

Hurstville Grove Infants School

Newsletter

Term 1, 2017

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Important Dates @ Hurstville Grove Infants School

<u>Term/ Week</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Term 2 Week 6	29	30 Parliament House Visit	31 Dance	June 1 Yoga	2 Spell-a-thon
Term 2 Week 7	5	6 Staff to attend Professional Learning in L3	7 P&C Trivia Night committee meeting.	8	9 Spell-a-thon Money due. Who will win the class party?
Term 2 Week 8	12 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	13	14 P&C Meeting	15 Spell-a-thon Class Winning party	16 Lunch Club
Term 2 Week 9	19 SRC Bake Sale	20 Staff to attend Professional Learning in L3	21	22	23 NAIDOC Week
Term 2 Week 10	24 Mrs Sterg on Leave.	25 Mrs Sterg on Leave. Mrs Payayi to replace	26 Mrs Sterg on Leave. Mrs Payayi to replace	27 Mrs Sterg on Leave. Mrs Payayi to replace	28 Last Day of Term Mrs Sterg on Leave. Mrs Payayi to replace

Term 3 Week 1	17 July Staff Development Day	18 Students Return Mrs Sterg on Leave. Mrs Payayi to replace	19 Mrs Sterg on Leave. Mrs Payayi to replace	20 Mrs Sterg on Leave. Mrs Payayi to replace	21 Mrs Sterg on Leave. Mrs Payayi to replace
Term 3 Week 2	24 Trivia Night Money Due Mrs Sterg on Leave. Mrs Payayi to replace	25 Mrs Sterg on Leave. Mrs Payayi to replace	26 Mrs Sterg on Leave. Mrs Payayi to replace	27 Mrs Sterg Returns!	28 Trivia Night
Term 3 Week 3	31 Education Week	1 August Education Week	2 Check Us Out! Education Week Open Day	3 Education Week	4 Education Week

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Principal Message

2018 ENROLMENTS

It seems a long way off, but we are now at the point where we are starting to plan for next year. Please get in touch with us if you have a child starting school in 2018 and you are considering enrolling at Hurstville Grove. It helps us if we can have all 'local' (within the HGIS catchment area) enrolments completed by the end of this term so we can assess whether or not we will be able to offer any positions to non-local applicants. We ask that you spread this message to your neighbours and friends in the area that have children ready to commence school in 2018.

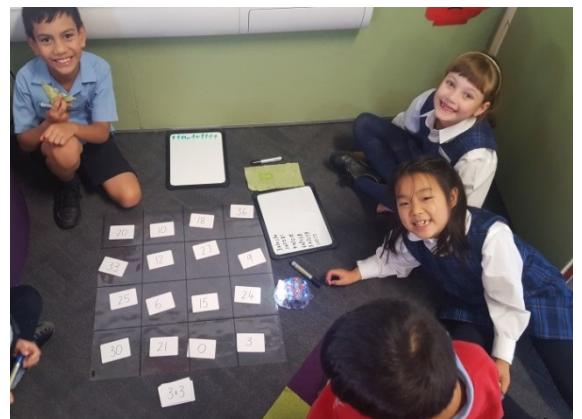
A visit to Parliament House

The Groves school Captains and Vice Captains had a spectacular day representing the school in Parliament on Wednesday 31st May. Our local MP Mr Mark Coure spoilt our leadership team with a tour of parliament, including the chance to meet and speak to the Madam Speaker, with the opportunity to sit in her chair. This was a highlight for the students.



Science Technology Engineering Art Mathematics (STEAM) Program

The Groves STEAM programs have been steaming ahead smoothly with students loving their different building and robotic experiences. These programs have allowed the students to explore different aspects of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics. On Wednesday 21st June we will be holding a Coffee @ The Grove, to allow parents the opportunity to have hands on experience with the robots and develop a deeper understanding of STEAM. Bring your cup of coffee and meet us in the Engine room.



The students have not only been using the Blubots for STEAM lessons; they have been using them in both mathematics sessions and literacy sessions.

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Education Week

Education week is during week 3, Term 3 (31 July – 4 August) and this year's theme is 'I Learn, We Learn'. Our students would like to show case and celebrate their learning with you on Wednesday 2nd August between 9.30 – 11.30am. Classrooms will be open, students will be revealing and describing their Project Based Learning tasks, showing off their learning goals and achievements as well as demonstrating robotics and coding. Open classrooms will be followed by a formal assembly where the students will perform and welcome in Semester 2 SRC representatives. This will be followed by a school community BBQ that we encourage you to stay for.

External Validation

For the past 3 years schools have been asked to evaluate their practice against the School Excellence Framework. They are encouraged to embed self-assessment practices where decision making is informed by evidence. Each year, a group of schools will be nominated to participate in an external validation process. This provides an opportunity for schools to discuss their judgements about their practice – and the evidence that underpins them – with a panel of peers. On the 15th August Hurstville Grove will be validated by an external panel. To date this has been a powerful experience where staff have been reflecting on the change to their teaching/learning practice and its impact on student learning outcomes.

Sharing our skills & Learning together as a school

The Grove works in two circles of community school practices, where we align ourselves to professional learning that will strengthen our schools strategic directions. Last Saturday the teaching staff collaborated with Connell's Point Public School and Kareela Public School at Kyle Bay to listen and learn about Effective Teams with presenter Steve Francis. This was a valuable opportunity that will enhance our practice at The Grove.

Our school also has strong connections with Mortdale Public School, Penshurst West and Carinya. It has been rewarding this year to have a number of schools approach us about our students learning intentions (goals), the method in which we provide feedback and how we define and celebrate learning via our Bump It Up Walls. Staff from Mortdale Public School visited the classrooms two weeks ago and were blown away by the output of the student's @ The Grove. I would like to congratulate the teachers on their commitment to this practice and how they have consistently embedded it across the school.

