



## Homebush West Public School Excellence in Public Education

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### Coming Up

#### Monday

Stage 2 Moving Bodies  
STAR Factor

#### Tuesday

ES1 Moving Bodies  
Stage 1 Geography Showcase  
STAR Factor

#### Wednesday

Students Last Day  
2.45pm Farewell Arch

### From The Principal



#### Our HWPS Shining STARS

This week we hosted our 2020 Award Day. It was wonderful to acknowledge our students' achievements and growth throughout the year, and despite the complexities that this year has brought us, students were afforded rich, engaging enrichment opportunities which develop a deeper sense of belonging and supported our students to thrive and excel.

We were very proud that we could share four 'stage-based' award ceremonies online, globally live streaming student performances which highlighted our diverse and deeply valued music program. We congratulate every student on their commitment to learning throughout this challenging year and we thank our families and friends for tuning in and celebrating the 2020 school year with us. Our Award Day hosts, the 2020 School Leaders, demonstrated maturity and excellence as they managed the complexities of hosting. We are very proud of their efforts across the four events. We look forward to finessing this online model for future events.

Our deepest gratitude goes to the Award Day Team who managed to transform our usual approach and make the event equally valuable; Mrs Wafa, Ms Branch, Mrs Windon, Mr Penman, Miss Xanikos, Miss Nunes, Miss Alam, Mrs Casey, and the creative and technical talents of Mr Debnam, Mr Smith and Mr Fenger, for their incredible work within tight deadlines. We share this gratitude to our whole staff for their dedication and collective contribution to the success of Award Day. We offer special thanks to Miss Saad for her leadership and organisation of this demanding event.

### School Picnic Fun and Games

Our annual end of year school picnic was a great success on Tuesday. Students and teachers played structured games, walked the foreshore, climbed on play equipment and enjoyed their picnic lunches with their friends. The sun was shining and there was a lovely breeze which meant everyone enjoyed the activities at Cabarita Park comfortably. Stage 2 and Stage 3 students splashed and raced their way through the pool fun sessions with enthusiasm.

It was a fantastic day to celebrate together and reflect on the dynamic year of teaching and learning. We thank the School Picnic organising team Ms Zuccali, Ms Doan, Ms Alam, Mrs Zriek, Mr Penman and Mrs Pachos, led by Mrs Arzapitian, who we thank for dedication to planning and coordinating this event.

*\*Please be aware that the bus company, Transit Systems, has sent their sincere apologies for the inconvenience caused due to the delayed arrival of the last 2 buses of Stage 3 students back to school on Tuesday.*

### Kindergarten Orientation 2021

It was an exciting day for our future Kindergarten students on Wednesday who engaged in a variety of fun, hands on learning activities that helped orientate them to their new learning environment. They discovered new friendships, learned about school routines, read stories and created a piece of artwork. Students and families did particularly well with 'drop and go' so they are ready for this next year. We look forward to welcoming our new Kindergarten students again in 2021 and wish them a successful transition to Homebush West Public School. We thank the Mrs Arzapitian, Mrs Jabbour and the fabulous Early Stage One team and support staff for a supportive, successful session. Special thanks to our 2021 School Leaders in Year 5 who did an excellent job supporting the event as part of their first leadership responsibility.

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*We value  
Respect for Others*

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### Stage 2 and Stage 3 Sport Programs conclude

As our in-school Sports Programs concluded last week, we would like to congratulate all students who participated in our modified in-school sport competition, in lieu of the PSSA competition being cancelled this semester due to Covid restrictions. The students demonstrated dedication to improving their skills in sport and they also gained skills in team work, respect and building new relationships. Our deep thanks goes to the teaching teams for their commitment to improving student participation and supporting an active lifestyle.

### School Musical Watching Party

It was a great thrill to see our students and staff dressed in their musical t-shirts on Wednesday ready for viewing our Creative and Performing Arts Extravaganza *'The Power of Music'*. Students enjoyed the video in true cinema style, with popcorn and a lollypop in their cool air-conditioned classrooms.

We thank our Homebush West families again for continued support of our Creative and Performing Arts Extravaganza endeavours. The musical *'download link'* has been shared with parents via email.

In the meantime, the **professional photographs from the musical production** can now be found on our Homebush West Public School Website Gallery at this link;  
<https://homebushw-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/gallery/musical-filming-2020.html>

- Be aware that both this digital content and the website photos are not to be shared online, via any app or streamed, or misused in anyway.
- Misuse of the images of our students and inappropriate sharing is illegal.

