



## From the Principal...

### USE OF SCHOOL GROUNDS AFTER HOURS

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about the guidelines concerning the use of school grounds after hours. It is essential that our community respects the surrounding neighbours and maintains a peaceful environment.

Recently, we have received several complaints from our neighbours regarding excessive noise emanating from the school in the evenings. This not only disrupts their peace but may also tarnish the positive relationship we strive to maintain with our local community. We strongly urge all families to refrain from engaging in any activities on school premises after hours.

To use the school's grounds or facilities after hours you need to apply to the school. Please contact our office on 9987 4605 to discuss this further. Your cooperation is vital in helping us preserve our community's well-being and support a harmonious environment for everyone.

### NAPLAN UPDATE

We are pleased to inform you that NAPLAN has officially commenced today, with our Year 3 and Year 5 students undertaking the Writing assessment. This is an important opportunity for our students to showcase their skills and learning progress.

We encourage parents to talk to their children about the assessments and to offer them support and encouragement during this time. It's important for our students to approach these assessments with confidence. We are proud of the effort our students have put into their studies and preparation, and we wish them the best of luck in all upcoming assessments.

### YEAR 7 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Attention Year 6 Families! Planning for the transition to Year 7 in 2026 has begun and we want to remind you to complete the Expression of Interest (EOI) for your child. This form is crucial for planning processes and ensures your child's placement in Year 7.

The [EOI form](#) can be easily accessed through our school's website. We kindly ask that you submit this form by the specified deadline to facilitate a smooth transition for your child. Should you have any questions or require assistance with the form, please do not hesitate to reach out to our administrative staff, who will be more than happy to assist you.

### MOBILE PHONES AND SMART WATCHES DURING SCHOOL HOURS

As part of our commitment to providing a focused and productive learning environment, we would like to remind

parents and students about our policy regarding mobile phones and smart watches during school hours. Students are required to keep their mobile phones in their bags during class time and smart watches switched to school mode during the day. This policy helps minimise distractions and allows students to engage fully in their learning activities. In cases of emergencies, students are required to speak with their teacher during the day and parents are encouraged to contact the school office directly. We appreciate your understanding and support in reinforcing this policy, which aims to enhance the educational experience for all students.

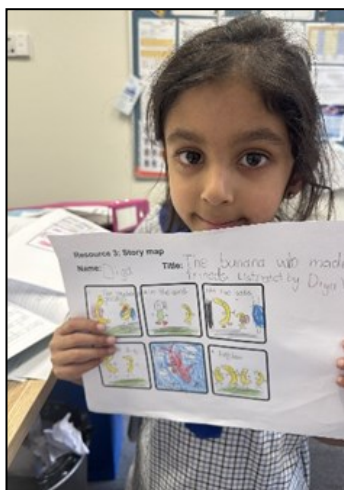
*Matt Pinchbeck*  
Principal

## Around K-2 this week...

### GEM CHATS

Last week in assembly, some students in 2S acted out different emotions using face and body language for the Years 1 and 2 students to guess. Emotional literacy helps us understand these messages such as feeling happy, grumpy, excited or scared and helps us understand them, so we can better express our feelings. We then moved on this week to talking about kindness. Being kind to other people is a special kind of magic because it makes you feel good too!

Some wonderful work from the classrooms.



The students had a wonderful time at Life Education. Thank you Miss Johnston for organising the incursion.



#### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Easter Hat Parade**—K-2 Monday 7 April

Kindy - 9:30am

Year 1 - 11:40am

Year 2 - 12:15pm

Mrs Gates and Mr Chung will communicate further details over the next couple of weeks.



*Julie Hall*  
Deputy Principal

### 3-6 Matters...



#### HEALTHY HAROLD

During Weeks 5 and 6, K-4 students had a great time visiting Healthy Harold. Healthy Harold is a well-known educational program designed to teach children about healthy living, safety, and well-being.

