

Around the Grove!

Week 9, Term 3 2019



A new look for Hurstville Grove

The school community have been working together to rebrand the school with a look that encompasses the values of Hurstville Grove Infants School, its students and how they learn. When students return to school in Term 4, we will be launching this new look Hurstville Grove. Our current crest is an important part of our school's history, and it will sit alongside the new branding as will the motto 'do your best'. We look forward to your response to the new look Hurstville Grove.

2020 Staffing

We are currently in the first phase of planning for the 2020 school year. The school community is in the process of employing a permanent teacher through Merit Selection. This process takes approximately 6 weeks, therefore staffing will not be confirmed until mid Term 4. We appreciate your patience during this time and thank you for enrolling your child at the school for the school culture and the programs that the school offers. With this, please be reminded that classes are formed to meet the needs of students and like all schools across Sydney we do not promote a culture of requesting teachers. We thank you for your continued support of the school and all of our wonderful teachers.

Parent & Community representation for the Merit Selection Process to appoint a permanent classroom teacher

A parent representative for the Classroom Teacher panel has been finalised by the P&C. The panel required a male parent or community representative. The P&C requested expressions of interests from male parent/community members that believed that they could demonstrate they had the suitable skill set for this responsibility. The nominated parent representative will now speak on behalf of the community at the Classroom Teaching panel.

Communicating with staff at HGIS as per the DoE School Community Charter

We know that the best education happens when parents and schools work together. It is important that our school is a positive environment and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

While we appreciate the role that support teachers and non teaching staff play in your child's education, to ensure accurate and consistent information about your child's learning and development, the school requests that all communication involving your child and the programs they are involved in are directed to the classroom teacher. Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately. If your needs are not met with your child's classroom teacher or if the issue/concern is of a more serious nature, we request that you follow this up with a scheduled meeting with the Principal, Miss McKinnon. We thank you for respecting and following these communication protocols. For more information on communicating effectively with the school please see this link:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/media/documents/school-community-charter.pdf>

We're Going to the Zoo, Zoo, Zoo!

We were sad that the wet weather this week required the school to postpone the Zoo excursion. Although, plans have already been made to reschedule the excursion and the students will now be going to the Zoo on **Thursday 24th October**. Reminders will be sent out closer to the date.

Kindergarten 2020

Last week we had a very successful and settled Kindergarten Orientation. Our numbers are just shy of being able to form two classes, so if you have any friends in the area that are yet to enrol their child for 2020 please encourage them to make an interview to 'check out' our school.

Year 3 2020

Miss McKinnon has been working closely with Year 3 schools to ensure a smooth transition for all of our current Yr 2 students. The transition dates are: Friday 8th, 15th and 22nd of November.

A letter will come home in Week 1, Term 4 confirming dates and times. If your child is not able to participate in any of the transitions please let Mrs O'Connor know ASAP so we can inform the schools.

Movie Night

The annual P&C Movie Night will take place on Friday 25th October. The movie night is about bringing all members of our community together.

Before the movie we invite you to dinner where the following cuisines will be available:

- Asian food corner (community made dumplings, spring rolls, sushi & more)
- BBQ (run by our P&C)
- Popcorn/choc top teacher stall

Friday 25th October

6pm gates open

Movie 7.15

Tickets \$8

Riding Bikes and Scooters to School

It is wonderful to see students riding their bikes and scooters to school. Aligned to Local Government legislation, we request that your child is wearing a helmet when riding a scooter, skateboard or bike. Once students arrive at the gate ready to enter, students and toddlers are asked to walk and store their method of transport in the bike racks located next to S1H2. To keep all students safe, please note that bikes, balance bikes and scooters are not allowed inside any buildings, including bag storage areas. We thank you for following this safety request.

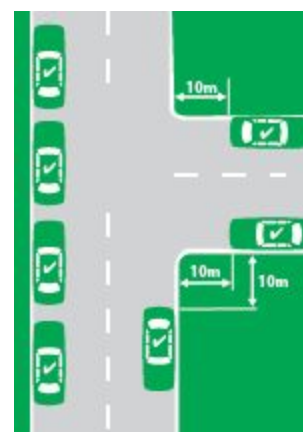
Pets at School

At times, it is relevant for teachers and students to bring pets/animals to school to reinforce learning concepts. However, the Department of Education has protocols in place for schools to follow to ensure we protect the wellbeing of pets and animals. If your child would like to bring in a special pet or animal to school as it is relevant to the learning taking place, can you please see your child's classroom teacher in advance so the appropriate documentation can be completed. Further to this schools and school communities are requested to comply with NSW office of Local Government policy that states that all dogs, apart from police and corrective service dogs and genuine assistance dogs are banned from School grounds. We appreciate your support of state and Department of Education expectations.

Road Safety

Parents are continuing to park on the corner of Lansdowne st and Claremont st. Please note that the rules from the RMS state that the closest car parked to the corner needs to be 10m away. Please see the diagram from www.rms.nsw.gov.au for more information.

School Zones are in operation from 8.00am and 9.30am and 2.30pm and 4.00pm. Please ensure you are driving at or below 40km/h when driving **towards** or **away** from the school.



Technology Corner with Miss Henry

HGIS has been doing some exciting things with technology this year! We've made persuasive movies, stop motion films and have been practising logging onto the internet (it's trickier than you think!)

Staff members have also been learning interesting ways to implement technology in the classroom. We've learnt how to use the website Kahoot! to make quizzes to check student understanding and have explored the app Epic which gives us a whole library of books at ours and our students' fingertips.

You might like to check out Epic at home. A private account charges a small fee per month, but gives you a range of books to read with your child. Head to www.getepic.com for more information.

Dates for the calendar

Monday 29th September	School Holidays commence
Term 4	
Monday every week	Whole School Assembly 9.15 – 9.30am / Staff Meeting 3.30-5.30
Wednesdays wk 2, 4,5,7,9	Teacher Professional Learning 3.30 – 5.30/6.30
Monday 14th October	Day 1, Term 4 (no staff development day)
Monday 14th October	World Teachers Day (4.10) to be celebrated today
Wednesday 23rd October	Teacher Professional Learning 3.30 – 6.30pm (4C Transforming schools)
Thursday 24th October	Zoo Excursion
Friday 25th October	P&C Family Movie Night, 6pm - All welcome
Friday 1st November	Coffee @ the Grove - parent workshop, focus on Maths
Friday 1st November	P&C Meeting
Wednesday 6th November	Kids & Fella's Business (Flight and BBQ) 4-5.30pm
Friday 8th November	Transition Day 1 to Kindy 2020
Friday 8th November	Transition Day 1 to Yr 3, 2020
Wednesday 13th November	Teacher Professional Learning 3.30 – 6.30pm (4C Transforming schools)
Friday 15th November	Transition Day 2 to Kindy 2020
Friday 15th November	Transition Day 2 to Yr 3, 2020
Friday 15th November	P&C Disco – Penshurst RSL
Friday 22nd November	Transition Day 3 to Kindy 2020
Friday 22nd November	Transition Day 3 to Yr 3, 2020
Wednesday 27th November	Teacher Professional Learning 3.30 – 6.30pm (4C Transforming schools)
Friday 29th November	Coffee @ the Grove - parent hands on STEAM workshop
Friday 6th December	P&C AGM
Thursday 12th December	Presentation Day and Thank you morning tea
Tuesday 17th December	Student Fun Day
Wednesday 18th December	Yr 2 Arch and last day of school for HGIS 2019

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