



## Homebush West Public School Excellence in Public Education

Empowering every student to be active, informed, creative and successful

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### Special Points of Interest

- Lunar New Year
- Before School Supervision—Child Safety
- Allergies and Anaphylaxis—Student Allergies
- Crunch & Sip, Recess and Lunch
- Waste Free Lunches
- Too Sick for School
- Students returning to school after an illness
- Music Tuition and Payments
- Stage 2 & 3 Fizzics Incursions

### From The Principal



Right: Kindy starting strong

#### Coming Up

##### Monday

Code Club Jnr/Snr  
French classes 3.15pm

##### Wednesday

Stage 3 Fitness – SISA Basketball  
Spanish classes 3.15pm

##### Thursday

Scripture begins 9.30am  
Chess 3pm

##### Friday

Summer PSSA commences  
Tennis commences  
Lunar New Year Celebrations -  
Lion Dance

Our Kindergarten students have had a highly successful start to their schooling and we are so proud of how they have been supported by their families to be school ready and resilient. They are settling into school routines and new friendships in a positive way. In fact, it has been encouraging to observe all students across the school settled, engaged and challenged, and getting to know their stage teachers and forming relationships with each other.

#### Lunar New Year

Gong Ha Fat Choi! This Friday marks Lunar New Year celebrations, a significant celebration for Chinese, Vietnamese and Korean families in our community and globally. We wish our community a safe and joyful celebration as they connect with their friends and family members. We look forward to our Lunar New Year celebration at Homebush West on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February when we host *Jin Wu Koon's Lion Dancers* for our students only, Covid restrictions remain in place for adults and community members.

### Before School Supervision – Child Safety

Parents and carers are to be reminded about issues of safety and supervision at our school. Please be aware that students on school grounds prior to 8.30am are unsupervised, and therefore, at risk of harm. Homebush West PS staff are not on duty until that time. We are very concerned for any student at school before 8.30am, without teacher/principal permission. Students are not permitted to be within the school grounds or site outside of school hours.

- School hours for students are from 8.30am to 3.00pm.
- Ideally students arrive at school by 8.45am.
- Parents with care/supervision needs prior to this time must make appropriate arrangements.
- The school is responsible to report concerns for students who are regularly on site outside of school hours.
- Parents and carers are required to ensure **together we meet our duty of care, for the safety of our students.**

### Allergies and Anaphylaxis – Student Allergies

This is an important reminder that there are **children in our school who have severe allergic reactions** to a variety of allergens, the most common being peanuts. We ask that parents and carers are very mindful of what is included in children's lunch boxes.

Please avoid using nut-based spreads such as Nutella and peanut butter in student lunchboxes.

Nonetheless, any food can trigger anaphylaxis. It is critical to understand that in some people, even touching a particular food can cause a life-threatening reaction. For more information, including fact sheets and procedures in schools, see here <https://allergyfacts.org.au/>

### Crunch & Sip, Recess and Lunch

Students are asked to bring three items of food for school each day packed in separate containers or zip lock bags for easy access. Suggestions are listed below.

Crunch and Sip	Recess	Lunch
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fruit or vegetables cut into small pieces</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yoghurt, crackers, popcorn, fruit, cheese, egg, etc</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sandwiches, salads, sushi, pasta, noodles, rice etc.</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>

\* Please supply a fork or spoon for your child if necessary.

\*\* Please **DO NOT** send glassware to school (bottles, cups, cutlery) – plastic or aluminium only

### Waste Free Lunches

We encourage students to use waste free options for their lunches. These include avoiding single use packaging such as plastic bags and cling film, using reusable containers for lunches and a reusable water bottle.



### Too Sick for School

Students who **present with any symptoms of illness at school are sent home** to seek medical advice and certification prior to returning to school. These procedures are in line with the NSW Departments of Health & Education, Covid guidelines.

### Students returning to school after an illness

Parents are reminded to keep children at home if they are unwell. Once fit to return to school, parents are advised to seek **medical clearance from their GP**. Please also provide a medical certificate for the sick leave taken. Where a Covid test is required, the negative test result must be returned to the office via email prior to the child returning to school.

As always, we encourage our parents and carers to stay connected to the school community via the **SkoolBag app** and or contact the school via phone to discuss issues or concerns.

### Music Tuition and Payments

Music tutors for violin, piano, guitar, drums, trumpet, saxophone and flute have commenced their 2021 tuition programs for students. This program continues to grow and impact our student's success at school.

