

HURSTVILLE GROVE INFANTS SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – Week 5, Term 4



Building, Nurturing and Inspiring the Future

Principal's Message

Painting

The Grove is excited that painting has begun around the school as part of the scheduled assets upgrade for 2016. The painting has started on the outside of Mrs Stergs room and is looking fantastic. The two main buildings will have their exteriors painted as well as the wet areas. We look forward to seeing the finished product.

Furniture

After trialling a few pieces of future focussed furniture this year, it has been determined to invest in a few more pieces in each classroom for 2017. This furniture has been purchased with the students' individual needs in mind and each piece provides a specific function. Some pieces allow teachers to get in closer to model and support learning; others allow movement and the ability to stand when working. The progress that students have made through access to this furniture has had great benefits to the learning outcomes of all students.

Coffee @ The Grove

Coffee @ The Grove has been rescheduled to Wednesday the 16th of November 2016. During this time we will be reviewing school programs, where constructive feedback on current programs will be welcomed as will ideas and thoughts on future initiatives and programs. We hope to see you at 9.30am in the school library.

2017 Enrolments

A note will be coming home in the next few weeks in regards to 2017 enrolments. Please indicate on this note if your child will be enrolling in Hurstville Grove for 2017.

Got It!

We are very exciting about the new pilot program, Got It, being introduced to The Grove. This program is an initiative that is funded by Treasury as part of 'The Keep Them Safe' campaign. It is being handed down as a joint project with NSW Health and the Department of Education. The professional learning being

Upcoming events Around The Grove

November, 2016

- 14th School Captain Speeches
- 16th Coffee @ The Grove
- 30th P & C Annual General Meeting

December, 2016

- 2nd P&C Lunch Club
- 6th Presentation Day
- 8th Combined Scripture
- 9th St Aidan's Christmas Performance
- 14th Movie Day
- 16th Last Day of Term 4

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offered and the program that supports the 10 week program is hoped to be sustained across the school for years to come as part of our wellbeing practices. Please do not hesitate to see me if you have any questions or concerns. A questionnaire was sent home on Thursday 10th of November in regards to this program. We ask that **all parents** complete the questionnaire and permission and **return all pages** in the provided envelope back to school by **Tuesday 15th of November** with your child's name clearly labelled. This questionnaire is a vital aspect of the program's success.

Kylie McKinnon
Principal

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Gymnastics

All of the students at the Grove have really enjoyed their Thursday mornings at gymnastics. The students have learnt lots of different skills, most of all the trampoline. The students have been working on their strength, balance and flexibility.



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Royal National Park Excursion

The Grove embarked on an adventure to the Royal National Park last Monday. The students learnt lots of information on the specific features of the park. The students bird watched in camouflage looked for tiny brown and green frogs and they fished with nets for crabs and other small water animals. It was a fun day for all of the students, who go to explore the natural features of the park.



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Got it Program

The Grove will be introducing the Got It program throughout the rest of term 4 and into 2017 as part of our student's wellbeing. This pilot program focuses on early school-based intervention for mental health for children in Kindergarten to Year 2. This program allows families and schools to be actively engaged during the intervention process.

The Got It! team work together with education staff, children and parents to intervene early and help your children become happy and successful.

Benefits of being involved in this program:

Getting help and support early to address children's social and emotional difficulties will achieve better outcomes for your family and school community.

Got It! provides opportunities for children to:

- Manage their feelings and behaviours both at home and school
- Learn to make and maintain friendships more easily
- Develop problem solving skills
- Become more confident and resilient

Reminder: 2017 School Captain Speeches

School Captain speeches will be held on Monday the 14th of November. We wish all the students participating luck. We can't wait to hear your wonderful speeches.

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Reminder: Library

There will be no more borrowing from the school library after Wednesday the 30th of November 2016. Please remind your children that all of their school library books must be returned before the end of term 4. If you are unsure of any outstanding books please ask Miss Lisa or Miss Loaney to look up your library profile.

Lunch Club

The next P & C lunch club will be held on Friday the 2nd of December. Notes will be going home in week 7. On the menu this time will be Sandwiches and ice creams or icy poles.