

Hurstville Grove Infants School

Building, Nurturing and Inspiring the Future



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Newsletter
Term 1 Week 11

Principal's Message

Thank you

This term we welcomed many new families to our school community. The increase in mid-term enrolments is an indication of all the good things we are doing as a school community.

Kindergarten has settled so well into their new learning environment and I am sure that you would agree that the energy of ES1-S is a positive reflection of Miss Sanders and Miss Loaney.

I have to take my hat off to the stage one flexible learning class S1-SK. The motivation of students and dedication of their teachers has allowed for directed learning experiences from every child's point of need.

I would like to welcome Miss Debbie and Miss Lisa onto our staff and into our community as they work as Student Learning Support Officers in S1-SK.

Mr Barry has done a magnificent job building our new sandpit that is thoroughly enjoyed daily and as I am sure you are aware his endless efforts have helped maximize all learning environments.

Mrs O'Connor's knowledge of the school and her endless dedication is always welcomed by the whole school community and her efforts always go above and beyond, so thank you!

To our generous school community, your efforts are most welcomed and appreciated! From our diligent P&C to our weekly BEAR tutors, Lunch Club, BBQ helpers, gardening experts and classroom helpers – you truly are involved in the life of the school. Our students and their teachers truly appreciate your time and efforts.

Our Library Upgrade

The first roll-out of our library furniture upgrade was delivered on Wednesday. It is hoped that early next term, that phase two will be delivered and we can launch our new library in the near future.

The Flagpole & ANZAC day

Many families of The Grove have gone above and beyond to instil the traditions of our country and help our students demonstrate respect for our current and past serving members of our security forces. Thank you to Scott B and his working committee for sourcing and purchasing the school's new flagpole. The previous flagpole will be removed during the holiday period and a new pole will be installed.

Furthermore, these families have supported the staff to deliver a moving ceremony as we recognize and show our respect for our ANZAC's. Our school leaders and students of serving families are invited to join Miss McKinnon and Mrs Sterg on Sunday 17th April at Penshurst RSL at 2pm to march. Please email Miss McKinnon ASAP to confirm your child's attendance.

8th April 2016

Upcoming Events

April, 2016

8th Anzac Day Ceremony
9.30am School Hall

8th Last Day Term 1

26th Staff return Term 2

27th Students return Term 2

May, 2016

6th Yoga Program

9th Stewart House
Collection

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Principal's Message cont.

Easter Hat Parade

I had the pleasure of participating in my first EASTER hat parade at the school. I must say it was a wonderful celebration and the students loved performing in front of you. I believe I took more photos of parents and their joy watching their children than I did of students.

Check Kindergarten Out

This session was well supported by our parents. Our Kindergarten students loved performing and showing you how much they had learnt. Thank you to all that were in attendance.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all of the parents that made an appointment to meet with their child's classroom teacher. This is an opportune time for both parents and teachers to share information and enable goals to support students through their learning.

School Leaders Visit to Parliament

I was very blessed to be joined in Parliament House by our school leaders on Wednesday 16th March. Our leaders were formally welcomed into parliament and had the opportunity to meet local MP Mr Coure, State DP Troy Grant and Premier Mike Baird.

However, I must say the excitement of this experience was challenged by our impromptu invitation into channel seven, where the students and I were on the set of Sunrise and Seven News. I am not sure who enjoyed the day more!

Please mark in your diary that term 2 resumes on Wednesday 27th April. Students are expected to attend and wear their full summer uniform for the first two weeks of school. Full winter uniforms should be worn from Monday week 3. We appreciate your support in following the uniform policy.

We wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday period.

Kylie McKinnon
Relieving Principal

Around The Grove



Harmony Day – March 21st, 2016



Students at Hurstville Grove Infants celebrated our harmonious and diverse school community on Harmony Day by wearing the colour orange to school.

The message of Harmony Day is that everyone belongs. It's a day to celebrate Australia's diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia Home.



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2016 Student Leadership Team – Parliament House Visit

16th March 2016



Congratulations to our proud School Leadership Representatives who were welcomed into Parliament House as formal guests of Mr Mark Coure MP.

<30> [Temporary Speaker (Mr Bruce Notley-Smith) left the chair at 1.43 p.m. The House resumed at 2.15 p.m.]

VISITORS

The SPEAKER: I extend a warm welcome to the school captains and student leaders of Hurstville Grove Infant School: Adelina Ilkovski, Andrew Tsaprounis, Sofia Bustamante and Harley Constable-Douglas

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Wednesday 16 March 2016

Legislative Assembly

and their principal Kylie McKinnon, guests of the member for Oatley. I welcome the school captains and student leaders from Mortdale Public School: Charlotte Veitch, Charlie Yeo, Dominique Richardson, Daniel Czajka, Georgia Dunstone and Benjamin Liptak, accompanied by their principal John Koletti, also guests of the member for Oatley. Welcome to our student leaders. I welcome in the gallery today the 52 public sector officers participating in a seminar on the procedures of the Legislative Assembly. I trust that since I saw you at nine o'clock this morning you have had an enjoyable day.

Extract from The Hansard Proof

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School Yoga Program



We are pleased to confirm that all students will be participating in an 'in-school' Yoga Program during Term 2 2016.

The weekly program will commence on Thursday 5th May and continue until Week 10. Students will participate in class groups.

The instructor delivering this program has obtained Certification in childrens yoga, ensuring lessons are interactive and age appropriate.

Yoga sessions enhance student wellbeing and strength and develop Fundamental Movement skills.

Easter Hat Parade



Congratulations to all students for speaking so well through a microphone during our Easter Hat Parade.

We are so proud of you!

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SRC - Teddy Bear's Picnic



The SRC held their first fundraising event for 2016 on Friday 1st April in the form of a Teddy Bear's Picnic. Students wore 'muft' clothing and brought along their favourite soft toy with a gold coin donation.

Congratulations to all students as we raised \$103.00 on the day! These funds will contribute to the purchase of a bike and scooter rack.



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School Uniform Update

We thank the school community for supporting our uniform policy. Our students are looking very smart in the new uniform!

A reminder that 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. The new cap can be purchased from both Claudine's and the school office.

As the weather has remained warm, the changeover to full winter uniform will take place on Monday 9th May (Week 3, Term 2).

Kindergarten 2017

We are in process of distributing this flyer to all families with children due to commence Kindergarten in 2017. For those families who have siblings commencing next year, please mark these dates in your calendar.

Please don't forget to lodge your enrolment applications at the school office, as soon as possible.

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School Readiness Information Evening
Wednesday 22nd June @ 6.30pm

'Check Us Out!'
Tuesday 2nd August @ 10.15am

Kindergarten Orientation Session
Wednesday 14th September @ 9.30am

Kindy Start - Transition to School Program
Friday 21st & 28th October and Friday 4th November @ 9.30am

The School Photographer

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Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

This year St Aidan's are hosting the local community event in support of the Cancer Council.
Your support of this event is greatly appreciated.



ALL WELCOME



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Saturday 30 April

10am-12pm

at: **St Aidan's Church**

cnr Hillcrest Ave & Lansdowne St, Hurstville Grove

cost: **\$10** (includes morning tea)

Silent auction and items for sale:

patchwork quilts, handcrafted items, baby & children's wear,
gift-packs, mothers' day gifts...

Speech:

"When my strength is failing"

RSVP:

Mireille Geha phone: 0416 111 925

All money and donations received go to the Cancer Council to help fund cancer research and to provide support to cancer patients.



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