



From the Principal...

KINDY 2026 - ENROL NOW!

We are thrilled to announce that enrolments are now open for children who will be starting Kindergarten in 2026! This is an exciting time as we prepare to welcome new students into our vibrant school community.

Why Enrol Early?

Early enrolment is crucial for effective planning and resource allocation. By enrolling your child early, you help our school:

- Assess the number of incoming students to ensure adequate staffing and classroom resources.
- Organise orientation programs and events to familiarise new students and their families with our school environment.

Tailor our curriculum and support services to meet the specific needs of our future students.

How to Enrol:

To begin the enrolment process, please visit our school website. There, you will find detailed information and a user-friendly online enrolment form. If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to contact the school office.

ACADEMIC REPORTS AND PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Academic Reports Available:

We are pleased to inform you that academic reports for this semester are now available on School Bytes. These reports provide a comprehensive overview of your child's academic performance, including strengths, areas for improvement, and teacher comments. Reviewing these reports can help you better understand your child's progress and set goals for their learning.

In reference to the school report, section '**Social development and commitment to learning**', the key is as follows:

- C** Consistently
- U** Usually
- S** Sometimes

Apologies this was not included in the report.

Parent-Teacher Interviews:

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held starting tomorrow. This is an excellent opportunity for you to discuss your child's academic journey with their teacher, gain insights into their learning experience, and collaborate on strategies to support their growth.

- **Location:** Please check School Bytes for the specific location of your meeting.
- **Preparation:** We encourage you to come prepared with any questions or topics you would like to discuss. Consider asking about your child's learning style, social interactions,

and any concerns you may have regarding their academic progress.

- **Rescheduling:** If you cannot make your scheduled time, please contact the school office at 9987 4605 or [email](#) as soon as possible to rearrange your appointment, subject to availability. We want to ensure that every family has the opportunity to engage with our educators.

P&C MEETING TONIGHT NIGHT

We invite all parents and guardians to participate in our P&C meeting scheduled for tonight at 7:30 PM.

Meeting Details:

- **Format:** The meeting will be held online, allowing for greater accessibility for all families.
- **Access:** You can find the meeting link in the P&C section of this newsletter. We encourage you to log in a few minutes early to ensure a smooth start.

Why Attend?

The P&C meetings are a vital platform for parents to voice their opinions, share ideas, and collaborate on initiatives that benefit our school community. Your involvement helps strengthen our partnership between parents and the school, fostering a supportive environment for our students.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

K-2 Cross Country, K-2 Fun Day, and 3-6 Athletics Carnival

We are excited to announce that the dates for the K-2 Cross Country, K-2 Fun Day, and 3-6 Athletics Carnival have been rescheduled. These events are important not only for fostering physical fitness but also for building school spirit and community engagement.

Event Details:

- **K-2 Cross Country:** This event encourages our younger students to participate in running and teamwork. It promotes physical fitness and is a fun way for students to challenge themselves. The K-2 Cross Country will take place Thursday 3rd July from 10am at Rofo Park.
- **K-2 Fun Day:** A day filled with games, activities, and fun challenges designed to engage our K-2 students. It's an opportunity for them to showcase their talents and enjoy a day of camaraderie. This will be rescheduled to later in Term 3 when the provider can attend our site.
- **3-6 Athletics Carnival:** This event allows students in grades 3 to 6 to compete in various athletic events, promoting sportsmanship and school pride. We are currently working with Hornsby Council to secure a date in early Term 3. As soon as we are advised of the availability of Foxglove Oval we will let you know.

Encouragement for Families:

We encourage families to attend these events. Your support not only motivates the students but also enhances their

experience. It's a great chance to cheer for your child and connect with other families within our school community. Stay tuned for specific dates and further information regarding each event, and mark your calendars to join us in celebrating our students' achievements!

ENSURING OUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY ON THE WAY TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Yesterday, we received a concerning report about a Kindergarten student who was seen walking with a sibling and running across the road multiple times. While we understand that children can be excited and may not always be aware of their surroundings, this behaviour poses significant risks not only to their safety but also to that of others in the community.

As a school community, we are committed to ensuring that our children develop safe habits when it comes to navigating their environment. All teachers have discussed safety protocols with their classes, emphasising the importance of staying on sidewalks, using pedestrian crossings, and looking both ways before crossing the road. However, we believe that reinforcing these messages at home is equally vital.

We kindly ask you to take some time to speak with your children about the following safety tips:

1. **Stay on the Footpath:** Encourage your child to walk on the footpath and avoid walking on the road whenever possible.
2. **Use Crossings:** Remind them to always use marked pedestrian crossings when crossing the street.
3. **Look and Listen:** Teach them to look both ways before crossing and to listen for any vehicles that may be nearby.
4. **Hold Hands:** For younger children, especially those in Kindergarten, please remind them to hold an adult's hand when crossing roads or walking in busy areas.
5. **Stay Alert:** Encourage your child to stay alert and avoid distractions, such as using a phone or listening to music, while walking.

