



## Around the Grove – Week 4, Term 4

### Important Dates

Wednesday 11 November	Kindergarten Transition – staggered times Year 2 to 3 transition at 2021 school
Monday 16 November	Year 1 Captain Speeches
Wednesday 18 November	Kindergarten Transition – staggered times Year 2 to 3 transition at 2021 school
Wednesday 25 November	Kindergarten Transition – staggered times Year 2 to 3 transition at 2021 school
Monday 14 December	Semester 2, Reports home
Tuesday 15 December	End of year Fun Day

## COVID Updates for HGIS

### 3.15 BELL TIME to resume on Monday 16 November (Week 6)

As of Monday 16 November our bell times will return to 3.15. We ask you to continue practicing social distancing when dropping off and collecting your child in the afternoon. The NSW Department of Health and Education continue to request that families collect their children and leave the school surrounds as soon as you have collected your child/children from school. We thank you for respecting and following this advice.

### Home Reading

We will be recommencing our home reading program with books from the classroom as of Monday 16 November. Please ensure your child's home reading folder is in their bag to enable them to re-engage in this valuable home learning activity. Please note, online books will still be available for your child to access.

### 2021 Transition Programs

On Wednesday 11 November we welcome our 2021 Kindergarten students and their families to Hurstville Grove Infants School. To comply with current COVID restrictions, parents are only allowed to be on site for 10 minutes and will be required to sign a COVID External Visitors form.

We have been able to review these practices for session 2 and 3 and request that all students arrive at 9.30 – 11.00am on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November. We also invite parents to attend orientation and curriculum sessions during this time in the multipurpose building. To ensure we comply with DoE guidelines only one parent per family will be able to attend these information sessions.

We wish our Year 2 students every success as they visit their Year 3 School. Parents, we ask you to sign your child in and out of their transitioning school and then sign them in when they return to Hurstville Grove.

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### Presentation Day

We are pleased that we will now be able to offer a presentation format to celebrate the learning of 2020. As new guidelines have just been released we are still finalising the details of this organisation.

### Dance Troup

The dance troupe will continue until week 9. To comply with NSW Health and DoE guidelines we will be filming this year's performance and sharing it at presentation day. More details on outfits will be published in the coming weeks.

## Other COVID Updates

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- Principal endorsed end-of-year school events.
- Principal endorsed end-of-year community events such as small group celebrations at an outdoor setting, limited to 30 attendees including parents/carers, students and staff.
- Graduation ceremonies, speech nights and Award Ceremonies. Schools must comply with the 4 square metre rule for all people participating. Schools will need to invite guests based on the total number of people (this includes staff, students, parents and carers and visitors) who are able to be accommodated under the 4 square metre rule and with seating spaced at 1.5 metre between non-household members.

### NAIDOC Week 2020 – 'Always Was, Always Will Be'

Schools usually celebrate NAIDOC (**NAIDOC** stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) week in July, although with COVID it is being celebrated between 9-15 November.

The theme for NAIDOC Week this year is, 'Always was, always will be'. NAIDOC 2020 invites all Australians to embrace the true history of this country – a history which dates back thousands of generations. For more information, we invite you to review the resources on NAIDOC site and discuss the concepts with your child. <https://www.naidoc.org.au/get-involved/2020-theme>

To celebrate NAIDOC week, your child will participate in an array of activities next week to raise awareness and appreciation for the traditional owners of this land. On Wednesday 11 November, we invite your child to wear a splash of red, yellow or black (hair ties or T-Shirt etc.) with their uniform to get into the festivities of NAIDOC Week.

### Lunch Club – Friday 13 November

A huge thank you to Jane Miller and her helpers for coordinating lunch club next week. If you are yet to order for your child, please ensure their order is returned by Wednesday 11 November as the orders need to be placed with the bakery.

**Kylie McKinnon – Principal**  
**6 November**

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