

HUNTERS HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL

'Excellence in Learning for Success in Life'



AMITY Newsletter 2023

Term 1 Week 2



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Message from the Principal



Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all of our returning families, and a special welcome to our new families. All at HHPS look forward to another exciting and productive year of working with you and your children to facilitate the very best learning and personal growth opportunities that we can. It will undoubtedly be another very busy year as we all strive to reach our personal best.

I trust that everyone returns to school rested and refreshed after a safe and enjoyable holiday season and has had a terrific start to the year.



Special Welcomes!

Our **Kindergarten students for 2023** joined us today. The first day of school is always a very big day – for students and parents, and our newest 'recruits' are now working hard at learning new routines, making new friends and becoming accustomed to life at 'big school'. I trust that they all had a terrific day.

We also welcomed some **first-time students to HHPS in Years 1 – 6** this week.

We heartily welcome all of our **new students and families** to Hunters Hill Public School.



Introducing Mrs Jodie Watson

As of this year, all Department schools have a new position, Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction.

'The Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction position is a leadership role dedicated to ensuring literacy and numeracy knowledge and skills are embedded in curriculum and assessment; high quality teaching practices are enhanced; and the capabilities of middle leaders are strengthened in literacy and numeracy instruction. The Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction provides guidance and high impact professional learning to enhance teacher growth and development in literacy and numeracy. They do not have a teaching load but work alongside teachers, co-planning and co-teaching in a continuous improvement process that seeks to uplift teaching skills and improve student outcomes.' (Department of Education)

Mrs Watson went through the merit selection process at HHPS to be appointed in this position. We are extremely excited to have her as a permanent member of our teaching staff and leadership team. She comes to us with a wealth of expertise and experience which I am positive we will all benefit from.

As we share information with you about the new curriculums and the initiatives that we are undertaking at school, you will no doubt find out more about Mrs Watson's role and have the opportunity to meet her. She will be working in all classrooms, so your children will certainly be getting to know her. Mrs Watson is really keen to get to know all of them too!



2023 at HHPS

Please find following a list of Hunters Hill Public School staff and their classes/roles for 2023.

TEACHING STAFF			
CLASS	TEACHER	CLASS	TEACHER
KJ	Mrs Caroline Johnston	3F	Mr Jim Fogarty
KX	Miss Elena Xenos		
		3/4N	Mr Brad Newhouse (AP) (Mon – Wed, Fri) Mrs Erin Crow (Thu)
1J	Miss Samantha Jansz		
1R	Mrs Samara Richardson (AP) (Mon/Tue, Fri) Mrs Angela Laundry (Wed/Thu)	4/5M	Mr Tim Moreta
2M	Mrs Alison Morgan	5P	Mrs Jane Parrish (Mon, Thu/Fri) Ms Kimberley Gerdes Term 1 (Tue/Wed) * *Mrs Laura Murphy (AP) Terms 2 – 4
2S	Mrs Elise Monaghan (Mon- Wed) Mrs Mel Sunderland (Thu/Fri)		
		6M	Ms Meghan Murray (AP) (Mon – Wed, Fri) Ms Jenni Williams (Thu)
Library	Mrs Monica Juresic (Mon – Wed)	RFF	Mrs Angela Laundry (Mon/Tue)
EALD/RFF	Mrs Kathi Towns (Mon)	STLA	Mrs Jane Parrish (Tue/Wed)
STLA	Ms Jenni Williams (Wed)	STLA	Ms Kimberley Gerdes (Mon, Thu/Fri)
AP Curriculum and Instruction	Mrs Jodie Watson	Principal	Miss Kim Dudgeon

(EALD: English as an Additional Language or Dialect, STLA: Support Teacher Learning Assistance, RFF: Release from Face-to-Face, AP: Assistant Principal)

