



Hobartville Happenings

The fortnightly Newsletter @ Hobartville Public School

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Learners



Success with
Honour

Week 6 Term 4

Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to Jessica, Jade, Aysha and Abby who represented Hobartville at the Hawkesbury Public Speaking Competition last week. I was extremely disappointed to miss the event and it was reported they all spoke very well and entertained the audience. A special mention must go to Jessica who came 2nd in the Stage 2 competition and will compete in the finals next week. Best of luck to Jess!

P&C Disco

Thank you to the P&C for organising the school disco and the staff who stayed back on a Friday night to supervise. The kids had a great night.

Back gate closure

At times, mostly due to the weather, the back gate won't be opened. We endeavour to put this on Facebook to let parents know. Please make sure your child knows where to meet you or to walk around via the footpath if the gate is closed. The gate will also be closed this Friday due to building work (weather permitting).

Internet Safety

I have attached some information to this newsletter with tips for knowing what is happening with Social Media. There is also more information on our website.

Surveys

In the coming weeks, you may be approached in the playground to complete an anonymous survey about our school. This will be quick and completed on one of our iPads. Our senior students will be able to help if needed. We value your input into our school.

Enrolments 2016

Can you please let the school office know if your child will not be returning to Hobartville in 2016? We will try to have the classes as organised as possible to get the year started quickly. I would also ask you to see the stage supervisor/Assistant Principal if you have concerns regarding placement in 2016.

Lisa Crawford-Principal

» Dates To Remember «	
16 November	Swim School
18 November	Year 6 Special Sport - Aqua Golf
20 November	Kindy Transition Program
25 November	Year 6 Special Sport - Bowling
7 December	Celebration of Learning Years 1-6 9.:15am
7 December	Celebration o Learning Kindy 2:00pm
8 December	Year 6 Farewell
16 December	Last day of Term 4 2015
28 January	Year 1-6 Students return to school 2016
1 Feb	Kindy first day of school

Hobartville P.S. Awards

Gold Flying Horse

Paige P.

Blue Flying Horse

Stacey B., Jake B., Gabriella N., Lorna S.,

Yellow Flying Horse

Alexis H., Kapualani L., Jeremy N., Bryn L., Toby I.,

Blue Ribbon:

Emma B., Scarlett D., Stacey B., Max G., Kaleah T., Ryan I., Ryan P., Cailan D., Mason F., Layla B., Jade M., Damien K., Alesha W., Vaughn L., Kobey M., Maddison H., Faith S., Jake E., Rohan S., Taylor F., Jasmin M., Alexis H. Shaylee M., Tyler E., Rashaun I., Ty O., Kendyl N., Jayda R., Teagan D., Cody V., Ryder M.

Principal message continued

An Important Message

Over the last couple of weeks, we have had a significant increase in issues relating to students and parents, and parents and parents, including custody related issues where parents have NO legal privilege to be with a child. If this situation has changed for you and your child, please let us know.

We are asking for your help in this matter.

Hobartville PS prides itself on having an open door policy for our parents and the community, and we don't want to have any changes or restrictions to this current practice.

We are asking, if at all possible, to limit the time you spend in the playground in the morning to allow the duty teachers a clearer and more visible picture of who is in the playground and if they are supposed to be here, making it easier for them to monitor. This can, at times, be extremely difficult with large crowds. A quick drop off would be greatly appreciated.

Can I also please remind parents that 9.00am is not the time to chat with the class teacher and to make a mutually agreeable time to discuss your own child. The teacher is responsible for ALL children in the class, and their learning time begins at 9.00am.

We are currently in the process of updating our Parents and Visitor Policy, which will be attached to a future newsletter and added to our website.

Lisa Crawford

Dream Cricket

On Wednesday 28th October our Support Classes (3-6) participated in the annual Dream Cricket event held at Richmond Oval. All the participating students had an amazing day and were wonderful role models for Hobartville. We began the day with rotational activities, stopping for a well-earned break before completing the cricket skills circuit. We finished the day with a modified game of cricket and a sausage sizzle lunch. Thank you to all the parents who were able to join in on the day as well as the Bradman Foundation, Rotarians and local High School students who made the event possible



School Banking

Tuesday is banking day at Hobartville Public School.

School security please contact 1300 880 021

P&C News

We hope everyone who attended the recent disco had a great time! It was a fabulous turnout and it was wonderful to see so many happy kids.