Any abuse or misuse will be reported as a crime. It is extremely important that all families understand the seriousness of this. By downloading the file, the owner of the IP address and the recipient of the file will bear legal responsibility for the safety and appropriate use of the digital content.

We are deeply grateful to the Musical Production Team for their work, and to our whole staff for their dedication and collective contribution to the success of this musical. We are very proud of the students and teachers and their creativity. We hope that the production video and footage brings our students and families great joy as they reflect on all that was possible this year, with adaptation, innovation and team work.

#### Year 6 Camp Success

In addition to all of the opportunities staff have ensured for students this year, we are deeply grateful to the Stage 3 Camp Staff, who, at the last moment, in the dying hours of the term, were able to ensure that our Year 6 students at least, could experience camp in their final year.

Our campers have had an amazing time. They've explored the Minnamurra Rainforest, viewed the last sitting day of our Parliament, including seeing the Prime Minister speak, there are currently at the highest point of Australia, on Mt Kosciusko. The students and school has received many compliments, and we have been advised by Parliament House staff that Homebush West PS were the most amazing school they've hosted this year. Students were complimented for their conduct, engagement and debating skills, future community leaders all of this. The students will soon make their way home with these memories and experiences to take with them as they embark on their high school journey.

We cannot thank the staff enough, capably led and organised by Ms Tuazon the team has rallied through the end of year exhaustion, with pleasure to ensure this experience, and includes; Mrs Tamsett, Mrs Rich, Ms Zuccali, Ms Joseph, Ms Bull, Ms Yee, Mr Smith and Mr Fenger.

*We value  
Success for all*





### Merry Christmas

As we wrap up 2020, we again thank everyone in our school community for their resilience, support and encouragement. We're so proud of all the achievements and endeavours in this unforgettable year, and we look forward with hope and optimism to all that we will achieve together next year.

We wish all of our students and their families, a wonderful, safe, refreshing break. See you in 2021!

#### HWPS Key Dates Coming Up;

**STAR Factor:** Monday and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December

**Final Day for 2020:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December (includes Farewell Arch)

**Students in Year 1 to Year 6 return to school:** Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Kindergarten first day:** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

Estelle Southall - Principal

Roxanne Picoaga - Deputy Principal

### Star Factor

Star Factor is a Homebush West Public School end of year tradition! Star Factor will be held in week 10 as a celebration of the diverse skills and talents students have cultivated in 2020. This year we will be holding stage-based shows to comply with Covid guidelines. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to join us.

If your child has been selected to perform, please ensure they are organized on the day with their resources which may include an instrument, costume or props.

Kindergarten Monday 14th Dec and Stage 1 and Stage 2 Tuesday 15th  
The Star Factor Team

### Introducing our 2021 Leaders

We would like to introduce and congratulate our new 2021 school leaders who we know will successfully and competently lead our wonderful school next year.



Celina W\*



Tanushree C\*



Aki H



Joanne L



Nilukshan K



Marc P



Jojo O



Yathodsajan S

\*Music Captain



**Emerald  
House Captains**



Sushen J



Laura T

**Emerald  
Vice Captains**



Ewan D



Renisha T

**Ruby  
House Captains**



Aanav P



Sadhvika T

**Ruby  
Vice Captains**



Jerra WS



Melanie L

**Sapphire  
House Captains**



Alexander W



Harrison P

**Sapphire  
Vice Captains**



Ritika P



Michelle G

**Topaz  
House Captains**



Vandhan K



Donnell C

**Topaz  
Vice Captains**



Abrar M



Kobina K

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Quality in all that  
we do*

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Picnic Day









## Award Day







REGISTER  
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# Tech Camp for School Holiday!



## CODE FOUNDATION

Date:- 18th Jan 2021  
Time: 8.30am to 4pm  
Age: Yrs5 to Yrs9  
1 Full Day Workshop  
**\$110**



## WEBPAGE DEVELOPMENT

Dates: 18th & 19th Jan 2021  
Time: 8.30am to 4pm  
Age: 10yrs +  
2 Full Day Workshop  
**\$250**

### Limited spots available!

- 10% Early bird discount available – book before 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020
- 10% Sibling discount

Location – Homebush West Public School  
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