop-off and Pick-up Zone

Please note that, unless in extenuating circumstances, the drop-off and pick-up zone is **supervised until 3:15pm only**. Any student in Years 3 – 6 not picked up by 3:15pm will be left to await pick up. Students in K-2 (and any older siblings) not picked up by 3:15pm will be escorted to the school office. Parents will be required to park their cars and collect their children from the office.

Thank you very much in advance for your cooperation and punctual arrival at school pick-up.



## Student Attendance

**EVERY DAY COUNTS!**

### Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



**EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!**

### Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



## Birthday Ice Blocks

Please note that we do not have the capacity to store ice blocks for class birthday treats. Ice blocks for the class can, however, be ordered through the canteen and delivered to class. We are happy to celebrate birthdays with students and share birthday treats, but unless ordering from the canteen please provide treats other than ice blocks.



## Changed Your Details Over the Holidays?

Just a reminder that if you have had a change in personal details such as address or contact numbers; work, mobile or home, please ensure that you notify our office ASAP.

Kim Dudgeon

## Principal's Certificates of Merit

The following students were the recipients of **Certificates of Merit**, for excellent effort, work or citizenship:

**1/2R**

Anika K,

**1/2M**

Eleanor M, Ryan R

**3/4J**

Mia C, Zak S

**3/4M**

Noa Y

**4/5M**

Archie G,

**5/6F**

Olivia E, Kenzo U

**5/6M**

Audrey G, Edward P, Teddy W

## K-2 Awards

Congratulations to the K-2 students who received a mention at the Week 6 Assembly for good work!



## Dates to Remember

Mon, 10 Mar	School Swimming Carnival Y3-6 (and optional for those in Y2 turning 8 in 2025)
Tue, 11 Mar	Zone Swimming Carnival (selected students)
Tue, 18 Mar	Aspire Higher Stage 3 Incursion
Mon, 24 Mar	Harmony Day
Thur, 27 Mar	Paul Kelly Cup (Selected Students)
Mon, 31 Mar - Fri, 4 Apr	Year 2 Swimming Scheme
Wed, 9 Apr	Combined Easter Service
Fri, 11 Apr	Last Day of Term 1
Mon, 28 - Tue 29 Apr	Staff Development Days (staff only)
Wed, 30 Apr	First Day of Term 2 for students



## Peer Support

### Week 3

Types of friends is the focus in Peer Support this week. Children explore what encourages them to form friendships with different people (common interests, admirable qualities etc). Through activities, children identify that friends can fall into categories of 'best friends', 'friends' and 'people we know'. Children also discuss the fact that friendships change over time for various reasons. Discuss the different friends they have in their life and how friendships change. Some friends may be more important at different times in life.

### Week 4

This week in the Peer Support session, children will be focusing on the importance of support networks and the role that friends play in each other's lives. Children will construct a visual representation of this during the session. Encourage your child to identify friends they have who can provide support if the need arises.

## Mr Fogarty's Sport News

### Exciting Achievements & Upcoming Events!

Get ready, sports fans! The competition is heating up, and HHPS athletes are making waves, scoring goals, and shooting for the stars! From the pool to the courts and the field, we've seen incredible performances, and there's more action on the horizon. Let's dive in!

### **Making a Splash: Swimming Carnival & Zone Swimming Carnival**

The highly anticipated Swimming Carnival is just around the corner, making its grand entrance next Monday for students in Years 3-6, plus Year 2 students turning 8 in 2025 who can swim 50m.

Dress Up & Show Your House Pride! Come decked out in your house colours, bring the energy, and make some waves! Bonus points for creative costumes – we love a bit of extra flair!

Buses Depart at 9 AM Sharp! Be on time so you don't miss out on the fun. Swimmers competing in the 200IM event must make their way to the pool early – no time for a leisurely backstroke here!

### **Zone Swimming Carnival - Tuesday, 11th March**

The fastest fish in the pond (a.k.a. those who place 1st or 2nd in their event finals) will advance to the Zone Swimming Carnival the very next day! Keep an eye on the school programs for qualification times – every second counts! Please note that transport to the Zone Carnival is via private means.

**NOTE:** Parents, please be aware that if you choose to come and spectate at either of the Swimming Carnivals, the pool will charge an entry fee for the day.

### **PSSA Competition – The Thrill of the Game!**

Our weekly PSSA competition is in full swing, and our teams are kicking goals, dunking dreams, and serving up victories! Stay updated with match locations and opponents on the Ryde PSSA Website.

