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Principal's Report – Term 2, 2024



By the time this edition hits the newsstands we will be almost halfway through the year. It has been a six months where education has been in the news for a number of reasons. Here at Hunters Hill, we have fortunately had a fairly stable year compared to the last two years. We have had less staff turnover, and the school has had less disruptions due to maintenance, though there is painting going on at the moment and there are lifts scheduled to be installed before the end of this year.

A few housekeeping matters where we need parent cooperation. First of all, Epipens! The school needs all parents who have students who need to carry them have up-to-date pens and ASCIA plans. Please note this is a policy requirement that we have to police. It is not a whim of the school. It is necessary policy to ensure that those students who have a serious allergy are as safe as they can possibly be.

Secondly, as the weather is getting colder, I need to remind parents and carers about our uniform processes. We are a uniform school and if a student has to be out of uniform for any reason, they should be bringing a note explaining the reason. This saves the student having to explain it themselves and any angst that may cause the student.

The final one on the list is lateness. There are a variety of reasons here but very few of our students walk to school. They either catch buses or get driven by their parents. Sometimes a bus can be late but to actually catch a bus that is scheduled to arrive at 8.50am is actually not the bus's fault. Students need to catch a bus that allows them to arrive here on time. Similarly, parents who are driving students to school, perhaps multiple children, need to please organise their mornings so that students are ready to learn at 8.45am. Lateness means not only do students miss learning time, but they start the day on the backfoot having to go through the late process rather than hitting the classroom running. These are easy things to ignore amidst the business of life but if parents can make sure their routine takes these issues into account it would help us keep a focus on learning and not have the educative process bugged down by avoidable administrative follow up.

You will have noticed the canteen has a new manager, Wil. As Wil settles in, he will make the menu and options his own. Thanks to the P&C for managing this transition so smoothly.

The mid-year results should be available shortly after this. There is effort made to make sure there is guidance on how students can improve or consolidate their results. Please make sure you make the time to have the discussion with your child around things they may need to work on in the second half of the year.

We look forward to the school's Performance Evening, which is being held on Thursday, 4 July 2024. This is a wonderful school event and one which I know the school community is looking forward to.

Thanks to all those parents and community members who have offered me such supporting positive comments around my recent 40-year milestone.

Greg Lill
Principal



Hunters Hill High School Parents & Citizen's Association – Term 2, 2024

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We are halfway through the year and coming to the end of term 2.

This term, we welcomed a new canteen manager, welcomed new people to our volunteering roster, created a new volunteer role of assistant treasurer and had a successful Trivia Night.

Uniform shop

Winter is here! The uniform shop has jackets, jumpers and sloppy joes available for purchase. <https://hhhsbandc-uniform.square.site/>

We encourage everyone to use our click and collect service where orders are placed online and picked up in store. We also ask to either enter the student's name in the notes section or let the student know whose name the order is under. This would make it quicker to locate orders for pick up.

By shopping online, orders get to be picked up without having to wait in line and to be served. Students are also not late to get to class once the bell rings. Please use your child's name when placing your order.

We still provide an in person service during opening times. This service is ideal for those who are unsure of sizing and would prefer to try items on before purchasing. Opening hours are Tuesdays between 8:30am and 11:30am.

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Second hand uniforms

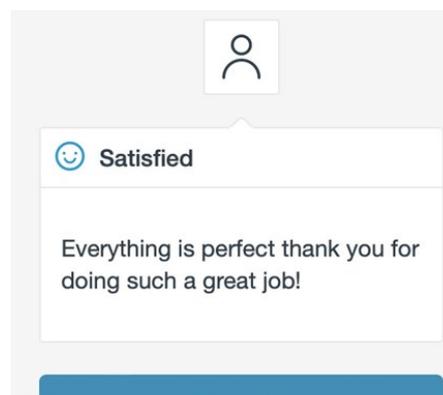
Purchase of second hand uniforms can only be done in person at the uniform shop.

We get second hand uniforms donated to the school from students who have left the school or who have outgrown what they have.

If you have old wearable uniforms, you can donate them by handing them in at the school office.

Customer Feedback

Getting feedback like this is greatly appreciated by all those involved with the uniform shop.



