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From The Principal



Right: Stage 2 &3 students receive their personal fitness equipment kit

Coming Up

Term 3, Week 1 Monday Staff Development Day – No Students Tuesday Students Return This week, students in Stage 2 and Stage 3 will be bringing home a personal fitness equipment kit. The purpose of the kit is to support our students in developing their fundamental movement skills and ensure access to healthy, physical activities at a time when access to sport and movement has been limited by social distancing practices. These resources can be used by students daily across the holiday period. Skill and drill information has been included in the notice sent home with students. We look forward to gathering student and parent feedback about the impact of the provision of this kit. We recommend students placing their name on the equipment and using it every day for short, sharp bursts of activity and skill development.

Parent Teacher Interviews via Zoom

Congratulations to our whole school community for engagement with the Parent Teacher Interview process via video conference. The 'Zoom' interviews have been a powerful opportunity for teachers to develop effective educational partnerships between school and home. We look forward to seeing the impact of future learning goals and directions for all our learners.

Term 2 Teaching, Learning, Well-Being and Safety

Despite the significant challenges, and complex demands of this term our students have been deeply engaged in rich, authentic learning opportunities. It's been rewarding to transition from online teaching and learning back to the classroom environment. We would like to thank everyone for their great collaborative work ensuring a safe return to school programs. We've remained vigilant with social distancing and hygiene measures and our staff are very grateful to our parents, carers and students who continue to be respectful of these measures.



We commend our students who have worked hard extending their public speaking skills for the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition, those who have harnessed and extended design and make skills in STEM and their creativity in CAPA learning. We're proud of the work being showcased across the school this week. All students have much to be proud of and their achievements are to be celebrated.

Operation Art Virtual Gallery

We have shared student's Operation Art submissions, to a 'virtual gallery' accessible from the **Homebush West PS Student Learning Hub.** We encourage everyone to view these masterpieces. The link to the hub has been shared again to the Skoolbag App.

School Security and Safety

The YMCA and special guests will be on site most days during the school holidays and our regular weekend users will also be on site, keeping our school and property quite safe. However, if see anything to cause concern for the safety of the school and its property, please contact the School Security Hotline 1300880021.

We thank our dedicated teachers who have shown admirable commitment in the face of change and challenge, as they continued to ensure a culture of excellence and equity with professionalism and dedication.

We wish all our families a safe, refreshing holiday break and remind everyone that students will return to school on **Tuesday 21st July**. We look forward to everything that Term 3 holds for Homebush West.

We value Quality in all that we do Estelle Southall – Principal Roxanne Picoaga – Deputy Principal

Coming Up

We are currently reviewing the latest health and safety guidelines to determine which programs can run in Term 3, and how these programs will run with the ACHHP guidelines. We have determined that whole school programs, and programs that can run on site, including music tuition, language clubs, drama and more, *will commence from Week 3 of Term 3 which the week is commencing Monday 3rd August*. More details will be published on Tuesday 21st July.

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 <u>https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-</u> <u>to-a-public-school/translated-documents/enrolment-application</u>
- Email the completed form to the school email address <u>homebushw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au</u>
- 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.



2020 Operation Art – HWPS Virtual Art Exhibition

Every year schools across New South Wales are invited to participate in Operation Art, an initiative of The Children's Hospital at Westmead in association with the New South Wales Department of Education. The Operation Art program provides a forum for schools and students to demonstrate their visual arts achievements through exhibitions at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park and the Art Gallery of New South Wales.

Due to the global pandemic of COVID-19, our deep commitment to hygiene processes and procedures, and physical distancing regulations, this year we held our Homebush West Art Exhibition virtually. This authentic experience provided our students with the opportunity to have their work exhibited, and the opportunity to view the artworks of other students across all stages. On Wednesday 1st July 2020, K-6 students participated in this virtual experience and developed an appreciation for the artworks created and the visual arts KLA.

Congratulations once again to Layla K (KS), Mischael P (2/1C), Dhanya S (4/3S) and Amelia C (6/5C) whose artworks have been selected to represent HWPS in this year's Operation Art Competition. These students will have their artworks professionally framed and exhibited at The Armory Gallery at Sydney Olympic Park later this year, provided galleries have re-opened after the COVID-19 pandemic).

Uniform Shop Online is Live! - Reminder

Uniform orders placed over the next 2 weeks <u>will need to be delivered to your home address</u> as the school is closed during the school holidays.

Please be reminded of the following;

We value
Respect for others

- Uniforms are now being successfully ordered and delivered via the online uniform shop.
- Please ensure that by the start of Term 3, students are again HWPS stars, in **full school uniform.**
- The 2min video link below will illustrate how to order and purchase online.

How to Order Video Link

https://youtu.be/8POCEzD-39U

If you have any issues/difficulties please **email the school** detailing the issue/problem/concern, include your best contact phone number and a member of our administration team will contact you if needed. School Email: <u>homebushw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au</u>

Library Program Reminder

Our Library Program continues with modifications. The book borrowing program adheres to strict Department of Health guidelines, we have implemented a "Zap and Go" procedure.

ALL students are required to return their books on FRIDAYS so that books can be 'quarantined' for a weekend.

Thank you, from the Teacher Librarian Team

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Summer Uniform



Winter Uniform



Library Bag



Baseball cap



Wide Brim Hat

School Bag