



East Hills Public School

`working together for our children's future`

NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 3

Coming Soon

**Welcome Back Community
Breakfast
Assembly 3-6**

Mon 18 Feb

Thurs 21 Feb

Parent/teacher interviews

Tues 26 Feb

**Bully Busters
P&C AGM**

**Thurs 7 March
Mon 18 March**

Welcome students, parents and carers, to the 2019 school year, at East Hills Public School.

I want to also welcome our new families and staff joining our community. As we continue to welcome new student enrolments into our school, our **class structures will be flexible** until the end of week 3. In alignment with the International Year of Indigenous Languages, our classes have been named after our Aboriginal Indigenous languages. Some of these languages are still active and well used within our indigenous communities and some are now extinct. Our students will be learning more about their class names and celebrating the International Year of Indigenous languages. Introducing our classes and teachers:

Francine Frouxiou (Rel. Assistant Principal K-2)
– Kindergarten Kullili

Peggy Frantzoulis - Year 1 Nungali

Melissa Cryer – Year 2 Yuwibara

Margot Ruppas – Learning and Support (M, T & W)

Kate Findlay – Library (T, Th & F)

Brooke Beynon (Assistant Principal 3-6) – Year 2/3 Bardi

George Harris – Year 3/4 Gurindji

Christopher King – 4/5/6 Tiwi

Alex Ko – 4/5/6 Eora

Hannah Miller (Assistant Principal Autism Unit) – K-2 Maridan

Ann-Maree Hickman - Autism Unit Stage 2
Kuyani + Dance - Further details to follow

Melinda Wild – 4-6 Dharug

Linda Bucci – School Learning and Support Officer

Helen Najjarine – School Learning and Support Officer

Jennifer Hamilton-Smith - School Learning and Support Officer

Michelle Marshall - School Learning and Support Officer

Kate Cowell – School Learning and Support Officer

Dina – ISS School Facilities

Marie Hakim – ISS Facilities Manager

Kaylan Soto – General Assistant, Maintenance Officer (T, W & Th)

Anna Hsieh – Community Liaison Officer (M)

Broni Holt - School Administration Officer (M, T & W)

David Sutton – School Administration Officer (Th)

Angie Clarkson – Administration Manager

Judy Abdelwahab– School Captain

Jayden Hang – School Captain

Madison Mudditt– Prefect

Keira-Leigh Green– Prefect

Yahiya Abdul-Jalil– Prefect

Tayseer Mourad - Prefect

We all look forward to working alongside you, as we support the growth of our children's future together.

We will see a few changes to the stage 2 and 3 music program this year, in Jellybean music. A selective senior recorder group will be created to extend talents and interests. We will be forming our interest groups in dance again this year with Miss Hickman, and will also audition for School Spectacular. Our focus will continue in the library to inspire a love of reading, and promote digital literacy. Sport uniform will continue to be worn on Tuesday and Fridays, as these will remain our fitness, skill development and sport days.

We will continue our Scripture instruction on a Tuesday afternoon. We will be trialling our K-2 and 3-6 Assembly on a Thursday afternoon (as suggested by the assembly survey conducted in 2018) starting at 2.15pm. We will start with a 3-6 assembly in week 4 (3-6 even weeks) and K-2 will start in week 5 (odd weeks). Week 11 will be a combined K-6 assembly.

During the first few weeks of school, students will be engaging with connecting activities in the

classroom to get to know and connect with both their peers and their teachers. Research shows that these connections impact significantly on learning outcomes. Students enjoy engaging in these activities and connecting with their friends whilst getting to know their teachers. These activities are done again in week 1 of term 2, 3 and 4.

The East Hills Public School Skoolbag App, is the best way to access up to date information on school events, reminders and notifications. Please follow the instructions included with this newsletter to download the app to your phone.

All classes across the school will be using the Sea-saw App to communicate class information, learning successes, both as group notifications and individually to parents and carers. This is a wonderful opportunity to be an active part of your child's learning and generates amazing learning conversations and celebrations. Teachers will send home the instructions and QR code to set up this app on your phone in the next couple of weeks.

You will have received an invitation to attend a '*meet your teacher afternoon*'. Times will be scheduled for you to discuss your child with their class teacher, with the purpose of getting to know you and your child, build relationships and create shared goals for students. For some student's families, another time to work on Individual Education Plans will be scheduled at this meeting.

Our welcome back community breakfast is next Monday. We look forward to sharing in a light breakfast and catch up as a whole school community. Our high school students are welcome to join us.

Thank you for sending you children to school ready to learn. If you require support with the school uniform please come and see me. A reminder that students need to be onsite by 9am. Late arrivals are recorded by the office staff. Please ensure your child is on time to reduce

anxiety, promote learning and to support positive peer interactions.

I shared the Community Charter with you in the last newsletter of 2018. This year a copy was sent home with every student and another is available on the Skoolbag App. At our first P&C meeting, I discussed this Charter further. If you have any questions regarding this Charter, please come and see me.

Thank you to the parents that attended our P&C meeting on Monday. It is wonderful to see many familiar faces and so many new ones. I look forward to seeing more of you there at the Annual General Meeting on 18 March, starting at 9.15am in our Cubbyhouse Community room.

Wishing you all a great start to the school year.

Kind regards,

Donna Casey

Principal

A MESSAGE FROM ANNA HSIEH, COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER (CLO)

I am very happy to join East Hills Public School in the role of Community Liaison Officer (CLO). This is a lovely school with such an intimate feel.