Christmas Raffle

The annual Christmas raffle is here again with only 6 Fridays until Christmas Day! We already have some wonderful prizes including a 16GB Apple iPad Mini 2 generously donated by Superior Formwork at Glendenning and the Dinten Family.

A donation box will be located in the office from this week and we ask for any and all donations towards the Christmas raffle. Items need to be left in the box no later than **Friday 4th December**. All food items donated must have at least 6 months from its expiry date.

Raffle tickets are being sent home this week via your child's class. If you need more please see the Office for extra tickets. Please write name and phone number clearly on each stub and return to the P & C Box by **Friday 4th December**.

Tickets will be on sale just prior to the final School Assembly on **Monday 7th December**. You have to be in it to win it!

The next P&C meeting will be held on **Wednesday 18th November** at **6:30pm** in the School staff room. All welcome.

Thank you.

Your P&C @ Hobartville Public School

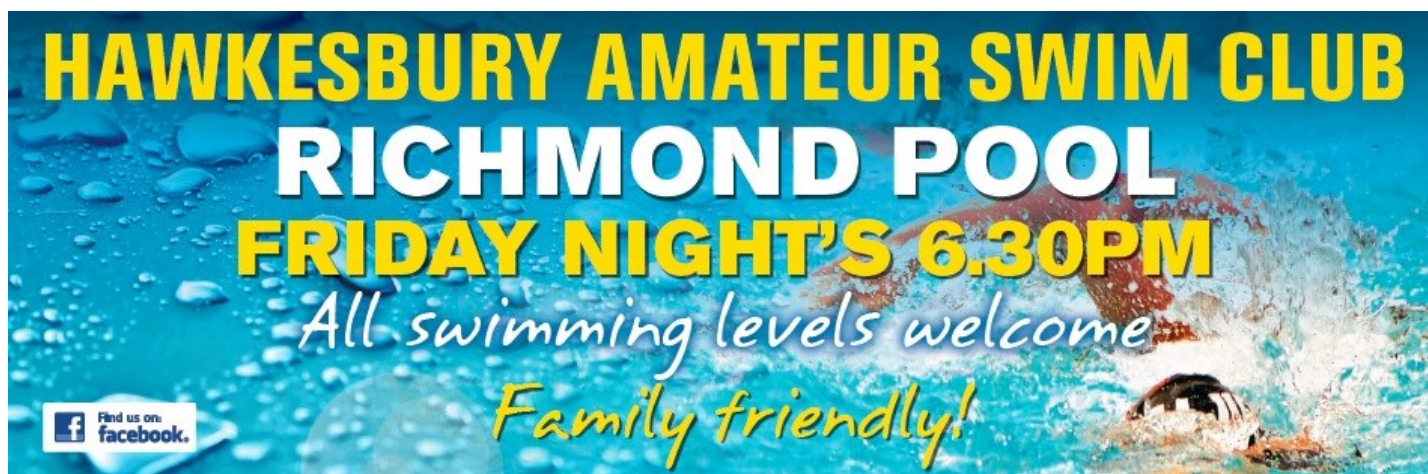
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Canteen News

New to the Canteen – Streets Tropical Frozen Yogurt Paddle Pop \$1-80.

Canteen Roster – Term 4		
Week 7		
16-11-15	Mon	Ashley Gibbs
17-11-15	Tues	Canteen Closed
18-11-15	Wed	Bronwyn Thuaux
19-11-15	Thurs	Canteen Closed
20-11-15	Fri	Donna Mathie, Sarah Davy
Week 8		
23-11-15	Mon	Lucy Pourau
24-11-15	Tues	Canteen Closed
25-11-15	Wed	Kylie Nunn
26-11-15	Thurs	Canteen Closed
27-11-15	Fri	Jason Hazell, Sam de Araugo
Week 9		
30-11-15	Mon	Yvette Blunden
1-12-15	Tues	Canteen Closed
2-12-15	Wed	Tammy Meere
3-12-15	Thurs	Canteen Closed
4-12-15	Fri	Donna Mathie , Janelle Keys

Thank you, Cathy





What is Instagram?

Instagram is a photo-sharing app which allows users to take photos, apply a filter and share content with either followers or the general public. Users are able to 'like' and comment on photos as well as send these images directly to individual followers. Instagram also allows users to post short videos.