A reminder that all Expressions of Interest (EOI) are to be submitted via the school app. If you have any difficulties email the school. All students seeking music tuition must submit a **new** EOI application. Parents engaging with music tutors through HWPS are asked to ensure the following guidelines regarding payment to tutors;

- Tutors must be paid *in advance* for the whole term, usually 9-10 weeks.
- Tutors will issue an invoice for the payment.
- Parents are to ensure that they pay promptly.
- Tutors will try to reschedule a lesson for a students who cannot attend a lesson, if they are given 24hours notice, however, parents are required to pay for lessons that they have booked, whether the child attends or not.

*We value  
Respect for others*

### **Please note**

*Music tutors are self-employed small business operators. Parents enter a contract with the music tuition provider and must respect the terms of the contract. Parents must be aware that the school takes no responsibility for the care and supervision of students in music tuition. We are proud to support the tuition opportunities and to include these tutors in school enrichment opportunities.*

Regards,

E Southall, Principal  
R Picoaga, Deputy Principal

Coming Up  
**2 March** Swimming Carnival  
**23 February** P&C Meeting 7pm via Zoom



### Stage 2 Fizzics Inursion

During Term 1, Stage 2 are exploring the science of changing matter as well as the chemical reactions found in different products, including food. On Wednesday, 2nd of February, Stage 2 had the opportunity to engage in a fun and informative Fizzics Education incursion. During the incursion students learned about chemical reactions and observed the educator, Duncan, perform a range of chemical reactions. Students saw explosions and learned how to make elephant toothpaste! They witnessed the power of UV lights and tested for properties of base and acidic substances. By the end of the incursion students were in awe with the magic of chemistry.

Ms Tsiamis



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*We value  
Success for all*

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### Stage 3 Fizzics Incursion

Our Fizzics incursion about electrical circuits and energy on Thursday last week, was packed with excitement and joy. Stage 3 were able to participate in cool experiments that blew our minds, like the fog experiment that showed us how sound energy travelled. This incursion has already given us a basic understanding of what we will be learning this semester's topic: how energy is transformed from one to another form and the increasing and decreasing strength of forces. We can't wait to learn more. Some things that Duncan showed us were how magic mugs react to boiling hot water, how solar panels work, how light circuits work and the magic that light can do for us on a daily basis and many more.

Then the students went off and tried some super cool experiments independently. We were amazed and never thought science could be so fun. At the end of our incursion, Duncan showed us how the wind is by using a fog machine. Sadly, it came to an end, but we had such a great time. Thanks to our great teachers for this opportunity!

Ritika and Georgina  
Stage 3 students

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*We value  
Community  
involvement*

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Kindergarten first day







# HOME BUSH WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Parents and Citizens Association

Exeter Road ■ Homebush West NSW 2140  
T 9746 9304 E [hwps.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:hwps.pandc@gmail.com)

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

### 2021 WELCOME

The P&C would like to welcome all new and returning families to the 2021 academic year.

The P&C is an important part of the school community, providing an opportunity for parents to hear school news from the Principal, discuss issues and support each other and the school in teaching our children. The P&C is a link between the parent body and the school. The work of the P&C relies completely on the input of volunteers drawn from the school community. P&C members are not paid and all money raised goes directly to the school.

The P&C supports the school through in person and virtual support of events and activities, provision of consultation and feedback, implementing initiatives and fundraising annually to enhance the school resources and student well-being.

In recent years, this has been used to:

- Purchase additional home reading books.
- Install curtains in the school hall, enhancing use for school and community.
- Purchase bicycles, for an ongoing school fitness program.
- Support and fund students and families in need, and the School Chaplain (Community Officer) program.

The P&C also applies for grants and sponsorship on behalf of the school. The P&C has been successful in securing grants from Strathfield Council, an NRMA road safety grant and sponsorship from Exclusive Real Estate.

The Walking Bus (unfortunately not operating currently due to Covid 19) is an initiative supported and run by the P&C and volunteers.

If you would like to get involved with the school community, including joining the sustainability committee, there are multiple opportunities. You can be sure to find something that suits your interests and availability. Please contact the P&C [hwps.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:hwps.pandc@gmail.com)

### The P&C Executive for 2021 are:

President: Suzanne Ellis

Vice President: Karen Harper

Vice President: Karthik Gawesan

Treasurer: Jayashree Janardhanan

Assistant Treasurer: Smruti Patel

Secretary: Joyce Kong

Assistant secretary: Sindhu Panicker

The first P&C meeting of the year is **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 7pm via Zoom**  
(Zoom details will come out on the school app the week before the meeting)  
Join us to find out what the P&C does, meet other parents and the principal.