My role as CLO is to focus on community outreach and to engage with you – the parents and families of the school community. I am here at the school on Mondays. Please feel free to speak to me if you see me on school grounds or contact me through the school office.

I encourage you to get involved with school activities and would very much welcome your thoughts and ideas on what initiatives we, as a school community, can collaborate on to enhance the learning and wellbeing of the children here at East Hills Public School.

I look forward to meeting you in the weeks to come. I would also welcome the opportunity to

work with you on community engagement projects.

Introducing the Parent Engagement Group

I would like to take this opportunity to reach out to all parents and families of the school community and to invite you to join me in the parent engagement group.

The school would be happy to facilitate regular parent meet-up groups where I can engage with you. These can be coffee & chat groups or parents can do an activity such as knitting or cooking and have the opportunity to share thoughts and experiences on school life and stay engaged with the school.

I am very interested to know your thoughts and your level of interest in this initiative. You can come and see me directly or leave your details with the office for me to contact you. We can meet in the Cubby House after assembly on Mondays from 9.10am. Everyone is welcome.

The children will benefit from your involvement with the school. I hope you will come and join us. I look forward to working with you.

This initiative has the support of the school principal.

CANTEEN INFORMATION

It is wonderful to continue to have Valentina Catering available to operate our canteen for students of East Hills Public School. The canteen will be taking lunch orders 3 days per week, **Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays**, and opening at break 1 and break 2 to serve students for other items.

There will be no canteen orders or service on **Monday or Wednesday**. Please remember to send your child with lunch and food for each break on these days as the canteen will not be operating.

Please remember that lunch orders **must** be placed at the canteen between 8:30am and 9am each day. We must close the shutters at 9am.

Just a reminder that there is the option to order lunches for an entire week (Tuesday, Thursday and Friday only) in advance with the canteen.

We look forward to continue working with Valentina Catering in serving the students with healthy lunches and snacks.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB- ISSUE 1 OUT NOW

Book Club provides a fun and convenient way of bringing the best in children's literature into your home. It's packed full of exciting books from best-selling authors, popular titles and series that kids love, as well as products and books that make perfect gifts for younger siblings who may not be at school yet.

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When ordering from Book Club, you are not only helping your children, but you are also helping your school—20% of your spend goes back to your school in valuable Scholastic Rewards, which are used to buy classroom resources.

To celebrate the start of the New Year, any family ordering from issue 1 will also receive a free *All About Me Activity Journal* to help us kick-start our 2019 plans.

For more information about Scholastic and Book Club, visit www.scholastic.com.au



EAST HILLS PSSA IS ON FACEBOOK

Please like and follow East Hills PSSA on Facebook. Our Facebook site will be used to communicate important information regarding competitions, carnivals, wet weather, dates and trials.

STUDENT PAYMENTS

All payments for excursions, book club, program fees, voluntary contributions etc. are to be paid directly to the office. Payments can also be paid online through the schools' website with your credit card. Payments to the office are cash or cheques only, if you child brings the payments to the office please make sure they are in a sealed clearly labelled envelope. Please remember to fill in all permission notes and forward them to the office for online payments.

Sports tops, caps and hats are cash only as they are P&C items sold through the office.





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Classes for 2019 start the week beginning February 18th

Find us on Facebook @ St Luke's Physical Culture Club to see more of what we do.

St Luke's is both an Active and Creative Kids provider, saving you \$200 towards fees for school aged children. Lessons are less than \$7!

We look forward to welcoming you and your friends to our growing, family friendly club!

Contact Louise on 0415 339 035




2019 – VENUE AND CLASS TIMES

CLASS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
	MILPERRA PUBLIC SCHOOL	TOWER STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL	TOWER STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL	TOWER STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL
PRESCHOOLERS		3:45-4:15		
5-8 YRS		4:15-5 PM	4-5PM	
9-10 YRS		5-5:45 PM	5-5:45 PM	
11-12 YRS		5:45-6:30 PM	5:45-6:30 PM	
13-17 YRS		6:30-7:30 PM	6:30-7:30 PM	
SENIORS		7:30	7:30	
BEGINNER – INTERMEDIATE LADIES	7-8 PM			FROM TERM 2 TIMES TBA
OPEN LADIES	8PM			FROM TERM 2 TIMES TBA



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AUDITIONS

Year 7 and Year 11 2020

Dance, Drama and Music Selection Procedures

Newtown High School of the Performing Arts provides specialist education at the highest level to students having outstanding potential and/or achievement in, and commitment to, Dance, Drama or Music.

Students currently in Year 6 or Year 10 2019 enrolled in public or non-government schools who are seeking entrance into Year 7 or Year 11 in 2020 at Newtown High School of the Performing Arts, must participate in audition workshops in Dance, Drama or Music.

Auditions will be held between Monday 24th June to Thursday 4th July 2019.

To be eligible to apply, candidates must be Australian Citizens or holders of a visa granting permanent resident status in Australia on the day of their audition.

To register for an audition, please complete the online application form located on our website:
www.nhspa.nsw.edu.au

Closing date for registration is 1st May 2019.

Yours sincerely

Peter Shields
Relieving Principal
12 February 2019

Conditions:

Each audition is assessed on its own merits. The examiner's decision is final and no appeal can be made except on procedure. Information on individual student's performance in their audition will not be given. The purpose of the auditions is for the school to select the top students as assessed by the examiners. These are the conditions under which students and parents/carers must agree to when applying to audition.

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