What is the age classification for Instagram?

Instagram is recommended for users aged 13 years and above, however there are many underage users.

How are young people using Instagram?

Instagram is being used by young people to share photos, occasions and situations with their friends. The ability to like and comment on photos provides a useful communication function for young people as they explore and express their personality.

Should I be worried if my child is using Instagram?

Any application when used incorrectly, has the potential to cause harm. It is important that you openly communicate with your child about how they may be using an application and the legal and ethical ramifications of inappropriate use. They also need to be aware the dangers of communicating with people they don't know via any mobile application.

What are the privacy settings on Instagram?

Accounts on Instagram can be shared with anyone, or with those you approve as followers only. This can be done via the Instagram app on your mobile device. First select the **Profile** option on the lower right-hand side of the screen. In the **Edit Your Profile** section scroll to the bottom of the screen and ensure **Photos Are Private** is in the **On** position and select **Save**.

What could be revealed through an image?

A concern with photos which are taken and shared via a mobile device is that they may contain geolocation information. Geotagging refers to the embedding of location data, such as GPS coordinates, in images taken on smartphones and some digital cameras. When these images are shared online, the location data is often also shared. This may allow others who have access to the file to determine where the image was created, potentially revealing your home address.

How can my child limit geolocation information?

It is important for your child and you to know how to disable the geolocation function for the camera on the smartphone or mobile device your child utilises. For iOS devices, this can be disabled by accessing **Settings>Privacy>Locations** and disabling for Camera. On Android devices, users need to open the **Camera** app, access **Settings** and **disable GPS tagging**. If you are unsure how to do this on your device, please access the online user guide for the model of device.

It is also useful to discourage children and young people from using the Photo Map function on Instagram. This capability plots users' photos on an interactive map and could reveal sensitive location information.

What are the potential problems with Instagram?

It is important that young people only allow people they know and trust to access their photos and learn how to block and report inappropriate users. You can block users via the Instagram app on your mobile device. Open the profile page of the offensive user and select the **Further Options** icon on the upper right-hand side of the screen. Select the **Block User** option and when prompted by the dialog box, select **Yes, I'm sure**.

Sharing images that are rude, offensive or sexualised can see young people in breach of State and Commonwealth legislation that carry serious legal consequences. Ethically, young people need to be aware of the impact that their online behaviour has on others as well as their own reputation.

How can I delete my child's account?

If after talking with your child about the ethical use of Instagram and your family's rules around technology, you may think it's appropriate to delete the Instagram account.

To delete an Instagram account log into the account at instagram.com, click the account username in the top right and select **Edit Profile**, click **I'd like to delete my account** in the bottom right.

Note: Accounts can not be reactivated and photos may be lost. Open and supportive discussions around technology usage are vital in ensuring your child understands their responsibilities when using technology. Simply removing the technology is not the best response as it could potentially drive your child's usage underground where there are fewer opportunities for you to support them.



Frequently Asked Questions: Parents

SNAPCHAT



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What is Snapchat?

Snapchat is an application which is free to download on iOS and Android devices that allows users to send images ('snaps') to each other. Operating the app requires use of the device's data plan or wireless internet connection. Images can be drawn on using a whiteboard-style tool and can be given a caption. Images can be sent to other users for up to 10 seconds before they 'dissolve'.

What is the age classification for Snapchat?

The age classification for Snapchat is 13 years old, although much of the content may be inappropriate for that age group. If children under the age of 13 sign up for an account they are given access to 'SnapKidz' which is a limited version of the app where users are not able to send images to other devices. It is important to know that these classifications are set by the apps creator and are not overseen by an independent body.

How are kids using Snapchat?

Snapchat is used by many young people to communicate with their friends and to send photos to each other. Snapchat can, however, be used for inappropriate purposes and it is important to sit down with your child and explain to them that it is not okay to share images that are rude, offensive or sexualised.

Should I be worried if my child is using Snapchat?

Any application when used incorrectly has the potential to cause harm. It is important that you communicate openly with your child about how they may be using an application and the legal and ethical ramifications of inappropriate use. Children also need to be aware of the dangers when communicating with people they don't know via any mobile application.

Does an image really delete on Snapchat?

There are many ways an image can be saved, even on Snapchat. iOS and Android devices have a feature which allows the device to take a photo of what is on the screen ('screenshot'). Snapchat notifies the sender if an image they have sent has been captured, however you are not always notified. There are also many other ways images can be saved without the sender being notified so it is important to encourage children to think before they post.

