

# HUNTERS HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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AMITY Newsletter 2023

Term 2 Week 4



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## Message from the Principal



### Parent Information Sessions—Session 2 Coming Soon!

There are a number of 'high profile' topics that we have been either working on or preparing for over the past 12 – 24 months, and you may have seen or heard some changes in your child's homework or language. To give you an understanding of what we have been up to and what to expect moving forward, we are holding three whole school parent information sessions. Topics to be covered are:

**Reading K-6** — Wednesday, 15 March 2023 6:30 – 7:15pm (Week 8 Term 1)

**New Curriculum** - Wednesday, 14 June 2023 6:30 – 7:15pm (Week 8 Term 2)

**Student Assessment** - Wednesday, 30 August 2023 6:30 – 7:15pm (Week 7 Term 3)

Generally the sessions will cover best practice, what the topic means for HHPS, and what it means for you and your child. Sessions will be held at school and delivered by the executive staff.

Reminder notices and more information will be forwarded via Sentral closer to the dates.



### Prime Drinks

It has come to our attention that some students are bringing 'Prime' drinks to school. **Prime energy or 'fizzy' drinks are not permitted at school.** Please save these types of drinks for home if you chose for your children to drink them. Students found to have Prime energy or 'fizzy' drinks at school will be asked to take them home again and directed towards water.

Many thanks in advance for your cooperation.



### Mother's Day Breakfast

A huge thank you to Robbie & Linda, and Jennifer E for making the Mothers' Day breakfast happen. Thanks must also be extended to Messrs Evans, Marquard, and Townsend who attended to the preparation and cooking of the hot food.

The string ensemble did themselves proud as always entertaining the crowd and providing background music with thanks to the kids, Rachel E, and conductor Sagar.

The school leaders also enjoyed running a raffle with lots of lovely prizes on offer.



Thank you very much to everyone who contributed on the day, attended the event, and stayed behind to assist with the pack up. I trust all of our Mums had a lovely morning following a great Sunday.



### Harmony Day

Harmony Day was celebrated on Tuesday. It was wonderful to see so many students clad in cultural dress and orange, as the photos below will attest. I overheard many conversations amongst the students throughout the day, asking questions and exchanging information about their outfits and cultural background. We truly are a diverse school community and should all take immense pride in the way that we embrace each other's backgrounds, and work and play together harmoniously despite hailing from all 'corners' of the globe. We are one community with many different backgrounds!

Many thanks to Mrs Towns and Mr Fogarty who were the organisers of the day's activities. Thank you also very much to the students for embracing the occasion and to the many parents who facilitated the dressing up and family research. It was also lovely to have some of you at the morning assembly as well. Later in the newsletter you will also find another notice about the day.







## **Cross Country Carnival**

We have had a busy week! Again, another terrific event which everyone participated in, lots of fun was had, our long distance athletes took their chance to shine, and the weather was even kind to us after an initial morning 'wobble'. Thank you to the parents who came to cheer on their children and supported and encouraged all the students. Results can be found later in the newsletter.



## **Instead of 'By Michael Grose'**

Our 'By Michael Grose' articles were accessed from our Positive Parenting membership. Positive Parenting has now changed to Happy Families. Happy Families resources are developed by parenting expert Dr Justin Coulson PhD. On the Happy Families website, should you wish to look into it, you will find a variety of articles and other such resources that our membership invites parent access to.

You will find the website login details and password following, which is the same for everyone in our school community. We trust that you find some helpful insights.

Unique URL - <https://schools.happyfamilies.com.au/login/hhps>

Password - happyhhps



## **Changed Your Details?**

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

**Kim Dudgeon**

## K-2 Awards

Congratulations to the K-2 students who received a mention  
at the week 3 and 4 Assemblies for great work!



