



Castle Hill Public School

NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 9 – March 27, 2024

WHAT'S ON

Thursday March 28

Harmony/Cultural Clothing or Orange

Friday March 29

Good Friday Public Holiday

Monday April 1

Easter Monday Public Holiday

Tuesday April 2

School resumes

Principal's Report

Staff News

Congratulations to Miss Heyworth who has recently married and enjoyed a beautiful wedding day! Miss Heyworth wishes to be addressed as Mrs Carmichael from now on however her class will remain as 2H for the remainder of the year.

Harmony Week – Everyone Belongs

While officially Harmony Week was last week, NAPLAN scheduling led us to postpone our Harmony Week celebrations to this week. Students have been to purchase their orange accessories to wear with their school uniforms. A special thank you to our EALD teachers who have organised this.

PBL Fortnightly Expectation Focus



ASPIRE
Be a team player.

Tomorrow, (Thursday) Castle Hill Public School will embrace our cultural diversity by inviting all students to wear the following clothing:

- National dress/costume or
- Orange clothing (orange being the colour associated with Harmony Day)

Please note that while we encourage students to dress in either of the above options, this is not a traditional 'Mufti Day' where football jerseys etc are often worn that bear no relevance to an individual's cultural background. Accordingly, we ask parents to ensure that students are dressed appropriately and in accordance with the

intended theme of Harmony Day. In addition, appropriate footwear (no thongs) should be worn.

We are unable to host a Harmony Day Parade this year because of the ongoing building works but we will be hosting parades in future years.

Looking forward to a wonderful day!

Further details are in the Deputy Principals report.

Easter Break

A reminder that Friday March 29 and Monday April 1 are both public holidays and our school will be closed. I wish you and your family a Happy Easter and hope that you enjoy the four-day weekend.

Congratulations to:

Hayden F (6M) who competed in the Sydney West AFL Championships earlier this week. His team were undefeated and won the Championship. The team faced some tough opponents and persevered through back-to-back games in the heat.

Craig Oliver – Principal
Craig.oliver@det.nsw.edu.au

News from the Deputies

Harmony Week – Everyone Belongs

This week, we are celebrating Harmony Week – from Monday March 25 to Thursday March 28.

Many of our planned activities have taken place or are still taking place, with the Harmony Week stall, special 'Harmony Week' lunch orders, bilingual story time (these have been pre-recorded and shared within our classrooms) and dressing in cultural clothing or orange (the colour of harmony) **tomorrow - Thursday 28 March**. Appropriate footwear must be worn and it is preferable that football/soccer jerseys are not worn. We look forward to sharing photos of our students enjoying these events, in next week's newsletter and via Seesaw.

Mind Quest

Applications for Mind Quest 2024 are now open. The Mind Quest program is a fast-paced and challenging program designed to enrich and extend high potential and gifted students. Please visit <https://mindquest.net.au/> for more information or email the school to request a brochure be sent home with your child.

Term 1 Platinum Lunch

15 students across Years 2 to 6 will receive their Platinum Award this term. Invitations were sent home today. Please ensure you RSVP by next Wednesday 3 April, for catering purposes.

Opportunity Class Placement for entry in Year 5, 2025

The P&C Federation NSW is running an online information session, with speakers from the NSW Department of Education, next Wednesday 3 April from 7:00-8:00pm. The webinar will cover the steps in applying for placement in an opportunity class, for Year 5 entry in 2025.

It will cover:

- what are opportunity classes;
- who are opportunity classes aimed at;
- the benefits of opportunity classes;
- the placement process;
- the Equity Placement Model;
- Aurora College: for students in rural and remote areas;
- submitting the online application;
- reasonable adjustments for disability;
- preparing for the test;
- outcomes;
- the appeals process.

Participants may submit questions in advance. Click [here](#) for further information about the NSW P&C Federation's webinar. In addition to this webinar, Mrs Kohary and Miss Dunn will also host an information session via Zoom, early in Term 2. Please visit the department's [website](#) to explore the benefits of an opportunity class.

Can you help? SRE teachers needed

Our school is in need of more volunteer SRE teachers for some of our Hindu SRE and Islam SRE groups. If you or someone you know may be able to assist, please contact:

Hindu SRE Swami or Jaya sydney@chinmaya.com.au
Islam SRE Ebtesam info@isre.org.au

Mars Alex Kohary and Miss Danielle Machuca
Deputy Principals

PSSA and Sport News

PSSA Update

Summer PSSA competitions will recommence Friday week 10 and matches will be played Friday April 5 and Friday April 12. Summer PSSA will then finish and resume at the end of Term 3.

Winter PSSA trials will occur in Weeks 10 and 11 of Term 1. The sports include Netball, Newcombe Ball, AFL and Soccer. As per our PSSA school policy we will endeavor to see all students trialing twice. If unforeseen circumstances, such as poor weather or limited playground space, occur your child may only be seen once.

