

HUNTERS HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL

'Excellence in Learning for Success in Life'



AMITY Newsletter 2023

Term 1 Week 6



T: 9816 4404

E: huntershil-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

W: <http://www.huntershil-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Message from the Principal



Kindness Matters



Kindness was my message shared at last Friday's K-6 assembly. The students were able to provide multiple examples of kindness which is very encouraging. It is up to us to lead the way by being kind ourselves, to value kindness, and to acknowledge its importance and call it out when we see it. Kindness will feature in our conversations at HHPS this year. Kindness is easy, kindness is free, and being kind also makes you feel good yourself.



Save the Date – Parent Information Sessions!

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 2022 6:30 – 7:15pm
New Curriculum - Wednesday, 10 May 2022 6:30 – 7:15pm
Student Assessment - Wednesday, 14 June 2022 6:30 – 7:15pm

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.



Swimming Carnival

Tuesday saw a full return to the pool with all eligible students in attendance and a large and enthusiastic crowd. It's great to be back on track! Unfortunately, I was not in attendance for the whole day, but a great time certainly seemed to be being had by all when I was there, and I saw lots of ribbons and smiling faces at the end of the day from those who returned to school.

Thank you very much to our Hunters Hill High School students who manned the timing devices. It was wonderful to have their help, and it's great to be able to again have a working relationship with our local high school and to see some of our ex-students 'all grown up'. Thank you also to the parents who attended, to the P&C for the staff lunch, and of course to Mr Fogarty, who again put together a great carnival.

Congratulations to every student who participated, to those who came away with ribbons, and to those who will go on to represent HHPS at the zone carnival. I believe that some of our Junior Boys records may have got a bit of a nudge today by Aiden Mulcahy as well!

No doubt there is more information following from Mr Fogarty.



Parent Information/Teacher Interviews

Thank you very much to everyone who joined us last week for information evenings. We trust that you enjoyed meeting your child's class teacher/s and a visit to their classroom, as well as gained some valuable information. Individual parent/teacher meetings are being held throughout this week. Thank you to everyone who booked in.



Communication

Unfortunately, we received multiple requests for interviews throughout the week from people who had not booked in. The booking system is in place for a variety of very important reasons. **It is imperative that school communications are read and actioned if required.** Class teachers may be in a position to make alternate interview times, however, this is an inconvenient and unnecessary encroachment upon their time which could be far better spent. **Please be vigilant in following up school communications as a matter of both efficiency and courtesy.**



Sentral Notifications

Further to my previous comments, we know that everyone has the Sentral app, which is our primary source of communication as it is 'on hand'. The app does not automatically send notification alerts. **Please set your app to alert you if a message has been sent.** This may be helpful. If you are not regularly checking your Sentral app or you do not have notification alerts enabled, you will be missing important messaging from the school.



French

There were a few enquires at parent information evenings regarding the teaching of French at HHPs. The program will remain on hold at this stage as we do not currently have access to a French teacher.



Misplaced a Note?

Please note that if you have misplaced a note sent home from school, that it will be available on the school **website** (Communication > Notes). Replacement copies will not be provided by the school.



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.

Dates to Remember

Wed 8 Mar	Zone Swimming Carnival (selected students)
Wed 15 - Fri 17 Mar	NAPLAN
Mon 20 - Fri 24 Mar	NAPLAN
Mon 27 - Fri 31 Mar	Year 2 Swim School (week 1)
Mon 3 - Thurs 6 Apr	Year 2 Swim School (week 2)
Thurs 6 Apr	Last Day Term 1
Tues 25 Apr	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Wed 26 Apr	First Day Term 2

Sport

PSSA

I am delighted to share with you our latest sports achievements for HHPs. We have successfully completed rounds 1 and 2 of Summer PSSA. All the students represented our school proudly with many teams coming out victorious. Congratulations to all the students who have represented HHPs. Good luck in the future games.

Remember you can see all the information relating to PSSA by visiting the Ryde Zone PSSA Website.

School Swimming Carnival

This week was the first big sports event of the year and wasn't it a great start? Thank you to all the students who participated in the Swimming Carnival, entered the races and tried their best. It was great to see so many students in the pool. It was also great to see lots of cheering and encouragement from all the other students. There were many great races throughout the day with students showing tremendous speed in a variety of strokes along with some super close finishes keeping the crowd on their toes. A special mention to Aidan M, who in his first carnival broke the 8 year old 50m Freestyle record. Previously the record stood at 47.90sec, with Aidan taking a whopping 7 seconds off it. The new record stands at 40.70sec.



Thank you to all the parents who came to support the students on the day. It was nice to have everyone back celebrating these achievements. We would like to wish all the students who have progressed through to the Ryde Zone Carnival the best of luck next Wednesday.

The full list of results from the day is on the following 2 pages.



