



Hobartville Happenings

The fortnightly Newsletter @ Hobartville Public School

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Safe
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Week 6 Term 3 2017

District Athletics

Good luck to all our competitors at the District Athletics Carnival this week. Congratulations on making the school team. Do your best and remember to model exemplary Hobartville behaviour.

Heads Up at Hobartville

Heads Up at Hobartville started this Monday. Come along if you have a child starting any school in 2018. Please encourage other pre-school friends to come too! See dates in the attached brochure. Don't forget we are currently taking enrolments for Kindy 2018. If you have a child who is of school age next year or know someone in the Hobartville area who does, please ask them to come to the front office and receive an enrolment form.

CARES

Thank you to the P&C for providing the bus to our Year 4 CARES Road Safety excursion. It is wonderful that we can provide this great experience each year for our Year 4 students.

Sickness

There has been a large number of students who have fallen sick with gastro, influenza and Hand, Foot and Mouth. The only way we can help control the spread of these bugs is by trying to make sure students who are unwell, do not attend school. We also have a number of students and staff with incredibly low immune systems who are unable to fight these sicknesses. If your child complains of feeling ill, please keep them at home.

Bus Travel

Please remind your child if they catch the school bus, about appropriate behaviour. I have had a number of complaints in the last few weeks about students from Hobartville behaving inappropriately and in a dangerous fashion. We don't want any unwanted injuries due to this behaviour.

Lisa Crawford-Principal

Success with
Honour

IMPORTANT READING FOR YEAR 3 AND YEAR 5 PARENTS

NAPLAN ONLINE

SCHOOL READINESS TEST

Fact sheet for parents and carers

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment.

What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

Results will be faster and more precise

- Your child's individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools, teachers and parents.
- Improved precision and timing of results will help teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to address students' learning needs.

Tailored tests will provide better assessment

- The online format allows for 'tailored testing', where the test adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.
- Students in each year level start with the same set of questions which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.
- This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.
- This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.
- Students find online assessment is more engaging*, which means they are encouraged to persist longer and try harder.

* Research by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

NAPLAN is moving online. This means moving from the current paper based test to computer based assessments. This transition will commence from 2018.

Hobartville PS students in Year 3 and Year 5 will participate in the NAPLAN Online Readiness Test in Week 9 this term. (11th –15th September)

Please see 'Fact Sheets' attached to this page for further information.



NAPLAN Online – Fact sheet for parents and carers

For more information

Parents, students and schools interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the national ACARA website:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online>

Contact your school principal or visit the ACARA NAP website for more detailed information:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/online-assessment.html>

Frequently asked questions

Which students will participate in the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate.

How should I prepare my child for the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Your child will not need any academic preparation for the school readiness test. This is not a test of their literacy and numeracy skills, but an opportunity for them to experience the online test format and for their school to assess its online testing capability.

How long is the school readiness test?

The school readiness test is expected to include two assessments: a writing assessment* and a combined numeracy/literacy assessment. The duration of each assessment will be approximately 40 minutes.

* Year 3 students will only be expected to complete the combined numeracy/literacy assessment.

When will my school participate in the readiness test?

One week within the test period in August and September will be identified for each school to conduct readiness testing.

How will students be prevented from using the Internet or spellcheckers when completing the test?

The NAPLAN Online assessment platform will have state-of-the-art security protections. The assessment is delivered inside a locked-down browser. This ensures students cannot access the internet or spellcheckers while completing the test.

Will schools and parents be provided with information on the results of the readiness test?

There will be feedback to schools about the technical information gained from the readiness testing. There will be no reporting of student test results from the readiness test.

» Dates To Remember «	
August 23	District Carnival
August 25	District Carnival Chess @ Emu Plains PS
August 29	Nepean Dance Festival Rehearsals
August 29	Heads Up @ Hobartville
August 29	3-6 Assembly
August 31	Nepean Dance Festival Performance Matinee and Night Performance
September 1	Father's Day Stall
September 5	K-2 Assembly PaTCH session 3
September 6,7,8	Stage 3 Camp - Canberra
September 8	Heads Up @ Hobartville
Sept 11-15	NAPLAN Online Readiness Test Yr 3 & 5
September 12	PaTCH
September 12	3-6 Assembly
September 13	Heads Up @ Hobartville
September 15	Netball Gala Day
September 19	K-6 Badge Assembly Hawkesbury Cup
September 19	PaTCH Hawkesbury Cup
September 20	Walk a thon
September 22	Last Day of Term 3
October 9	Students return to school Term 4
October 17	Hawkesbury Dance Festival
October 25	Kindergarten 2018 Information night
October 27	Kindergarten 2018 Orientation session
November 1	Kindergarten 2018 Orientation session
November 7	K-6 Badge Assembly
November 8	Kindergarten 2018 Orientation session
November 17	Kindergarten 2018 Orientation session
November 20-Dec 1	Swim School
December 6	P&C Christmas Stall
December 8	Celebration of Learning Assembly
December 12	Year 6 Farewell
December 15	Last day of school 2017

Awards Flying Horse and Blue Ribbons

Flying Horse - Gold

Jessica W.

