



Homebush West Public School Excellence in Public Education

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From The Principal



Right: Diwali

Term 4, Week 3

Monday

Wrapped with Love 1-2pm

Jnr Code Club 3.10-4pm

Snr Code Club 4-5pm

Tuesday

Sunsmiles Day 2

Chatterbox Café 9.15-11.30

Wednesday

Year 5 Speeches

Kindergarten 2020 Orientation

Day #2

West Sydney Wolves Gala Day

Stage 3

Spanish class 3.15pm

Thursday

Year 5 Speeches

No Assembly

Scripture

Enrichment Groups

Chess classes 3pm

Table Tennis 3.15-4.15pm

Stage 3 Debating 3.15pm

Friday

Stage 1 & 2 Swimming #19

PSSA

French Class 3.15pm

This term, as a school community, we have had many opportunities to connect and learn together. We are very proud of the high levels of student and community participation in all aspects of our events and activities. Our Homebush West STAR 'team player' ethos is always evident.

Diwali

This week, Diwali celebrations occurred for many in our community. Diwali is a Hindu festival also known as the Festival of Lights. Some of our dedicated parents created a stunning Diwali design called a Rangoli for us. We extend our thanks to them, during this busy festival they made time to share their culture and tradition. We wish our celebrating students and families a wonderful celebration.

Year 5, 2020 School Leadership Process

In the week ahead we commence our Year 5 2020 School Leadership process, which includes delivering speeches to the whole school, commencing on Wednesday 6th November. This is an important schooling milestone, as students cultivate leadership characteristics and prepare for being Year 6 role models and 2020 leaders. We wish all Year 5 students all the best as they embark on their leadership journey.

Twilight Concert Invitation

Parents and carers are invited to join us at our annual Twilight Concert on Wednesday 13th November. Join us and enjoy this wonderful evening of music to celebrate our students' 2019 music tuition program. This event will provide 180 of our students the opportunity to display their musical talent and bring our community together to share in each other's achievements.



Bankstown Basketball Competition

One of the very encouraging aspects of our school is the range of opportunities our students have access to. On Monday, 32 Stage 3 students competed in the annual Bankstown Basketball tournament. There were a number of schools from the Sydney region battling their way to the finals, one hoop at a time. All of our students were Homebush West STARS and participated with great enthusiasm at the tournament, demonstrating improvement with each game.



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Quality in all that
we do*

Kindergarten Orientation

On Wednesday, we are thrilled to be **hosting our first Kindergarten Orientation Day** for 2019. Kindergarten Orientation will be held across three days;

- Wednesday 30th October
- Wednesday 6th November
- Wednesday 13th November

The Kindergarten Orientation program gives parents the opportunity to meet other parents and teachers as well as gather information regarding our school programs, school routines and uniforms. Parents will be guided by our school leaders to orientate them to key locations. During the orientation sessions, our 2020 Kindergarten students will be able to meet future class mates, teachers and participate in authentic kindergarten activities. We look forward to partnering with our new families and sharing in the rich education of their children.

Uniform Shop 2020

In 2020, administration of our school uniform shop will transition *from* the P&C to the school. The uniform shop will move to an online system. Purchases will be made directly with the supplier. **Please be aware, procedures for uniform exchanges and returns will change.** Parents will be advised of the changes by the end of the 2019 school year. Please note, there will **not be** any capacity to facilitate exchanges or returns *at school*, after 9th December 2019.

- Please action all exchanges and returns, **PRIOR** to 9th December 2019.
- **No exchanges or returns at school after 9th December 2019.**
- **In 2020 all exchanges, returns and issues will be managed online.**
- Turnaround times for uniform purchases in 2020 may take 7-10 working days.



Online safety and appropriate use of digital devices

As students engage more frequently with the internet, social media and online educational tools, it is critical that they continue to be safe users of their digital devices. Below you'll find some very useful information from the government's eSafety Commissioner website <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>. All their resources and strategies are based on evidence through the research they undertake. Most of their resources are multilingual <https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/tailored-advice/help-in-languages-other-than-english>

What do parents need to be aware of?