Stage 3 students who make a Winter PSSA team will still play their games in weeks 3 and 4 next term. Even though camp is earlier in those weeks.

Winter PSSA Trial Timetable

Week 10

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
Morning (9:10 – 10:00)			AFL – Juniors Newcombe Ball – girls open
Middle (11:40 – 12:40)		AFL – Juniors Soccer (girls) – Juniors	
Afternoon (2:00 – 3:00)	Netball – Juniors Soccer (boys) - Juniors	AFL – Seniors Newcombe Ball – boys open	Soccer (girls) - Seniors Netball – Seniors

Week 11

	Monday	Tuesday
Morning (9:10 – 10:00)	AFL – Seniors Soccer (boys) - Seniors	Newcombe Ball – girls open Soccer (boys) - Juniors
Middle (11:40 – 12:40)	Netball – Juniors Soccer (girls) – Juniors	Newcombe Ball – boys open
Afternoon (2:00 – 3:00)	Netball – Seniors Soccer (girls) – Seniors	Soccer (boys) - Seniors

P&C News

President message

Dear Parents and carers,

Here we are in the middle of our school's Harmony Week. We hope the kids are enjoying their special lunches from the canteen. I'd like to thank Tanya and the canteen team for their efforts this week in creating the specials as well as our awesome parent volunteers who have been in everyday helping put the bags together. You all are amazing!

Our next P&C Meeting is coming up on Wednesday 10 April at 7.00pm online via ZOOM. P&C Meetings are a terrific way to find out what is happening at our school with reports given by the principal and deputies. You also have an opportunity to ask questions of the principal directly.

To register for our next P&C meeting, please visit: <https://au01web.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5lqce-tqTkiH9Jqj9qtwMtHlGvtyp0Fj11S>

I hope everyone has a marvelous long Easter weekend.

Regards,
Erica Miller
CHPS P&C President
president@chpspandc.org.au
<http://www.chpspandc.org.au>

Community News

Hornsby Shire Libraries have organised several activities over the April school holidays. They are very excited to be hosting Writing Workshops with award winning children's author Deborah Abela. They also have Pushmi-Pullyu: Reverse Garbage workshops where children will get a chance to get things running without batteries! Library staff will also be hosting our first Drop in and Discover session at Galston Community Centre along with a Mega Drop In and Discover session at Hornsby Library. These sessions are great for kids to explore their creativity or have fun with STEM.

Further booking information can be found on our website at <https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library/using-the-library/events> or please find attached a copy of their promotional flyer.

For further information contact 9847 6237 during business hours. For bookings, families should book at the library's website at [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library](https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library) or visit in person at any library branch.

Canteen

ROSTER:

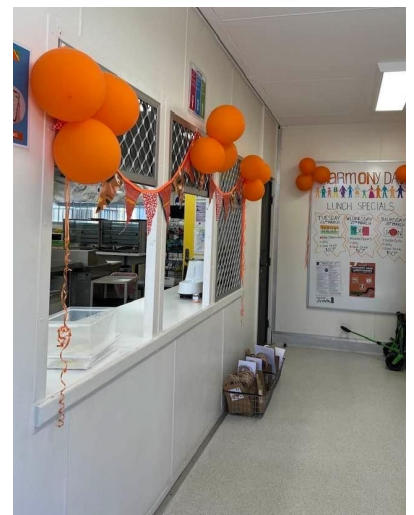
Monday April 1	Easter Monday – Canteen closed
Tuesday April 2	Nikoo, Hanna
Wednesday April 3	Madhavi VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
Thursday April 4	Emma VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
Friday April 5	Danielle, Jenny



Our monthly roster still has some spaces to fill, mainly on Wednesdays and Thursdays, so if you would like to join our wonderful team of current volunteers it would be greatly appreciated. We pay coffee (or tea), laughs and a free lunch for yourself, also anything you purchase for your children on the day you volunteer you will receive a 50% discount off the total cost.

If you would like to be added to our roster, even for just one day a month, or have any other questions at all about the canteen and the services we offer please reach out to us using one of the methods below.

- 0428 401 821 Telephone or text message
- canteen@chpspandc.org.au
- [Online Canteen Volunteer Form](#)



Tanya - Canteen Manager
Castle Hill Public School

Uniform Shop

Uniform shop

While all students are currently required to wear their full summer uniform in Term 1, now is the time to start purchasing winter uniforms for Term 2! The uniform shop is open Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:30am or you may purchase online through Flexischools, and **delivery will be made to your directly to your child's class.**

Appointments are preferred. To make an appointment to visit the uniform shop, please visit <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/UniformShop1@chpspandc.org.au/bookings/>

Exchange is always available if you've ordered the wrong size provided the item hasn't been worn and is accompanied by the Flexischools receipt and original packaging.

