

# Hobartville Happenings

The fortnightly Newsletter @ Hobartville Public School

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## Week 8 Term 3 2017

### Kindergarten 2018

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 office and receive an enrolment form.

### Staff Professional Learning

The staff at Hobartville PS engage in Professional Learning on a weekly basis. This comes in various forms across the school week. It may be class based, after school or at another venue. We are currently completing a 4 week digital copyright survey, building upon our L3 knowledge and focussing on data to improve student learning outcomes.

### NAPLAN Online

Please see information on the next page. This readiness testing will start next week.

### Richmond Rotary

Another HUGE thank you to Richmond Rotary for again supporting our Breakfast Program which runs each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Geoff and Phil surprised me by arriving 2 weeks ago with a \$1000 cheque in support of the program. This generous donation is very much appreciated. Thank you so much.



### Stage 3 Camp

Today, myself, Mr Morabito, Ms Stalley, Miss Sullivan, Mr Coulter, Mrs Randall and Mrs Wretham set off early for our 3 day Canberra and Snow excursion. We will be visiting Old and New Parliament House, Questacon, The War Memorial and a day trip to the snow. For many of our students, this will be their first snow experience. Fingers crossed we have beautiful weather. We are due to return at approx. 7pm Friday night.

### P&C

A massive thank you to our P&C and parent helpers for organising and running the great Father's Day stall last week, and also providing the Stage 3 campers with their snack break for the trip home. Thank you, thank you, Thank you!

Success with  
Honour

White  
Ribbon  
SCHOOL

Lisa Crawford-Principal



**SCHOOL READINESS 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.

## 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.**

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### 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 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 «	
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 PaTCH
September 20	Walk a thon & Sports Colour mufti
September 22	Last Day of Term 3
October 9	Students return to school Term 4
October 17	Hawkesbury Dance Festival
October 24	Surviving Transition to High School Parent workshop
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

## Flying Horse and Blue Ribbons

21/8/17—1/9/17

### Flying Horse Yellow

Raymond G

### Blue Ribbon

Lara R, Lily S, Jacinta P, Jacob W, Lachlan de I H, Hayden J, Naomi G, Jake P, Katelyn L, Tyler M, Jordyn G, Lucas C, Aquilina C, Marisa B, Leo H, Natasha O, Hayley M, Ethan de I H, Jasmine H, Izabelle Martin, Tyson H, Clare R, Grace B, Cohen L, Gryffyn L, Darcy K, Keira BM, Mitchell B, Lily H, Cooper HW, Maddison G, Barry B, Shiona V, Hunta W, Lachlan Y, Levi D, Mackenzy L, Louis P, Mikayla D, Eva C, Amelia L, Lukas C, Callum C, Millie C, David B, Millie H, Mitchell H, Luke T, Shaylea J, Logan F, Lukas C, Braiden NR, Jake A, Lily S, Emma B, Liana B, Isla B, Mackenzie P, Peyton JD, Thomas M, Finley A, Elise H, Carissa N, Evie H, Oscar C, Peter C, Rianne R, Charlotte C, Lachlan M, Fraya R, Hayley H, Kirrin R, Troy G, Chloe P, Te Whaea L, Jack M, Nicholas T, Amelia W, Jayden D, Liam R-H, Rylee M, Tjai L, Kalisi ML, Mia S, Savannah B, Sienna F, Andrea R, Paige B, Taylor F, Rhys L, Brooke S, Mia R, Calieb F

# SAVE THE DATE

# STAGE 3 PARENTS

## Surviving The Transition to High School Parent Workshop

Tuesday 24th October @ Hobartville PS

Time to be confirmed (afternoon)

The workshop is designed for parents to develop skills for preparing for the transition to High School.

## District Athletics Results

Hobartville had a fantastic time at the carnival and achieved some great results. We will be sending a strong team to the Regional Carnival on Wednesday 13th September.