2023 Hunters Hill Public School Swimming Carnival Results			
Jnr Girls 50m Backstroke		Jnr Boys 50m Backstroke	
Place	Name	Place	Name
1 st	Elsie G	1 st	Aidan M
2 nd	Romilly B	2 nd	Alex X
3 rd	Maddison C	3 rd	Angus D
11 Years Girls 50m Backstroke		11 Years Boys 50m Backstroke	
Place	Name	Place	Name
1 st	Mia W	1 st	Jesse C
2 nd	Maya J	2 nd	-
3 rd	-	3 rd	-
Snr Girls 50m Backstroke		Snr Boys 50m Backstroke	
Place	Name	Place	Name
1 st	Charlotte E	1 st	Zac M
2 nd	Stella H	2 nd	-
3 rd	Ella H	3 rd	-
Jnr Girls 50m Breaststroke		Jnr Boys 50m Breaststroke	
Place	Name	Place	Name
1 st	Elsie G	1 st	Alex X
2 nd	Romilly B	2 nd	Aidan M
3 rd	Lucy P	3 rd	George E
11 Years Girls 50m Breaststroke		11 Years Boys 50m Breaststroke	
Place	Name	Place	Name
1 st	Mia W	1 st	Jesse C
2 nd	Maya J	2 nd	Daniel M
3 rd		3 rd	
Snr Girls 50m Breaststroke		Snr Boys 50m Breaststroke	
Place	Name	Place	Name
1 st	Charlotte E	1 st	Oscar T
2 nd	Stella H	2 nd	
3 rd	Cecily H	3 rd	
Jnr Girls 50m Butterfly		Jnr Boys 50m Butterfly	
Place	Name	Place	Name
1 st	Elsie G	1 st	Alex X
2 nd	Molly M	2 nd	Aidan M
3 rd		3 rd	George E
11 Years Girls 50m Butterfly		11 Years Boys 50m Butterfly	
Place	Name	Place	Name
1 st	Mia W	1 st	Charlotte E
2 nd	Maya J	2 nd	Cecily H
3 rd		3 rd	Stella H
Snr Girls 50m Butterfly		Snr Boys 50m Butterfly	
Place	Name	Place	Name
1 st	-	1 st	-
2 nd	-	2 nd	-
3 rd	-	3 rd	-
Jnr Girls 200m Individual Medley		Jnr Boys 200m Individual Medley	
Place	Name	Place	Name
1 st	Elsie G	1 st	Aidan M
2 nd	Romilly B	2 nd	George E
3 rd		3 rd	Zurayn M
Snr Girls 200m Individual Medley		Snr Boys 200m Individual Medley	
Place	Name	Place	Name
1 st	Mia W	1 st	-
2 nd	Charlotte E	2 nd	-
3 rd	-	3 rd	-

Open Girls 100m Freestyle		Open Boys 100m Freestyle	
Place	Name	Place	Name
1 st	Elsie G	1 st	Aidan M
2 nd	Romilly B	2 nd	George E
3 rd	Mia W	3 rd	Austen B
8 Year Girls 50m Freestyle		8 Year Boys 50m Freestyle	
Place	Name	Place	Name
1 st	Sybilla C	1 st	Aidan M
2 nd	Zara V	2 nd	Archie G
3 rd	Amy E	3 rd	Taylor G
9 Year Girls 50m Freestyle		9 Year Boys 50m Freestyle	
Place	Name	Place	Name
1 st	Ava T	1 st	Jonah B
2 nd	Molly M	2 nd	Fletcher E
3 rd	Quynh B	3 rd	Max M
10 Year Girls 50m Freestyle		10 Year Boys 50m Freestyle	
Place	Name	Place	Name
1 st	Romilly B	1 st	Alex X
2 nd	Elsie G	2 nd	Austen B
3 rd	Auriane H	3 rd	Angus D
11 Year Girls 50m Freestyle		11 Year Boys 50m Freestyle	
Place	Name	Place	Name
1 st	Mia W	1 st	Jesse C
2 nd	Maya J	2 nd	Daniel M
3 rd	Isla H	3 rd	James H
12 Year Girls 50m Freestyle		12 Year Boys 50m Freestyle	
Place	Name	Place	Name
1 st	Clara E	1 st	Zac M
2 nd	Claudia R	2 nd	Levi M
3 rd	Charlotte E	3 rd	Oscar T
Mixed Junior Relay			
1 st	Farrer	1 st	Lawson
2 nd	Lawson	2 nd	Chisholm
3 rd	Chisholm	3 rd	Farrer
Mixed Senior Relay			
1 st	Lawson	1 st	Chisholm
2 nd	Farrer	2 nd	Farrer
3 rd	Chisholm	3 rd	Lawson
Age Champions			
Junior Girls Age Champion 2022		Junior Boys Age Champion 2022	
Elsie G		Aidan M	
11 Years Girls Age Champion 2022		11 Years Boys Age Champion 2022	
Mia W		Jesse C	
Senior Girls Age Champion 2022		Senior Boys Age Champion 2022	
Charlotte E		Zac M	
Girls Overall Swimming Champion		Boys Overall Swimming Champion	
Elsie G		Aidan M	
House Champions			
CHISHOLM			
New Records		New Record	
Aidan M 50m Freestyle		40.70	