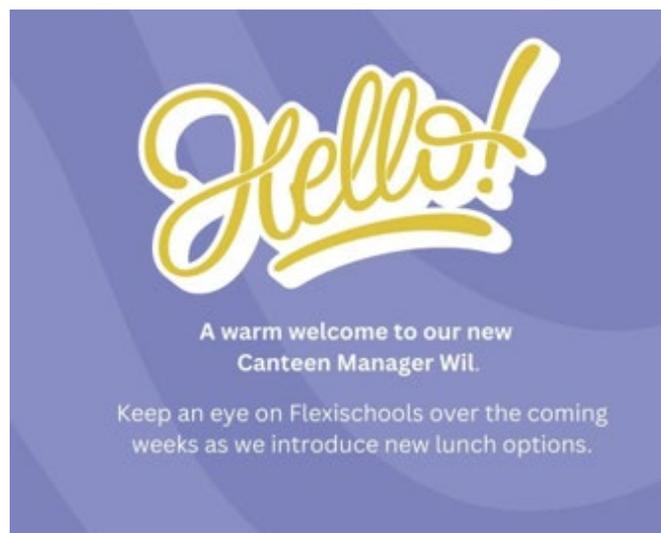
Hunters Hill High School P&C (cont)

Canteen

New canteen manager

After a lot of searching we've appointed a new canteen manager!

Wil is passionate about cooking, with strong knowledge of Asian, specifically Japanese cuisine. He has worked at a Michelin restaurant in Kyoto and a one hat restaurant on the Gold Coast.



Flexischools

[Flexischools](#) is the canteen ordering app and we encourage you to sign up and place orders via the app, as it helps us better estimate how much ingredients to purchase for our weekly specials.

Other benefits of signing up to FlexiSchools (<https://flexischools.com.au>) is you'll have visibility of the weekly menu and it offers an additional way to pay.

Reminder - no payments with mobile phones

With the introduction of the NSW Government's ban on mobile phones in high schools, the P&C no longer accepts mobile phone payments by students for purchases at the Canteen and Uniform Shop.

We'll continue to accept cash and payments using a physical card. To assist families the P&C has researched some alternate payment methods that may assist you.

Please note this list is not a recommendation and is not exhaustive, many other banks and companies offer similar products.

You can view this list on our website: <https://www.hhhspandc.org.au/payments>



Environment

Successful working bee on 25th May. Pig-face was planted along the Edible Native Plant Walkway, entrance to the Administration building and in front of the Boy's toilets.

Edible Native Plant Walkway

Created by Shigeki and his colleagues here is what you'll find as you walk along the plant walkway.

Watch what he says about the food forest and the benefit of what has been planted:

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/397066913221970>

Hunters Hill High School P&C (cont)



Planted along the walkway are:

- Cherry tomato (*solanum lycopersicum*)
- Comfrey (*symphytum grandiflorum*)
- Nasturtium
- Acacia
- Perennial Basil (*ocimum spp*)
- Pineapple (*ananas comosus*)
- Choko (*sechium edule*)
- Pumpkin (*cucurbita maxima*)
- Yacon (*smallanthus sonchifolius*)
- Native raspberry (*rubus rosifolius*)

In autumn the canteen benefited from the food forest.

2024 Autumn Harvest From school grounds to canteen



TerraCycle - Writing instrument recycling

Don't forget to drop off your old or unused pens, pen caps, textas, mechanical and wooden pencils, highlighters, markers, marker caps, permanent markers, permanent marker caps, etc at the student reception area of the school office.

The sustainability organiser has set up a recycling box to collect these items. Once the box is full, it would be sent to TerraCycle for recycling or use. We also get financial compensation for what we send back.



Hunters Hill High School P&C (cont)

Social activities

Harmony Day

Our inaugural HHHS P&C Harmony Day event was held on **Thursday, 11th April 2024**. An April date was selected to avoid 2024 Ramadan, Lent and Passover dates so all members of the community had the opportunity to enjoy the event.

This was a free community event hosted by HHHS P&C to celebrate our cultural diversity.

Fun fact: The most dominant non English language spoken by parents/students at HHHS are: **Mandarin, Spanish, Cantonese and Turkish**

Thank you Inbal Loft for suggesting and organising the event.



Let's celebrate our cultural diversity this Harmony Day.

Did you know that HHHS students and their families come from 78 different countries? We think that's worth celebrating.

The P&C would like to invite all students, staff and families in the HHHS community to a multicultural feast.

When: Thursday 11th April 2024 from 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Where: HHHS Hall and surrounds
What to bring: Please bring a dish from your culture to share with everyone (please include a note with the name of the dish and ingredients for dietary purposes Picnic supplies (plates, cutlery, napkins etc)



Fundraising

Trivia Night

Trivia night was held on Saturday 11th May. We were raising funds for outdoor recreation equipment. Event was well attended and we raised \$12,200. The winner was decided with a tie break question. Thanks to all who donated prizes and the event organising team

Hunters Hill High School P&C (cont)



HHHS P&C

TRIVIA NIGHT
Prizes, Auctions, Games and lots of fun

Trivia Night raised
\$12,200
towards creating an Outdoor Sports and Recreational Area



HHHS P&C

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Thanks to our donors...