The program is delivered through interactive sessions with a life-sized giraffe named Harold, who helps students explore topics like nutrition,



physical activity, emotional health, and personal safety in a fun and engaging way.



#### NAPLAN

The NAPLAN assessments began today for Year 3 and 5 students, with Writing being the first. The testing will

continue in Week 8.

*Kylie Cale*  
Deputy Principal

### Sport Noticeboard...

#### HORNSBY ZONE SCHOOL SPORT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to the Hornsby North PS swim team that competed at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre last Wednesday evening. They showcased impressive skill, talent and sportsmanship, competing with determination and resilience in a highly competitive field. It was wonderful to see their dedication and team spirit as they supported and encouraged one another throughout the event.

A huge thank you to the parents and carers for their support, whether it was cheering from the stands, assisting with transport or ensuring students were prepared for the competition. Your encouragement and involvement are greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to all our swimmers on their fantastic efforts and achievements:

Oliver (5SP), Dylan (5SP), Mikayla (5D), Isabella (6SH), Ian (6H), Jonathan (6E), Reef (6H), Christa (6L), Amity (6L), James (5D), Violet (6H), Victoria (6L), Jasper (5H), Zachary (5D), Jennabeth (5C), Hannah (5M), Jocelyn (4F), Jayden (3G), Ray (4K), Maximilian (4K), Grace (4D), Anna (4LP), Liya (3A), Raf (3H), Derek (3O), Aaron (3JP), Myran (3JP), Zara (3JP), Cayla (3H), Justin (6SH), Jia (5D).

Our school achieved outstanding performances on the night, with a record twelve students gaining selection to the Sydney North Area Swimming Carnival scheduled for Tuesday 1st April.

Everyone at HNPS wishes the very best to the following students:

Jia (5D), Dylan (5SP), Myran (3JP), Oliver (5SP), Jennabeth (5C), Jocelyn (4F), Grace (4D), Hannah (5M), Isabella (6SH), Violet (6H), Mikayla (5D), Christa (6L).







### SCHOOL BASKETBALL PROGRAM

A reminder that the Hornsby Kuring-Gai Spiders Basketball Program commences this Friday during school sport time for select students in Year 3 and 5.

Yours in Sport,

*Chad Lawrence*  
Head of Sport

*Lauren Page*  
Stage 2 Classroom teacher

### SKELLERN CUP SUCCESS! 🌍 🏆

Last week, our school proudly sent both a junior and senior team to compete in the exciting **Skellern Cup**, where over **40 schools** from **Neutral Bay to Brooklyn** battled it out on the field! From the very first whistle to the final siren, our teams gave it their all—playing fantastic football, cheering their hearts out and showing incredible sportsmanship.

A huge **congratulations** to **Poppy Horvath**, who was recognised with a special All-Star Award for her outstanding skills and teamwork!



Well done to all our players for their effort, enthusiasm, and team spirit. You made our school proud!

*Dylan Seifert*  
Stage 3 Classroom teacher

### Coming Events...

Wed 12 Mar - Mon 24 Mar	NAPLAN
Wednesday 26 March	P&C Meeting—Via Zoom Harmony Day
Thursday 27 March	Bronze & Honour Ceremonies
Friday 4 April	Kindy Nocturnal Incursion #1
Monday 7 April	K-2 Easter Hat Parade

Tuesday 8 April

Year 3 Riverside Theatre  
Excursion

Friday 11 April

Last day for Term 1

Wednesday 30 April

Students return for Term 2

What are **GEM** Chats/Conversations

## THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

GEM Chats are regular discussions where students reflect on **Gratitude, Empathy, and Mindfulness (GEM)**, helping them build resilience and positive mental health through *The Resilience Project*. Parents can have GEM Chats with their child at any time, such as during mealtimes, on the way to school, or before bed. These conversations create a great opportunity to connect, encourage positive thinking and support emotional well-being.

