

HUNTERS HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL

'Excellence in Learning for Success in Life'



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Term 2 Week 6



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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.



Debating

Our Year 6 debating teams have last week begun their debating competitions, with their first debate against Boronia Park Public School. We had one victory and one defeat on our first outing, with many learnings brought back for future debates. Congratulations to Ethan W, Cecily H, Alisha R, Charlotte E, Kate R, Cleo M, Helena O, Ella H, Charlie M, and Greta V for taking on the challenging task of debating! With thanks to Mr Moreta and Ms Jansz for coaching and transporting them.

Best wishes for your next round!



Teacher Professional Learning

When writing my report for last week's P&C meeting, I realised that I have been remiss and not included this section in the newsletter this year. Teacher Professional Learning, like student learning is a life-long process and happens in a variety of ways and contexts. As a staff we meet formally for professional learning weekly on a Tuesday afternoon and always undertake professional development on Staff Development Days. Our work this year has broadly been related to:

- The new English and mathematics curriculums
- Student assessment
- Programming
- Data collection and analysis
- Student assessment and reporting
- Learning and support.

'Those who seek to have their students learn, must be learners themselves'



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 5 and 6 Assemblies for great work!



Certificates of Merit

At last week's K-6 Assembly, the following students were recipients of Certificates of Merit, for excellent effort, work or citizenship:

1J

Olivia E

1R

Liam H, Stella W

2M

Will L, Noa Y

3F

Amy E, Stirling H, Lara S, Emilia T

3/4N

Bree D

4/5M

Arabella C

5P

Mackayla L, Jay S x2, Max W

Dates to Remember

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
Thurs, 22 June	NSW Premier's Spelling Bee
Fri, 23 June	K-6 Assembly 9:05am
Fri, 30 June	Last day of Term 2
Tues, 18 July	First day of Term 3

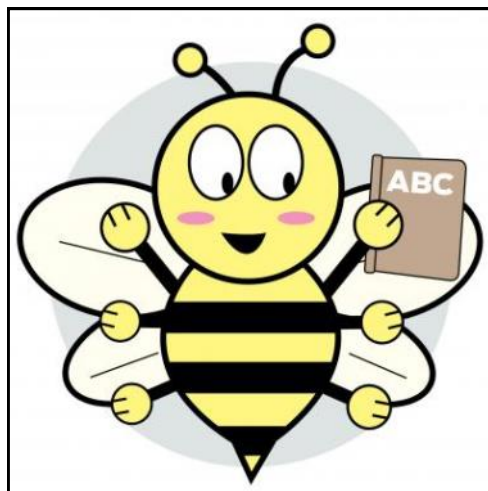
NSW Premier's Spelling Bee

Hunters Hill Public School will participate in the Premier's Spelling Bee this term.

Any student in years 2-6 who wishes to take part will have the opportunity to participate during class in Week 7. The finalists from each class will progress to the school competition which will take place on Thursday, 22 June.

There will be a Junior (years 2, 3 & 4) and Senior (years 5 & 6) category. One student from each category will progress through to the regional competition.

If you would like to practice at home, you can access the word lists by visiting the NSW Premier's Spelling Bee website <https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/program/nsw-premiers-spelling-bee> selecting the appropriate list for your child and using the password **beehive**.



Performing Arts Update

Festival of Instrumental & Choral Music

On 18 May, our Chamber Orchestra spent most of the day at Meadowbank Primary School in rehearsals for the upcoming Festival of Instrumental Music alongside all the other schools which will join them on the Opera House Stage in June. Our talented students must know all the pieces by heart which they will play in the upcoming opera house extravaganza.



A reminder of the dates for the upcoming Festival of Instrumental Music:

- 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.

Performing Arts Update

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.

Lessons and instruments available to start throughout the year

You don't need to wait to the start of a new school term or year to get your child into music. We have opportunities to start musical instruments at any time of the year. If your child is interested in ANY musical instrument or style, opportunities exist in all of our ensembles (vocal, strings, jazz band and guitar). If your child would like to try out please contact the HHPS Performing Art Committee (music@hhps-pandc.org.au.)