## Dates to Remember

Wed, 24 May	Zone Cross-Country (selected students)
Fri, 26 May	K-6 Assembly 9:05am
Wed, 7 June	Stage 3 excursion to Riverside GHS to watch The Wizard of Oz
Mon, 12 June	King's Birthday Holiday
Wed, 14 June	Parent Information Session (New Curriculum) 6:30 - 7:15pm
Fri, 23 June	K-6 Assembly 9:05am
Fri, 30 June	Last day of Term 2
Tues, 18 July	First day of Term 3

## Harmony Day Celebration at HHPS

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We are absolutely thrilled to share the tremendous success of our recent Harmony Day Celebration at HHPS. Your enthusiasm, participation, and support made this event truly remarkable.

First and foremost, we would like to extend our appreciation to all the students who participated by dressing up in cultural attire or wearing orange. The school was transformed into a vibrant tapestry of colours and diversity, showcasing the richness of our multicultural community. Your willingness to embrace and honour different cultures truly exemplifies the spirit of Harmony Day.

We would also like to extend a special shout-out to the students who shared their family history through the beautiful posters they created and presented. It was awe-inspiring to learn about the unique traditions, heritage, and stories that make up each of your family backgrounds. Your efforts in sharing and celebrating your cultural identities added an extra layer of depth and meaning to the Harmony Day festivities.

The Harmony Day Celebration was a grand success because of each and every one of you. Your involvement and active participation helped foster an atmosphere of unity, acceptance, and understanding among our diverse student body. It is through events like these that we continue to build a strong foundation for a harmonious and inclusive school community.

Remember, the spirit of Harmony Day should resonate with us every day, not just on a designated occasion. Let us continue to appreciate and celebrate the diversity that enriches our school and community. Together, we can create an environment where everyone feels valued, respected, and included. Let us continue to embrace our unique backgrounds, learn from one another, and grow together as a harmonious Hunter Hill PS family.

**Kathi Towns & Jim Fogarty**  
**Harmony Day organisers**



## Sport News

### School Cross Country Carnival

Yesterday, we hosted our highly anticipated school cross country event. We would like to congratulate all the students who participated in this exciting event. Your enthusiasm, determination, and sportsmanship made the day truly memorable. It was a fantastic showcase of our students' athletic abilities and commitment to a healthy lifestyle.

We would like to announce the results for each age group:

8 Year Girls			8 Year Boys		
1st - Cressie F	2nd - Zara M	3rd - Cleo M-W	1st - Elliott A	2nd - Aidan M	3rd - Ethan H
9 Year Girls			9 Year Boys		
1st - Ava T	2nd - Molly M	3rd - Quynh B	1st - Joe P	2nd - Anthony H	3rd - Jonah B
10 Year Girls			10 Year Boys		
1st - Lucy P	2nd - Ally M	3rd - Romilly B	1st - George E	2nd - Reuben R	3rd - Max W
11 Year Girls			11 Year Boys		
1st - Mia W	2nd - Isla H	3rd - Stella S	1st - Hugo F	2nd - James H	3rd - Daniel M
12 Year Girls			12 Year Boys		
1st - Cleo M	2nd - Charlie M	3rd - Cecily H	1st - Flynn S	2nd - Harry A	3rd - Zac M
<b>CHAMPION HOUSE — FARRER</b>					

We extend our warmest congratulations to all the students who have qualified to represent our school at the upcoming Zone Carnival. The Zone Carnival will take place on Wednesday, 24 May at Meadowbank Park. We wish these students the best of luck in their future races and events. We are confident that they will represent HHPS with the same determination and sportsmanship they exhibited during the cross country event.









## **PSSA**

We are thrilled to announce that our students had an outstanding 2 weeks of PSSA competitions. Congratulations to our incredible teams in Netball, Soccer, and Tiger-Tag on their efforts. Your hard work, dedication, and teamwork have paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of your achievements. Keep up the great work. Don't forget to check the Ryde PSSA Website for information about PSSA. Good Luck this week!



## **Boys and Girls Zone Football Trials**

Last week, seven talented students from our school showcased their skills at both the Boys and Girls Zone Football Trials.

Max W, Reuben R, Steven K, Flynn S, and Hugo F represented HHPS at the Boys Zone Football Trials with immense pride. We commend their great performance, with Steven K coming close to progressing to the Sydney North Trials.

