



## From the Principal...

### CELEBRATING MOTHER'S DAY THIS SUNDAY!

This Sunday, we celebrate Mother's Day, a day dedicated to honouring mothers and mother figures for their love, sacrifices, and unwavering support. It's a time for families to come together and express their gratitude in meaningful ways.



We encourage all students and families to participate in this celebration. Whether you choose to create a heartfelt card, prepare a special meal, or simply spend quality time together, the important thing is to show appreciation and love.

A huge thank you to our Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association for their hard work in organising a successful Mother's Day stall today! The stall featured a variety of thoughtful gifts crafted and donated by our school community, providing students with a wonderful opportunity to select personalised gifts for their mothers. The enthusiasm and support from parents and students helped make this event a cherished success. We appreciate everyone who contributed to making this stall a memorable experience!

### 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.

### CROSS COUNTRY EVENTS



We are looking forward to the Cross Country events for students in years 3-6 that will take place tomorrow at Rofo Park. This event not only promotes physical fitness but also encourages school spirit and camaraderie among students. Participants will have the chance to compete against their peers, showcasing their skills and determination.

#### Details for Year 3-6 Cross Country:

- **Date:** 8 May 2025
- **Location:** Rofo Park
- **Time:** 10:30am
- **What to Bring:** Appropriate running shoes, water bottles, and a hat for sun protection.

Parents are invited to come along to cheer on our students and create a supportive atmosphere. We look forward to seeing families come together to celebrate our athletes!

Parents, please note that you are not allowed to run with your child or move to different spots throughout their race. As these races are used to select representatives to progress to the next level of competition it is imperative that all students compete on an even footing. Parents moving to different spots throughout the race could be seen as trying to unfairly advantage their own child. This behaviour could result in the disqualification of your child.

Additionally, our K-2 students will have their Cross Country event next Thursday. This event will be a fun and engaging way for our youngest students to participate in physical activity and enjoy a day of friendly competition.

#### Details for K-2 Cross Country:

- **Date:** 15 May 2025
- **Location:** Rofo Park
- **Time:** 10:30am
- **What to Bring:** Comfortable running shoes, a water bottle, and a positive attitude!

We encourage all parents to support our young athletes and cheer them on as they take part in this exciting event!

*Matt Pinchbeck*  
Principal

### Around K-2 this week...

Revised date for K-2 Cross Country  
**Thursday 15 May.**

Maybe these Kindy students are leaders of the future? For this week they led the Kindy assembly with pride.

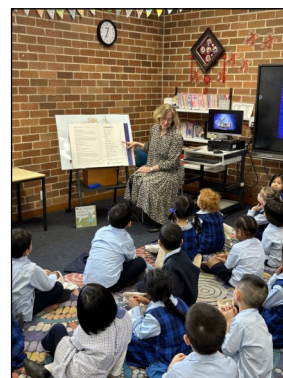


Year 1 shared some great writing and artwork in Week 1.



Kindy enjoy their weekly library lessons with Mrs Nicklin and are showing great listening skills in story time.

*Julie Hall*  
Deputy Principal



### 3-6 Matters...

#### HARMONY DAY POSTER COMPETITION

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Harmony Day Poster Competition! Your creativity and thoughtful messages celebrating diversity and inclusion were truly inspiring. We are proud to announce that the winners were presented with their prizes during the Years 3-6 assembly on Friday. Well done to everyone who took part—you showed a wonderful commitment to promoting harmony in our school community.

The winners were:

Isla G  
Viyona S  
Elisa D  
Myran P  
Melisha P  
Lawrence Q  
Vera L  
Benjamin L



## YEAR 6 PARLIAMENT HOUSE AND ROCKS EXCURSION

On Monday Year 6 students had the exciting opportunity to visit the NSW Parliament House and take part in the Historical Rocks Walk in Sydney. During their tour of Parliament House, they gained valuable insights into how government functions and experienced firsthand the place where important decisions are made for the state. The Historical Rocks Walk offered a fascinating glimpse into Sydney's colonial past, with students exploring cobblestone lanes and hearing stories about early settlers, convicts, and the development of the city. The excursion provided a rich educational experience that brought history and civics to life.



## NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENT SURVEY YEARS 3-6 STUDENTS ONLY

In Term 2, our school is taking part in the NSW Public Schools Student Survey. The survey is being conducted by the NSW Department of Education (the department) and invites students to provide valuable feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. The survey will allow the department to conduct analysis and research into student wellbeing and engagement to drive improvement for all NSW public schools. If you do not want your child/children to take part in the survey, please complete the Opt Out form that will be sent home over the coming weeks by the 23rd May 2025.

