



## Homebush West Public School Excellence in Public Education

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### Special Points of Interest

- Luna New Year Celebrations
- Swimming Carnival 2021
- Author Visit
- Meet the Teacher and Parent Information Event
- Bring Your Own Device Program (BYOD)
- P&C Thanks
- Celebrating children's birthdays at school
- Permission to leave school
- Clean Up Australia Day

Right: Luna New Year Celebrations Lion Dance

### Coming Up

Term 1, Week 6

#### Monday

Stage 1 SISA

Code Club

French classes 3.15pm

#### Tuesday

Swimming Carnival

#### Wednesday

Stage 3 SISA

Meet the Teacher Night & Open Classrooms for Kindergarten

Spanish classes 3.15pm

#### Thursday

Scripture

Enrichment groups begin

Chess 3pm

#### Friday

Clean Up Australia Day

PSSA

Tennis

### From The Principal



#### Lunar New Year Celebration at HWPS - Lion Dance

Homebush West was host to a spectacular cultural performance last Friday in recognition of global Lunar New Year celebrations. This colourful event was a great success thanks to the Jin Wu Koon dancers, who impressed us with their acrobatic skills and audience interaction. It was a special time for the whole school to come together. We have captured some of the event highlights in the video link below to share with our wider community. We know you will enjoy the clip that our school leaders created, ensuring an authentic learning experience was enjoyed by all our students.

<https://youtu.be/zp67p95Y-o8>

#### Swimming Carnival 2021

Our annual Swimming Carnival is next week, **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**, at the Auburn Aquatic Centre. The **carnival is for 8-13 year olds. All students in this age bracket will attend.** The pool and the school will implement Covid-safe plans and follow all NSW Health and NSW Department of Education guidelines. Permission notes were sent home on Monday, please return signed permission notes to the school by *Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February*.

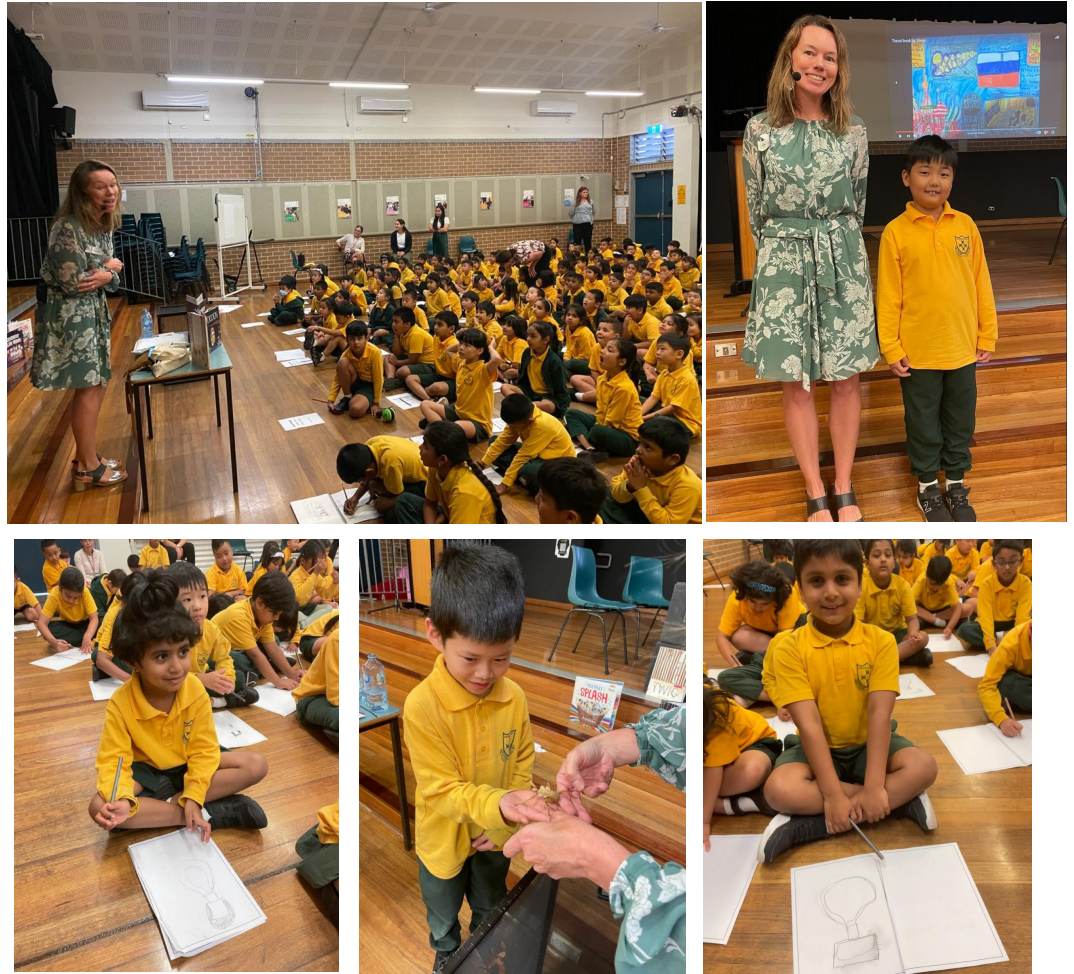
The carnival has three levels of participation;

