

Hurstville Grove Infants School

Building, Nurturing and Inspiring the Future



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Newsletter
Term 1 Week 3

Principal's Message

Welcome back everyone!

A huge welcome to all new families joining our wonderful school community @ The Grove! We look forward to working with you all.

All students are now settled into their classes for 2016 and are keen and ready for a productive year of learning.

Our Early Stage One students started their first day of school on Wednesday with big smiles, shiny shoes and in our very smart uniform. Our tears and tissues morning tea for our Kinder parents gave them the opportunity to celebrate their beautiful children starting school for the first time. Thank you to Elizabeth S and her team for coordinating such a beautiful morning tea.

We love parent involvement at Hurstville Grove Infants. Please know that there are so many ways that you can contribute to our school, whether it be by volunteering your time: in the classroom; weekly for the BEAR reading project; by baking for the sandwich club; helping with the sandwich club; joining the P&C or by becoming part of our 2016 sustainability gardening team. We look forward to positive school community partnerships with you and your family.

We look forward to seeing you all at our "Meet the Teacher" evening on Wednesday 17th February. Please note this is a parent meeting, students do not need to attend. There will be limited child minding available in the Library for any parents who need support. Please do not leave children unsupervised in the playground during meeting times. It is important that at least one parent attend these meetings to understand the structure and routine of your child's class.

Textbook and our essential school requirement levies have been distributed to all students last week. Harpers books will be at the school on Monday 8th to sell your child's book pack to each child. If you need to arrange a payment plan, please make arrangements to meet with me at your earliest convenience.

Uniforms

As you are aware the school uniform was updated in preparation for day 1 of school, 2016. I am sure that you will agree that students look very smart in the uniform with the few changes that the community agreed upon last year. All Early Stage One students (Kindergarten) are required to wear the full new uniform, while Stage One students are required to purchase the **correct** new components of the uniform as they outgrow their 2015 uniform. As a reminder ES1 are to wear Navy sports shorts sold through Claudines with HGIS embroidered on the leg and the boys are to wear Scaggs Navy shorts and navy socks. The new cap can be purchased from both Claudine's and the

8th February 2016

Upcoming Events

February, 2016

8th Text Book money
Collection by Harpers

9th Gardening &
Sustainability Club 2pm

10th P&C Meeting

12th School Photos

16th Welcome Breakfast &
Formal assembly (to
Be confirmed)

17th Meet the Teacher 5pm

March, 2016

4th Clean Up Australia Day

21st Harmony Day

Respectful, Responsible Learners

school office for \$10.00. All children are required to wear a school hat and bring belongings in the correct HGIS school bag, which can also be purchased from the office.

Punctuality

Please ensure that your child is at school on time every day. When students arrive late it is disruptive to classroom routines and interferes with your child's understanding of learning expectations for the morning. Teachers are on duty from 8.45 and students need to be at school by 9.10am, ready for a 9.15am start. School finishes at 3.15pm. Parents are encouraged to come inside the gates to collect their children. If your child is running late or needs to leave school early, please ensure that you sign your child in/out at the school office before dropping off or picking up.

Riding to school

I am thrilled to see so many students enthusiastically riding to school each day. Please ensure that your child wears a helmet if riding or scooting to school and that bikes are secured in a safe place out of harms way. I will be discussing the potential of a bike rack at the next P&C meeting.

P&C Meeting

The P&C will be holding their first meeting on Wednesday 10th February at 9.30am. We would love to see as many parents as possible at this meeting. Please don't forget that you need to be a financial member (\$5 per member). Megan Combe (P&C treasurer) will be in the library between 9.15 – 9.30 to sign financial members up prior to the meeting commencing.

Dance

The extra curricula dance troop lessons will commence in week 5. Many students have already demonstrated their interest and we look forward to a very successful year of dance!

Music Bus

We are presently coordinating an open session for you and your child to check out the features and potential of musical instrument instruction as an extra curricula activity at HGIS. Please keep an eye out for more information.

Welcome Breakfast & Formal Assembly

We would like to invite you to a welcome breakfast on Tuesday 16th February between 8.45 – 9.15am (please complete the RSVP so that we can cater appropriately). The breakfast will be followed by a formal assembly, where this years SRC members and Class Captains will be announced and furthermore our very first School Captains will be presented with their badges. We hope that you can make it and we look forward to celebrating the beginning of the school year with you. Details will follow shortly.

Gardening & Sustainability Club

Last year we were overwhelmed by the generosity of time that our school community gave to weed and tidy up our gardens. Our students were also very keen to participate. This year we would like to run 2 sessions a term to maintain our gardens. We would like our students to work in partnerships with parents on maintaining our gardens. Our first session will be on Tuesday 9th February from 2 – 3pm. Please bring along your gloves and safe gardening tools to assist in the maintenance and weeding of our beautiful gardens. Mrs Krivacic and Mr Barry will be coordinating this project

Monday Morning Assembly – 9.15am

Monday morning assembly will proceed as usual in front of the flag pole. This year we will be presenting weekly Assembly Awards and Bronze Awards to celebrate learning and positive relationships across the school as part of our PBL initiative. We look forward to you supporting our weekly efforts at this

assembly.

Sand Pit

Last week we opened up our new sandpit. It has been a huge hit and we would like to thank Mr Barry for his skills and effort in building the sandpit and to Scott Gillies for his time in coordinating the necessary materials.

The Merit Award System at The Grove

At HGIS students will receive Merit Awards throughout the week to celebrate learning, effort and improvement; for having respectful relationships with each other; and for making responsible choices. The system to celebrate each child's accomplishments is as follows:

1. Students who achieve five white Merit Cards will receive a Bronze Award at a Monday morning assembly (white Merit Awards are kept in the classroom, while Bronze and Silver Awards re to be stored safely at home).
2. Students who achieve five Bronze Award will receive a Silver Award at a Monday morning assembly. Assembly awards are also counted as a Bronze Award and can be collated towards a Silver Award. Please give your 5 silvers to the class teacher.

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R. Principal