



Week 6, Term 1 2021

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Time	Event
Monday 8 March		Clean up Australia Day
Tuesday 16 March		Harmony Day – Orange Muffi Day
Thursday 18 March	6.30pm	P&C meeting – Learning Hub
Friday 19 March		Ride 2 School Day
Friday 26 March		P&C Lunch Club
Thursday 1 April		Last Day of Term 1
Thursday 1 April		Easter Hat Parade
Friday 2 April		Good Friday
Tuesday 20 April		Day 1, Term 2

Playground update

I am thrilled to announce that our school was successful in our application for the NSW DoE Metro Grant. This grant along with the school (\$35,000) and P&C (\$30,000) pledge will see the design and implementation of a new \$250,000 playground surface, equipment and shade shelter. The school is currently engaging a playground architect to design a HGIS playground inclusive of student voice. We will share the design over the coming months. This project will be delivered over the next 6-12 months.

School vision and planning

We are currently finalising aspects of our 2021-2024 Strategic Improvement Plan and look forward to sharing our initiatives for the years ahead. Part of the process in finalising our plan is revisiting our 'School Vision'. I have included our current 'School Vision' below and invite you to provide any feedback about what is in the current one, or any suggestions about things that you feel should be included. <https://forms.gle/ci6reuZ99Xu5nYaWZ>

Our current vision is:

At Hurstville Grove Infants School, early learners are at the forefront of all decision making supported by an active community to ensure students are engaged and challenged to promote and inspire future focused learning and teaching.

Clean Up Australia Day – Sunday 7 March

Since 1992, school communities across Australia have demonstrated their support for caring for the environment through participating in Schools Clean Up Day.

Our school will be holding our School Clean Up Day on Monday 8 March. We will be cleaning up in and around our school grounds and emphasising the need to care for and look after our environment. Please send in a pair of disposable gloves for your child to wear and they may like to bring a small bucket to collect rubbish in.

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Harmony Day ('Everyone Belongs') Tuesday 16 March

Harmony Week celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The SRC would like all students across the school to wear a splash of Orange on Tuesday 16 March and they will be collecting a gold coin donation at the gate as students arrive at school. All classes will be celebrating Harmony Day and will be involved in activities to enhance their understanding of cultural diversity.

Ride 2 School Day – Friday 19 March

Ride2School Day is a nationwide program, designed to encourage, empower and enable more students to get physically active on their journey to school. We encourage all students to ride their bike or scooter (**Helmets must be worn**) to school on Friday 19 March.

School uniform update and reminders

We appreciate your patience as we navigate through some ordering issues with Claudine's Uniforms. Their embroidery company has had some production issues, which in turn has held up the delivery of school caps/bucket hats and school zip jumpers. We hope to have this resolved in the near future. In the meantime, where possible could you please provide your child with a navy hat and if required jacket until this issue is resolved.

A reminder that girls are only to wear stud or sleeper earrings to school. Nail polish and visible temporary tattoos are not to be worn. We appreciate you adhering to the school uniform expectations.

P&C Meetings

Our next P&C meeting will be on Thursday 18 March at 6.30pm in the learning hub. This is our first meeting for the year and we are trialling a new time to see if this encourages greater parent participation. Moving forward P&C meetings will be held on a Tuesday of Week 2 and 7 of every term. The P&C committee will be providing light refreshments on Thursday 18 March and we look forward to seeing you at this meeting.

Premiers Reading Challenge

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) aims to inspire 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, read more and to read more widely. The 2021 Premier's Reading Challenge opened on the 1st of March 2021 and closes on the 20th August for students. To support students and families, the school manages the administration of the Reading Challenge.

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