- a competition pool
- a developing skills pool
- a fun events pool

This is to cater for all our students, including those who have limited experience in the water. It will be a memorable learning experience that includes; **water safety, healthy competition and teamwork.** *\*Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, we are unable to invite parents to attend, nor volunteer, at the carnival this year.*

### Stage 1 Author Visit - Aura Parker

On Tuesday, Stage 1 students were fortunate to attend an author visit incursion with Aura Parker. Aura Parker is an illustrator, writer and designer who creates picture books, prints and textiles. Her work is joyful, imaginative, and brimming with details to explore. Aura Parker's storytelling through words and pictures inspires imagination, courage and confidence in young readers. This incursion event was a prize for Jiwon, who won the K-2 category of the **Words and Art Competition** at the end of 2020. Jiwon made a Travel Guide for tourists, as a response to the Premier's Reading book 'The Travel Book'. Jiwon created over 100 pieces of art. Out of 150 entries, 70 schools across the state, Jiwon secured first prize. During the visit, Aura led a guided sketching session, explained how flora and fauna inspire her artworks and stories, and introduced her pet stick insects. Our students were excited and engaged.



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Quality in all that  
we do*

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### P&C Thanks

On Tuesday evening over thirty people attended the first P&C meeting for 2021. The online meeting facilitated communication about school procedures, community issues, shared concerns like road safety and the opportunity for parents to provide the school with feedback. Our thanks to the P&C executive and attendees for their time.

### Celebrating Children's Birthdays at School

Please be aware that families are **not permitted** to send food, cakes, lolly bags or gifts to school to celebrate your child's birthday, particularly under NSW Dept for Health COVID Guidelines.

### Permission to leave school

If your child needs to go home with another adult or carer other than the parent/ carer originally listed on their file, a Permission for Care Form must be completed and held on file with the school.

### Meet the Teacher & Parent Information Event

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 we will host a Meet the Teacher and Parent Information event. The **purpose** of the event is to **inform and empower parents** as partners in the education journey. Through this event, we orient and induct parents into the school, our culture, our expectations, and the way in which we organise and manage the school. We highlight to parents how to effectively partner with the school to support their child's success. The evening will have three components;

1. **Open Classrooms for Kindergarten parents** 3.00-3.15pm
2. **Meet the Stage Team Forum via Zoom, links to be sent via email and Skoolbag**
  - Kindergarten - 4pm
  - Stage 1 - 4.30pm
  - Stage 2 - 5.00pm
  - Stage 3 - 5.30pm
3. **Parent Information Expo via Zoom** from 6.00pm