Kate R and Mia W, exceptionally represented our school at the Girls Zone Football Trials. Kate R was successful at the trial and will now proudly represent Ryde Zone at the upcoming Sydney North Trials. We wish her the best of luck in the next stage of the competition.





## Sydney Boccia Tournament

Last Friday, three of our students, Toby U, Amalia G, and George K, demonstrated their incredible skills at the Inclusive Schools Sydney Boccia Tournament held in Hornsby. These students have been diligently practicing during their Physical Education classes, as well as during lunch and recess breaks. Their hard work paid off, as they had a fantastic day and achieved great success. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and their representation of Hunters Hill Public School.



Once again, congratulations to all our talented athletes and participants for their achievements. Your hard work and dedication are an inspiration to us all. We look forward to more successful sporting events in the future.

**Jim Fogarty, Sports Coordinator**



## Performing Arts Update

### Mothers Day Breakfast

Thanks to all of the Chamber Orchestra students who performed at the recent Mother's Day Breakfast. Our lucky Mums were treated to a preview of the performance at the upcoming Festival of Instrumental Music at the Opera House next month.



### String Quartet performance

Our newly formed String Quartet – Clara, Alex, Daniel and Aidan - played their first ever concert at an Aged Care residential home in Chatswood this month. The residents were all delighted with the entertainment provided by our talented students.



### Festival of Instrumental & Choral Music

A reminder of our Chamber Orchestra dates for the upcoming Festival of Instrumental Music.

- Tickets become available tomorrow: Friday, 19 May at 9am
- Concert day rehearsals: Friday, 16 June 12-4pm
- Evening concert: Friday, 16 June 7-9pm

The Festival of Choral Music is taking place in August:

- Monday, 14 August – Festival of Choral Music – for children in the Jacaranda Singers group.

### Christmas in July

We are planning to represent at the Christmas in July concert at the Life Congregational Church on Thursday, 27 July for all ensembles who wish to participate – details to follow.

### End of term concerts

Dates for our usual end of term concerts will be provided in coming weeks for all ensembles.





## Term 2 – 2023

Welcome to the Term 2 School Zone Road Safety Newsletter. In this edition we talk about the important role of School Crossing Supervisors as well as reminding drivers about parking rules around school zones.



### The role of School Crossing Supervisors

The School Crossing Supervisor program is a state-wide program that contributes to the safety of primary school students. School crossing supervisors help students use the crossings on roads adjacent to or nearby schools.

The School Crossing Supervisor program is an important component of the NSW Government Safety around schools program.



### Are you interested in becoming a school crossing supervisor?

School crossing supervisors play an important part in child road safety. The role would suit people who enjoy working with children and who wish to work part-time. The School Crossing Program regularly recruits school crossing supervisors throughout the state. School crossing supervisors need to be:

- Punctual and reliable
- Vigilant, calm and confident with working near traffic
- Able to provide clear instructions
- Able to communicate with adults and children.

For further details on the program, please phone 1800 427 677 or email [scssydney@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:scssydney@rms.nsw.gov.au)

### Walk Safely To School Day – Friday 19 May 2023

As you are aware, walking to school has many benefits for students, parents and the surrounding community. Walking with your child will help them develop vital road crossing skills and is an opportunity to teach them about road safety and independence. It also gives you both exercise, gets you out of the car and away from the traffic congestion, reducing air pollution and car dependency.

On Friday 20 May 2022, all students across Australia, are being asked to participate in National Walk Safely to School Day, in conjunction with their school, or independently. For further information visit: [walk.com.au](http://walk.com.au).



Hunter's Hill Council is offering Walk Safely To School Day shoelaces to support this day. We would love to see the whole family to participate in this event by matching your shoelaces with your kids on the day. Feel free to send picture of your family's matching shoelaces to [roadsafety@huntershill.nsw.gov.au](mailto:roadsafety@huntershill.nsw.gov.au)



# Parking Rules

Please park safely and legally on the streets around your school. Park legally so you do not incur parking fines and demerit points. Council's Traffic Compliance Officers and NSW Police enforce parking around schools. If you park contrary to the road rules you will be fined!