Parents are still the main source of advice and support when children are experiencing problems online. However, research shows that fewer younger children than teenagers had proactively discussed cybersafety issues with their parents. This is significant, given the fact that some very young children are active social media users, and that a proportion of these age groups are experiencing issues like cyberbullying or seeing or experiencing something online that bothered them.

Advice to parents:

- Monitor children's time online, particularly younger children – **clear boundaries must be set**
- Talk to your child about staying safe as soon as they start becoming active in the online world, and keep the discussion open as they grow up to make the dialogue part of everyday parenting life
- Set house rules – what's okay to do and what's not, how much time is 'online' time and what kind of personal information is okay to make public
- Consider using filters or other technological tools to help limit exposure to potentially harmful or distressing material
- Find out what children up to, create your own accounts and play with the services they are using so that you become familiar with the privacy settings and reporting mechanisms
- Model the kind of positive online behaviour you would like them to use.

You can find more information at:

- <https://drkristygoodwin.com/switched-on-parents-portal/> Here you can read a wealth of material outlining for example, how to set parental controls on your devices and content filters on your internet connection. You can also sign up to her parent portal and never miss out on current information.
- <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents> Here you'll find downloadable books and advice for parents and carers about on helping your child have safe and enjoyable experiences online.
- <https://www.youtube.com/user/LeonieGSmith> Here are some 'How-To' guides on YouTube in a variety of languages.

Below are some key dates that will assist you to navigate the term ahead HWPS Term 4, Key Dates;

- Year 5 Leadership Speeches: Start Wed 6th Nov to Thurs 21st Nov
- Twilight Music Tuition Concerts: Wed 13th Nov
- School Spectacular: Fri/Sat 22nd and 23rd Nov
- Surf Awareness: Tues 26th Nov and 27th Nov
- Award Night: Tues 3rd December
- School Picnic: Tues 10th December
- Year 6 Graduation and Farewell: Thurs 5th December
- STAR Factor: Monday and Tuesday 16th and 17th December
- Final Day for 2019: Wednesday 18th December (includes Farewell Arch)

Estelle Southall - Principal
Roxanne Picoaga - Deputy Principal

Coming Up

Term 5, Week 5 2019

11 November – Remembrance Day
11 & 12 November – School Spectacular Choir Rehearsal
12 November – Homebush Boys HS Year Advisor talk to Year 6 boys
13 November – Final Kindergarten Orientation

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More photos of students at the Bankstown Basketball Competition



Parents creating Rangoli design for Diwali





Students enjoying the Thursday afternoon Table Tennis Coaching

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HWPS Star Factor 2019

WOW! 7 weeks until HWPS STAR FACTOR! If you have not already started to get creative and start rehearsing, it's time to get unleash your creativity. If you have a talent we want to see it. You can do a solo performance or get some friends together and rehearse a song, dance, play an instrument, read a poem or act out a drama script. Entry forms to STAR FACTOR will be sent home by the end of Week 3. Please encourage your child to participate by either doing a solo performance or joining a group.

STAR FACTOR will be held in Week 9 on the following dates;

- Monday 16th December
- Tuesday 17th December.

Auditions will be in Week 7, from 25th November to the 29th November. There will be more details over the coming weeks but it's time to start preapring an item that you would like to perform. Remember each act that is successful in making it through the audition round will need to wear a costume for the actual show.

If you have any questions please ask and stay tuned for further information.

Ms Pashley



Regional Athletics Carnival

The 17th of September started off for August and I with a bang! At half past eight, we set foot in the Olympic Park Athletic Stadium. As we made our way through to the designated area, many competitors sat by. They looked tough to compete against and very athletic. When we got our singlets that represented the Western Suburbs zone, we knew it was a big role to represent. Race after race, August and I sat watching the contestants run, jump and throw.

After a while we decided to warm up by stretching, jogging and do a bit of running. Soon enough, the 17th event of the day was called- 13 year old Boys 100m. Luckily there were only four racers, but unfortunately a runner was absent, meaning that there were three sprinters and all of us were going to make the State carnival. Although this made us relieved, we still had to qualify for the time.