Value for the week

### Empathy

Everyone feels happier when we're kind and compassionate – and this is a practising empathy.

Being kind to other people in a special kind of magic, because it makes you feel good too!

### GEM Conversation

Who are some people in our community that could use our help?

**THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™**

## GEM Chats Empathy

**CREATING WELLBEING HABITS & CONNECTION**

GEM Chats help families practice The Resilience Project's principles, offering a simple wellbeing check-in while **building stronger connections** through daily conversations.

**HOW TO USE GEM CHATS**

Make GEM Chats a part of your dinner routine to reflect, check in, and practice empathy.

Try these prompts:

- ★ Thank each family member for something they've **done or said** today.
- ★ Give each family member a **compliment**.
- ★ Share a time when someone has done **something kind for you** this week. Describe how it made you feel.
- ★ Think about someone special in your life. **What makes them special**, and how will you let them know this week?
- ★ Who made you **feel cared for** this week? What actions did they take?

**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RESILIENCE PROJECT, HEAD TO:**

@theresilienceproject... 
 The Resilience Project 
 The Resilience Project 
 theresilienceproject.com.au

## P & C News...



Do you love music and children?

The HNPS P&C is on the lookout for an enthusiastic new Band Coordinator to step into a vital role supporting our school's vibrant music program! You'll act as the coordination link between the school band (including conductors, directors, and the families who support the Junior Band, Intermediate Band, Jazz and Wind Ensembles, and Big Band) and the P&C committee.

This is an amazing opportunity to work closely with our talented young musicians, help shape their musical journey and be part of a supportive and passionate community of families who share your love for music. As Band Coordinator, you'll have the full backing of a welcoming band committee, and the current coordinator will ensure a smooth transition to set you up for success!

Sound exciting? Want to know more about this rewarding role? Feel free to reach out to us anytime at [hello@hornsbynorthpandc.com](mailto:hello@hornsbynorthpandc.com) for more information about the Band Coordinator position or other ways to get involved in our school community.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING – TERM 1, WEEK 9**  
Join us at our next online meeting on **Wednesday 26th March at 7:30 pm** where the Principal will provide updates and we'll discuss all the ways the P&C supports our school community!

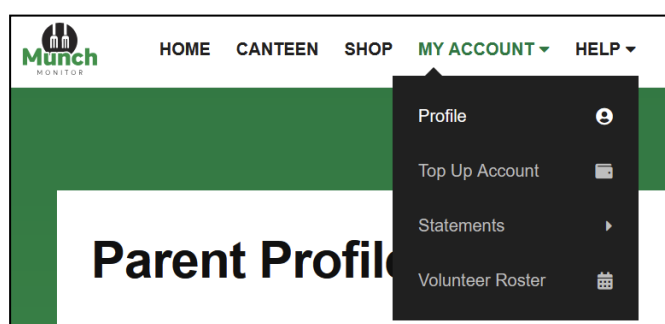
Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to make a real difference!

## Canteen News...



### MUNCH MONITOR

Did you know that you can setup snack money for your child in Munch Monitor? Login to Munch Monitor (<https://www.munchmonitor.com>) and go to My Account > Profile.



## Students

Add Student

### Hornsby North Public School

Allowed Snack Money  
Has Allergies

Yes  
No

Edit

Click on Edit under your child's profile, and under Settings, you can set a Daily Allowance or a Weekly Allowance. Then click Save Changes.

Also, a reminder that if you place a late order (after 9:10am), we can only offer a sandwich, as hot food and sushi numbers have been finalised. Preference is for online orders.

## Uniform Shop News...

### IN-PERSON PURCHASES AT THE UNIFORM SHOP

A reminder to families that you will purchase new uniforms via our online store:

(<https://hnps-uniform-shop.myshopify.com>) using your own device or Uniform Shop iPad even when making in-person purchases at the uniform shop. Volunteers will then provide you with your order to take with you. NO cash or EFTPOS accepted for new uniforms. Second-hand uniforms and uniforms that may not be returned or exchanged may be bought via EFTPOS. No cash or AMEX.