Talk About Emergencies: Discuss what they should do if they feel unsafe or if they become separated from you or their caregiver.

We appreciate your cooperation in reinforcing these important safety messages. Together, we can help ensure that our children travel to and from school safely. If you have any questions or if there are additional resources you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Matt Pinchbeck - Principal

Around K-2 this week...

Our **Planet Protectors** are actively engaged in various initiatives around the school. They are taking the lead in promoting recycling within our classrooms, ensuring that we are mindful of our waste. They are managing our food scraps by adding them to our compost, which enriches our gardening efforts and prevents waste from going to landfill. Our young environmentalists are also lending a hand in watering the K-2 garden and are excitedly watching the snow peas flourish. Teddy and Hayden shared that during their time as Planet Protectors for KB, they have



enjoyed helping to ensure our rubbish is sorted from what can be recycled.

Michelle Beencke
KBT class teacher

Mrs Faber is one of our Assistant Principals, Curriculum and Instruction (APC&I) who works with the school leaders, staff and students with a strong focus on curriculum support. Year 1 had fun learning about **writing in different tenses** with Mrs Faber.



In **Library** this week, Mrs Nicklin and Year 2 were reading 'If I was Prime Minister'. They had some thoughtful and clever ideas for what they would do if they were Prime Minister!

Last week Year 1 time travelled to a 1880s classroom and a 1920s classroom during their excursion to the **Schoolhouse Museum**! Stepping into a classroom lit by firelight, students wrote on slates, dipped ink pens into inkwells, played old-fashioned games, danced around a maypole, and toasted bread over an open fire. They explored fascinating artefacts, bringing their history unit, "Present and Past Family Life," to life. This immersive day helped students discover how schooling, technology, and daily life have changed over time. It was a day of learning, fun, and wonder.

Noah - "It felt like we went in a time machine!"

Chelsea - "I love dressing up and dancing around the maypole!"

Gus - "We toasted bread over the fire—it was the best!"

Charlie - "The old artefacts were cool—I liked guessing what they were used for."

Wishi Buthpitiya
Year 1 Classroom teacher





you'll do your best and represent our school with confidence and integrity.

Kylie Cale
Relieving Deputy Principal

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

WHAT ARE GEM CHATS/CONVERSATIONS

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

Gratitude

When we think about things we're grateful for, we're training our brains to focus on the good stuff.

GEM Conversation

Share three great things about your school, work or home.

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT.

GEM Chats Gratitude

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 gratitude.

Try these prompts:

- ★ What are you **grateful** for today?
- ★ Share a moment that **made you smile**.
- ★ How can you **support** someone tomorrow?
- ★ What was the **best part** of your day?

In 21 days of practising gratitude, you **rewire your brain** to start scanning the world for the positives. You become **three times** more likely to **notice a positive**.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RESILIENCE PROJECT, HEAD TO:

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

Thank you, Mrs Buthpitiya for organising the wonderful Year 1 excursion to the Schoolhouse Museum.

K-2 RESCHEDULED CROSS COUNTRY

Weather permitting, K-2 Cross Country has been rescheduled for **Thursday 3 July at Rofe Park from 10:00am**. Athletics Fun Day will be held next term.

Julie Hall
Deputy Principal

3-6 Matters...

STAGE 2 SPELLING BEE BUZZ!

What a fantastic event the Stage 2 Spelling Bee turned out to be! Two representatives from each class took to the stage to showcase their spelling skills, impressing everyone with their focus and determination. The excitement in the hall was palpable, with big "oohs" and "ahhs" from the audience as students tackled some truly tricky words. We are so proud of all our spellers for their bravery and effort. A special congratulations to Jayden from Year 3, who took out first place and will now represent our school at the Regional Finals. Good luck, Jayden!

Sarah Johnstone
Year 3 Classroom teacher

DANCE GROUPS:

Congratulations to the Junior and Senior Dance groups that performed last Wednesday and Saturday for the Sydney North Dance Festival. Both groups showcased their talent, dedication and teamwork on stage, representing our school with pride. Their performances were full of energy and creativity, and it was clear how much effort had gone into rehearsals. Well done to all students involved and thank you to Mr Peng and Mrs Lanesbury who supported them along the way.

DEBATING TEAMS:

Congratulations to the debating teams who will be representing our school in debates today, Thursday and Monday. These students have worked hard to prepare their arguments, develop persuasive speaking skills, and collaborate as effective teams. We are proud of their commitment to clear communication, critical thinking and respectful discussion. Best of luck to all teams—we know

Coming Events...

