

Hurstville Grove Infants School

Building, Nurturing and Inspiring the Future



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Newsletter
Term 2 Week 9

Principal's Message

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Upcoming Events

July, 2016

- 1st Last day Term 2
- 2nd Election Day
- 18th Staff Return Term 3
- 19th Students Return Term 3
- 28th Swimming School

August, 2016

- 2nd Education Week Open Day
- 11th Combined Sport Carnival
(to be confirmed)
- 19th Trivia Night
- 29th Stewart House Collection

Federal Election

Thank you to Kirsten, Megan and Liz for coordinating this event and to all of the families who have volunteered their time to bake or work on the stalls this coming Saturday. This will be one of the P&C's biggest fundraising events for the year. All funds raised go back to the kids of The Grove. This year, P&C projects include the purchase and installation of air-conditioning units for the classrooms, quality picture books and flexible learning furniture.

School Reports

We are sure that you are very pleased with your children's reports. We urge you to explain your child's report to them and that you celebrate any academic, social, emotional or physical growth with them. If you have any concerns with your child's Semester One Report, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher to schedule an appointment. Alternatively, I am more than happy to discuss any concerns with you.

Trivia Night – MAJOR P&C FUNDRAISER for the year

The coordinating team for the Trivia Night are well on their way to ensure a successful fundraiser. A special thank you to Kirsten, Laura, Billi, Liz and Megan for their hard work in securing supporters and prizes for the night. The Trivia Night is on Friday 19th August, so we ask you to SAVE THE DATE and invite your friends along to create tables of 8 and join in the fun. Ray White are our major supporters for this event.

MATES launch

Thank you for all of the support that you gave as a school community to ensure the success of this launch. The afternoon went off as a big success, with many proud students and parents. Our Ambassadors are working well to further encourage inclusive relationships across the school.

P&C Uniform policy

Last year the P&C reviewed the school uniform and its policy. Please remember that this is inclusive of Navy trousers for the boys, with Navy tracksuit pants to be worn **only** on Thursdays. We also ask that the girls wear Navy stockings rather than black leggings or colourful stockings. The school and P&C thank you for supporting this policy.

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Principal's Message cont.

School Readiness Information Evening

Last Wednesday we ran our second 'School Readiness Information Evening' and it turned out to be a huge success with 18 in attendance. The school has seen an increased trend in enrolments for this time of the year. We thank you for supporting the school and encouraging friends and community members to 'Check Us Out!' as it is your thoughts/words that hold the greatest power in sustaining our numbers and promoting our school.

Swimming Scheme

The students and teachers are very excited about swim school next Term. While we are usually very encouraging of parent participation, we request that parents refrain from attending as it often causes distress for students as they establish a new routine. Furthermore, parents are not permitted in the change rooms to assist with changing due to child protection regulations. However, please be assured that there will be 5 staff members attending and students will be learning to swim with a ratio of 1 instructor to 6 swimmers.

Excursion planned for Term 3

To align with our unit of work next term, students will be visiting the Aquarium on Wednesday 31st August. Please look out for a permission note early next term.

Kylie McKinnon
Principal

Around The Grove



Welcome Miss McKinnon



We are extremely pleased to officially welcome Miss McKinnon as the newly appointed Principal of Hurstville Grove Infants School!

Staff, students and community members look forward to the continuation of her leadership at "The Grove".

We thank Miss McKinnon for her vision and commitment to our students!

New Home Readers

All students are now benefiting from the new Home Readers recently introduced across all classes.

We thank the P&C for their contribution towards purchasing these books.

We also thank the many parent helpers who assisted with the protective covering of all books.

A special thanks to Tia who went above and beyond and is our resident expert!

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Parent On-Line Payments (POP)

From 1st July, 2016 it will be possible for parents/carers to make secure online payments via Westpac by accessing the front page of the schools website:

www.hurstvilgr-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Parent/carers will be able to pay for student expenses, such as, voluntary school contributions, excursions, incursions etc.

It is crucial when making online payments that all student details are entered to ensure that your payment is correctly allocated. A receipt will be issued when making payments and we request that this number is recorded on the appropriate permission note and returned to school.

Please contact the school office should you have any enquiries regarding the online payment process.



P&C Initiative – Installation of a New Alarm & Public Announcement System

The P&C approached our Federal Member of Parliament, Mr David Coleman, late last year to gain his support in acquiring a school bell/sound system. This was seen as a priority to ensure the safety of our students in the event of an emergency.

We are very pleased to announce that after months of following up, and with Mr David Coleman's support, the Department of Education have agreed to fund the installation of a new PA system.

We have received confirmation from the contractor that the installation will occur in August.

We thank Mr David Coleman and his team for their persistence and support of this initiative and look forward to the installation.

This new system will allow music to be played and announcements to be made during break times and evacuation procedures to be carried out efficiently, if required.

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MATES Launch



On Friday 10th June, 2016 we celebrated the official launch of the MATES program.

Students and staff from both Mortdale Public School and Hurstville Grove Infants School were joined by official guests and school community members in the school hall to celebrate the occasion.

MATES ambassadors from both schools were formally recognised during the launch. Congratulations to Harley, Nevaeh, Keshes, Sofia, Oscar and Chelsea for proudly representing Hurstville Grove Infants School.

Congratulations to our students who performed by "key word signing" the song, Old McDonald Had a Farm.

We were so proud of the wonderful job you did!



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Swim School

School swim school will commence in Week 2, Term 3. This K-2 Swimming Program will increase fundamental movement skills and further develop water awareness and learn to swim skills. This activity will occur on Thursdays at Hurstville Aquatic Centre.

Please ensure your child's permission note, student data sheet and payment are returned by 26th July.



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From the P&C

Please don't forget

Annual Trivia Night

Friday, August 19th

Penshurst RSL

Save the date!

Election Day Fundraiser

Thank you to those families who have already supported the Fundraiser.

We are still in need of second hand books and DVD's for sale on Election Day. Any suitable donations would be gratefully accepted.

We are also in need of baked goods for the Cake Stall. If you have not already pledged goods for sale, it is not too late!!

We still have BBQ time slots unfilled. Please contact the office for details.

If you are able to help in any way on this day please contact the school office.

With everyone's support this will be a great fundraising day.

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