Iris and Lin Lane Cove
Burns Bay Bookery Lane Cove
Laser Clinics Australia Neutral Bay
Hunters Hill Barber
Infinity Hair Salon
Christopher Ashley Hair Studio
Luisa Skin-Body Wellness Home Studio
Hunters Hill Orthodontics
Hunters Hill Gourmet Butcher/Deli
IGA Hunters Hill
Dan Murphy's Top Ryde
The Cellar By Dan Murphy's Lane Cove
Coles Gladesville
Wine Tasting pack and Cognac - The Mitchel Family
Woolworths Boronia Park



HHHS P&C

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Thanks to our donors...

Robyn Ross Original Artworks
Boronia Bakehouse
Bakers Delight Lane Cove
Harris Farm
Hummerston's Gourmet Meats
Hunters Hill Dragon Sushi Roll
Via Napoli Lane Cove
Boronia Kitchen
Hunters Hill Hotel
Chicho's Cafe Hunters Hill
Hunters Hill Club: Gift Voucher for Lozzi Bistro & 2hrs Bowls Rink
Tennis Ranch Gladesville
Lane Cove Fun Run
Ryde Aquatic Centre
Lane Cove Aquatic Leisure Centre
Rhapsody Studios
Taronga Zoo



Next Event

Our next event will be the Colour Fun Run at the end of term 3. Donations to this event will also be tax deductible.

End of Tax Year

We've made it easy to make tax deductible donations to the P&C before June 30.

You can use this [link](#) to donate \$2 or more and your donation can be included as a tax deduction when you file your FY24 tax returns.



**HHHS
COLOUR
FUN RUN
2024**

MORE
INFORMATION
COMING NEXT
TERM

***BBQ - SAUSAGE SIZZLE**
T-SHIRTS, TU-TU'S & SUNGLASSES FOR SALE
PRIZES FOR THE HIGHEST FUNDRAISERS & BEST DRESSED
DRESS UP & HAVE SOME FUN WITH COLOUR!
DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Hunters Hill High School P&C (cont)

Return and Earn

Hunters Hill High School P&C Association is listed on the Return and Earn app as a charity from now till October 2024.

Each container donated earns the P&C 10 cents and helps us raise funds for projects we are involved in, such as funding an annual \$500 Art Prize given to a student for their major HSC artwork.

How you can help

Use the app to donate refunds from eligible containers to Hunters Hill High School and ask your family and friends to do the same.

Collect eligible containers from friends, family, neighbours and anyone else you can think of and have the refund paid out to us.

You can use the return and earn app to donate at any reverse vending machine or take it to the return and earn depot in Lane Cove.



Donate

Eligible Containers to Hunters Hill High School P&C

- 1 Download and register on the Return and Earn App
- 2 Open App and search for "Art Prize for our HSC student for their Major Artwork" under the "CHARITIES" menu.
- 3 Press on this tile, then scroll and select 'Set as payout'
- 4 Scan your app at your local Return and Earn machine, or automated depot (using Tag and Drop).
- 5 Return your containers and press "TRANSFER" on the machine screen, or follow steps on Tag & Drop screen at the automated depot.

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Help us spread the word, Sharing with family and friends to make an even bigger impact.

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Athlete's Foot

As part of the Athletes Foot school rewards program, each shoe purchased at Athletes Foot Top Ryde and Macquarie will give the P&C \$5.

How you can help

When purchasing school shoes at Athlete's Foot - Top Ryde or Macquarie, don't forget to tell them which school your child(ren) goes to.

APPROVED SCHOOL SHOES		APPROVED SPORT SHOES	
 APEX \$129 ⁹⁹ / \$149 ⁹⁹	 DAYTONA SNR \$149 ⁹⁹ / \$169 ⁹⁹	 GT-1000 \$169 ⁹⁹	 SUSTAIN \$149 ⁹⁹
 ADIVA 2 \$139 ⁹⁹ / \$159 ⁹⁹	 INFINITY \$149 ⁹⁹ / \$169 ⁹⁹	 GEL-550TR (2E) \$199 ⁹⁹	 GT-1000 LE 2 (D) \$169 ⁹⁹
 DAKOTA \$149 ⁹⁹	 LADYBOWL-GLITZ - LADYBOWL MAJESTY \$149 ⁹⁹	 880 \$229 ⁹⁹	 880 \$229 ⁹⁹

\$5 DONATED BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL?
Ask one our FIT EXPERTS in-store

MULTIPLE WIDTHS A range of shoes are available in different widths to suit narrow and broad feet.

Clarks, Roc & Harrison 20% OFF discount pricing valid from 31/10/2023 - 30/10/2024. School styles only. Price displayed is RRP.

Grants

HHHS P&C secured a \$50k grant in the 2023 Community Building Partnership Grant to use for the Outdoor Sports and Recreation Area.

Dear Hunters Hill High School P & C Assoc.

