



HNPS Newsletter

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From the Principal...

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

As we approach the holiday season, we want to take a moment to extend our best wishes to everyone. This is a special time of year, perfect for creating lasting memories with family and friends. We encourage all our students to take this opportunity to relax, recharge, and reflect on their accomplishments and experiences throughout the year.

We are excited to announce that all students will return to school on Wednesday, April 30. This marks the beginning of a new term filled with opportunities for learning and growth. Our dedicated teachers will return to work on Monday 28 April to participate in professional learning and planning engaging lessons and activities that will inspire curiosity and foster a love for learning.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in education. Your involvement plays a crucial role in the success of our students. We look forward to seeing everyone back in the classroom, ready to embark on new educational adventures together.

Wishing you all a happy holiday!

STUDENT ACADEMIC REPORTS - INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES – KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6

From Term 2, we're introducing updated school reports.

The new format has been developed by the NSW Department of Education in response to feedback from parents and educators to make reports easier to read and understand.

Your child's report will still show their progress across all subject areas.

Teacher comments will appear in English, mathematics and the general comment section, in line with department policy.

The general comment for Kindergarten also covers all other key learning areas including, creative arts, HSIE, PDHPE, and science and technology.

A new achievement scale and descriptions are included to provide a clearer picture of your child's progress.

PLAIN ENGLISH ACHIEVEMENT SCALE

Achievement description	Word descriptor	Grade
Your child's achievement in this subject is outstanding. They confidently apply their knowledge and skills in a range of new and complex situations.	Outstanding	A

Achievement description	Word descriptor	Grade
Your child's achievement in this subject is high. They confidently apply their knowledge and skills in a range of familiar and new situations.	High	B
Your child's achievement in this subject is at the expected standard. They apply their knowledge and skills in familiar situations.	Expected	C
Your child's achievement in this subject is basic. They apply their knowledge and skills in familiar situations with support.	Basic	D
Your child's achievement in this subject is limited. They apply their knowledge and skills in some familiar situations with significant support.	Limited	E

REPORTING ON EFFORT

Reporting on effort is optional. If used, it can support family conversations about learning. Schools may choose the following descriptors.

Description for parents and carers	Effort
Your child actively participates and engages in most learning activities. They always try to complete and present work to a high standard.	High
Your child actively participates and engages in most learning activities. They regularly try to complete and present work to the required standard.	Satisfactory
Your child sometimes participates and engages in learning activities. They occasionally try to complete and present work to the required standard.	Low

The updated Reporting Policy also includes recommended word limits for comments to improve clarity: 150 words for subject comments and 200 words for the primary report

general comment.

Reports will continue to include information on attendance, social development and extra-curricular activities and programs.

Parent-teacher interviews remain an important way to discuss your child's progress and achievement in more detail. These will now be conducted after you receive your child's academic report to ensure we are adhering to the new Policy requirements.

We welcome your feedback or questions about the new report.

USE OF TECHNOLOGY AT HOME

In today's digital age, the importance of parents monitoring their child's use of technology and social media cannot be overstated. With easy access to various online platforms, children are exposed to a wealth of information, both positive and negative. By actively engaging in their child's online activities, parents can help ensure a safe and productive digital environment.

Monitoring technology use allows parents to understand the content their children are consuming, fostering discussions about appropriate online behaviour and the potential risks associated with social media. This guidance is crucial in developing critical thinking skills, as children learn to recognise between credible information and misinformation.

As we know excessive screen time can lead to negative implications for a child's physical and mental health, including sleep disturbances, reduced physical activity, and increased anxiety or depression. By setting boundaries around technology use, parents can promote a balanced lifestyle that includes outdoor play, family interactions, and academic responsibilities.

Open communication about technology can strengthen the parent-child relationship, creating a safe space for children to discuss their online experiences and challenges. Ultimately, by monitoring and guiding their child's technology use, parents play a vital role in promoting healthy habits and ensuring their child's well-being in an increasingly digital world.