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE and SUPPORT STAFF			
SAM	Mrs Christina Lizzio	SLSO	Mrs Liz Tringas (Mon/Tue, Fri)
SAO	Mrs Lucy Colacicco	SLSO	Mrs Nataly Ortega (Mon – Wed)
SAO	Mrs Rachel Craig (Wed/Thu)	SLSO	Mrs Rebecca Dejardin (Wed – Fri)
		SLSO	Mrs Vivian King (Mon, Thu/Fri)
		SLSO	Mrs Johanna Toms (Tue – Thu)
General Assistant	Mr Romolo Masi (Mon/Wed)	SLSO	Mrs Sandra Rooke (Mon/Tue)

(SAM: School Administrative Manager, SAO: School Administrative Officer, SLSO: School Learning and Support Officer)

At this time, there are no new faces on the staff apart from Mrs Watson. Mrs Parrish and Ms Gerdes may not be known to you all, however, they have both been with us since Term 2 last year undertaking various roles with professionalism and expertise.

Congratulations to Mrs Johnston (Miss Caroline Murray) on her marriage over the holidays!

We welcome back Mrs Monaghan and look forward to having Mrs Murphy back next term.

Sadly for us, Ms Brice has decided to take some time to pursue some personal interests and will not be returning this year. We wish her all the very best!

Three points of clarity/explanation:

Class Teachers

You will note that there are a number of classes which have more than one teacher. The reason for this is two-fold. In some cases, a classroom teacher only has the availability to work part-time. The Department has also allocated resources to relieve Assistant Principals from class one day per week during the roll-out of new curriculum to support its implementation. Mrs Richardson is also relieved from class one day per week in her role as Learning and Support Coordinator.

Class Composition

There are two composite classes (3/4N and 4/5M). Composite classes are formed purely through necessity as a result of the number of enrolments in each 'year' group in relation to our staffing entitlement.

Class Number and Sizes

We have only 11 classes this year. This is a drop from 12 classes in 2022. Again, this is due to student enrolments as they relate to staffing entitlement. Unfortunately, we are only a very small number of students short of 12 classes, which means that the classes that we do have are very full. It has been explained to students in Years 3 – 5 that the classes they are in may be temporary as we are hopeful of being able to create another class. This is possible should we get the additional enrolments that are required.



What Week is it at School?

As per Term 1 2022, Term 1 this year is also an 11-week term which began on Friday, 27 January when the teachers returned and will finish on Thursday, 6 April. 'Week 1' was one day that only the teachers were in attendance. Therefore, this week is Week 2.



P&C Thank You

Many thanks on behalf of all of us for your welcome back coffee for the staff this week which was a welcome treat and lovely surprise. Your generous gift is accepted with much pleasure.



Important Note Coming Soon

Shortly, students in Years 1 – 6 will be bringing home a note which needs to be signed by parents and students and returned to school.

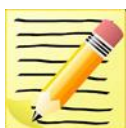
This note pertains to the appropriate use of school technology and must be returned in order for students to access school technology.

We thank you very much in advance for your cooperation, understanding, and timely return of completed notes.

If your child will be bringing a mobile phone to school or wearing a SMART watch (or other such device) at school, an agreement related to its use must also be returned. An updated version of this document will shortly be accessible via our website. We will advise you when it is available.

These documents will have been discussed in class with students to provide context for your discussions at home. It is really important that expectations are in place for appropriate use of these devices for everyone's safety, learning, and peace of mind.

NB: Kindergarten students will receive these notes at a time deemed appropriate by their class teachers.



Student Absence

If your child is away from school you are obliged to advise the school of the reason for the absence within 7 days. This advice must be in writing via school email (huntershil-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au), hand-written note to the teacher, or via the Sentral Parent Portal.

Please note the following procedures related to student absence from school.

- Notify the school on the day if your child is absent.
 - by email (huntershil.p-school@det.nsw.edu.au)
 - via Sentral
 - via telephone, and send a note with your child on the day that they return to school.
- Notify the school if your child will be absent for more than two days. This is important in assisting us to meet our attendance monitoring obligations, and for us to know that your child is safe.
- If you receive a notification from the school seeking explanation of an absence, take responsive action at your very earliest opportunity.
- You have seven (7) days to provide an explanation of a student absence, or the absence will be recorded as unjustified and unexplained.
- Any planned absence of ten days or more must be applied for in advance and approved by the principal.