Sport (continued)



Ryde Zone Tennis Trials

We would like to send a big congratulations to George, Noah, and Forster, who represented our school at the Zone trials for tennis last Monday. Despite the hot weather conditions, they played with great determination and made us proud. Unfortunately we didn't have any students selected to represent us at the next level, but we are very proud of their achievement.

Sydney North AFL Trials

We would like to congratulate Magnus G, Jacob M and Jonas E on representing HHPS at the Sydney North Trials for AFL. These boys had a tough decision to make early on between the Swimming Carnival and the trials, all choosing the trials. Although we were unsuccessful in having anyone selected this year all three boys put on a great display of talent and skills. We would like to congratulate you on your achievements.



K-2 Awards

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



Certificates of Merit

In last week's Whole School Assembly, the following students were recipients of
Certificates of Merit, for excellent effort, work or citizenship:

2M

Laksh T

2S

Kerrie C

3F

Veronica B

3/4N

Quynh B, Arjun P

5P

Jacob M

From the office

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to an upgraded School Bytes finance system on 21 March 2023!

In preparation for the transition to a simplified finance system for both you and the school, we will be required to implement a short payment lockout period where we will not be able to receive any online or EFTPOS payments.

What this means for you

- No payments can be made online or via EFTPOS from 4pm, Wednesday 15th March 2023 to 6am on Tuesday, 21st March 2023.
- Any existing payment links that have been sent to you previously in emails can still be used after the transition and will automatically redirect to the new system
- After the transition, a School Bytes portal will be available for you to register and begin using (Link: <https://portal.schoolbytes.education>)
- All previous payments made will be migrated to the new School Bytes finance system and portal

What is the School Bytes portal

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

- Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)
- Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- Complete and submit digital permission notes
- View the status of all permission notes
- Request a refund if required

This can be done where you want at any time: day or night.

Through the portal, you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

While our preference is for payments to be made via the portal, we will still accept payment via cash, cheque, money order and EFTPOS.

Performing Arts Update

Musical (democracy) sausages (and cakes!)

As our local community comes together in our school for the NSW state elections on Saturday, 25 March, we will again be fundraising for our Performing Arts program to enable us to bring music to more families at our school.

We are looking for as many volunteers as possible to either come along on the day and help run the stall/sizzle the sausages and/or bring along home baking to sell. If you are able to help in any way please add your name to this [sign up list](#).

The children will also have a chance to perform on the day – more details to follow. It will be great to have as many school families come along and support our stall and our performing students.

Festival of Instrumental & Choral Music

Our Chamber Orchestra are now in full preparation mode for the upcoming Festival of Instrumental music. Key dates are:

Rehearsals: Thursday, 18 May at 9.15am - 1pm

Tickets become available: Friday, 19 May at 9am

Concert day rehearsals: Friday, 16 June at 12 - 4pm

Evening concert: Friday, 16 June at 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

Musical Opportunities

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 Arts Committee (music@hhps-pandc.org.au).

If you'd like to find out more, please ask at our P&C stand at the upcoming Welcome Barbecue on Friday, 10 March.



Come join HHPS Music Program

We are looking for new students to join our Music Program.
No experience required! Let's enjoy music!

Vocal Ensembles – every Tuesday morning 8 – 8:45
Stringletts – every Thursday morning 8 – 8:45
Chamber Strings – every Monday morning 7:45 – 8:45
Jazz Band (Year 2–6) – every Thursday morning 7:45 – 8:45
Guitar Group Lesson

(Minimum 2 terms of private lessons are required to join Stringletts and Band)

Private lessons at school are available before or after school.
(Fees apply for private lessons and ensemble participations.)

For enquiries, please contact HHPS Performing Arts Committee
music@hhps-pandc.org.au

HHPS P&C

WELCOME BBQ!

IT'S FREE!

FRIDAY 10 MARCH 3PM-5.30PM

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

POPCORN

SNOW CONES

ENTERTAINMENT



Please RSVP via Try Booking via QR Code
<https://www.trybooking.com/CGGQK>





Hunters Hill High School

Achieving excellence in comprehensive education



OPEN DAY

**SAVE THE DATE :
SATURDAY 4 MARCH 2023
12 NOON-3PM**

Reiby Road, Hunters Hill / (02) 9817 4565
email: huntershd-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
'Like' us on Facebook



**Hunters Hill
High School**