Congratulations! You have been successful in receiving \$50,000.00 in the Community Building Partnership 2023 grant round for the following project:

CBP23 - 2563 – Outdoor Sports and Recreation Area

Hunters Hill High School P&C (cont)

Community Leaders Workshop

Hunters Hill High School P&C Joins Federal MP Kylea Tink's Workshop on Community Belonging

The Hunters Hill High School P&C was invited to a workshop hosted by Federal MP Kylea Tink on June 13 at the Lane Cove Hub. Aimed at combating racism and fostering belonging within North Sydney, the session featured a community-led discussion with Minister Tink and Together for Humanity's Kate Xavier. Various community leaders attended, providing practical skills for promoting inclusivity and 'upstander' behaviour. It was fantastic to have Hunters Hill High represented among our diverse community leaders.



P&C Roles Available

Assistant Treasurer

Basic requirements for this role are:

- Assist in compiling and managing annual budgets
- Work with the treasurer, bookkeeper, uniform shop and canteen manager to answer any requests for information.
- Compile draft P&L, Balance Sheet and Cash Flow statements for review
- Gather documentation requests for auditors during annual audit
- Monitor adherence to banking and cash handling procedures

Email exec@hhspandc.org.au for more information



Upcoming Executive Vacancies

This is the last year for the President and Treasurer in their roles as we've done 3 consecutive years. Following our [P&C Association rules](#) we'll be stepping down at the end of year.

If you are interested or would like to find out more about what's involved in becoming President or Treasurer next year please reach out to exec@hhspandc.org.au

Hunters Hill High School P&C Association Rules

To accompany the Hunters Hill High School P&C Association Constitution

(HHHS P&C Version 08 Apr 2018; Adopted HHHS P&C Meeting 21 May 2018)

1. The rules are made under the Constitution of Hunters Hill High School Parents and Citizens Association.
2. The association is formed for the benefit of the students of the school, which will;
 - (a) Participate as much as possible in the activities of the school and communicate with all members of the school community;
 - (b) Co-operate in the activities of the Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of the New South Wales; and
 - (c) Promote the interests of public education.
3. No person will serve more than three consecutive years in the same position unless there are no nominees for the position, in which case a further three year term can be served.

Hunters Hill High School P&C (cont)

Join an Existing Team

Other than being part of the P&C executive team, we are always looking for people to join existing teams.

To volunteer in the uniform shop, you'll need a WWCC for volunteers (Working With Children Check), If you opt to volunteer your time in the canteen, you'll need in addition to a WWCC to do a Food Handler Basics training which can be obtained here - <https://www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/training/food-handler-basics-training>

Let us know by emailing exec@hhspandc.org.au if you would be interested in being part of or finding out what's involved as a member of our social media, environmental, canteen, uniform shop or social activities teams.

Here are some of the tasks done by each team. Just a few minutes a week helps us enormously.

Uniform shop team - working with uniform shop manager

- Volunteer in uniform shop which is open once a week in terms 1, 2 and 3
- Packing orders for pick up
- Assist with stocktake
- Working in the uniform shop
- Help uniform shop manager

Canteen team - work with canteen manager

- Volunteer in canteen which is open weekdays during term time
- Help canteen manager

Events team - working with coordinator

- Assist coordinator with organizing
- Picking things up - prizes
- Manning BBQ for fundraising events like colour run
- Selling tickets
- Sourcing prizes for Trivia Night or Colour Run
- Ring suppliers to get quotes
- Ringing venues etc
- Getting sponsorships

Environment team

- Join working bee volunteers
- Assist coordinator with getting more attendees
- Attend working bee sessions
- Manning stall at local events

Communications team - working with coordinator

- Create images using Canva
- Create promotional campaigns
- Post promotional campaigns for fundraising events

Grants team - work with grants team

- Look for appropriate grants to fund projects
- Research grants
- Apply for grants
- Write up blurb for grant applications

Joining an existing team is a good way to contribute to the school without having to commit too much time.

Facebook

Join the P&C's private Facebook group. It's an easy and convenient place to keep in touch with canteen, uniform shop, social and fundraising activities and general school happenings.

Request to join at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/HHHS.PandC>



Wellbeing Report – Term 2, 2024



As well as the usual day-to-day care for our students, the Wellbeing Team have had a number of new, old and continuing programs and initiatives up and running since you last heard from us!

RAISE Mentoring <https://www.raise.org.au/>

RAISE has started for some of our Year 8 and 9 students. This amazing program offers 1-1 mentorship for teens, and is one of the cornerstones of our Wellbeing Programme.

Friends Resilience <https://friendsresilience.org/about>

The very excellent folks from Relationships Australia have started working with a small group of year 7 students through the Friends Resilience program. The program focuses on developing resilience and developing healthy ways of managing anxiety and stress. Although students are often hesitant to participate, they frequently give positive feedback and do not want the program to end. We will be putting out an expression of interest for students who want to participate next term.