### 2025 OPENING HOURS:

Wednesdays: 9am—10am

Fridays: 9am—10am

For online purchases please visit our website:

<https://hnps-uniform-shop.myshopify.com>

### CONTACT US

Email: [hnpsuniforms@gmail.com](mailto:hnpsuniforms@gmail.com)

Uniform Shop Volunteers

## Community News...



**GIRL GUIDES AUSTRALIA**

## GIRL GUIDES MEETS NEAR YOU



**Waitara Hornsby Junior Guides**  
Thursdays 5 – 6:30pm  
For girls 7–10

**Waitara Hornsby Guides**  
Wednesdays 6:45 – 8:45pm  
For girls 10–14

**Waitara Hornsby Senior Guides**  
Mondays 7 – 9pm  
For girls 14–18








**Hornsby North public school**

You are invited

**To the HNPS P&C  
General Meeting (Virtual)**

On  
**Wednesday 26th March 2025**

From  
**7.30pm onwards**

on  
**Microsoft meets**

Teams Meeting:

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_MTI4NDZIMjgtZTVmNC00NTgwLTgyMTctMjE3YzdlOTMy\\_ZTg1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22c2cf3555-c004-47f6-ac49-84bc18c5bcb4%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%225a39ce2a-0c89-4ba5-8e11-0ee8b384d313%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MTI4NDZIMjgtZTVmNC00NTgwLTgyMTctMjE3YzdlOTMy_ZTg1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22c2cf3555-c004-47f6-ac49-84bc18c5bcb4%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%225a39ce2a-0c89-4ba5-8e11-0ee8b384d313%22%7d)

**Get involved and make a difference: Join the P&C**



## NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS

### AUDITIONS NOW OPEN



#### Year 7 and Year 11 2026 INFORMATION AND ONLINE APPLICATION VIA NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS WEBSITE Dance, Drama and Music Audition Procedures

Students currently in Year 6 or Year 10 2025 enrolled in public or non-government schools who are seeking entry into Year 7 or Year 11 in 2026 performing arts stream may apply for an audition in one or two of the three disciplines of Dance, Drama or Music.

Audition information and online application is located on the school's website:

[Home - Newtown High School of the Performing Arts](#)

[Auditions - Newtown High School of the Performing Arts](#)

To assist parents and carers completing the **'Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School'** form, please note the following:

- Newtown High School of the Performing Arts is a specialist performing arts high school providing the highest level of education to students with outstanding potential and/or achievement in Dance, Drama and Music.
- **If residing outside our catchment area**, Newtown High School of the Performing Arts has specific enrolment criteria which requires students to audition. Audition information and on-line applications may be found on our school's website.
- Student from **within our local catchment area** who have an interest and talent in one or two of the disciplines are encouraged, although not obliged, to audition for places in our performing arts stream via the online application process which is separate to an Expression of Interest provided to parents from their primary schools.
- The closing date for audition applications online is **Thursday 1 May 2025**.

To be eligible to apply, candidates must be Australian Citizens or holders of a visa granting permanent resident status in Australia on the day of their audition.

For audition enquiries email [newtown-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:newtown-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or contact 9519 1544 ext 105.

NHSPA



Transport for NSW

# School Student Travel



## SCHOOL STUDENT TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

### School Travel Passes

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to [apply](#) or [update](#) their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Students living in rural and regional areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some rural and regional operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

### Terms of Use

**Students using School Opal cards must tap on and tap off** in line with the [Opal terms of use](#).

This includes travel within the approved times between 6.30am and 7.00pm from Monday to Friday on school days only. Students must use their Child/Youth Opal card for any travel outside these times.

All students are required to comply with the [Student code of conduct](#). The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.