All parents, grandparents, community members and carers are welcome

We would love you to join us!





# FUNDRAISING ORDER FORM

**Fridge-to-go® – keeps lunches cool, fresh and tastier up to 8 hours!!**

The **Fridge-to-go® Fundraiser** is available to you through your school with **\$5 from every unit** purchased going directly back to your school. Buy now and don't miss out – offer closes soon!



**Small Lunch Fridge**  
 FTG-3060  
 19.5W x 8D x 20H (cm)  
 RRP \$34.95  
**You Pay = \$30 each**  
**(Fundraiser = \$5 each)**



**Medium Lunch Fridge**  
 FTG-3050  
 21W x 10.2D x 20H (cm)  
 RRP \$40.95  
**You Pay = \$35 each**  
**(Fundraiser = \$5 each)**

While you're getting your lunch bag sorted do you need anything else?

- Need a spare panel to keep in your freezer? Available for the Small (\$9.90) and Medium (\$12.40) Lunch Bags.
- What goes inside? Our Stainless Steel Lunch Box (\$24.95) and Bamboo Sporks (\$3.95) are also available
- Orders close Mon 15 February, cash orders please send cash with your form to the office
- Questions? [hwps.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:hwps.pandc@gmail.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**Quantity** (circle colour please & specify totals)

**Lunch Bags:** **Small Lunch Fridge** \$30 each Total Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ Pink

**Medium Lunch Fridge** \$35 each Total Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ Navy | Black | Pink | Pacific Blue | Chevron | Triangles | Addition | Popsicles | Stones | Balls | Herringbone | Rainbow | Palm | Jungle | Pineapple

**Spare Panels:** **Small Lunch** \$9.90 each Total Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ **Medium Lunch** \$12.40 each Total Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

**Accessories:** **Stainless Steel Lunch Box** \$24.95 each Total Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bamboo Sporks** \$3.95 each Total Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge my credit card (circle) Visa | MasterCard

Card Number - \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date - \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Name on Card - \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount to be charged\* - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature - \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number - ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email\*\* - \_\_\_\_\_

\*Note - delivery to one address for pickup/distribution.

\*\*Please tick here if you do NOT wish to be contacted by Fridge-to-go® with our exclusive offers.

**\*Colours available while stocks last.**

# Stay informed with the SkoolBag App

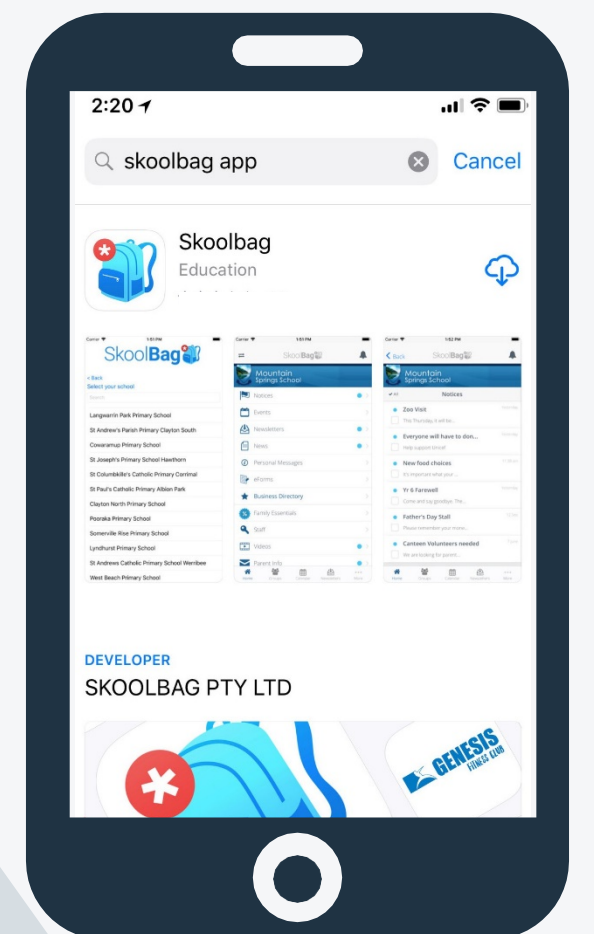


The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and **all** school communications.