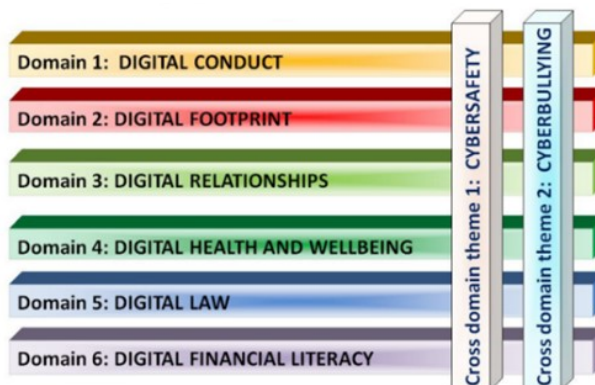
In line with Covid guidelines, the *Open Classrooms* component will be available briefly for Kindergarten parents only. However, all parents K-6, will have the opportunity to participate in a **variety of online forums** where they can become familiar with their child's classroom teacher, the stage team, key strategies to support learning success, and specific stage related information.

A **Parent Information Booklet** specific to your child's stage will be accessible via the website and School App on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March**. Printed versions of these booklets will be distributed upon request. We look forward to welcoming you to our school and sharing key school information with you next week.

### Bring Your Own Device Program (BYOD)

A notice about the school BYOD policy will be sent home with all students over the coming week. We look forward to students using their own ICT devices and learn about digital citizenship through engaging with the 4C's of the NSW syllabus;

- **Communicate** effectively and globally.
- **Collaborate** locally and globally on any issue.
- **Create** content to share with a local and global audience.
- Be able to access technology, information and problems with well-developed **critical thinking** skills.



There are strict protocols and policies for bringing devices to school.

Over the next 3 weeks students will register their devices and learn how to securely store and access their devices in class each day. Read our policy and BYOD information via the notifications section of the Skoolbag App.

Regards,

E Southall, Principal  
R Picoaga, Deputy Principal

Coming Up

- 8 March** International Women's Day
- 10 March** Zone Swimming Carnival
- 16 March** Harmony Day
- 19 March** National Ride to School Day

**Clean Up Australia Day – “Step Up to Clean Up”**

Clean Up Australia Day will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

Homebush West PS will take part in this initiative in school on Friday, 5th March.

Clean Up Australia Day reminds us to work towards a cleaner, greener Australia to preserve our beautiful home.

Schools Clean Up is a great way for us all to learn about the impact of rubbish on our local environment.

- Early Stage 1 will work together to understand the importance of sorting our rubbish into the correct bins.
- Stage 1 will focus on the concept of Reusing, by holding a “Package Free” day.
- Stage 2 will explore the waste within the fashion industry.
- Stage 3 will engage in the Take 3 for the Sea initiative.

To gain more insight into how you, and your family can make a difference visit; <https://www.cleanup.org.au/>.



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*We value  
Success for all*

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### The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2021

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) for 2021 opens on Monday 1st March 2021 and closes Friday 20th August 2021.

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. PRC Website: The C <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

The Challenge is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools. At HWPS, K-2 students treat the books during learning time with their class teacher at school. Mrs Windon and the Library team complete online entries for all K-2 students. Stage 2 and Stage 3 students, using the PRC Website, enter the books they have read at home and at school, using their own username and passwords.

At HWPS, we have a long history of involvement in and success with the PRC. It has been an integral part of our school culture since its inception nearly 20 years ago. All PRC books are clearly labelled and their PRC number and age group are added to their computer record. We have a comprehensive range of PRC books and enthusiastically encourage all students to complete the challenge.

Students must read the following number of books to complete the Challenge:

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Community  
Involvement*

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9
7-9	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

### Privacy Information PRC 2021

When a student enters the Challenge, they become eligible for a certificate. Certificates have the student's name and school printed on them. Due to child protection issues, students' names are no longer published on an Honour Roll on the Premier's Reading Challenge website or in the media. For GOVERNMENT school students: In order to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge, students must have approval to access the internet and have an online account. Students who do not have permission for online access should take part in the Challenge unofficially.