What are the privacy settings on Snapchat?

Snapchat has very limited privacy settings and it is important to monitor your child's usage of the application. One privacy setting that is available is the ability to restrict who can send your child's snaps. This can be enabled by going into the **Settings** menu, under **Who can ... Send Me Snaps**, select **My Friends**. This will ensure that only users on your child's contact list can send images.

Is Snapchat a 'safe sexting' application?

It is important to know that there is no such thing as 'safe sexting' and Snapchat is no exception. Young people need to be aware that as soon as they send an image they have lost control over who can see it and what they will do with it. Sending sexually explicit images of someone under the age of 18, with or without their permission, could be an offence under State and Commonwealth legislation.

What are the potential problems with Snapchat?

Sharing images that are rude, offensive or sexualised can see young people in breach of State and Commonwealth legislation that carry serious legal consequences. Ethically, young people need to be aware of the impact that their online behaviour has on others as well as their own reputation.

Sexting is commonly defined as the sharing of sexualised or naked images via the internet or mobile phone, this includes mobile applications like Snapchat. Children need to realise that as soon as that image is sent they have lost control of it. Quite often we see images uploaded to the internet, including on various social networking sites, that have been shared between two people privately. Taking, sending and saving these sorts of images can also constitute child pornography offences and can have long term legal ramifications on a child's future.

If these images become public, the child in the image can, and often is, subject to bullying and harassment. This may happen face-to-face at school or even online with people posting and sharing the image. It is extremely important that parents and carers are aware of the issues associated with various apps and websites so that they can openly communicate with their child about safe and responsible usage.

How do I delete my child's Snapchat account?

If after talking with your child about the ethical use of Snapchat and your family's rules around technology, you may think it's appropriate to delete the Snapchat account.

To delete a Snapchat account you can go to <https://support.snapchat.com/delete-account> and enter your child's account username and password. If you do not have your child's password you can put a deletion request into Snapchat.

Open and supportive discussions around technology usage are vital in ensuring your child understands their responsibilities when using technology. Simply removing the technology is not the best response as it could potentially drive your child's usage underground where there are few opportunities for you to support them.



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Frequently Asked Questions: Parents

KIK MESSENGER



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What is Kik Messenger?

Kik Messenger (Kik) is a free smartphone messenger application that allows users to send texts, pictures, videos and sketches. Kik uses a wireless connection or mobile data to send and receive messages.

What is the age classification for Kik?

The age classification for the messenger function is 13 years old. Kik also have a feature called 'Kik cards' which allows users to find images, videos and play games. This feature is restricted to users 17 years and older due to the inappropriate nature of some of the content available. It is important to know that these classification are set by the apps creator and are not overseen by an independent body.

What are the potential problems with Kik?

Kik is a popular application amongst young people of all ages. Issues arise when this app is used to transmit messages that are menacing, harrasing or offensive. In some cases this can see young people in breach of State and Commonwealth legislation. Ethically, young people need to be aware that the messages they send can have a significant impact on other people.

As Kik also has the capability for users to share images, it is important that your child is aware of the legal and ethical ramifications of sharing sexualised, provocative and nude images.

It is extremely important that parents and carers are aware of the issues associated with various apps and websites so that they can openly communicate with their child about their safe and responsible usage of Kik.

How can I limit who can contact my child on Kik?

Kik has a setting that allows users to ignore new people who may communicate with them. It's a good idea for your child to enable this feature before they start using Kik to prevent people they don't know from communicating with them.

To enable this feature select **Settings > Notifications** and turn **Ignore New People** to **ON**. This will hide any messages sent to your child from people who aren't on their contact list.

How can I block someone on my child's Kik account?

It is really important that children know how to block and report on every social networking site or app that they might use. To block a user in Kik select **Settings > Privacy > Block List**, click the **+** to select the username of the person you want to block and select **Yes** or **Block** to confirm. This will make sure that all messages from this user will be hidden.

Note: A user will not be notified when they have been blocked.

How can my child delete a user on Kik?