The starter gun went bang, as we ran the race of our lives. The scorching sun was beating down on us, while we sprinted faster than a racing car. The racer from Sydney East, August and I all dashed our way through the demanding 100m. The sprinter from Sydney East was a tall guy. He was neck to neck with me from the starting line until the finish, but his height gave an advantage for him in the end. Overall we gave all that we had and both got a personal best. Before we left, August and I stood on the 2000 Summer Olympics podium, receiving a certificate. We concluded the day of astonishing accomplishment and extraordinary effort with some chips and ice-cream.

By: Ridhwan Muhammad

Selective High School Applications for 2021

Selective high schools cater for academically high potential and gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates of their own academic standard. Selective schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, using specialised teaching methods and materials. Selective high schools are unzoned so parents can apply regardless of where they live.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 12 March 2020.

If you would like to have your child considered for **Year 7 selective high school entry in 2021**, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from late-September 2019 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

The application website opens at that link on **8 October 2019 and closes at 10pm on 11 November 2019**. You must apply before the closing date.

Mr Fung

Kindergarten 2020

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2020 are now being accepted. Children born between 1st August 2014 and 31st July 2015 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, rental agreement, electricity account or bank account). We do not accept driver's licences.
- Immunisation Certificate
- Health Plans were required (allergy, asthma etc) where required.

If you would like to complete an enrolment form prior to visiting the office, a copy of the enrolment form can be found here in multiple languages: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/translated-documents/enrolment-application>

Once you enrol you will be placed on a mailing list to receive notification and information about our highly informative Kindergarten Orientation sessions.

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Community
involvement*



Film By The Sea Excursion:

This year, Homebush West Public school participated in the **Film By The Sea Short Film Festival**. The annual film festival '**Film By The Sea**' provides students with an authentic learning opportunity and the chance to showcase short films produced by, filmed and starring primary school aged children.

Earlier this term Miss Pene and Miss Pashley submitted **one** of the three short films produced by the talented Stage 2 and 3 students of our Enrichment Group! Although the short film we submitted was not shortlisted as a finalist, this valuable opportunity provided our enrichment group students with real world purpose and meaning, as well as further developed their 21st century learning skills such as problem-solving, critical and creative thinking, collaboration and cooperation.

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environment*

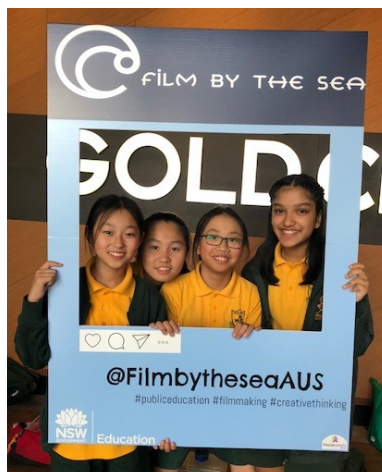
Miss Pene and Miss Pashley are pleased that our enrichment group students still had the opportunity to attend and view the '**Film By The Sea**' Festival Matinee Screening at **Event Cinemas in Westfield Miranda** on **Wednesday 23rd October 2019**. Through this fantastic learning experience, students viewed the short films that qualified as finalists from the large number of submissions across the Sydney region, and in turn, reflected on their own short films and considered how they can improve their film making skills for the future.



See some of the student reflections below:

"The Film Makers had a fabulous excursion the Miranda Westfield Event Cinemas to watch the successful films for Film By the Sea. Here we watched all the films from emotional to excitement and documentaries to song raps! A few of the best films that I liked were: Miranda Learning Style, Be My Bestie and Missing Coast of Australia! I felt really excited and it was a great event to 'bump up' our films."

- H. Mahendran (Short Film Making Student)



"On Wednesday 23rd of the October, Miss Pene & Miss Pashley's short film enrichment group went to the event cinema in Miranda. We took a 40 minute bus ride there. We went into Westfield and made our way to the event cinema. The teachers let us eat lunch earlier at school so we wouldn't be hungry. We went in the cinema and watched the many documentaries, music videos and other videos for our entertainment. After we watched the movie made up of many short films we were back on the bus, on the bus we thought of skills used in the short films. From this experience we planned to add different techniques to add to our films. We learnt about different camera angles and sound effects. We also thought of doing more editing, better story line and more costumes to improve our films. One of the films we liked was a music video made by Miranda Public School, called 'Miranda learning style'."