Matt Pinchbeck
Principal

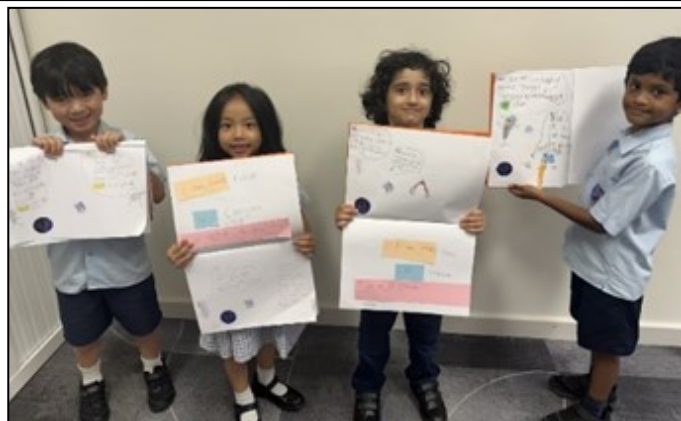
Around K-2 this week...

KB have been learning about the importance of empathic listening—how vital it is to truly listen and show respect for one another. We're discovering the value of allowing one person to speak at a time, creating space for everyone's voice to be heard. To support this, our class has our own

talking stick for group discussions. Each student crafted their own unique talking stick, which they can take home as a reminder of the power of listening and respecting others.

Michelle Beencke
Class teacher

Year 1 were learning about using speech in literacy. They had very creative ideas about what kitchen utensils might say too each other! Maxwell's



drawing of a cheese grater was superb!

Year 2 designed beautiful artworks using natural materials. Great work, Sam.

EASTER HAT PARADES

Mondays parades for K-2 were a highlight of the term. It was wonderful to see so many parents join us for a colourful, fun-filled morning. Thanks again to Mrs Collett, Mrs Lewis and Mrs Irvine, all the K-2 teachers and the Year 5 teachers and buddies for preparing for the day. Congratulations to our school leaders who ran the Stage 1 Parade and the Y6 photographers for capturing some special moments.



A special shout out to the Easter Bunny!

STAGE 1 EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION WINNERS!

1B Kirsten, 1BT Maxwell, 1E Abigail, 1F Avyaan, 1L Matilda
2S Preeti, 2MP Daisy, 2I Jessica, 2CJ Arjun, 2B Amaira, 2A Micah

Congratulations and well done to everyone who participated.



Julie Hall
Deputy Principal



ANZAC DAY

Students took part in an ANZAC Day service today to honour the bravery and sacrifice of Australian and New Zealand soldiers. The ceremony included a moment of silence, wreath-laying, and reflections on the ANZAC spirit.

We discussed its importance and how values like persistence and mateship guide us today.

We would like to thank CPL B Pickup for presenting at the service and discussing the importance of ANZAC Day.



Kate Pickup
Classroom Teacher

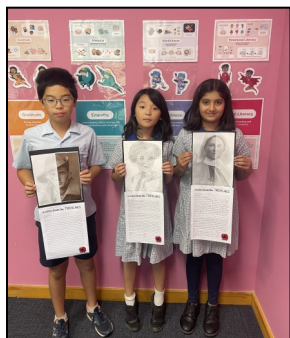
3-6 Matters...

Term 1 has been truly wonderful, with students participating in a variety of engaging activities. This week has been particularly busy for students in 3 - 6, highlighted by the ANZAC Assembly on Wednesday. A big thank you to the teachers who organised the assembly, and to our special guests for making the event memorable especially to CPL Brett Pickup.



Thoughtful writing from the trenches for ANZAC Day

by 6E students Jonathan, Ruoxi and Manha



Thank you to all the students who have entered the Harmony Day Poster Competition. We have had many creative entries and winners will be announced in Week 1 Term 3's newsletter.



