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Special Points of Interest

- P&C Meeting
- Twilight Concert
- Go Emily
- Thank you Morning Tea
- Library Books Returned
- Walking Bus

Right: Surf Awareness

Term 4 Week 8

Wednesday

Leadership Speeches

Thursday

P&C Meeting 9am Hub

Leadership Speeches

NO Assembly

Scripture

Enrichment Groups

Chess 3pm

Friday

Leadership Speeches

French Classes

Next Week

Monday

Dance

Wednesday

Thursday

NO Assembly

Scripture - FINAL

Volunteer & Scripture Teach-

er Thank You Morning Tea

Chess 3pm

Friday

French Classes

From The Principal



Thank you to all the parents who attended the Twilight Concert last Wednesday. The talent on show was outstanding. I hope all the students felt very proud of their performances. A very special thank you to Mr Debnam and Miss Jackson for organising the concert, the tutors for working so hard with the students all year, parents for supporting their talented musicians and the staff who helped out on the night. It was a great night that once again show cased the excellent talent of HWPS.

P&C meeting

Thursday morning at 9 am there will be a P&C meeting in the Hub. This will be the final P&C for the year. Please join us to celebrate the excellent efforts of the P&C this year. The committee and their helpers have raised much needed funds for the school. I would like to thank all those involved with the P&C, you may be small numbers but you achieve great things.

Go Emily Go

This week our wonderfully talented swimming star is representing HWPS and NSW at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide. We all know that Emily is extremely talented and I look forward to writing about her achievements next week. From all of us at HWPS Go Emily GO!!





Surf Awareness and PSSA cricket



Congratulations to all of our primary students who on Monday attended the surf awareness excursion. This was an excellent opportunity for the students to develop their knowledge of swimming safely at the beach. Thank you to Mrs Rich for organising the excursion and to Mr Fung, Mr Leeson and Ms Kanankakis for supervising the students.

On Friday I was fortunate to watch our PSSA senior cricket team play in their semi finals. Unfortunately they did not win on the day however they played superbly in the heat. They demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and never gave up. Thank you boys for an excellent season and to Mr Fung and Mr Leeson for coaching them each week. You are all Homebush West STARS.

Staffing update



Next year Mrs Southall will be returning to HWPS to lead the school and I will be returning to Ashbury PS. The next few years at Homebush West will be exciting times with the development of the school. I would like to thank everyone for their support whilst I have had the opportunity to be Relieving Principal and I look forward to the final weeks of the term.

Coming Up

- P&C Meeting - Thursday 26th November 2015 @ 9am Media Room
- Salvation Army Visit – Monday 30 November @ Morning Assembly
- Scripture Teacher & Volunteer Morning Tea – Thursday 3 December
- Award Night – Tuesday 8 December
- Reports Home – Wednesday 9 December
- School Picnic – Wednesday 9 December
- Year 6 Farewell – Thursday 10 December ** change of date
- HWPS Star Factor – Friday 11 December
- SRC Mufti Day – Wednesday 16 December
- Year 6 Farewell Arch – Wednesday 16 December 2.50pm
- Final Day for Students – Wednesday 16 December
- Students 1-6 Return – Thursday 28 January 2016
- Kindy Starts – Monday 1st February 2016



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Dee Stephenson
 Rel. Principal

Twilight Concert

On the evening of Wednesday 18 November music tuition students celebrated their year of achievements at our annual Twilight Concert. Over 90 students performed at the concert watched by parents, friends and siblings. It was fabulous to see so many young students performing for the first time and to see the amazing progress made by those students who have been learning for a number of years. We thank our team of tutors, Nadia, David, Mark, Jeff and Nazli for helping our students develop their skills and love of music.



Congratulations to Hoen Zhang and Kovid Sharma who received the trophies for senior and junior musician of the year respectively.

Mr Debnam





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Enrichment Groups

During Enrichment groups on Thursday mornings, a group of K-2 students have been learning how to finger knit with Miss Loos. It can be quite tricky at first, but as these students have learnt, practise makes perfect! Students have been making bracelets, anklets, headbands, rings, and necklaces. They recently learnt how to add beads into their finger knitting. Very exciting! Check out their marvellous creations!



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SURF AWARENESS COURSE at Bondi Beach

On Monday, 50 students attended the surf awareness classes at Bondi Beach. We were very lucky with the weather, the sun was shining but not too hot, the waves were gently rolling in and Bondi Beach look fabulous.

During the course, the students learnt how to identify rips and other hazards of the beach. They also learnt how to enter and exit the surf safely; they rode bogey boards and form surf boards. At the end of the day our students enjoyed making sandcastles.

The student's behaviour was outstanding and everyone had a lovely time learning at Bondi.