*Kylie Cale*  
Relieving Deputy Principal

## WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENT

HNPS will hold our annual Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 16th May, Week 3. This is one of our most popular community events of the year and we look forward to seeing many students and parents walking again this year.

Many teachers will also be walking to school and will be at the following locations assisting walking the students to school. Walking will begin at 8:30am from the following locations.

1. [Hookhams Corner](#) ( near the water tank )
2. [Corner of Amor St and Hyacinth St](#)
3. [Corner of Somerville Rd and Galston Rd](#)
4. [Corner of Spedding Rd and Springfield Rd](#)

This year the fruit will be provided to the students during class time.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday 16th May.

*Lisa Supple*  
Stage 1 classroom teacher



## CANCER COUNCIL BIGGEST MORNING TEA

We are very excited to be able to welcome parents to our Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday 22nd May. Morning tea will be served from 11:15 in the hall. We would love to see you all there, enjoying a cuppa and the food our wonderful staff have prepared. If you wish to contribute a small donation, there will be a bucket in the hall or you can scan the QR to donate electronically. It would be fantastic to see as many parents as possible supporting this event.



Looking forward to seeing you and showing our support for the Cancer Council.

*Nicole Irvine*  
Stage 1 teacher / Event organiser

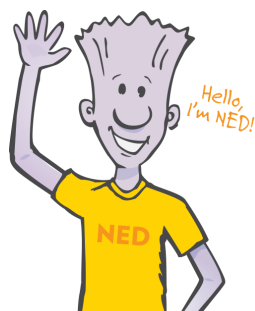
## Coming Events...

Thursday 8 May	3-6 Cross Country (10:45am-2pm) at Rofe Park
Monday 12 May	P&C Meeting - Library (7:30pm)
Wednesday 14 May	Open Morning for Kindy 2026 parents (9:30-11am)
Thursday 15 May	K-2 Cross Country (10 - 11:30am) at Rofe Park
Friday 16 May	Walk Safely to School Day
Monday 19 May	4B, 4F & 4K - Museum Excursion Kindy to Yr 4 - 'World of Maths' incursion
Wednesday 21 May	4LP & 4D - Museum Excursion Yr 2 Aboriginal Studies Muogamurra Incursion

## NED'S RESILIENCY RIDE

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May we are excited to welcome a school-wide assembly called **NED's Resiliency Ride**. The assembly is filled with storytelling, humour, illusions and amazing yo-yo tricks where our students learn the hidden message in NED's name. **Never** give up, **Encourage** others, **Do** your best. There is no cost for students to attend this assembly. Students will also have the opportunity to purchase their own yo-yo if they so wish. More information on how to purchase these will be sent out closer to the event.

**For more information -** <http://www.thenedshow.com/parents.html>



## Library News...

### BOOK CLUB

[Issue Three of the Book Club](#) has been sent home!

### Important Information:

- **Last Day to Order:** Friday, May 9th





- **How to Order:** Please set up an account through [Loop Orders](#). Instructions can be found on the second last page of the brochure sent home.
- **Order Delivery:** All orders will arrive at school later in the term.
- **Payment Method:** Online orders only. Please do not send cash.

Thank you for your support!



Debbie Nicklin  
Teacher Librarian



### Canteen News...

We have fabulous news to share! Jaya Muthalagu has accepted the role of Canteen Manager and will start on 15th May. Please welcome her into our school community!

If you have a couple of hours to spare to help prepare lunches and snacks, the canteen would love your help. Please contact [hornsynthcanteen@gmail.com](mailto:hornsynthcanteen@gmail.com) for more information.

### 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](mailto:hnpsuniforms@gmail.com)

Uniform Shop Volunteers



### YOU'RE INVITED: NEXT P&C MEETING SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Join us at our next P&C meeting on **Monday, 12th May at 7:30pm** in the **School Library** (or Hall – to be confirmed), where we'll welcome the Principal (Mr Bryce Grant) from **Asquith Boys School**. He will share insights on the upcoming transition to a co-educational model, and there will be an

opportunity for questions and discussion.



Please [Register your attendance here](#).

# THANK YOU!

A huge **thank you** to all our wonderful volunteers who helped at the **Election Day BBQ and cake stall** — thanks to your efforts, we raised over **\$4,000** for our school community!

### ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL INVITES YEAR 6 PARENTS TO ATTEND OUR NEXT MEETING

We hope all our families had a relaxing and enjoyable break. As we start the new term, we'd like to extend a warm invitation to all parents to attend our upcoming meeting. It's a great opportunity to stay connected and involved in school life.

