



## Welcome to 2024 at Hobartville Public School

Dear Parents and Carers.

We trust you have enjoyed your summer holidays. Students have begun the year ready for learning. It has been a fruitful time to meet as staff in the last couple of days to help us get ready for the students heading back into school.

Meet the Teacher afternoon is being organised but in the meantime I would like to give you all an early message with information regarding two key processes at our school –

1. communication
2. our Awards and Assemblies

### Communication

#### ***Sentral Parent Portal***

The best way to stay in touch with school happenings is via the Sentral Parent Portal.

For new families we will provide a Set Up Letter in print and email promptly which contains the URL link to the Parent Portal. This will include Access Keys for each child. Kindergarten parents will receive their email contact next Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February. If you do not receive the letter and email, please contact your school to request it.

You can either download the Sentral Parent Portal App or enter the URL link from the Set Up Letter into a web browser. You will be given the options to Login or Register.

If you have already registered a Parent Portal account, please click on 'Login'. If you cannot remember your password, please click on 'Forgot your password' and follow the prompts to reset your password.

When you are in the Parent Portal you can:

- Stay informed with your targeted news feed and calendar.
- Message your child's teachers
- Receive your child's report cards electronically.
- Book and manage parent/teacher night interviews.
- Provide permission and make payments for school activities.
- Be notified of absence, respond to unexplained absences or advise the school in advance of planned absences.

#### ***By phone***

Please call our front office if you have any queries. The office staff will direct you to a staff member best able to address your query. Many concerns or queries are best directed to the classroom teacher via messaging on the Parent Portal.

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## Awards System and Assemblies

Note: Kindergarten students will attend assemblies from the middle of the year.

### Badge Assemblies - Week 5 and Week 10 every term

- Students receive badges at these K-6 assemblies.
- Parents / carers of badge recipients are invited via the Parent Portal to attend these.

### K-2 and 3-6 Fortnightly Assembly

#### Blue Ribbons and Merit Awards

- Students receive merit awards and blue ribbons at the K-2 and 3-6 fortnightly assemblies.
- Parents and carers who wish to attend the assembly may do so, however, you will receive an invitation to attend the assembly if:
  1. Your child is in the hosting class or;
  2. If your child will be receiving a blue ribbon. These awards are presented for any manner of positive behaviour from a high level of application towards class work to being a good example of school citizenship.

### The Flying Horse Merit System explained:

Hobartville has a 4 tiered merit award system where students receive cards and ribbons which accumulate to achieve the ultimate award, the Flying Horse Platinum Badge award.

It is a linear process with four badge colours to achieve. Through keeping and trading awards for the next level the students can move through the levels.

The four tiers consist of:

1. Well Done cards
2. Big Blue cards
3. Blue ribbons
4. Flying Horse badges are earned after students gain the following number of ribbons:
  - Yellow Flying Horse badge = 5 blue ribbons
  - Blue Flying Horse badge = 10 blue ribbons
  - White Flying Horse badge = 15 blue ribbons
  - Gold Flying Horse badge = 20 blue ribbons
  - Platinum Award = 25 blue ribbons

Thank you everyone. Looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

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