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Senior cricket report

For the first time in recent memory HWPS had a team reach the finals of the Western Suburbs PSSA. The senior cricket team had played a consistent and stylish brand of cricket all season and they knew they would have to play consistent again if they wanted to come away victorious. It was great to see the community and school support for our team as many parents, carers and teachers turned up and cheered the boys on. In the end the top of the table ladder leaders, Summer Hill PS scraped through to make the grand Final. A big thank-you to all the volunteer drivers and particularly Coach Fung for his great managerial skills on the day.

Coach Leeson

Premiers Sporting Challenge

This year Homebush West PS once again participated in the fantastic health initiative organised by the Premier of New South Wales, Mr Mike Baird. All students from kindergarten up to year 6 were active and successful participants in the Premier's Sporting Challenge for 2015. The challenge requires students to complete a set amount of exercise daily which all students completed through daily fitness sessions, sporting enrichment groups and Friday sports sessions. A big congratulations to all students for their continued commitment to a healthy lifestyle and I look forward to seeing the same fantastic achievements and results in the future.

Mr Leeson



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Burwood Rotary Citizenship Award

Monday evening, Trinity M and Benjamin H were awarded this year's Burwood Rotary citizenship award. These two students were nominated for the award due to their exemplary service, their friendly, kind nature and being a positive role model for their peers. Congratulations Benjamin and Trinity!



Why you should join the Walking School Bus



You must go to the amazing Walking School Bus because you will make lovely new friends. You must join the Walking School Bus because it keeps you very fit. Please go on the Walking School Bus because you will be safe. Also, you will get very healthy. See you at the Walking School Bus station.

Jocelin L



The Walking School Bus keeps you so safe. The Walking School Bus keeps you fit. When you walk you do not cause pollution. You get to make new friends on the Walking Bus. You must join the Walking School Bus!

Sebastian P

The Walking School Bus is great! The walking school bus makes us fit and healthy. You can make friends. You will be safe. You must go! You might be nervous at first but then you will be happy. See you on the Walking School Bus.

Vishali P

Scripture Teacher & Volunteer Morning Tea

If you have volunteered this year for scripture, uniform shop, library, book covering, excursions, in the classroom, P&C, School Council, Walking Bus or any job around the school, the staff at Homebush West Public School would like to invite you to our **Thank You Morning Tea** to show our appreciation for your dedication and hard work.

When: **Thursday 3rd December**

Time: **11:00 – 11:30am**

Where: **"The Pond"** (area outside the staffroom)

We look forward to seeing you there.



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do*

Homebush Boys Orientation Day for Year 7 2016

Homebush Boys will be holding their **Orientation Day on Thursday 3 December, 2015 at 9.30am** and finishing at approximately **12.30pm**. Students and parents are required to attend the school at this time.

On the day your child will undergo a short assessment. This information will be combined with any other relevant information to place your child in the most suitable Year 7 class for 2016.

If you have enrolled at Homebush Boys High, but have not received your letter please contact them by Telephone: 9764 361 or Email: homebushbo-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au



Strathfield Girls Orientation Day for Year 7 2016

Thursday December 3rd

Albert Rd, Strathfield, 2135

Please phone for more information: 9746 6990





SRC Salvation Army canned food collection

Thank you to everyone who has brought in canned or non-perishable food for the SRC Salvation Army canned food drive. So far we have received over 300 cans! The food will make lots of people happy. The last day to donate food is Friday November 27.



P&C Meeting - Thursday 26th November 2015 @ 9am.

The final P&C meeting of the year will be held in the Media Room after morning drop off on Thursday 26 November. Please join us - All welcome.

P&C Committee



HWPS Star Factor

This is week 8. You have 2 weeks to practise. Ask your teacher for tips on how to improve your item.

Did you make it to Star Factor? You don't know?
Check the wall outside the canteen.
Guest Judges announced next week.



HINT: You'd better be nice to ALL the teachers!!!!

K.Luschwitz
Starfactor co-ordinator

Year 6 Farewell Thursday 10th December, 2015

Notes went home to all Year 6 Students last week. Details below:

Venue Strathfield Golf Club
Address: 84 Centenary Drive Strathfield, NSW 2135
Arrive 6pm- Parents are to drop students off at the door.
Parents come at 8.00pm for Y6 Parent/Carer dance and presentation.
Conclude at 8.30p.m.
All Year 6 students to attend
Students wear party clothes!
Cost \$20- Includes Hire of venue, Decorations, Dinner and Dessert, Piece of celebration cake to take home, Year book, copy of the year 6 memories video and Year 6 graduation photo.