Year 7 Wellbeing Day

Next term the facilitators from Friends Resilience will be running a wellbeing day for the whole of year 7. More information is just about to go out to year 7 parents. It will be a positive opportunity for year 7s who are interested in participating in the program the small group Friends Resilience program to get a taster of some of the activities that are included.

Creating Chances <https://creatingchances.org.au/>

Year 11 Peer Support had the chances to be Gamechangers. This term Year 10 have been loving the Coaches. Next term, we will have a group of year 9 students lucky enough to be Champions And term four...well, watch this space!

YAM <https://www.y-a-m.org/>

A HHHS first – our Year 9 cohort took part in the YAM Program – Youth Aware of Mental Health. There were parts they loved and parts they didn't, but they were definitely challenged, engaged, and came out of it with new perspectives and insights. Thank you to the DoE employees who came out and facilitated.

Urban Muster <https://letsgofido.com.au/>

The feedback speaks for itself on this one.

"Lou has been fantastic with [my son], he has really enjoyed himself, and she has also accommodated our very stressy oodle really well.

"[My son] has developed a lot of confidence through this program, and his impact on [doggo] is also very apparent. I'm considering whether to fit in a dog training activity with [the pair] after this finishes, so successful it has been for him."

"Many many thanks for including [us] in this pilot program."



Would you like to be part of the program for term 3? Let us know. It's amazing.



Wellbeing Report – Term 2, 2024

Shave for a Cure



Our Social Justice Captain Nikith spearheaded fundraising for Shave For a Cure, raising nearly \$9000. A HUGE thank you to Danielle Tedesco and her team of educators from Meadowbank TAFE for coming in and giving everyone the clip!

Attendance rewards

Students with attendance over 90% are going to be rewarded with a free lunch during the last week of term. Thanks to Mr Baczynskij for making it happen!

Breakfast Club continues every Friday morning. Come in for a free feed and a chance for community!

Rock and Water, Sailing2Excellence and Read, Set, Sail! continue, and we will be looking for some brave new souls to step offshore next term.

Nikki Polak

A/Head Teacher - Welfare



Careers Report – Term 2, 2024

Year 12

Mr Bastian is chipping away at the 1-1 interviews – if you haven't had yours yet and are getting anxious, come and visit him in the common room! A number of Early Entry programs are NOW OPEN, including Macquarie and UTS. Not sure how to apply? Go to your year group Google Classroom → classwork → Careers → Early Entry Cheat sheet. Everything you need in one handy doc!

Uni Open Days will kick off soon – this info can be found centrally on Job Jump, or you can visit the individual institution website. WSU is first cab off the ranks, starting June 30th! MQ is August 7th, and UTS, USYD and UND are the last weekend in August. UNSW and ACU will be bringing up the rear in September.

Can't get to open day? Mr Bastian is getting the universities to come to you. USYD are here Wednesday Week 8, and MQ week 10 – keep your eyes and your ears peeled for future events.

Year 11

If you would like your student to have a session with a Careers Advisor, please get in touch. At Parent-Teacher Night, there were a LOT of questions about Early Entry. The best way to find all this information in one place is to visit jobjump.com.au. If your child does not already have an account, please contact me for the school password.

Please note that at this point in time, the only thing your child can do in regard to early entry is focus on their schooling. All early entry programs are based off year 11 marks, with some institutions having additional criteria.

Careers Report – Term 2, 2024

Year 10

CAREERS WEEK

I am VERY excited for Careers Week 2024, week 9. Thank you to the hundred-odd parents and carers who have given permission to attend – if you haven't yet, jump onto it! It would be a terrible shame to miss out the excursion to Macquarie University. Please note that payment is not permission – please check that you have given permission to attend.

We are asking for a nominal fee for the various events throughout the week, but if this is not within your means at this point in time, we understand.

Here is the timetable:

	Mon 24 June	Tues 25	Wed 26	Thurs 27	Fri 28
1	Roll marking assembly area Buses to MQ	Roll marking assembly area Move to allocated rooms Choose Your Own Adventure	Roll marking assembly area Move into hall Welcome to Careers Week Subject selection session	Roll marking assembly area Move into hall My Strengths	Roll marking - Assembly area UM1-4: UTS Start Ups (Hall) UM5-8: YA session in Theatrette
2	Day @MQ	CYOA #2	Subject selection session	UM1/2: My Strengths (Hall) Everyone else: regular classrooms for NMS testing	UM1-4: YA session in Theatrette UM5-8: UTS Start Ups (Hall)
			UM: Year meeting in Hall		
3	Day @MQ	Roll Marking Assembly area Enter Hall Alumni Panel	Roll marking hall UM1-4: Advance Careers - Hall/Performance Space UM5-8: AMOW - regular classrooms	UM3/4: My Strengths (Hall) Everyone else: regular classrooms for NMS testing	Roll marking assembly area Move into hall Careers Hotseat
4	Day @MQ	Sport	Roll marking Assembly area UM1-4: AMOW - regular classrooms UM5-8: Advance Careers - Hall/Performance Space	UM5/6: My Strengths (Hall) Everyone else: regular classrooms for NMS testing	Go to regular classroom: Careers Tools lesson
5	Meet at designated spot for roll marking Buses back to school	Sport		UM7/8: My Strengths (Hall) Everyone else: regular classrooms for NMS testing	Roll Marking: COLA Pizza and fun on the Oval

