

# Hurstville Grove Infants School

## Newsletter

Term 3, 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>
Week 6	21 Book Week	22 Staff to attend Professional Learning in L3	23 Ms Nimmo Literacy Group to Visit Hurstville Grove Kindy	24 Swimming	25 Author Visit
Week 7	28	29	30	31 Swimming	Sept 1 Kids & Co Kindy to visit HGIS Library
Week 8	4	5 Staff to attend Professional Learning in L3	6 Orientation for 2018 Kinder	7 Swimming	8 9 <sup>th</sup> LOCAL ELECTIONS
Week 9	11 Planetarium Excursion	12 Staff to attend Professional Learning in L3	13	14 Swimming	15 Environmentors Program
Week 10	18	19 Staff to attend Professional Learning in L3	20 P&C Meeting	21 Swimming	22 Last Day of Term
September / October HOLIDAYS					
Week 1	9 Students & staff return	10	11	12	13

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# Principal Message



## Hurstville Grove Shines!

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August, the Dance Troupe had the opportunity to perform on stage at the St George Performing Arts Festival. They danced to 'Shake It Off' and I was blown away by their enthusiasm skill and talent. This was a quality and exciting learning opportunity for these student and we received some extremely positive feedback from other schools and parents on the behaviour and quality of the Dance Troupes performance – congratulations and thank you to Miss Larissa, Ms Nimmo, Miss Lisa and Miss Debbie for coordinating this opportunity and for giving up their evenings from their families.

## Education Week

Thank you for helping us celebrate 'Education Week – 2017'. The students have worked extremely hard to achieve their individual learning goals and I am sure you are proud of their accomplishments!

## NAPLAN 2017

It was pleasing to receive feedback that the programs that we have embedded across the school have had a sustaining impact on the growth and achievements that our students are accomplishing. This year's NAPLAN data indicates significant growth for the cohort compared to 2015 data. I am very proud of these students and i am sure you will join me in congratulating them.

## 2018 Enrolments

We are now looking closely at our enrolments for next year. If you have not yet done so, please let us know if...

- You have a child intending to start (in any grade, but especially kindergarten) in 2018.
- There is a possibility that your child will not be returning in 2018
- If you have a friend or neighbour planning to enrol
- It is beneficial for us to have a good indication of our predicted numbers in each grade so we can ascertain whether there will be any room for non-local enrolments. We have current requests for placement from families who live outside our area but cannot offer places unless we are confident we have space.

## Local Election – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September

The P&C are working hard to coordinate stalls for the upcoming Local Election. If you are able to support their efforts through time, donations or by baking please complete the interest slip sent home or alternatively see Megan, Kim or Emma. We ask that you please support the school by voting here on the day!

## Trivia Night

I was humbled by the amount of support the school received for our annual Trivia Night. Thank you to the P&C and the numerous hard workers of the Trivia Night committee, your efforts are appreciated. If you have any feedback or suggestions for next year's major fundraiser please see Megan or I.

## Awards

As you know we rejoice in celebrating student learning at The Grove. However, we have recently reviewed our current Award System as part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) practices. More detailed information is provided in this newsletter.

Kylie McKinnon - Principal

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# Talk Back @ The Grove

## Education Week – Open Day

Thank you to all of the community members who joined The Grove's students and staff to celebrate 'Education Week' on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. It was wonderful to see so many families of both current and future students present on the day.

Congratulations to our new student leadership team for semester 2, we know that you will do your class and school proud!

The Dance Troupes very first performance for the year was spectacular with our dancers lighting up the hall with their "Shake it up!" moves. A big thanks Miss Larissa, Ms Nimmo, Miss Lisa and Miss Debbie for their help.

Once again our whole school choir did an outstanding job 'Key Word Signing' and singing "Give Me A Home Amongst The Gum Trees" under the guidance of Ms Nimmo and Miss Sanders.

All of the students demonstrated great sportsmanship during their outdoor Ninja Challenge; and the pre-schoolers were actively involved as well, which was wonderful.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the parent helpers on the day to make our community BBQ a success. School events, such as this would not run smoothly without the assistance from our school community.





# Swim School

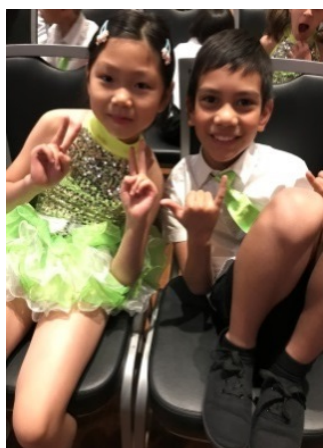
All students are enjoying and benefiting from our Term 3 swimming scheme. They have now settled into the weekly routine and look forward to Thursdays each week. Students have been reassessed weekly and have fluid grouping to meet their needs as they progress, which has been wonderful and a great challenge for them.

Please ensure your child has a towel and a bag to place their clothes in while they swim. If you do not wish for your child to get their hair wet please send a swimming cap and remember to ensure that all items are clearly marked with your child's name.



## St George Performing Arts Festival (SPAF) – 2017

Congratulations to all students who represented the school as part of the dance troupe and performed on the big stage at SPAF on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August at Hurstville Entertainment Centre. Students performed in both the Matinee and the evening concert. All students were shining stars. We are certain that all parents/carers were extremely proud! Thank you to Miss Larissa, Ms Nimmo, Miss Lisa and Miss Debbie for your commitment to this initiative and personal time on the evening.



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# Book Week 2017

2017 Book Week was celebrated through the theme, 'Escape to Everywhere'!

We commenced our Book Week celebrations with a class door challenge, our annual parade and Book Fair. This was an enjoyable day for all and we congratulate Year One and Ms Nimmo for winning the class door award. They enjoyed their class lunch party today.

This year there was a fantastic range of quality literature books for the students to purchase. A massive thank you to all of the students and their families who donated books to our library.

The students met author 'Georgie Donaghey' today. She was extremely engaging and spoke to the students about her ideas and how she writes her stories and has them illustrated. She read 'Lu Lu' and 'Clovers big ideas'.



## Congratulations Miss McKinnon

Congratulations Miss McKinnon on 20 years of Service for your valuable contribution to the students, staff and the Department of Education. During this time you have left your mark on many students and their families. We are very lucky to have you as our principal.



## Trivia Night

Congratulations to the P&C and the Trivia night committee on what was a sensational and very successful evening! The P&C raised over \$7,700. These funds are so valuable to the upgrade of interactive white boards across the school. We would also like to thank our major supporter 'Ray White' and all our supporters that generously donated

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# Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) School Award System

The staff recently reviewed elements of our PBL practices, with a focus on our current 'Award' system. As a result, some changes have been made to the tier of awards required to obtain a GOLD Award.

As the system was introduced in October 2015, Year 2 students have not had the opportunity to obtain as many awards. Therefore a larger adjustment to the tier has been made for these students. Please see below to review the new system. This has been explained to your child.

Year 2, 2017 = 10 Bronze Awards = 2 silver awards = 1 Gold award to be presented at Presentation Day

Year 1 and Kindy (and future Kindergarten students) 15 Bronze awards = 3 silver awards = 1 Gold award

Please note: Assembly Awards can be included with Merit Cards to make a Bronze Award.