We recommend that you monitor your child's use of Kik and be aware of who they are communicating with. This might mean going through your child's contact list together to identify who they are talking to. It is important to ensure that their contacts are people whom your child has met in real life, trust, and want to communicate with on a regular basis. Consider deleting contacts that do not fall into the above categories. A step-by-step guide on how to delete a contact on Kik is available at <http://www.thinkuknow.org.au/kids/howtosn.asp>

How do I delete my child's Kik account?

If after talking with your child about the ethical use of Kik and your family's rules around technology, you may think it's appropriate to delete the Kik account.

To delete a Kik account you require your child's username and password. To delete the account select **Settings > Your Account > Reset Kik Messenger**. You then need to delete the Kik application from your child's device. Ask a friend with Kik to send a message to your child's old account and within a few days your child will receive an email (sent to the email address used to sign up for the account) from Kik saying you have unread messages. At the bottom of this email will be a deactivation link – click on this and within a few days your account will be deleted.

Note: If your child logs into their Kik account before you have clicked on the deactivation link the request will be cancelled and the account will remain active. It is important that you and your child agree to delete the account and understand the reasons behind that decision.

Open and supportive discussions around technology usage are vital in ensuring your child understands their responsibilities when using technology. Simply removing the technology is not the best response as it could potentially drive your child's usage underground where there are fewer opportunities for you to support them.



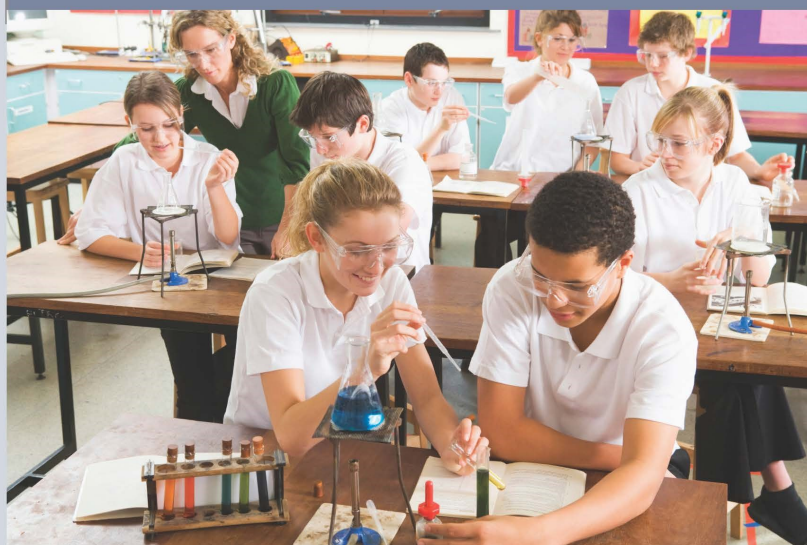
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Information about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in

2017

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in 2017?

You must apply online at
www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement



Key dates

Tuesday 13 October 2015

Application website opens

Monday 16 November 2015

Application website closes

Late applications will not be accepted

Thursday 25 February 2016

Test authority letter sent by mail and email

Thursday 10 March 2016

Selective High School Placement Test

Early July 2016

Placement outcome information

**Please read this booklet carefully
before applying.**

There is more information at:
www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

The selective high school placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Unit[^].

Contact details

High Performing Students Unit

NSW Department of Education

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Selectivehighschoolplacement>

[^] In this document, Unit refers to the High Performing Students Unit.

'Parent' is defined under the *Education Act 1990* as a 'guardian or other person having custody or care of a child'.



All trials will be held at the
Hawks training grounds
located at Bensons Lane,
RICHMOND

The Hawkesbury City Football Club

- 2016 SAP trials-

SAP is a skills acquisition program designed to enhance the development of children aged Under 9 to Under 12 who show a keen interest and ability in soccer. It is for girls and boys who want to begin on the pathway to premier representative soccer; or who simply want to grow and increase their understanding and development of their personal soccer skills.

SAP is a licenced program run under Football NSW guidelines that provides an opportunity for children to be fostered under the tutelage of our highly qualified coaching staff. We also offer training and playing facilities of the highest standard.

Any child in age groups of under 9's to under 12's will be eligible to trial for the 2016 season on the 22nd November 2015 at our Benson's Lane training grounds.

For exact SAP trial times, please keep an eye on our website-
www.hawksfootball.com.au or find us on Facebook!

We are also holding free training each Tuesday before the trials from 5-6pm for any children interested in finding out more about SAP!



Would you like some more information?

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