Special congratulations goes to Alesha W (1st place Jnr Girls Discus), Georgia B (1st place 11y Girls 800m), Katelyn L (2nd place 11y Girls 100m & 2nd place 11y Girls 200m), Naomi G (3rd place 11y Girls 100m), Nicholas T (3rd place Jnr Boys 800m), Jordan L (3rd place 11y Boys Discus) and the Senior Girls Relay Team (Lilly R, Zoe P, Naomi G and Katelyn L - 2nd place). These students were presented with their ribbons at the 3-6 assembly. Best wishes to Alesha W, Georgia B, Katelyn L, Naomi G and the Senior Girls relay who will be representing our school and the Hawkesbury PSSA at the Sydney West Athletics Carnival in September.





# WALK-A-THON 2017

Dear Parents,

As part of the P&C fundraising, students will be participating in a 'Walk-a-thon'. This year we are raising money to purchase permanent playground instruments and games. Students will be taking home sponsor cards to gain sponsorship for participating in the Walk-a-thon. Please ensure you supervise your children when they are asking for sponsorship.

**Event:** WALK-A-THON

**Date:** Wednesday 20th September

**K-2** 11.30am - 12.20pm **3-6** 12.30pm - 1.20pm

**Where:** Hobartville Public School

**Dress Up Theme:** 'Sporting Colours' (Gold coin donation to our SRC)

Money can be brought into school anytime up until Friday 20th October. If the money is not brought in by the due date, you will miss out on the chance to win some amazing prizes. Daily prizes will be drawn each day from Monday 9th October (Day 1 Term 4), so the sooner you return your money and card, the more chance you have of winning a prize.

Students will receive a ticket in the daily raffle for returning their sponsor card. For every \$10 they raise from their sponsor card, they will get an extra ticket into the draw.

This year the major prize is a Blue Tooth Speaker and will be awarded to the student who has raised the most money for each Year and the Support Unit as a group. (8 prizes in total)

All sponsor cards and money is to be deposited in the yellow P&C box in the front office.

We look forward to another successful fundraiser and enjoyable day!

Hobartville Public School P&C

## 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.



Thank you to the **AMAZING**  
**SAS Staff** at HPS  
**Office & Administration**  
**SLSO & General**  
**Assistant**



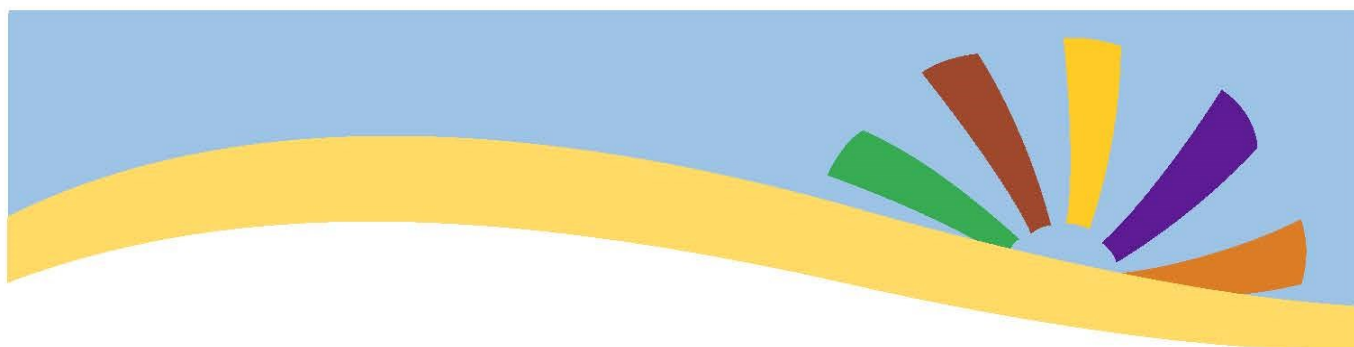




# Dancing Snaps 2017







# 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.