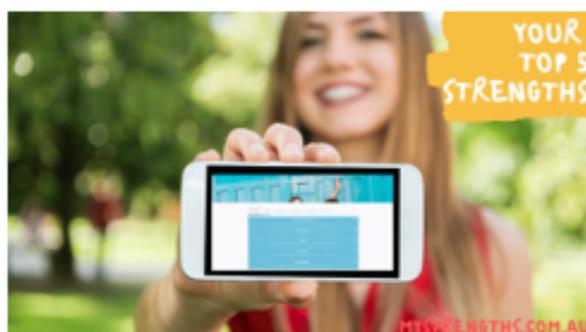
Most teenagers know their weaknesses. But very few know their strengths.

We are partnering with [MyStrengths Australia](http://www.mystrengths.com.au)
to help students discover and live their Top 5 strengths.

Dear Parents,

Your school is invested in positive, strength-based wellbeing and learning. We believe every student has natural gifts and traits that should be known and grown.

Over the course of this year, we will be using the [MyStrengths](http://www.mystrengths.com.au) platform to help our students discover their Top 5 strengths, helping each to grow [more confident and clear](#) on who they are and what make them great.



By going through this process, your child will have a better understanding of how their strengths inform identity, [self-esteem](#) and future choices.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES:



GROW IN SELF ASSURANCE

By discovering strengths, students grow to like who they are and see their own potential.



BETTER UNDERSTAND OTHERS

Teens will find & celebrate their own uniqueness and see the great things in others.



IMPROVED MENTAL HEALTH

A strength-focus trains the brain to see potential, beauty, talent and growth. It shifts the focus from what's wrong to what's right.



IMPROVED LEARNING

Students discover their own motivators and best learning environments. This leads to improved performance & engagement.

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE:

Keep a look out for the strength resources that will come home with your child. You can also discover your own strengths or get further help on raising positive teens at www.mystrengths.com.au



CAPA Faculty News



As I write this, the CAPA faculty are busy organising the annual and much anticipated Performance Evening. Despite major interruptions to the B Block Performance Barracks, our students have shown great patience and dedication. As they continue to vigorously rehearse for the show, it is shaping up to be a banger! Tickets are now on sale via School Bytes. Our delicious Night Markets will be open from 5pm and performances will kick off at 6:30pm.

At the end of last term, the Music Department staged our Smells Like Teen Spirit Rock Concert. With the incredible amount of talented presented by these rock bands, it was a hard to crown just one winner, however, *The Intervals* with their stellar performance of *Life is a Highway*, took home the win. A big shout out to the extraordinary Tech Crew, who have put in hours of preparation to make this show sound and look incredibly professional.

Mrs Kathryn Thomas, our wonderful Drama teacher, hosted the Year 12 Individual Project Performance Night. This showcase presented the talents of our current HSC drama class. Including monologue performances, moved script readings and a walk-through gallery of costume and promotional designs. Our HSC Drama class have another showcase of their Individual Projects and Group Performances on 27th June at 6pm (Thursday Week 9) in the Performance Space. All students who are interested in Senior Drama are encouraged to come along!

Grab your diaries, the 5th to 7th of September at 7pm, Alice in Wonderland is coming to Hunters Hill High School! Our highly anticipated production is well underway in its rehearsal process. Under the leadership of Mrs Kathryn Thomas, Ms Kali Barcala and Ms Sarah Cross, our wonderful cast and creative team are working hard to bring the magical world of Wonderland to life! It is going to be spectacular!

We also have had several solo and ensemble performers audition for the Ryde Performance Evening, chookas to them and fingers crossed they are successful in being selected!

Due to the interruptions of the B Block Performance Barracks, rehearsals of our music co-curricular ensembles have unfortunately been sporadic this term. Luckily, with painting now completed, everything is set to return to normal. A vocal group will be starting up Tuesday afternoons from 3:10pm to 4:15pm. We are always looking for new participates in our co-curricular programs, it is never too late to join. See Ms Cross for further information down in the CAPA staffroom.