## Sport News

### **BOUNCEBACK Lessons – Building Champions On and Off the Field!**

After PSSA, students participate in lessons focused on fairness, resilience, and teamwork. These lessons aren't just about the game – they're about building character, handling wins and losses with grace, and being true team players. Keep those discussions going at home!

### **Representative Sport Trials – HHPS Athletes Rise to the Challenge!**

Our HHPS stars have been hitting, dribbling, swinging, and sprinting their way to success in recent representative trials. Let's cheer them on!

### **Zone Tennis Trials – Acing Performances!**

Congratulations to Noah P, George E, and Joe P, who played an eye-watering 59 games each at the trials! Talk about endurance! A huge shoutout to Noah P, who finished 4th and has been selected as a reserve for the Sydney North Trials. We know if he gets the call-up, he'll ace it!

### **Zone Basketball Trials – Nothing but Net!**

A round of applause for Noah P and Angus D, who dribbled, passed, and shot their way to a fantastic showing at the Zone Basketball Trials! A special mention to Noah P, who was selected to represent Ryde at the Combined Zone Trial – and incredibly, he competed in both tennis and basketball on the same day! That's next-level dedication!

### **Sydney North Hockey Trials – Sticking It to the Competition!**

A stick-tacular effort from George E and Penny W, who put on a fantastic display of skill and determination at the Sydney North Hockey Trials in Wyong.

Hats off to Penny W, who has been selected for the Sydney North team for the second year in a row! She'll be competing in a 4-day tournament at Newcastle Hockey Stadium – go, Penny! We know you'll be slap-shot ready!

### **Combined Zone AFL Trials – Kicking Goals!**

Good luck to Edward P, George E, and Joe P, who will represent HHPS at the AFL trials on Thursday, 13th March. We're sure they'll tackle the challenge head-on and give it their all!

### **NSWPSSA AFL – Making History!**

A monumental moment for Romilly B, who made history by competing in the NSW PSSA State Girls AFL Trials – the first of its kind for primary schools in NSW!

With over 100 students in the mix, Romilly stepped up, showed off her footy skills, and took on the competition with determination. What an incredible achievement – you've kicked goals for the future of girls' AFL, Romilly!

### **Keep the Sporting Spirit Alive!**

A huge congratulations to all our athletes, whether you're competing, supporting, or training for upcoming events. HHPS is incredibly proud of your efforts! Keep pushing, keep playing, and most importantly – have fun!

**Final Thought:** Sports isn't just about winning – it's about the memories made, the friendships built, and the lessons learned. So, whether you're diving in, hitting the field, or taking a shot – give it your best and enjoy the journey!

Stay tuned for more exciting sports updates in our next newsletter!

**GO HHPS!**

## Debating News

### 2025 Debating Teams

The debating trials were popular among students again this year with 25 students trying out to be part of our 2025 debating teams. Well done to all students who did a remarkable job of formulating and presenting their arguments in front of an audience.

Congratulations to our debaters who were successful in making the team. Both teams will take part in the Premier's Debating Challenge where they will have one hour to prepare and debate against other schools in the Sydney North area. The competition will commence in Term 2. We wish both teams the best of luck.



Year 5 Banksias

Zara V  
Charlotte B  
Joe P  
Anthony H  
Veronica B  
Evelyn T



Year 6 Jacarandas

George E  
Victoria G  
Romilly B  
Grace C  
Ally M  
Victoria S



## SRC News

# WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY & THE MARCH CHARGE



### **SRC News: Walk Safely to School Day and The March Charge!**

As our first initiative for 2025, the SRC is planning an awareness campaign for Walk Safely to School Day. We are also teaming up with The March Charge, a fundraiser for The Cancer Council. The March Charge is a fun fitness challenge that has an enormous impact on how cancer is researched and treated. Just by walking or running for Cancer Council this March, and raising funds, you'll be helping us charge ahead with cancer research.

Please join your child and go for walks, runs or bike rides this month around Hunters Hill. Take the opportunity to discuss road safety with them. If you would like to, please donate to the HPS March Charge team using this link.

<https://www.themarchcharge.com.au/fundraisers/huntershillps/2025>

### **Walk to School 'Walking Train'**

The SRC will be meeting up at Piccolina café at Garibaldi Village Square and Chichos on Gladesville Rd to get a hot chocolate and lead the 'walking train' to school.

**Date:** Week 9, Thursday 27 March

**Meet up:** At either café location at 7:45am. All students must be accompanied by a parent/adult.

Be mindful that the cafes will be busy, so if you want a hot beverage you will need to arrive earlier rather than later.