If you have any questions regarding the challenge, please feel free to contact Mrs Windon, Mrs Lahood or Mrs Hughes.

Mrs Windon, Mrs Lahood, Mrs Hughes and Miss Hughes  
The Library Team



Lunar New Year



### **Year 3 non-native Chinese Program 2021**

This year we will continue to provide Chinese lessons for non-native students in Year 2. There will be one 45 minute lesson per week. If any parents would like their child to enrol, please fill out the expression of interest slip below.

We will take a maximum of 20 students for this group so please action promptly.

Thank you

Mrs. Chow (Chinese Teacher)

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I would like my child \_\_\_\_\_ (name) of  
\_\_\_\_\_ (class) to participate in the non-native Chinese program 2021.

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



### **Year 3 non-native Chinese Program 2021**

This year we will continue to provide Chinese lessons for those Year 3 non-native speakers who studied Chinese last year. There will be one 45 minute lesson per week. If any parents would like to re-enrol their child, please fill out the expression of interest slip below. We will be taking a maximum of 25 students for the group so please action promptly. Thank you

Mrs. Chow (Chinese Teacher)

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I would like my child \_\_\_\_\_ (name) of  
\_\_\_\_\_ (class) to participate in the non-native Chinese program 2021.

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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**TOUCH SCREEN**

**HP x360 11 Intel Pentium 11.6"**  
**+ 3 years Onsite Support**  
 4GB RAM / 128GB Storage  
 Pentium Processor

**+ ADP only \$130 = \$629**



**\$999**

**HP ProBook x360 11 G6 EE 11.6"**  
**Intel i3 Touchscreen + Pen**  
 8GB RAM / 128GB Storage / Pen  
 Incl: 3 Years Enhanced Onsite Support

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**\$1171**

**TOUCH SCREEN**

**HP ENVY 13.3"**  
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**\$1162**

**HP ProBook 430 G7 13.3"**  
**Intel i5**  
 8GB RAM / 256GB Storage  
 Incl: 3 Years Enhanced Onsite Support

**+ ADP only \$181 = \$1343**



**\$1263**

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**HP ProBook x360 435 G7 13.3"**  
**Ryzen 5 Touchscreen + Pen**  
 8GB RAM / 256GB Storage  
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# Homebush West Public School BYOD Store

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Student ready devices at great prices direct from HP!



## BYOD Program

Buying directly from HP ensures your child has the right device and support to work in the school environment. Importantly, it guarantees the latest learning devices at affordable pricing, ensuring the most optimal learning outcomes. All devices have been selected by your school and meet the schools minimum device requirements.



## How Do I Purchase?

The easiest way is to purchase online at [www.hp.com.au/byod](http://www.hp.com.au/byod) you can also buy via the HP Call Centre **1300 725 017**



## What is ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE PROTECTION(ADP)?

ADP covers the device against accidental drops, spills or damage. Zero excess for three years with one claim allowed each year. Starting from \$126. This is incredible value!



## What does the price include?

FREE Shipping, Enhanced 3 Year Onsite Support. Plus a 14-day change of mind return policy, (T&Cs apply)

**0%**

## Finance Options

We currently have 0% Interest for 24 months when you spend on any BYOD purchase with 0% deposit, T&C's apply. Please contact us for more details.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: New BYOD Store is here!!!**

### Whats New?

- Improved look and feel
- Enhanced store navigation
- Individual school login
- More convenient shipping
- More payment options

## Welcome to HP BYOD Program

Browse our latest range of education devices designed to help maximise learning outcomes.



### LOG-IN WITH SCHOOL CODE

School Code

START SHOPPING

### SCHOOL LOOK UP

Check if your school is registered to HP BYOD program

School Name

CHECK

To get the school code or to inquire about being a part of HP BYOD Program, please call us at **1300 725 017** or fill out the [Contact Form](#)

**Unique School Login Access Code: HomebushWPS**



Phone Sales: 1300 725 017 (Mon - Fri 9am-8pm AEST)

or Contact: Fidoh Natividad - NSW HP BYOD Specialist

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