- J Gong (Short Film Making Student)



Advance Notice
SURF AWARENESS COURSE
Stage 2 - Tuesday, 26th November, 2019
Stage 3 – Wednesday, 27th November, 2019
at Bondi Beach

Dear Parents,

For many years now Homebush West students have had the opportunity to attend surf awareness classes at Bondi Beach. These days have been very enjoyable and rewarding for the students who have attended. At Homebush West we believe that this course is very important in helping our students learn how to be safe at the beach.

The course involves: **Identification** of rips and other hazards of the beach
Rip Escape methods
Visit by Surf Instructors to our school to teach our students about surf conditions and hazards
Surf skills, such as, diving over/under waves and using foam Boards

Please note that this year **Stage 2** will attending this course on **Tuesday, 26th November** and **Stage 3** will attend on **Wednesday, 27th November**.

Details below:

Where	Bondi Beach
Date and Time For Stage 2	Tuesday, 26th November, 2019 8.30a.m. – 3.00p.m.
Date and Time For Stage 3	Wednesday, 27th November, 2019 8.30a.m. – 3.00p.m.
Transport	Bus
Cost	\$50.00
What to bring in a beach bag	Recess, lunch, 2 – 3 drinks, jumper (if cold), underwear (in a plastic bag, to change into), sunscreen, sunshirt (to wear in the water), beach
What to wear	Beach clothes – t-shirt, shorts, swimming costume (to be worn underneath clothes), socks, joggers, a hat and a jumper (if cold)

Students will receive their notes in Week 3. Please note: the positions for this course can fill up quickly, so please return the notes as soon as possible.

Thank you, Mrs. Rich, Surf Awareness Coordinator.



SRC Corner

Lids 4 Kids Reminders;

Make sure the white inner part of the lid has been removed.

- Wash the lids.
- Place at the collection point in the school foyer if they are lids we can collect
- Follow the instructions on the poster (and attached in this newsletter).

Thank you to our Homebush West Public School community, for your contribution to this important initiative.

School Representative Council

Summer PSSA Coaches

Junior Cricket – Ms Joseph

Senior Cricket – Ms Pashley

Junior and Girls and Boys Tee ball – Ms Pene

Senior boys and Girls Softball – Mr Penman

PSSA was cancelled due to extreme weather conditions

Additional Active Kids Voucher available from 1 July 2019

The NSW Government is helping kids get active with the Active Kids program.

The Active Kids program provides two \$100 vouchers for parents, guardians and carers of school-enrolled children to use towards sport and active recreation costs each year.

From 1 July 2019, parents, guardians and carers can apply for the second \$100 Active Kids voucher. Voucher 1 is valid January to December and Voucher 2 is valid July to December.

The vouchers may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities.



To use a voucher, find a registered activity provider and present your voucher when you sign up. The Active Kids program is one of more than 70 NSW Government rebates and savings that help with your cost of living.

Chatterbox Café – English Class FREE

Come and join the continuation of English Classes - called 'Chatterbox Café' - in our Media Room (in the library) every Tuesday from 9:15-11:30am. Strathfield Council provides teachers and volunteers to practise your conversational English skills. Morning tea and printing resources also available.

Please see Mrs Prouty for more information.

Homebush West would like to thank Festival Hire for their generosity towards the Year 6 Farewell



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Exclusive Real Estate is very keen to help our school and community and is a top Real Estate Agent in the area. They have offered an extra incentive that you can pass on to friends and family. If you take advantage of Exclusive Real Estate's great service you can benefit the school at the same time, Exclusive will donate:

\$500 from any sale referral

\$250 for any property management referral

\$500 for any strata building

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Hot Dog Orders

Friday Hot Dog Orders – Last orders by 3pm Thursdays

Hot Dog Order Form

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Class: _____



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BEFORE YOU DROP OFF LIDS

(your coordinator will LOVE you!) ❤️

1

TAKE OUT wrong lids

2

REMOVE milk liners

3

BIN the yuk ones

4

WASH with soapy water

5

DRY

6

SORT colours

7

Bag and LABEL

8

FILL OUT tally sheet

Lid4Kids Collectors

Thank you for helping with the Lid4Kids campaign! We are collecting plastic bottle caps to help fund research for the cure for Leukemia. Please ensure all caps are clean, dry, and sorted by color. Please fill out this tally sheet and attach it to your bag of caps.