Mrs Morrison

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Right: Congratulations to this week's Gold Star recipients





Volunteers Required



We are looking for parents to help with the Walking Bus in 2016. Is there a morning or afternoon you could help? Or if you're not available on a weekly basis could you be a backup and help from time to time when you are available?

Both routes are quite short. It's a great way to stay active, help our environment, meet children from different stages and other parents and community members.

We have two Walking bus routes – one goes to Courallie Ave (15 minutes) and the other to Hampstead Road (10 minutes). Many of our volunteers don't live on these routes; they volunteer to help the school community, be involved in their children's education and because their kids enjoy walking with their friends. Other volunteers don't have children at HWPS. We are very lucky to have so many community minded people helping our school.

If you would like more information or might be able to help please see parent Suzanne Ellis 0410 507 669, Ms Kanakakis, Ms Stephenson or the office. Questions welcome

Library News



Last week was the last week of borrowing for 2015.

Please make sure that all books are returned by

THIS FRIDAY

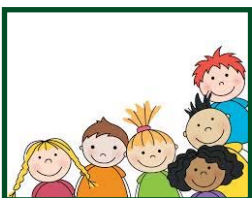
We hope everyone has enjoyed borrowing our many new books and resources this year.

Our borrowing rates have improved this year, keep up the good work.

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Kindergarten 2016

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016 are now being accepted. Children born between 1st August 2010 and 31st July 2011 are eligible to enrol. Parents / carers who would like to enrol a child for Kindergarten next year, need to visit the school office.



Please bring the following;

- Child's birth certificate for proof of age
- Passports and visas for families born overseas
- Proof of residence (e.g. Council rate notice, gas, electricity account or bank account).

If you would like to complete an enrolment form prior to visiting the office, a copy of the enrolment form can be found on the school website: <http://www.homebushw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/downloads/School%20Information/application%20to%20enrol%20in%20a%20NSW%20govt%20school.pdf>

There will be orientation days advertised in this newsletter. As soon as you enrol you will be placed on a mailing list to receive notification and information on these informative sessions.



Online enrolments for the Walking Bus

- A big thank you to Mr Fung for all his work on the Walking Bus website. You can check out the website here <http://wsbhmps.weebly.com>
- If you would like to enrol your child to join the Walking Bus please do so online <http://wsbhmps.weebly.com/enrol-my-childchildren.html> if you would like help most Walking Bus volunteers can show or help you enrol using their mobile phone.
- If you have questions or would like more information please contact Suzanne Ellis 0410 507 669 suzanne@suzanne-ellis.com or see Ms Kanakakis

Year 6 Fundraiser

Every **Tuesday** for the rest of the year, Year 6 students will be selling Ice blocks and Popcorn from the school canteen. Popcorn and ice blocks will be sold during the first half of lunch. All money raised will be used to create the Year 6 gift to the school.



Popcorn \$1.00
Ice block \$1.00



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LOST PROPERTY

There are quite a few items currently in lost property. Please come to the office foyer and check for items. A reminder that at the end of the year all unclaimed lost property items are donated to charity



Friday Hot Dog Orders – Last orders by 3pm Thursdays

Hot Dog Order Form

First Name: _____

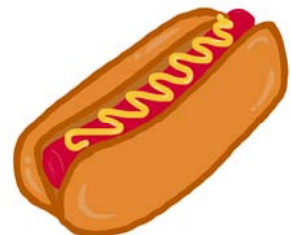
Last Name: _____

Class: _____

Plain Hot Dogs at \$2.50 each _____

Halal Chicken Hot Dogs at \$2.50 each _____

I wish to order for the whole term, I have enclosed \$ _____



FROM WITHIN

PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

OPEN DAY

13 Carrington Avenue Strathfield

Join us from **10am till 1pm** to trial performing arts classes- stay as long or as short as you like. Followed by a gold coin donation BBQ and meet the teachers from

Saturday

12/12/2015

10am-1.30pm

1pm-1.30pm

- Meet the teachers
- Ask questions
- **FREE** Craft and drama activities all day
- Try out different dance styles

Room 1	Room 2
10.00-10.30 Musical Theatre	10.00-10.30 Ballet
10.30-11.00 Hip Hop	10.30-11.00 Tap
11.00-11.30 Acro	11.00-11.30 Jazz
11.30-12.00 Acro	11.30 12.00 Jazz
12.00-12.30 Hip Hop	12.00-12.30 Tap
12.30-1.00 Musical Theatre	12.30-1.00 Ballet

Students and non-students are welcome to come along and **trial a wide variety of performing arts classes for gold coin donations**

For further information or to register your interest:

