



Homebush West Public School Excellence in Public Education

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From The Principal



Right: Welcome Back Students!

Coming Up

Term 2, Week 6

Monday

Parent Zoom

Code Club, online

Friday

World Environment Day

Welcome back to Face to Face Teaching

Congratulations to our whole school community. This week our students returned to school with enthusiasm and style. We were excited to welcome students back with a colourful, balloon filled entry, some music and a special appearance of our red STAR mascot. It was a memorable day. Indeed the media were on hand capturing the energetic vibe, their reporting went global.

Since we've returned our students and families are supporting us with safe arrival and departure practices each day. We are very proud of our students who continue to adhere to effective hygiene practices and are managing the staggered break times with flexibility.

We look forward to continued success and safety. We know our whole school community will stay vigilant and committed to best practices.

**Thank you to 'The Balloon Crew.' they did a great job of our welcome back balloon arches.*
<http://www.balloons.net.au> https://www.instagram.com/the_balloon_crew/



Reconciliation Week and National Sorry Day

This week is Reconciliation Week, and students have been engaging with dedicated learning experiences about the Traditional Owners of the Land that we live and learn on. The theme for 2020 is ***In This Together*** and now, more than ever, it's resonating in unforeseen ways. Across the week, teachers have been guiding students to discover the meaning of reconciliation and demonstrate that we are all in this together.



On Tuesday 26 May, we **acknowledged National Sorry Day**, an Australia wide observance recognises those Indigenous Australians who were forcibly removed from their families and communities, known as the Stolen Generations. Acknowledgement of this day is an important step towards healing.

Students have also been engaging with exploring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, their culture and heritage.

See the website link for more information about what's happening in the community <https://www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week/>

*We value
Quality in all that
we do*



National Simultaneous Storytime

Across the school we were thrilled to join the National Simultaneous Storytime initiative this week. National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 20th successful year it aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children's book that explores age appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum.

This year's book was titled ***Whitney and Britney Chicken Divas*** by *Lucinda Gifford*. Students enjoyed collectively engaging with this fun literature. We're grateful for our Teacher Librarian Team who put together a wonderful library display for students to visit across the week. We know you'll enjoy the lively, colourful photos in this newsletter.

You can share an online reading of this and other great picture book through the link below; <https://storyboxlibrary.com.au/>



Uniform Shop Online

As you are aware our uniform shop is moving online. The process is nearly complete. The uniform shop company is awaiting the delivery of our uniform stock and there have been transport delays. We've expressed our concern but we are assured that upon receipt of the stock the uniform shop online launch, and despatch and delivery of uniforms will be dealt with swiftly and we will be operational very soon.

We apologise for the delays and inconvenience to families and students. We look forward to smooth operations and supply very soon.

Parent Connect is Online - Monday 9:30am

We are excited to announce our first Parent Connect meeting for Term 2 hosted by School Chaplain Chris Prouty, though Zoom! Please find the details below, join us from your home and enjoy reconnecting with Chris and other parents.

What: Parent Connect Meeting with Chris Prouty

Time: Jun 1, 2020 09:30am Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82384972428?pwd=M25ucWdKWUQrWjc0VkFOcjNaYk9Vdz09>

Meeting ID: 823 8497 2428

Password: 8QwK5U

Return To School – Department of Education Guidelines for Parents

Please see a link below from the Department of Education that outlines information for parents about a safe return to school for all. Be advised that all school activities and operations are in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health guidelines. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZGLXDpAvjKUO6hS2FKhXMdrTjmhFLTW3apngiaBghBk/edit>

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Respect for others*

A reminder about school attendance;

All students should be at school unless:

- They have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition
- They are currently unwell.

Students who have a medical certificate to stay at home will be supported to learn from home in line with regular procedures if they are able to. ***These regular procedures are different to what was offered during the learning from home period.*** If you require work to be provided to your child whilst they are at home due to an underlying health condition, you should contact the school for assistance.

Drop Off and Pick Up Information - reminders

Please see below for student and parent entry and exit points in order to adhere to the best levels of safety and social distancing protocols. Key reminders;

Afternoon Pick Up

Parents are reminded **not to enter the gates without permission from the principal or delegate staff member.**

Parents are reminded to ***adhere to physical distancing*** and access the correct gates below;

Kindergarten: Exeter Rd

Stage 1: Tavistock Road

Stage 2: Eastbourne Road

Stage 3: Negotiate the best gate

YMCA to the Hall, Koala Kids and OOSH to the Handball Courts at the Tavistock Rd Gate



Ongoing Safety

Parents are reminded to keep students home if they're unwell.

Protect yourself from viruses

- Clean** your hands with soap and water, or hand sanitiser.
- Cover** your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.
- Avoid** close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.
- Stay home** if you are sick.

Find the facts
health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus

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Success for all*

Ready for School

Some reminders for all of us as we get back into on site routines.

- Students are not to be onsite before 8.30am but it is good practice for students to arrive around 8.45am.
- The first bell rings each day at 8.55am
- Students are in class ready for learning at 9.00am
- Students on site after 9.00am are required to have a late notice, documenting the reason.
- Lateness that is persistent or ongoing is monitored and referred by education officials.

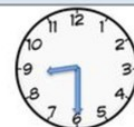


EVERY MINUTE COUNTS...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

**Check the time your school starts.
DON'T BE LATE!**



Estelle Southall – Principal
Roxanne Picoaga – Deputy Principal

Coming Up

8 June – Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
16 June – P&C Zoom Meeting



Kindergarten 2021

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2021 are now being accepted. Children born between 1st August 2015 and 31st July 2016 are eligible to enrol.

Steps

- Parents / carers who would like to enrol a child for Kindergarten next year please download the Application to Enrol from our website <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/translated-documents/enrolment-application>
- Email the completed form to the school email address homebushw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
- Wait to be contacted by the school for supporting documentation.

Once staff have processed the application form you will be contacted to make an appointment to come to the school to provide supporting documentation and have a readiness conversation:

- Child's birth certificate for proof of age
- Passports and visas for families born overseas
- 100 point Proof of residence (e.g. Council rate notice, gas, rental agreement, electricity account or bank account). *Driver's licences are not accepted
- Immunisation Certificate
- Health Plans if required (allergy, asthma etc.)

Please Note

All communications with the school are currently by phone or email. Once you enrol you will be placed on a mailing list to receive any relevant notifications for Kindergarten 2021.

Exclusive Real Estate supporting Homebush West Public School

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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The Walking Bus is proudly sponsored by Exclusive Real Estate

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involvement*

Students enjoying National Simultaneous Storytime "Chicken Divas"