YEAR 3 EXCURSION TO RIVERSIDE THEATRE

Year 3 had an absolute blast on their excursion to Riverside Theatre, where they giggled their way through the wacky and wonderful story of Ratburger, a novel by David Williams brought to life. The students were captivated by the hilarious characters and silly antics from start to finish. We were incredibly proud of how beautifully they represented Hornsby North, showing impeccable manners and kindness throughout the day—true theatre-going superstars!

Sarah Johnstone
Relieving Stage 2 Assistant Principal



Thank you to Miss Johnstone for organising the excursion and Year 3 teachers for ensuring the students enjoyed the experience. What a great last week adventure!

I wish everyone a restful holiday and a joyful Easter break. We look forward to welcoming the students back for Term 2!

Kylie Cale
Relieving Deputy Principal

Coming Events...



Friday 11 April	Last day for Term 1
Wednesday 30 April	Students return for Term 2
Thursday 1 May	K-2 Cross Country - Rofo Park
Monday 5 May	Year 6 NSW Parliament excursion
Wednesday 7 May	Mother's Day stall
Thursday 8 May	3-6 Cross Country - Rofo Park
Monday 12 May	P&C Meeting - Library (7:30pm)
Wednesday 14 May	Open Morning for Kindy 2026 parents - 9:30-11am
Friday 15 May	Walk Safely to School Day

P & C News...

UPCOMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We're excited to announce some fantastic Term 2 events and would love your support!

On Saturday, 3rd May, we will be hosting an Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall! It's a fun way to get involved and enjoy a delicious meal while supporting our school. We need to fill these volunteer spots, otherwise the event will not be able to go ahead! We'll be sending out the cake boxes to the classrooms at the beginning of term 2, and would love cake donations for the stall. More information to be shared next term. We're also looking to fill the role of Cake Stall Lead for this event. If you're keen, please reach out!

If you're available on the day, please [sign up](#) and come support the school at a great event. Then, on Wednesday, 7th May, we will be holding our Mother's Day Stall during school hours. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to choose a special gift for their mums. You can pre-pay for gifts through our Shopify store [here](#). We also need volunteers to assist with the stall, so if you can lend a hand, please sign up [here](#).

We'd also like to alert Year 6 families about an important meeting on Monday 12th May. They have invited the Principal, Mr Grant, from the soon-to-be Co-Ed Asquith Boys High School to our next P&C meeting. Here you will have an opportunity to hear about the transition to Co-Ed. Please note, [registration is required](#) to secure your spot.

Finally, we want to send a BIG thank you to all the amazing people who make up our P&C community. A special shout-out to those who stepped up on short notice, like Sweta, and to our multi-taskers like Sarah and May. Of course, a huge thank you to Mel for being the heart and soul of the P&C with her endless enthusiasm and commitment. We appreciate every member of the P&C Committee – your contributions, big and small, are what make our community so special!

Enjoy the Easter break, and we look forward to seeing you all soon!



Canteen News...

Congratulations to Amanda, our April Volunteer of the Month! We would love to see more volunteers at the canteen. You could be our next Volunteer of the Month!

We are looking for a Canteen Manager! If you know of a suitable candidate, please let us know at:

hornsynthcanteen@gmail.com

From Term 2, there is a price update to the canteen menu.

Uniform Shop News...

IN-PERSON PURCHASES AT THE UNIFORM SHOP

Families need to purchase new uniforms via our online store:

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

2025 OPENING HOURS:

Wednesdays:	9am—10am
Fridays:	9am—10am

You can use your own device or the 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. For online purchases please visit our website:

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

CONTACT US

Email: hnpsuniforms@gmail.com

Uniform Shop Volunteers



Hornsby North Ethics requires a volunteer to take on an existing Ethics class in 2025.

Until volunteers are recruited, the SEE class will participate in other meaningful activities.

Ethics classes are thought-provoking and give children a chance to practise skills like disagreeing respectfully with others. They will be encouraged to try to find answers to the questions posed by giving reasons, finding evidence and building on each other's ideas. For more information about the Primary Ethics program, please visit primaryethics.com.au.