Days missed = years lost

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



Minutes lost = days lost per year

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



Whole School Assemblies and Student Awards

Please be advised as follows regarding whole school assemblies and the receipt of student awards:

- Whole School Assembly will be held from 9:10am on Friday morning in Weeks 5 and 9 of each term. Certificates of Merit and Principal Pins will be awarded at these assemblies. Parents of students receiving these awards will be notified ASAP in Weeks 5 & 9 should they wish to attend the assembly. Parents will also be notified in advance of any other special awards or presentations being made that include their children.
- The deadline for receipt of awards in the office for Certificates of Merit and Principal Pins is Friday afternoon of Weeks 4 and 8 each term.
- Award recipients will be acknowledged in the Weeks 6 and 10 newsletters each term.



K-2 and 3-6 Assemblies

K-2 assemblies are held weekly on a Tuesday afternoon from 2:15pm.

3-6 assemblies are held in Weeks 1, 3, and 7 each term on a Friday morning from 9:10am.

Parents are welcome to attend these assemblies. Class awards are handed out during these assemblies, however, parents are not notified or specifically invited to attend if their child is receiving one.



Parent Information/Teacher Interviews

We are in the process of making arrangements for you to meet your child/ren's class teacher early this term. Information will be forwarded as soon as possible.



Upcoming Events

At the moment, the only upcoming event to potentially plan for is the Swimming Carnival which is to be held on Tuesday, 28 February 2023. It is open to students turning 8 years and over this year. More information will be provided in due course.



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

Dates to Remember

Tues 28 Feb	Swimming Carnival - Years 2-6 (students turning 8 years and over)
Wed 15 - Fri 17 Mar	NAPLAN
Mon 20 - Fri 24 Mar	NAPLAN
Mon 27 - Fri 31 Mar	Year 2 Swim School
Mon 3 - Thurs 6 Apr	Year 2 Swim School
Thurs 6 April	Last Day Term 1
Wed 26 April	First Day Term 2

Uniform Shop

News from the Uniform Shop

- The shop will be open on Monday, 6 February 8:30am to 9:30am for sale of second hand uniforms and collection of on-line Flexischools orders
- Flexischools deliveries to classrooms will commence on Thursday 2 Feb 2023
- HHPS Uniform Shop is accepting Back to School Vouchers through Flexischools
- Contact Details for Uniform Shop

email: hhpsuniformshop@gmail.com

Angela: uniformconvenor@hhps-pandc.org.au



19th October 2022

**Marist Sisters' College Woolwich
Hunters Hill Public School
Hunters Hill High School**

School Bus 584w – PM Service

Dear Parents and Students,

From **Thursday 2nd February 2023**, **Afternoon School Bus 584w will operate 12 minutes earlier on Thursdays only throughout the trip** (there are no changes to the path) as detailed below. Afternoon School Bus 584w will remain unchanged on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Timing Point	Change
Marist Sisters Woolwich Stand B	Departs 12 minutes earlier at 3:08pm
Gladesville – Linsley Street	Departs 12 minutes earlier at 3:24pm
Gladesville – Monash Road	Departs 12 minutes earlier at 3:28pm
Badajoz Road and Quarry Road	Departs 12 minutes earlier at 3:33pm
East Ryde – Sager Place	Departs 12 minutes earlier at 3:38pm
Wicks Road and Coxs Road	Departs 12 minutes earlier at 3:50pm
Wicks Road and Twin Road	Arrives 12 minutes earlier at 3:52pm

For further information, please contact Busways Customer Service on **1300 69 2929** or **infoline@busways.com.au**.

Alternatively, from Thursday 19th January 2023 (2 weeks before the commencement of these changes), refer to TfNSW Trip Planner to determine your best viable travel option at <https://transportnsw.info/trip#/trip>

Yours sincerely,

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