Sarah Cross
Head Teacher CAPA

A vibrant poster for the Performance Evening. At the top, 'HHHS' is written in large, white, outlined letters. Below it, 'PERFORMANCE' is written in white on a black background. Underneath, the word 'EVENING' is written in large, colorful letters (E: pink, V: blue, E: grey, N: teal, I: yellow, N: blue, G: pink). The bottom section features five Fender guitar heads in different colors (pink, light blue, yellow, orange, green) against a dark background with musical notes and a star. At the bottom, the text reads: '4TH OF JULY 2024 FROM 5PM CONCERT | ART | NIGHT MARKETS Phil Daniels Pavillion Hunters Hill High School Reiby Road, Hunters Hill'.

School News

The Fort – A Ready, Set, Sail! Program adventure.

Every Thursday morning, I jog down to the sailing club to meet a group of students and sailing coaches. We rig up the boats, dress appropriately for the season and safety: wet suits, spray jackets, gloves, or not. We push off into the harbour directly to the north of Cockatoo Island and go sailing. We have a time window of close to 2 hours. We need to get back in time to pull up the boats, get warm and dry then conduct a group written and verbal reflection before the bus comes at 12:22pm.

Roughly 2 hours is a good long time for a series of dinghy races, or to bounce between Balmain and Greenwich, desperately trying to work out how to keep the tiller straight and the main pulled on. 2 hours is also a lot of time to go for an adventure sail. At a, sometimes difficult to read, nexus between the skill and experience of our students, the local weather conditions and importantly the frame of mind of our sailors lies the point in the harbour that we can get to and back in the time provided.

Sometimes we can work past Cockatoo Island, under the twin planks of the Iron Cove Bridge and loop around Rodd Island in the middle of the bay-run circuit. Leichhardt on one side, Russell Lea on the other. If it's a clear westerly breeze we can charge up the Parramatta River and under the most mighty Gladesville Bridge, which looks as if a titan from Greek mythology has buried an enormous concrete ring three quarters of the way into the earth. Once the conditions, talent and intent took us way up the river to Abbotsford and back. Capsizes in the ferry channel and all. Plenty to reflect on that week.

We've made it up the Lane Cove River past the yachts, mansions and private schools all the way to our own humble school back fence. The office made an announcement over the loudspeaker, it was recess and I imagined I could hear the students cheer from the oval.

A month ago, the students made it down towards Darling Harbour and looked in towards the Anzac Bridge. We've sailed around Goat Island in the shadow of the city, and when it all goes right, we take our little public school sailing boats under the Sydney Harbour Bridge and in front of the Opera House. That adventure sail is clearly incredible, despite the occasional chagrin of the Manly Ferry drivers.

For 5 years I've been doing this with our school students, club coaches and the President of the sailing club. It's scary and thrilling and boring and exhausting in turn. On still days the students can puzzle and strive or just relax on the water away from a phone. They yell a lot out there, they laugh too, they grimace or shiver sometimes as well. We do call it a resilience program.

Back in the warm, dry club during the reflection the students smile, sometimes they cry, they often have moments of realisation and see their trials mirrored in the fears of their peers. At special times there are connections made that reach well beyond the sailing club to their lives as students, athletes and family members. After sailing they are able to feel and see in different ways. It's humbling, confidence building and enlightening.



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Despite all the adventuring around the harbour, one thing we can't do on the school boats with the school students in the school time is get past The Bridge and around Fort Denison. It's just too far east. Getting under the Harbour Bridge is tricky, there is a lot of water traffic, the channel narrows between the points and one of the directions between the fort and the club will likely be a long upwind. We've been looking over at it for years, the president and me, it's a long way past The Bridge.

We can't do it, not really. But this week we did.

It was downwind with spinnakers out the whole way. Sydney Autumn was at its finest: crisp air, warm sun, shining water and little sail boats shooting past spectacular, iconic structures. We got two boats, each with a pair of Year 10 students in control, all the way around the World War 2 fort as the tourists watched and the ferry commuters didn't. Then we turned for home and ground to a slow sailing stalemate.

The kids got tired, the upwind sail required physical and mental work, the tide was heading out and the time was fast advancing. We'd sold the future to get out over the horizon to the furthest east our sailing program has ever been. It was fantastic to make it out there.



In the end the sailing boats were towed back up the wind, the showers we cut short and the uniforms rushed on. We trotted off to the bus forgoing the formal reflection and just made it back to school in time for period 4. It was the grandest outward bound sail in 5 years, and it came at the cost of all the rest.

A few days later as I reflect on it all I'm pleased with the deal. I wouldn't be if we did it every week. The message that if you can't sail back up the wind you get bailed out and towed home is the wrong one for our resilience program. Spending all your allocated time doing the fun stuff and missing the important stuff isn't the right tone either. Going downwind before you've gone upwind is fine, but in the world you've sometimes got to be able to go upwind first.