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## Download the app

Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google PlayStore



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## Create an account

Sign up in seconds with your email address

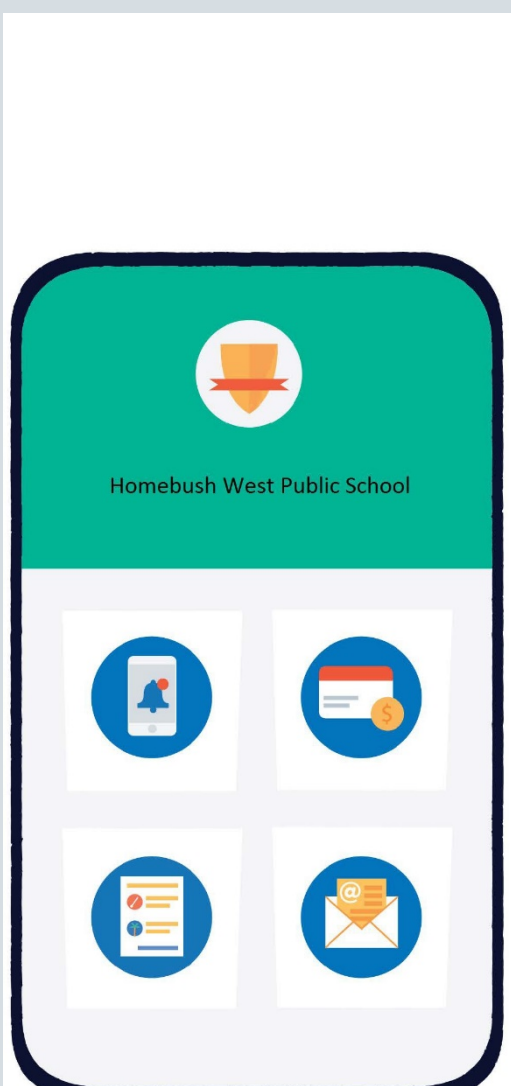
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## Add your school

Search for:

**Homebush West Public School**

and add your subscription groups



SkoolBag 

## CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Homebush West Public School is held on:

Intermediate: Thursdays from 3:00pm to 4:00pm, starting on 4 February 2021

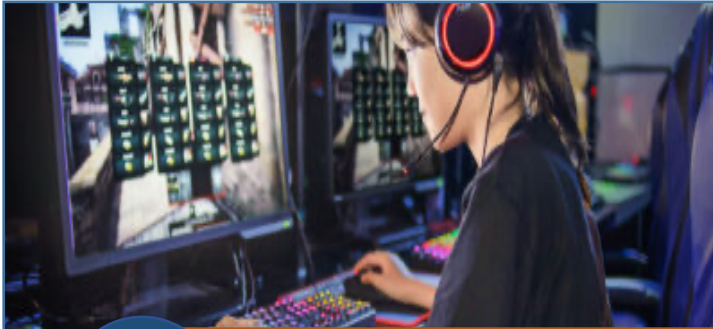
Beginners: Thursdays from 3:00pm to 4:00pm, starting on 4 February 2021

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email [enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au](mailto:enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au) for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.





Register  
Now!

**AFTER SCHOOL**

**DIGITAL PROGRAM 2021**



**Mobile App  
Development**



**Game Dev  
with Unity 3D**



**Python3**



**Code  
Foundation**



**Web  
Designing**



**JAVA  
(J2SE)**

## TERM 1 - 2021

Monday	Code foundation with Robotics	3.10 to 4.00pm	K to Yr 2	\$220
	Web Designing	4.00 to 5.00pm	Yr 3 to Yr 6	\$250

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Please visit our website to register

**[www.icodenext.com.au](http://www.icodenext.com.au)**

*\*We are also offering advanced courses for High School students*



Exciting new hockey programme for young boys and girls.  
Learn the basic skills in a safe and fun environment.  
Finish each session with a small-sided game.  
Have some fun and make new friends. Beginner friendly.

# MINI STIX



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FITNESS

FRIENDS

[www.utshockey.org](http://www.utshockey.org)



Suitable for  
boys & girls  
aged 4 - 7  
years

**DATES:** Thursdays: 5:45pm – 6:30pm  
18th March – 19th August, 2021  
(excluding school holidays)

**WHERE:** PITCH 2, Sydney Olympic Park  
Hockey Centre, Shirley Strickland Ave  
(Free car parking available in P4 car park.)