If you have any uniform questions, please contact our Uniform shop manager, Amanda, at uniformshop@chpspandc.org.au

Kind regards,

Amanda Turner
Uniform Shop Manager
Castle Hill Public School P&C Association
www.chpspandc.org.au

The 2024 Australian Early Development Census

Every school counts

The Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) is a national census that builds a picture of how children have developed by the time they start their first year of full-time school.

Every school has a vital role to play in helping our nation collect the information it needs to better understand and respond to the needs of children and their families.

Since 2009, communities, schools and governments across Australia have used AEDC results to help provide services, resources and supports that give our kids the best start in life.

From May 2024, teachers will complete the census for children in their first year of full-time school.

AEDC results for individual children are not reported and individual children cannot be identified.

With the support of parents/carers and schools, we can build a more complete picture of early childhood development in Australia. If parents/carers consent to the collection of their child's information they do not need to do anything. Parents/carers only need to contact the school if they do not consent to the collection of their child's information.

To find out more about the AEDC and how schools, communities and governments are using the data to help children and families, visit www.aedc.gov.au.



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Term 1 - 2024

Month	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/	Sun
		29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Jan	1		SDD	SDD	Years 1-6 students return to school Kindergarten Best Start	Kindergarten Best Start		
Jan Feb	2	5 Kindergarten Best Start	6 Kindergarten students start	7	8	9	10	11
Feb	3	12	13	14 Twilight Swimming carnival - 4.00pm	15 P&C meeting - zoom	16	17	18
Feb	4	19	20 Castle Hill High School Taster Day for Year 6 students Meet the Teacher 6.00-6.45 Yr 3+4 6.45-7.30 Yr 5+6	21	22 Meet the Teacher 6.00-6.45 Kindy 6.45-7.30 Yr 1+2	23	24	25
Feb	5	26	27	28	29	1 PSSA begins	2	3
Feb Mar	6	4	5	6	7	8 PSSA	9	10
Mar	7	11	12	13 P&C meeting - AGM	14	15	16	17
Mar	8	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Mar	9	25	26	27	28 Harmony Week cultural dress or orange clothing	29 Good Friday	30	31
Mar Apr	10	1 Easter Monday	2	3	4	5 PSSA	6	7
Apr	11	8	9	10 P&C meeting - zoom	11 ANZAC Day digital assembly	12 PSSA Last day of term	13	14

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

5 FUN ACTIVITIES

1. WRITING WORKSHOP WITH DEBORAH ABELA

Presented by award winning author Deborah Abela these sessions will engage children in activities that explore the writing process from developing ideas, to planning outlines and, most importantly, creating characters and plots readers will love whilst having lots of fun!

Where: Hornsby Library

When: Wednesday 17 April

10.30am–11.30am

12pm–1pm

2pm–3pm

Age: Recommended for ages 7-12

Cost: \$10 per child

Bookings: Bookings essential.

Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

or at any Hornsby Shire Libraries Branch.

Children 10 & under must be accompanied by an adult.



2. PUSHMI-PULLYU: REVERSE GARBAGE WORKSHOP

Build a toy that moves – and learn how to get things running without batteries! Kids experiment with push/pull forces and use materials they would find in their own home to make their own battery-free push-toy. Children use low-waste construction techniques as they develop an understanding of how things move.

When: Tuesday 23 April

Where: Pennant Hills Library, 11am–12pm

Berowra Library, 1pm–2pm

Age: 5–12 years

Cost: \$10 per child

Bookings: Bookings essential.

Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

or at any Hornsby Shire Libraries Branch.

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For booking details and further information on these events and more events in your library visit

hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

HORNSBY SHIRE
LIBRARIES



3. HOLIDAY STORYTIME

Join us for a fun, interactive session filled with stories and songs.

Where: Hornsby Library
When: Thursday 18 April, 10am

Where: Pennant Hills Library
When: Friday 19 April, 10am

Where: Berowra Library
When: Friday 26 April, 10.30am

Age: 0–7 years

Cost: Free

Bookings: Bookings essential.
Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library
or at any Hornsby Shire Libraries Branch.
Children 10 & under must be accompanied by an adult.



4. DROP IN AND DISCOVER AT GALSTON

Explore your creativity, constructions skills and have fun with STEM in this interactive session. Activities include craft kits, Lego, Sphero Minis and more!

Where: Galston Community Centre

When: Tuesday 16 April, 2pm–4pm

Age: 5–12 years

Cost: Free

Bookings: Bookings not required.
Children 10 & under must be accompanied by an adult.



5. MEGA DROP IN AND DISCOVER AT HORNSBY LIBRARY

Join us for a mega discovery session! Complete your passport as you visit the Construction Zone, Lego Zone, Tech Zone and Craft Zone.

Where: Hornsby Library

When: Monday 22 April, 10am–12pm

Age: 5–12 years

Cost: Free

Bookings: Bookings not required.
Children 10 & under must be accompanied by an adult.