**Leave for school:** To make sure we are not late to school, we will leave the cafes at approximately 8:20am. Walk with your child to school and practise road safety. Parents must accompany their child all the way to school.

**Activity:** Walk, ride or scoot to school with your parents and your friends.



# Parent App

**Download now!**

Go to the App Store or Google Play.



## Key Features

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- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news



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# SCHOOL ZONE

# Road Safety

News

TERM 1  
2025

**Welcome to the first School Zone road safety newsletter for 2025.**

*This term we're sharing information from Transport for NSW about road rules for bicycle riders on shared paths.*



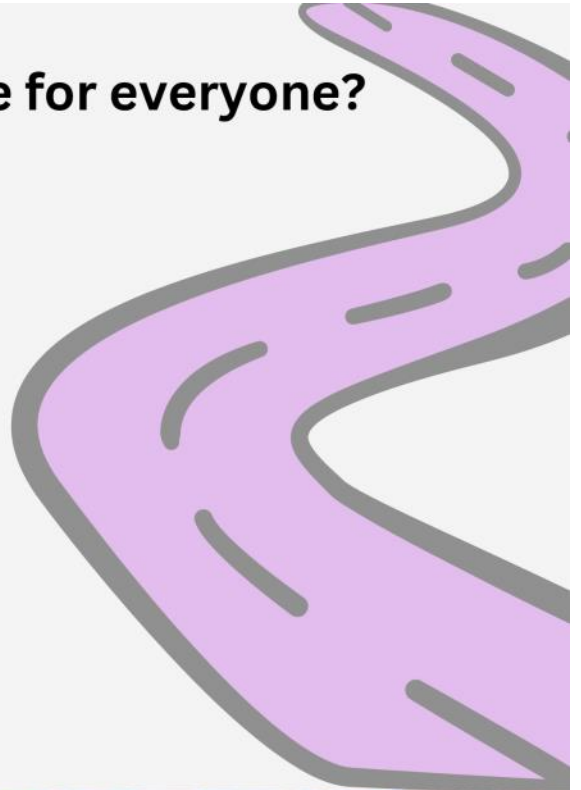
- Keep to the left.
- Give way to pedestrians, push scooters and wheeled toys.
- Slow down and stop if necessary.

**Remember that shared paths can be used by bicycle riders and pedestrians, children on wheeled toys and push scooters.**

For further online information about road safety, visit [Safety Town](#). There are also great [Safety Town activities](#) for you and your child to explore and talk about.

## How can shared paths be safe for everyone?

- Give pedestrians a metre of space when passing.
- Use your bell to warn others when you're approaching.
- Move off the path to the left if you wish to stop riding.
- Be careful around other children, dogs and older pedestrians.
- Travel at a safe speed.



## **RIDE2SCHOOL DAY**

Did you know that Ride2School day is fast approaching on 21 March 2025?

You can get involved in Ride2School day at [bicyclenetwork.my.site.com/ride2school/s/ride2schoolregform](https://bicyclenetwork.my.site.com/ride2school/s/ride2schoolregform).







# NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS

## AUDITIONS NOW OPEN



**Year 7 and Year 11 2026  
INFORMATION AND ONLINE APPLICATION  
VIA NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS WEBSITE  
Dance, Drama and Music Audition Procedures**

Students currently in Year 6 or Year 10 2025 enrolled in public or non-government schools who are seeking entry into Year 7 or Year 11 in 2026 performing arts stream may apply for an audition in one or two of the three disciplines of Dance, Drama or Music.

Audition information and online application is located on the school's website:

[Home - Newtown High School of the Performing Arts](#)

[Auditions - Newtown High School of the Performing Arts](#)

To assist parents and carers completing the **'Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School'** form, please note the following:

- Newtown High School of the Performing Arts is a specialist performing arts high school providing the highest level of education to students with outstanding potential and/or achievement in Dance, Drama and Music.
- **If residing outside our catchment area**, Newtown High School of the Performing Arts has specific enrolment criteria which requires students to audition. Audition information and on-line applications may be found on our school's website.
- Student from **within our local catchment area** who have an interest and talent in one or two of the disciplines are encouraged, although not obliged, to audition for places in our performing arts stream via the online application process which is separate to an Expression of Interest provided to parents from their primary schools.
- The closing date for audition applications online is **Thursday 1 May 2025**.

To be eligible to apply, candidates must be Australian Citizens or holders of a visa granting permanent resident status in Australia on the day of their audition.

For audition enquiries email [newtown-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:newtown-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or contact 9519 1544 ext 105.