**REGISTER ONLINE:** \$70 - \$100  
[https://www.revolutionise.com.au/utshockey/  
registration/](https://www.revolutionise.com.au/utshockey/registration/)

**Free Registration using Active kids voucher**

*(Player's Kit available \$40 – Stick, shin pads, mouth guard, ball, stick bag)*



Dear Parents, Carers and Students.

The Conservatorium High School would like to inform your talented music students that:

## **AUDITIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR 2022**

Application to AUDITION for Con High entering 2022 are now open.

Go to <https://conhigh.nsw.edu.au/2022-entry-application/>

ADMISSIONS tab then 2022 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Closing date for registration is 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

Auditions begin 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021.





ONLINE Soccer  
Registrations NOW OPEN!

**Lidcombe CSC**



Est 1939

**"Once a Congo ALWAYS A CONGO!"**

*We are a family orientated club with opportunities for male and female participants aged from 3 years through to Seniors.*

*\*\*All skill levels welcome\*\**

**\*\*COMPETITIVELY PRICED\*\***

Starting March come to training Wednesday's from 5pm - 6:30pm@ Phillips Park, Nicholas St Lidcombe

**REGISTER ONLINE NOW**



**[lidcombecsc.com](http://lidcombecsc.com)**



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# Congo Kickers

## Preschool Soccer Skills Clinic

Congo Kickers is a fun exciting program for boys and girls aged 3 to 6 years.





Every session is played at Phillips Park, Nicholas St, Lidcombe on Saturday's @ 10am

*\*Commencing April\**

The program introduces children to soccer in a fun environment by specialising in activities which encourage young children to develop their physical and social skills in a team environment.

*\*\*Trophy and Jersey included\*\**

## \*\*Girls ONLY Saturday Comp\*\*

 Do you have a Daughter /  Granddaughter that really wants to play soccer BUT you can't commit to the Sunday playing  times?? We are now looking for girls to form Lidcombe CSC ALL Girls teams! to play SATURDAYS 

For more information



[www.lidcombecsc.com](http://www.lidcombecsc.com)



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**INTER LIONS FC  
CDSFA ASSOCIATION**

*The  
2021  
Future*



**Presenting Inter Lion's  
Football Coordinator**

**Daniel Georgievski**

**BE  
PART  
OF 2021**





# INTER LIONS FC 2021

**INTER LIONS FC** will be delivering a new model of football and are proud to announce that **Daniel Georgievski** will be the Youth Football Coordinator for the Inter Lions Association.

All players 5 to 13 years of age are welcome to be part of this new and exciting opportunity!!!

Player Registrations for all players Boys & Girls (Age 5 13 & All Age Women & Men) will commence on Thursday 28/1/2021 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm and following every Tuesday and Thursday for the Month of February from 6:30pm to 7:30pm for all boys and girls in the Head Office at Majors Bay Reserve, Concord.

## Inter Lions FC 2021 Package

Including Shirt/Shorts & Socks

**\$150.00 - Age 5,6,7      \$290.00 Age 8, 9      \$330.00 Age 10 - 13**

**Further Saving \$100 Active Kids Voucher**

**\$420.00 All Age Men/Women**

**Express your Interest Now!!**



Inter Lions FC 1983



Interlionsfc1983

Interlionsfcwomen



[www.interlions.com.au](http://www.interlions.com.au)



# Symphonia Jubilate will be back in 2021!

We are delighted to welcome all interested Years 3 - 12 student instrumentalists from public schools for our 2021 season of Symphonia Jubilate. Rehearsals will be held at Homebush West PS from 4-6.15pm for 3 Saturdays every term.

In line with Department of Education COVID-19 health advice\*, we anticipate forming SIX musical ensembles:

• SJ Sul Ponticello Primo Strings	• SJ Spiccato Secondo Strings	• SJ Pizzicato Strings
• SJ Tutti Concert Band	• SJ Flauto Dolce Recorder Ensemble 1	• SJ Fipple Flutes Recorder Ensemble 2

**Enrolment online from Feb 6th 2021 at:**  
[www.symphoniajubilate.com](http://www.symphoniajubilate.com)

## All Enquiries

Margaret Coote | Orchestra Manager  
mob: 0438 100 554



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\* All rehearsals and concerts will be in compliance with ongoing Department of Education COVID-19 health and safety advice, including use of appropriate physical distancing, enhanced cleaning and hygiene and any special conditions required for performing arts activities.