Flying Horse - Blue

Darcy S.

Flying Horse - Yellow

Chelsea N.

Blue Ribbon

Rylan B.; Chase C.; Cameron H.; Grace B.; Hunta W.;
Shiona V.; Cohen L.; Gryffyn L.; Darcy K.; Keira B.;
Mitchell B.; Claire R.; Lily H.; Cooper H.;
Maddison G.; Barry B.; Lachlan Y.

Earn and Learn

Yes IT'S ON AGAIN

Hobartville Public School parents and carers, HPS is collecting Earn and Learn stickers from 26 July - 19 September 2017.

Please pick up forms from the front office to stick your stickers on and when form is filled place in box in the foyer.



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LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who visited the Book Fair. We had sales of over \$4600.00, which means that we can receive almost \$1000.00 worth of new books for the Library. Special thanks to the wonderful parents and staff who assisted at the Book Fair.

Sally Kirk

Teacher Librarian

Clothing Pool Roster

Week	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
6 21/8/17	Dale 2:45-3:15pm		Kelly 8:45-9:15am
7 28/8/17		Julie 8:45-9:15am	
8 4/9/17	Dale 2:45-3:15pm		Kelly 8:45-9:15am
9 11/9/17		Julie 8:45-9:15am	
10 19/9/17	Dale 2:45-3:15pm		Kelly 8:45-9:15am

CAMP

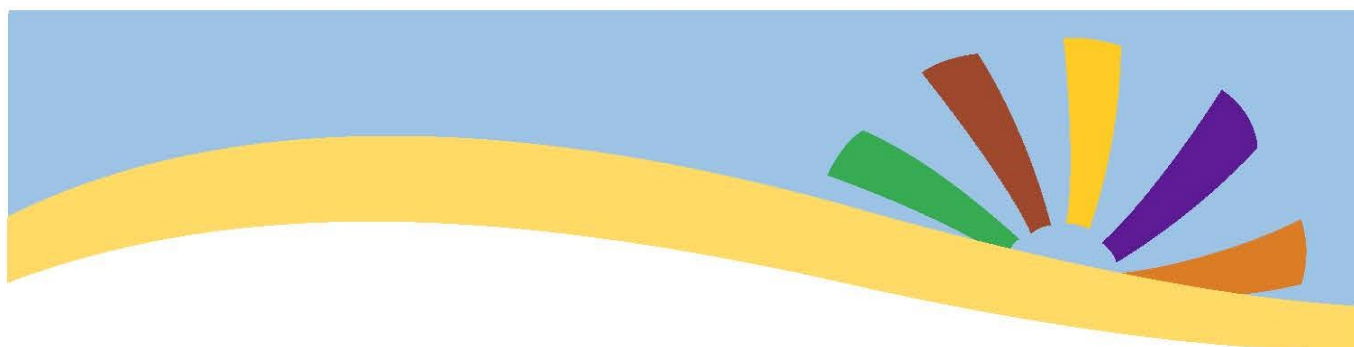
Stage 3 are looking forward to their CAMP to Canberra and the Snow in Week 8.

Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education and contributed to the travel expenses of this excursion.

Richmond Community Services Inc.

<u>ADHD diagnosis—next steps</u> WITH FREE CHILDCARE	For Dads and Mums/ primary carers of children aged 0-8 years	Tuesday 10th October 2017	9.30am - 1pm
<u>FREE LIONS Drop-in Sight and Hearing Screening</u>	Anyone	Weds 18th October 2017	10am - 2pm
<u>First Aid Tips for Parents</u> <u>(Non-Accredited)</u> WITH FREE CHILDCARE	For parents/ primary carers of children 0—18 years	Tuesday 24th October 2017	9.30am - 12.30noon
<u>GUTS—Growing Up Through Separation</u>	For Primary School Kids aged 7-12 years experiencing parental separation	6 weeks ongoing 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st October, 7th & 14th November 2017	3.30pm -5pm
<u>Developing Your Kids</u> <u>Social Skills</u> WITH FREE CHILDCARE	For Dads and Mums/ primary carers of children aged 0-12 years	Weds 11th October 2017	10am - 12.30pm



Heads Up at Hobartville

Transition To School Program Hobartville Public School



WHEN: 21st August, 29th August, 8th September, 13th September 2017

WHERE: Hobartville Public School, Valder Ave, Hobartville.

WHO: We welcome all children starting Kindergarten at any school in 2018.

WHAT TO BRING: A bottle of water and a hat.

COST: Free! **TIME:** 2:00 - 2:45pm

MORE INFO: Contact our school on 4578 1110.

WHO ATTENDS: Parents or Childcare teachers stay with the children. We will meet you in the School Library.

