

Hurstville Grove Infants School

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Newsletter
Term 2 Week 4

Principal's Message

16th May 2016

Upcoming Events

May, 2016

18th Bake Sale – Mrs Krivacic's
Literacy Group

26th Year 2 Reunion Breakfast
8.30am

31st Year 2 Visit Hurstville
Kindy

June, 2016

1st Bake Sale – Mrs Sterg's
Literacy group

7th MATES launch

17th NAIDOC Week

July, 2016

1st Last day Term 2

2nd Election Day

18th Staff Return Term 3

19th Students Return Term 3

August, 2016

2nd Education Week Open Day

Mother's Day Stall

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped to make our Mother's Day stall a huge success. I am sure you had a lovely day and that you appreciated the gift you received.

The Library

Come and check out our library, while we are awaiting a few more pieces of furniture, it is looking fantastic! A special thanks to the dedicated staff who have worked hard as a team to get this library together. We will be formally opening the library during education week on Tuesday 2nd August.

Class Captains

Students in ES1-S and S1-SK voted for their class captains in week 1. The announcement of the class captains was made during the week 2 Monday assembly. The class captains for ES1-S are: Lars and Dibya. The Class Captains for S1-SK are: Matthew and Keshes. We know the Class Captains chosen, will do a fantastic job in representing their class and completing classroom responsibilities.

MATES Program - 'MATES ASSISTING TO ENGAGE SOCIALLY'

Hurstville Grove is honoured to be participating in the MATES pilot program. MATES is a peer to peer project promoting leadership skills and fostering a more inclusive school community. It is a structured program that facilitates and encourages socialisation opportunities for all students.

This program fits in nicely with our PBL initiative as it continues to encourage respectful relationships. Five students have been nominated as MATES Ambassadors, by the staff of The Grove. These ambassadors are currently being trained and will encourage and provide positive interaction and friendship (with the support of the teachers aides) to those who may be feeling lonely or not included. This may be as simple as a smile and a 'hello' or a mate to play with in the sandpit. Our school is working together with Mortdale Public School on the MATES program and we will be launching on Friday 7th June at 1.30pm. Everyone is welcome to help us celebrate.

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Principal's Message cont.

Winter Uniform

As the weather slowly transitions from the warmer months to the cooler months we remind you that our uniform has now changed to the winter uniform. The winter uniform needs to be worn Monday, Tuesday Wednesday and Friday.

The schools winter uniform for girls consists of a navy checked wool tunic, with navy stockings/long navy socks or navy pants. The girls are to wear a white Peter Pan collar shirt, red school jumper and black leather shoes. Please note that **patterned or any other coloured stockings are not part** of the girl's school uniform.

The boys winter uniform consists of the Midford blue long sleeve shirt, navy tailored pants, navy socks and black leather shoes (not trainers).

Please note: track suit pants are only to worn on Thursday for sport.

You may order the navy cosy winter jacket from Claudine's Caringbah on 9526 2525 to ensure they have it in stock and ready for your collection.

Please remember that students are expected to wear the correct uniform that was designed by the whole school community. We appreciate your support in dressing your child in the correct uniform. Please do not hesitate to see me if you require financial support with your child's school uniform.

Semester One Reports

Staff are currently busy finalising assessments on students and writing reports. Your child will receive their school report on Friday 24th June.

Please feel free to arrange a time to see me if you have any questions or concern about your child or the many wonderful programs operating around the school.

Kylie McKinnon
Relieving Principal

Around The Grove



Library Update



Hurstville Groves newly updated and furnished library is ready for eager borrowers. Students will be able to sit in comfort, and get lost in all the great books on the new modern furniture. There will be a range of Premier Reading Challenge books on display for all students to view and borrow. Each week we will be rotating these books to ensure students will be exposed to a variety of amazing titles. So please, encourage your children to explore all of the extraordinary books we have in our library.



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School Yoga

On the 5th of May students attended their first in-school yoga sessions for the year.

The students are all loving participating in yoga. Especially since there are so many different yoga poses, with very unique names, such as downwards dog, lizard and mountain

During these yoga sessions students are given the opportunity to develop strength and fundamental movement skills.



MATES Ambassadors

On the 7th June at 1.30pm our school will be launching the MATES pilot program in the school hall along with the students of Mortdale Public School.

Our MATES Ambassadors will be officially named and recognized at the launch. The founder of the program will be present and the Minister for Education and Minister for Disability have been invited. We know these students will take this opportunity to be a leader in their stride. Our school prides itself on providing all of its students with a safe and respectful learning environment, where every student is included; knowing they are a valued member of our school community.

We look forward to bringing you more news about this program as it continues throughout the year.



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Class Captains Term 2, 2016

Congratulations to our Term 2 Class Captains for ES1-S and S1-SK.



Dibya – Lars – Keshes – Matthew

Buddy Bench

Last year the SRC raised money to buy the school a buddy bench. All of the students from Hurstville Grove helped to paint the bench. The buddy Bench is now sitting in its new home in the playground, ready for any students who may need a friend to talk to or play with. Thank you to everyone who helped the SRC to raise the money for our Buddy Bench.



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SRC update

The SRC have commenced their fundraising efforts for the year in hope of raising enough funds to purchase a bike rack. Please check the school calendar and Skoolbag updates that will remind you of their upcoming events.

The SRC are also looking to give back to the community. Later in the year they will be fundraising for the 'Steven Walters Foundation', all money raised will go directly to children and equipment required in the oncology ward at the Sydney Children's hospital.

Election Day Fundraising

Our school hall will be used as a polling booth in the upcoming Federal Government Election on July 2nd.

The P&C are the very busy co-ordinating fundraising activities (BBQ, Cake Stand, Coffee Stall and second hand book stall) to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to raise funds.

To allow effective planning for this event it would be greatly appreciated if you could return the volunteer slip that was sent home earlier this week. As the saying goes "many hands make light work", so please take the time to volunteer your services in some way.

Thanks to those families who have already pledged their help on the day. We are extremely fortunate to have such a supportive school community!



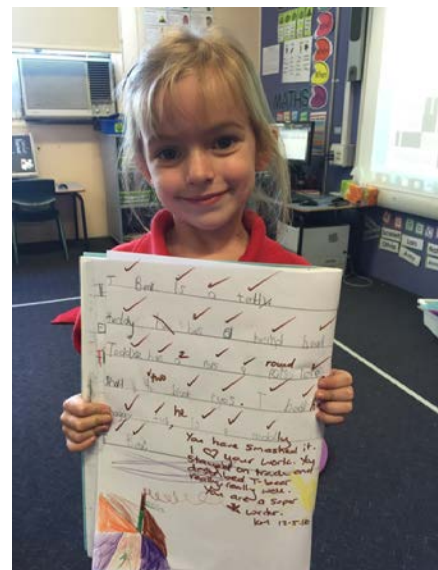
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From The Classroom



Welcome to ES1-S

From the beginning of the year, ES1-S students have been working very hard learning their phonemes, learning to read and write. This term, we are focusing on writing Recounts and Descriptions. Here are some proud students with their amazing writing samples. We have a class full of Shining Stars!!!



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