W: www.fromwithinpaa.com

Ph: 0416 161 030

E: dancefromwithin@gmail.com

Term 4 Week 8

第四学期第八周

星期三

- 参选学生领导演说

星期四

- 参选学生领导演说
- 宗教学习
- 兴趣小组
- 国际象棋班， 三点

星期五

- 参选学生领导演说
- 法语班

下周

星期一

- 舞蹈

星期四

- 宗教学习-最后一次
- 宗教老师以及班上自愿帮忙家长的感谢早茶
- 国际象棋班， 三点

星期五

- 法语班

From the Principal

校长的信息

谢谢上周三所有来参加黄昏音乐会的家长。学生们才艺杰出。特别谢谢 Debnam 老师和 Jackson 老师对这次活动的安排，也很感谢音乐辅导老师在这一年里的耐心教导，学生的表演非常精彩。

P&C meeting

家长委员会将在本周四早上九点在图书馆举行最后一次会议。请大家一起来庆祝他们这一年来所作的努力和所取得的成绩。他们为学校筹到了一些急需的资金。感谢所有参与家长委员会活动的成员。

Go Emily Go

本周我们学校的 Emily 会代表我们学校和新州参加在阿得雷德举办的太平洋学生游泳大赛。我们都知道她非常优秀。加油 Emily!

Staffing update

下一年，Southall 校长会回到 HWPS 任校长，我会回到 Ashbury 小学。接下来的几年，是非常兴奋的时刻，学校会进行大规模的扩建，在这我想谢谢各位在我任职阶段给予的支持，也期待着期末的到来。

Coming Up

近期大事

家长委员会会议-十一月二十六日早上九点，图书馆
救世军来访学校-学校大会，十一月三十日星期一
宗教老师及家长志愿者感谢早茶-十二月三日星期四
颁奖夜 - 十二月八日，星期二

全校野餐 - 十二月九日，星期三
六年级欢送会 - 十二月十日，星期四
才艺大赛 - 十二月十一日星期五
学生委员会便服日 - 十二月十六日
六年级欢送礼 - 十二月十六日星期三两点五十分
第四学期最后一天 - 十二月十六日星期三

Scripture Teacher & Volunteer Morning Tea

我校职员诚意邀请宗教老师以及家长志愿者来参加我们的感谢早茶，以表达我们对你们的谢意

日期：十二月三日星期四

时间：早上 11:00 – 11:30am

地点：职员室外面空旷的地方

希望到时能见到大家

SRC Salvation Army canned food collection

谢谢大家给救世军捐的罐头食物。到目前为止，我们已经收到大家捐出的 300 多罐食物。活动最后一天是十一月二十七日星期五。

HWPS Star Factor:

还有两周就是才艺比赛了，想知道你们自己有没有进入了决赛，去查看小卖部外面墙上的通知。下周我们会宣布客串的裁判名单。

Strathfield Girls Orientation Day for Year 7 2016

2016 年 Strathfield 女中七年级新生入学准备日

时间：十二月三日星期四 Thursday December 3rd.

地址：Albert Road Strathfield 2135

详情的联系电话：97466990

Year 6 Farewell Thursday 10th December, 2015

有关六年级毕业晚宴的通知已经发回家了。详情如下：

- 地点： Strathfield Golf Club 高尔夫球俱乐部
- 地址: 84 Centenary Drive Strathfield, NSW 2135
- 时间：请家长们在傍晚六点把学生送到
- 邀请家长在晚上八点到达参加颁奖礼以及跳舞，晚会八点半结束
- 所有六年级的学生都必须参加
- 学生穿晚礼服
- 费用\$20 - 除了晚饭，甜品，还包括一系列的东西，比如六年级毕业照，录像，毕业册等等

Walking Bus – Volunteers Wanted

我们现在开始物色 2016 年步行公车的志愿者。要是你们早上或下午有一点空闲时间，请你们帮个忙。要是你们每周都有固定的时间帮忙就更好，要是不能固定时间，也可以做我们的后备。两条路线都很短，在帮忙的同时，你们也可以锻炼身体，以及认识其他年级的家长。要是你们能够帮忙，请联系 Suzanne Ellis，手机号 0410 507 669。也可以让校长，Kanakakis 老师或办公室职员知道。有问题，请大家主动提问。

Online enrolments for the Walking Bus

- 非常感谢 Fung 老师帮我们步行校车建立了一个网页，大家可以上去看看
<http://wsbhwps.weebly.com>
- 要是你们帮孩子报名参加步行校车，可以在网页上报。要是你不是很清楚怎么做，可以请教我们负责步行校车的家长，他们可以直接在手机上帮你们登记。
- 要是你们有什么问题，请联系 Suzanne Ellis
(手机 0410 507 669，电邮 suzanne@suzanne-ellis.com) 或见 Kanakakis 老师