Color	Number	Color	Number
Blue		Red	
Green		Yellow	
Pink		White	
Black		Other	



Your **Child's** own picture made into unique products!

Order Online By:

Monday 4th November at 9am



Calendars

High quality laminated A4 print of your Child's Artwork or Photo. Wire bound to a 12-Month tear off calendar. Includes public holidays & school terms.

Cards

Display your Child's Artwork or Photo on a pack of 8 cards. Artist's name and age are printed on the reverse of Art products. Includes envelopes.

Diaries

Hard cover print of your Child's Artwork or Photo. A5 size (148 x 210mm). Wire bound. Artist's name and age printed on the inside cover. Includes week view and year planner.

Mouse Mats

Your child's Artwork or Photo print, heated on to a high quality neoprene mouse mat.

Sketch Pads

Front cover features your child's Artwork or Photo. Wire Bound with 50 x A5 sized pages of blank art paper. Protected with plastic covers front and back.

To view your child's picture and order products:

- 1 Go to www.kidsartworks.com
- 2 In the Entrance Code field type:
The unique code on the note your child received. Lost your code? Or need help?
Contact Suzanne hwps.pandc@gmail.com
- 3 Payment can be made via over the website using a credit card or directly from your bank account

No artwork under your child's account?

This is because you didn't return the 'authority to publish student work' form. It's not too late to participate! You can upload a photo/s or scanned artwork/s via the website OR place the artwork/s or photo/s in the box in the office area with your child's name and class on the back and it will be uploaded for you.

Orders close 4th November so you need to do this ASAP.

Questions? Contact parent Suzanne hwps.pandc@gmail.com



Term 4 Tuesday 'Noodles or Fried Rice' Fundraiser



Tuesday 15th October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

HWPS will be running a Tuesday 'Vegetarian Noodles or Fried Rice' lunch order day during Term Four. If you wish to participate in the fundraiser please complete this form below and **return to the office ASAP**. One serving of Noodles or Fried Rice is \$3.00 and is paid at the office with this note. **Please note:** this payment is not part of the school fees.

TUESDAY VEGETARIAN NOODLE or FRIED RICE LUNCH ORDER

I would like to pre-order noodles or Fried Rice for lunch. Please see below for my child's details:

Child's Name:

Child's Class:

Please select (tick) which days you wish to pre-order vegetarian noodles or fried rice (please circle your option) for your child to have for lunch:

- | | |
|--|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 22 October (Week 2) | Rice / Noodles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 29 October (Week 3) | Rice / Noodles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 5 November (Week 4) | Rice / Noodles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 12 November (Week 5) | Rice / Noodles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 19 November (Week 6) | Rice / Noodles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 26 November (Week 7) | Rice / Noodles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 3 December (Week 8) | Rice / Noodles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 10 December (Week 9) | Rice / Noodles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 17 December (Week 10) | Rice / Noodles |

CASH PAYMENTS ONLY

Total Amount paid \$ _____

Food Allergy or Special Diet

Complete ONLY if REQUIRED

☐ My child has a food allergy and cannot eat food containing:

Please note that the noodles or rice option is **vegetarian only**.

Noodle Ingredients: Hokkien noodles, salt, soy sauce, vegetable oil, cabbage and carrot.

Rice Ingredients: Rice, salt, soy sauce, vegetable oil, corn, baby peas and carrot.

Please note: On Tuesdays there will also be **popcorn, apples** and other **pieces of fruit** for sale for \$1 each.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Medical Information

** In signing this order form you confirm that your child's **medical record and emergency contact details** are **current** including any **allergies/asthma information**. If medical records are not current, please see office staff to update.*