HUNTERS HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL

'Excellence in Learning for Success in Life'

AMITY Newsletter 2023

Term 1 Week 8

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Message from the Principal

P&C Welcome BBQ

What a terrific afternoon was had last Friday at our P&C Welcome BBQ! The weather was perfect, attendance was high, there was lots of adult meeting up and chatting, and lots of smiles on kids' faces! Well done P&C! Thank you very much to everyone who attended, and the large number of parents who worked to make the event such a success and who volunteered at the event. Unfortunately, in my usual fashion, it wasn't until writing this message, that I realised that taking some photographs would have been a good idea! If you were there, I am sure that you recall the colour and fun of the afternoon and I hope have been able to share it with friends who were unable to attend. It has certainly been a while since we have been able to host such an event at school and it is lovely to be able to be doing such things again.

It would be remiss of me not to call out the work of Linda Scocca and Robbie Upcroft who invested much time and energy in making this event happen. On behalf of all of us, thank you Linda and Robbie!

Tour de Cure

Many, many thanks to all who supported the SRC's Tour de Cure fundraising day. Despite the terrible weather making things difficult on Tuesday, everyone was able to make their coin chains one way or another! Kindergarten made theirs on Wednesday.

Thank you also to everyone who braved the elements and rode their decorated bikes to school. You made a tremendous effort and got into the spirit of the day which is wonderful to see and what it's all about.

We will be thinking of Mr Fogarty as he takes on the 1200km tour and wishing him a safe and happy ride. We are very proud of him, and very grateful to you for supporting this worthy cause.

Save the Date – Parent Information Sessions!

We held the first of our parent information sessions last night. What a great turn-out! Thank you so much to everyone who attended. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to share with you what we are doing in reading.

If you were unable to attend, or missed out on a hand-out, the following link will take you to it.
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PFbqG-c9u5gkq1QpvFLEVZQ1KMW49cUa/view?usp=share_link
The final slide from the presentation is about how you can help at home, and also provides the names of a couple of places to go if you'd like to do some more reading.

WHAT CAN PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS DO TO HELP

- Early reading skills – see Five from Five website
- Express interest in and support of what students learn at school
- Listen to your child read aloud – lots of positives!
- Read aloud to students K-6
- Discuss themes, context and characters in books, movies, TV shows
- Establish regular reading routines (adults modelling reading)

five from five

Reading Rockets

We have two more sessions planned for next term. Please see the message below from our previous newsletter and save the Term 2 dates!

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~~
New Curriculum - Wednesday, 10 May 2023 6:30 – 7:15pm
Student Assessment - Wednesday, 14 June 2023 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.

Don't Worry, Be Happy!

At 8:50am each morning, you may have noticed that a few bars of 'Don't Worry, Be Happy' is played. The purpose of this music is to prompt students and parents that it's almost time for learning. It's a happy and catchy tune, but we also imagine that most parents know the words of the chorus. If you are inside school when you hear this music, please farewell your children, and don't worry, be happy! They will be fine and have a great day. Parents leaving before the 9:00am bell allows students time to greet their friends outside of learning time and prepare themselves for learning by having a short time to adjust their thinking from 'with parent time' to 'school time'. Thank you very much in advance in anticipation of your cooperation.

Sentral Notifications

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.

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 Recently?

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

K-2 Awards

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

Dates to Remember

Wed 15 - Fri 17 Mar	NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5)
Mon 20 - Fri 24 Mar	NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5)
Thurs 23 Mar	Sydney North Area Swim Carnival (selected students)
Fri 24 Mar	K-6 Assembly 9:05am
Mon 27 - Fri 31 Mar	Year 2 Swim School (week 1)
Mon 3 - Thurs 6 Apr	Year 2 Swim School (week 2)
Wed 5 Apr	HHPS ANZAC Day Commemoration
Thurs 6 Apr	Easter Hat Parade (K-2) 2:15pm
Thurs 6 Apr	Last Day Term 1
Tues 25 Apr	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Wed 26 Apr	First Day Term 2
Tues 9 May	HHPS Harmony Day Celebration

Sport

Week 7
PSSA Summer Season
Congratulations to all our PSSA teams who have been competing each week. Our boys softball team is currently in 4th place, while our girls softball team is in 15th place. Our boys t-ball team is in 14th place, while our girls t-ball team are sitting in 8th place. Our junior cricket team and senior cricket team are in 3rd and 1st place respectively. Our junior and senior Newcombe ball teams are in 13th and 15th place respectively, and our senior volleyball team is in 11th place. Good luck to all the teams for the remaining games. Keep playing well and improving each week.

Zone Swimming Carnival
We are proud to announce that 22 of our students represented HHPS at the Zone Swimming Carnival. Everyone swam excellently, and we are especially proud of the Junior Boys Relay team who qualified for the Sydney North Carnival. Congratulations to Aidan M for qualifying in the 8yr Boys 50m freestyle. Thank you to all the parents who were able to come along and help out with transport and support on the day. It was great to have a full and energetic atmosphere at the pool again. Good luck to all the students who will be participating in the upcoming carnival. We hope you swim your best and have success.

Primary School Tennis Challenge Term 1
Congratulations to George, Noah, Maksim, Erik, Foster, Steven, Dre, Edward, Max, and Sam on representing HHPS at the Tennis Tournament. In the 2nd division, Noah and George finished 3rd. In the 3rd division, Foster and Steven finished 1st, while Eric and Dre also finished 1st in Group 3. Sam and Edward finished 2nd in Group 2, and Max and Maksim finished 4th in Group 1.
Thank you for your continued support of our Primary School sports program.

Jim Fogarty | Year 3 Classroom Teacher & Sports Coordinator

SRC News

SRC Term 1 Tour De Cure Fundraiser
We are thrilled to announce the success of our recent fundraiser, Tour De Cure! Our school community came together to support this cause to help those affected by cancer. At the time of publishing, the total raised has not yet been finalised.

The SRC would like to express their sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to this achievement. Your generosity and willingness to participate are greatly appreciated. Whether you donated coins, rode your bike or scooter, or walked to school, every little bit makes a difference. Your efforts helped raise awareness about the Tour De Cure and inspired others to join the cause. Thank you to all the parents who also jumped on a bike or walked alongside their child/children on the day.

Thank you again to everyone who helped make this fundraiser a success. Your contributions are going to make a real difference in the fight against cancer, and the SRC couldn't be more grateful.

Student Representative Council

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.

Finance freeze until 6am Tuesday, 21 March— school fees are not able to be paid during this period

What this means for you

- No payments can be made online or via EFTPOS from 4pm, W 2023 to 6am on Tuesday, 21st March 2023.
- Any existing payment links that have been sent to you be used after the transition and will automatically
- After the transition, a School Bytes portal will ter and begin using (Link: https://portal.schoolbyt
- All previous payments made will be m ytes finance system and portal

What is the School Bytes portal

The School Bytes portal p conveniently:

- Make sch ng paying for multiple siblings at once)
- Use a tivity or school contributions
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- digital permission notes
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Th one 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.