## No Parking Zone

- Drivers may stop in this zone to drop off or pick up passengers or goods for a maximum of 2 minutes.
- The driver **MUST** remain in or within 3 metres of the vehicle at all times.
- The vehicle must not be left unattended.
- If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.
- No Parking zones can also be used to drop off and pick up children.



## No Stopping Zone

- Stopping is not permitted at any time.
- If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.



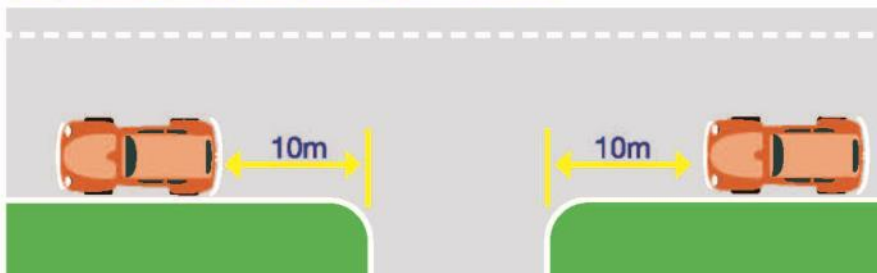
## Double Parking

- You must not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time, even to drop off or pick up passengers.



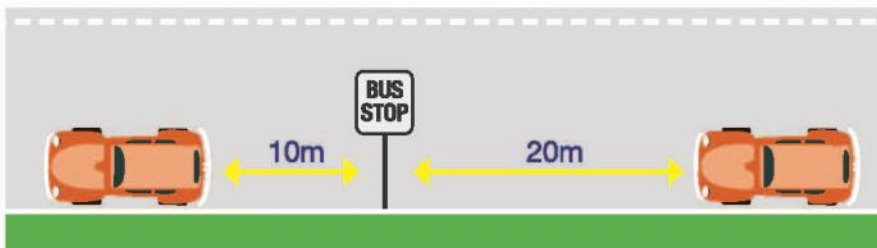
**PENALTIES & DEMERIT POINTS APPLY \***

## You cannot stop or park your vehicle:



Within 10m of an intersecting road at an intersection without traffic lights (20m with traffic lights), unless a sign states you can park there (see image at left).

**PENALTIES & DEMERIT POINTS APPLY \***

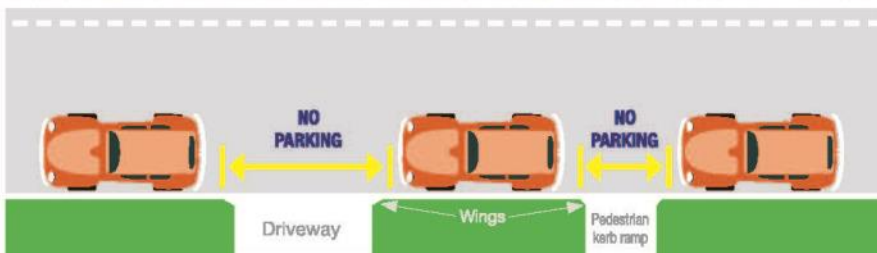


Within 20m before and 10m after a bus stop (see image at left)

**PENALTIES & DEMERIT POINTS APPLY \***

## Parallel parking

You must park in the same direction of travel and parallel and as close to the kerb as possible.



You can **NOT** park across driveways or pedestrian kerb ramps. A vehicle can be parked up to the wings on the driveways or ramp (see image)

**PENALTIES & DEMERIT POINTS APPLY \***

\* Penalty amounts are substantially higher for offences committed in School Zones. All penalties are set by the NSW State Government. For a list of all school zone driving and parking offences in New South Wales visit: <https://roads-waterways.transport.nsw.gov.au/documents/roads/safety-rules/demerits-school.pdf>