📍 **Location:** Asquith Boys High School - Library

📅 **Date:** Tuesday, 27th May

🕒 **Time:** 7:30 PM

We look forward to seeing you there and working together for another great term!

Dawn Kilkelly

President

ABHS P&C Association

Australia's  
**Biggest Morning Tea**

Please donate to my morning tea

Scan the QR code to donate.  
You will be directed to my fundraising page where you can donate directly to my morning tea.

Cancer Council



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- 周三 Wed Gordon West Public School
- 周四 Thu Waitara Public School
- 周五 Fri Hornsby North Public School
- 周六 Sat Hornsby Girls High School

Contact: Helen Du

mobile: 0423 326 076

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English teachers, writers,  
theater experts and more

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

Debate  
Workshop

**Mondays 3:15-5:15pm**



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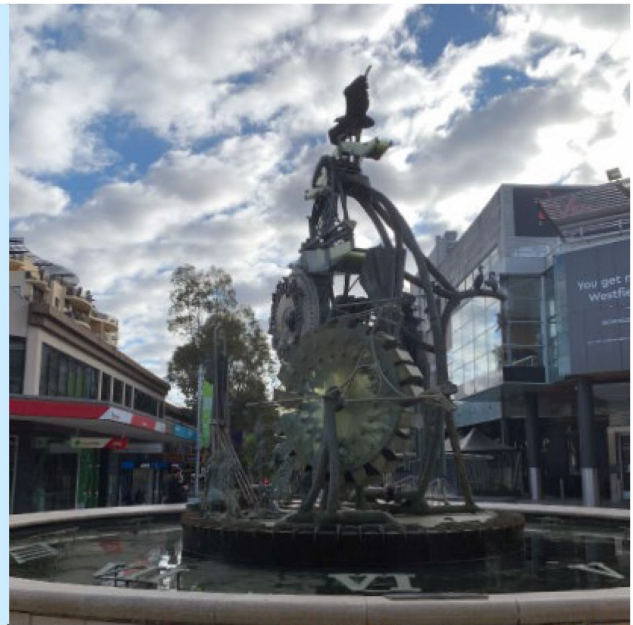


Speak

Tel: 0447 768 311

## Have you thought about becoming a foster carer?

Do you have room in your heart and your home for a child?



### Become a Foster Carer in Hornsby

The NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) is urgently seeking potential foster carers in the Hornsby area. We need people who can provide care for children, young people, or siblings, aged 0-18 years-old, for a few days, to a few months and beyond.

Foster carers support families by caring for children who are unable to remain at home. Foster carers come from all walks of life and their families reflect the wider community we live in. Carers can be single, partnered and be with or without children of their own. Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islanders and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Foster carers receive initial and ongoing training and support from a dedicated foster care caseworker. There are financial support packages available to foster carers to support a child's education, medical needs, food costs and other daily living costs.

If you are interested in making a difference in the life of a child, please call 8303 7644 or email our Foster Care Team: [CAPSMetroCentral@dcj.nsw.gov.au](mailto:CAPSMetroCentral@dcj.nsw.gov.au)



# Is this one for you?

## School Crossing Supervisor



### About you:

Help protect our vibrant school communities.



Be a road safety hero for school kids, caregivers, school staff and local motorists.



Able to communicate with different groups and give clear instructions.



Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.



### Permanent Part-Time

### Hornsby North Public School – 99788

#### In this role, you'll:

- Work shifts between 8:00 am – 9:30 am and 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm.
- 25 hours each fortnight.
- Monday to Friday during school terms.

#### Salary:

\$25.66 per hour plus superannuation and holiday pay for Term 1,2 and 3.

#### Apply today

Applications close 11:59pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025.

Visit [jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au](https://jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au) and search for **Reference Number: 99788** or search 'School Crossing Supervisors' for a full list or vacancies or scan the QR code to apply.

For further information, contact Sandhini Chaudhary

**E:** [sandhini.chaudhary@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sandhini.chaudhary@transport.nsw.gov.au)

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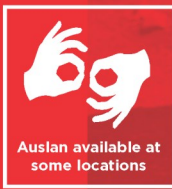




# WE'RE OPENING OUR DOORS!

**OPEN DAY 2025**  
SATURDAY 10 MAY  
10AM – 2PM

Watch demos, learn about  
fire safety and meet your  
local firefighters. For  
locations and more info visit  
[fire.nsw.gov.au/openday](https://fire.nsw.gov.au/openday)



**Open Day 2025 - learn about fire safety**

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2025开放日——了解防火安全 | 2025開放日——瞭解防火安全

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