Wednesday 25 June	P & C Meeting online (7:30pm)
Thursday 26 June	Bronze (10:40) and Honour (11:40) Assemblies
Thursday 3 July	K - 2 Cross Country (10am) — Rofe Park
Friday 4 July	2A, 2B & 2MP Aboriginal Studies incursion
	LAST DAY OF TERM 2
Tuesday 22 July	FIRST DAY OF TERM 3 (Pupil free on Monday 21)



Canteen News...

Our canteen menu has been approved by the NSW Government and meets the requirements for The NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy.

Want to see different items on the canteen menu? We'd love to hear your suggestions! Please email any great ideas to us at hornsynthcanteen@gmail.com.

Bear in mind, we do have to follow the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy...so no doughnuts or fizzy drinks allowed!

Uniform Shop News...

Uniform Shop Closure:

Please also note that the Uniform Shop is currently closed for stocktake and will **reopen on 1st July**. Thank you for your understanding!

Please get in touch at: hnpuniforms@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Uniform Shop Volunteers



P & C News...

A huge thank you to all the amazing volunteers who rolled up their sleeves for last weekend's Working Bee! Your time and effort made a big difference around the school. We'd love to hear your thoughts on how the day went and any ideas for improving future events – [click here to share your feedback](#).

A reminder that the [P&C Survey](#) is still open until 30th June – if you haven't had a chance to complete it yet, we'd really value your input.

[ACCESS THE SURVEY HERE](#)

We'll be sharing a quick update on the responses received so far at tonight's ONLINE P&C meeting - all welcome!

Meeting Link (Teams): [Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 420 451 394 236

Passcode: AQ2zT33o

BAND COMMITTEE UPDATE

We're excited to be hosting our annual **Band Camp 27-29th July**. It's a music-intensive trip that is a highlight on the band calendar. Students will switch between full band rehearsals and sectional tutorials with a professional music tutor. Thank you to all the volunteers who have put their hand up to assist with the event.

We're still on the search for a Band Coordinator. Get in touch if you'd like to hear more about this volunteer opportunity.

P & C Committee



Community News...



KU-RING-GAI CHASE
CATHOLIC PARISH
Diocese of Broken Bay, Australia

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St Bernard's Catholic Church, Berowra Heights and St Patrick's Catholic Church, Asquith on Saturday 13th September 2025. Enrolment is open to any child who is 8 years old or older, in Year 3 and up, and has been baptised in the Catholic Church. If your child was not baptised in the Catholic Church, but you are interested in finding out more about the Sacraments, please contact the Parish Office on 9456 2450. A schedule of dates and an enrolment form will be available on the parish website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp or at the back of the church from mid July. A mandatory Parents Talk will be held at St Patrick's Church, Asquith, 7:30-8:30pm, 22nd July 2025. For further information, please contact the sacramental co-ordinators at kccpsacraments@gmail.com.



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23 to 28 July Month



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Update from Julian Leaser's office: The artwork should be a drawing of 'Your favourite outdoor place to visit locally'.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

MESSAGE FROM MR JULIAN LEESER

Mr Julian Leaser, Federal Member of Parliament for Berowra, is delighted to invite your school to take part in their Christmas Card Competition.

This is a wonderful opportunity for your students to showcase their creativity and festive spirit! The winning design will be featured on the front of Mr Leaser's official Christmas card and the three runner ups featured on the back. The card will sent to local residents, community organisations, and fellow Members of Parliament.

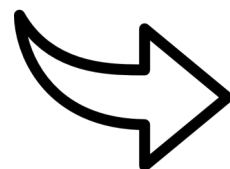
Every student will receive a certificate for their artwork once the winner and runner ups have been decided. Student certificates and artworks will be returned to the school.

The winning student and runners up will receive a special certificate, personally presented by Mr Leaser at a time agreed upon with the school.

If your child would like to participate, please use the attached template. Submissions to be dropped off at the school front office by:

Friday 5th of September 2025.

Submission form on next page



Please do your Christmas artwork inside the area below.

Please mark an X in the box to indicate Parent's permission has been obtained to publish the student's name in full, age and school ☐

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Age: _____

School: _____ Class: _____



Hornsby North public school
You are invited

**To the HNPS P&C
General Meeting**

On
Wednesday 25th June 2025

From
7.30pm onwards

At
Online – Microsoft teams

Meeting link:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YWlwY2RmNTUtZWQzNS00ZTgzLWFhYWQtZTdmZWVhNzk5ODFj%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

The RSVP form to the meeting can be found in the link:

<https://forms.gle/ofPRb6z8bnjLE58DA>

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