Each week the children discuss a topic from the approved Primary Ethics curriculum suitable for their age. Children discuss topics such as:

- how should we treat living things?
- what is laziness?
- how do we disagree in a respectful way?
- what is fairness?

Classes run for 30 minutes in the SEE timeslot each week – **Thursday morning from 9.45am.**

Lesson plans for ethics classes are provided by Primary Ethics, so you don't need to create your own lessons. Ethics teachers receive full training through online modules and a comprehensive 2-day training workshop.

If you or someone you know is looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school and your family, please use the QR code to register, or contact the HN Ethics Coordinator, Mandy Walmsley on hnps.ethics@gmail.com for more details.



WE ARE

HIRING

We are looking for an enthusiastic individual to join Hornsby North Public School as

Canteen Manager

Do you:

- Enjoy working with young people
- Have experience in canteen management
- Want to work term times only?

RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- SUPERVISE AND SUPPORT CANTEN STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS
- PREPARING AND SERVING RECESS AND LUNCH TO STUDENTS
- ORDERING AND MAINTAINING STOCK
- CASH HANDLING AND BANKING
- ABILITY TO COLLABORATE WITH OTHERS INCLUDING P&C, SCHOOL, STUDENTS

REQUIREMENTS:

- WWCC FOR PAID EMPLOYMENT
- FOOD SAFETY SUPERVISOR CERT
- DEMONSTRATED EXPERIENCE IN HOSPITALITY OR CANTEN MANAGEMENT

THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT WILL BE WORKING IN A SCHOOL OF 1000+ STUDENTS AND WILL BE SUPPORTED BY COMMUNITY MINDED VOLUNTEERS AND A SMALL TEAM OF CASUAL CANTEN ASSISTANTS

EMAIL FOR FURTHER INFORMATION TO:
HORNSBYNTHCANTEEN@GMAIL.COM



Join Wait List: Hornsby@keacademy.com.au

PUBLIC SPEAKING & DEBATE

classes with top educators
- TED Talk coaches, certified
English teachers, writers,
theater experts and more

3: 15-5: 15pm Wednesdays
Hornsby North Public School

Debate
Workshop

Mondays 3:15-5:15pm



Read

Write

Speak

Tel: 0447 768 311



SHARE OUR SPACE



FREE PROGRAM

- ✓ Location : Pennant Hills High School
- ✓ Date & Time : 24th April, 10am - 2pm
- ✓ For ages 5-12
- ✓ Scan QR code to register



REGISTER NOW!

HORNSBY RSL GYMNASTICS

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED DAY OF GYMNASTICS ACTIVITIES THAT IS
SURE TO KEEP THE KIDS ENTERTAINED ALL DAY LONG.



WHAT DOES THE DAY INVOLVE?

- A full day program for children aged 5-12 years, members and non members, no experience necessary, all welcome!
- There are two programs types available where we fit the very best things into one fun filled, action packed day:
- COMBO DAY: Combining the very best of GymSKILLS, FreeG + Tumble, Tricks and Flips! Learn new skills and try a wide range of different drills, activities and creative time!
- HOLIDAY FUN DAY: Sessions loaded with lots of gymnastics activities, circuits, games and other FUN activities including craft, free play and lots lots more!
- Morning tea and lunch break (bring your own food, NO NUTS permitted)

PROGRAM DETAILS

APRIL 2025 PROGRAM:

MONDAY 14TH APRIL
(COMBO DAY)

WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL
(HOLIDAY FUN)

WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL
(COMBO DAY)

9AM - 3PM

\$65 PER CHILD PER DAY

AGES 5-12 YEARS

BRING MORNING TEA, LUNCH, DRINK
BOTTLE, HAT, SUNSCREEN

Book
Online

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HAPPY
Easter



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 or contact 9519 1544 ext 105.