Parent Participation during Monday Morning Assemblies

We welcome your participation in our Monday morning assemblies as we celebrate student learning. However, we request that you refrain from side conversations particularly when the National Anthem is being sung. Your vocal input with the lyrics would be greatly appreciated as the students learn to respect the importance of National Anthems and the lyrics.

Miss Looney

Miss Looney has been a member of staff for the past two years. She has been loved by the students and an asset to the school community. Sadly next term she will be leaving us to complete her final prac to allow her to be a fully qualified teacher. We are hopeful that she will return in term 4 allowing her to continue working with the students and staff @ The Grove. We wish her all the best as she prepares for and completes her prac at Carlton South Public School.

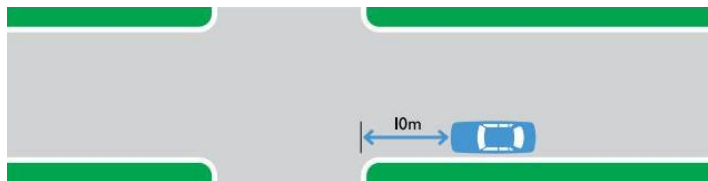
Drop off and pick up Safety

Keeping all of our students safe @ The Grove

I have had a number of discussions with parents and members of our community lately about concerns for student safety in the mornings and afternoons. Below are a few tips and reminders to keep our students safe...



- Obey all signs
 - 'No Stopping' means exactly that - do not stop! Not even for 30 seconds to drop your child off.
 - 'No Parking' means that you can stop briefly to drop off or pick up, but you must not leave the vicinity of your vehicle and you have a maximum of 2 minutes there.
 - 40 km/h school zones are in place each morning and afternoon. Please be mindful of this.
 - Park legally and considerately.
 - Do not park across our neighbours' driveways.
- Please do not park on the corner of Lansdowne St and Claremont St, not only is it illegal it interferes with the visibility for both students trying to cross the road and drivers seeing students trying to cross the road.



- Consider others when parking and if there is room for two cars; be sure to leave enough room for another vehicle.
- Parents must ensure their children know how they will be collected from school. They need to know when and where parents will be after school and where they should wait. Children must know not to try and get into a vehicle while it is still in traffic, even if it is stopped.
- Make sure that the hand brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary in the 'No Parking' zone.
- Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.
- Never double park, park across a pedestrian crossing or park in a 'No Stopping' or 'Bus Zone'.
- Never undertake a U-turn in close proximity to a school.
- Never call to your child across the road.
- Children up to 10 years old should be actively supervised around traffic and should hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.

Kylie McKinnon

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Talk Back @ The Grove

SRC Book Sale Week 4

The SRC book sale in week 4 has been a huge success with lots of The Grove students finding some great books to expand their love of reading at home. The **SRC has raised \$200** from the book sale. Thank you to Mrs Sterg and our SRC members for all your hard work in putting the book sale together.

STEAM project

The Grove has started its new STEAM program, which meet each Thursday afternoon in cross grade groups. These groups will rotate every 4 weeks to develop students skill base in all aspects of STEAM. We were fortunate enough to have some wonderful students and teachers from Carlton South PS come to give us some assistance with our first robotics lessons. Since then our students have enjoyed collaborating on their different STEAM projects. These lessons have been taking place in the "Engine Room". The students have been engaging in learning experiences using the new robots - WeDo2.0s and Blubots, to explore different aspects of STEAM. While Miss Sanders group has been designing a project and testing it. Wait till you see the results! Please see the definition below for our new future focussed initiative.

STEAM - Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics



Spell-a-thon

The school is holding a "Spell-a-thon" in week 6 on Friday 2nd June 2017. This spell-a-thon is a fun spelling activity for the students as they raise money to support the school in the purchase of more amazing robotics. Students have been asked to collect sponsorship money for their ten spelling words/phonemes. All sponsorship money needs to be **returned by Friday 9th June 2017**. The first class to return their sponsorship money will be rewarded with a class lunch.

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Yoga

Students have thoroughly enjoyed the first few weeks of Yoga. Kindergarten loved their first Yoga lesson learning about their breathing, balance and loads of different yoga poses.

The year 1 and 2 students have been excited to build on their Yoga experiences from last year and have learnt lots of new yoga poses.



Lunch Boxes

Just a friendly reminder, when packing your child's lunch box that students across the school have a variety of allergies and intolerances, (inclusive of nuts and egg). Please be mindful when packing lunches that we encourage a nut free environment. We thank you for your support in keeping the kids at The Grove safe and well.



Mr Barry's Retirement

The staff and community of The Grove had a lovely afternoon celebrating Mr Barry's time at our school. Mr Barry has done a wonderful job keeping our school in tip top shape over the past few years. We wish him all the best for his retirement. Thank you to Miss Nimmo for all the effort you put into the wonderful afternoon tea and Mrs Combe for the fabulously decorated cake.



Dance Troupe

Congratulations to all our amazing dancers who tried out for SPAF on Wednesday 24th May. You all put on a wonderful performance and The Grove is very proud of you and your success as you made it into SPAF!!!



Trivia Night

The Groves P & C will be holding a Trivia Night on the **Friday 28th July 2017**. The P & C are working hard to put on a fabulous night filled with fun and laughter. A personal invitation will be sent home in the near future with all the information you will need.



You are cordially invited to Hurstville
Grove Infants School's P&C

Trivia Night

Fundraiser

Where	Penshurst RSL 58a Penshurst St, Penshurst
Cost	\$25 per person
Date	Friday 28th July
Time	7.00pm until late
RSVP	Monday 24th July (See attached payment form)

Get your most glamorous outfits ready!