And finally, if you don't reflect, it didn't happen.

All that aside, I'm pleased, more that pleased actually, with the mission out and around Fort Denison because it was a grand adventure. A new length reached and a boundary pushed back. There'll be a Thursday morning in the future when the right sailors, favourable weather conditions and a crisp determination coalesce and we'll do it again, and make it back in time. That will happen because we tried this week and didn't quite make it.

And even if it doesn't, it's just great to be out there in the world trying.

Mike Nield
Sailing Coordinator

School News (cont)

School Captain's News

As we reach the midpoint of the school year, it is important to reflect on our achievements and plan for the future. This term as captains has been particularly significant as we begin to prepare senior students for 2025 leadership roles, embracing wellbeing, and strengthening community ties.

This year, we have placed a strong emphasis on preparing the next generation of leaders within our school community. This term, our year 11 students have been actively involved in SRC meetings and getting a feel for what is expected of them in senior leadership roles. We feel that this early exposure is crucial in helping them understand the responsibilities and opportunities that come with being part of the senior leadership team. By investing in our students' leadership development now, we are ensuring that they are well prepared to take on greater responsibilities in the future. Further, our leadership programs have focused on providing each year group in the SRC with opportunities to develop their public speaking and leadership skills. Students have had the chance to speak at assemblies where they can practise addressing a large audience and gain confidence in their communication abilities. We will be seeing much more of these future leaders in Term 3 as we undergo the election process. Candidates will be nominated and advocate for themselves through this procedure, bringing an exciting and compelling end of their preliminary year.

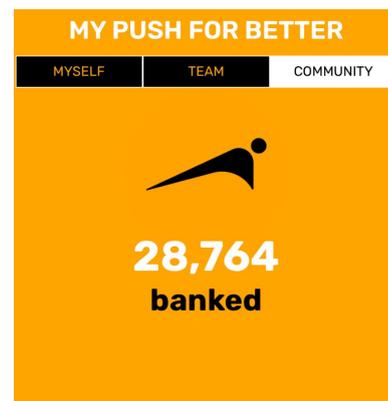
On the topic of beginnings and endings, Year 11 will be moving into the final term of their penultimate year, taking on their Prelims and prepping for the HSC. We wish them the best of luck in their final exams and have full faith in their abilities to succeed in them. Additionally, Year 12 will be completing their final term of schooling, finishing their trials before undergoing the HSC and then taking on the real world. A truly exciting time for all those in their final years of schooling.

Reaching the halfway point of the year is a great time to reflect on our progress and look forward to what lies ahead. Now is the time to make sure we are hitting our targets and to continue pushing forward and making the most of every opportunity. A huge thank you to our staff and community members who dedicate hours of their time to help run the school and make it possible to be a part of this wonderful community.

Well, that's all from us for this term. Be sure to tune into our final term report coming up at the end of Term 3. We hope you have a wonderful end of term and break and wish you all the best. **Ariana's Announcements + Owen's Observations**

Push Up Challenge

In Term 2, the leadership team engaged our school in the push for a better push up challenge. It challenges the participants to do 3,249 push ups from the 5-28 June. To recognize the 3249 lives lost to suicide in Australia in 2022. In 9 days, we have raised over \$1800 as a school and banked almost 30,000 push ups. As an Ambassador for the Push For Better foundation at Hunters Hill, Sterling went out into our local community to secure prizes for participants who raised the most funds. The prize pool includes Gym Memberships and gift cards, incentivising students to get involved in the program. To participate in the challenge, you can do push ups, star jumps, sit ups; or any other exercise! We are on track to raise thousands of dollars for the Push For Better foundation, donating as a school community to the research, prevention and treatment of mental health. I encourage everyone to take part in the challenge, not only for the donation raising and awareness raising but also for your own physical health. Goodluck to everyone in the challenge, and I welcome anyone to join. We can get these numbers much higher by the end of the term!



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In Term 2, our leadership team has continued to attend events with other school leaders across NSW in order to network and further develop the ideas that we want to put forward at our own school. In addition to travelling to Knox, Willoughby, Epping Boys, Killara, and many other schools, we held our own Prefect Afternoon Tea, where we were able to receive feedback from prefects from other schools, as well as see how ideas are implemented in the schools surrounding us. We also had the privilege of being invited to the Fort St Future Leaders Conference, where along with the junior SRC, we listened to the advice of many guest speakers, including the Honourable Justice Michael Kirby, Secretary of the NSW DoE, Murat Dizdar PSM, and the managing director of the ABC; David Anderson. We hope to showcase the ideas we have received throughout the school before we take our leave! **Nash + Marika**



Athletics carnival

On 24 May, Hunters Hill had their annual Athletics Carnival, which took place on our beautiful school oval overlooking the water. The sun was shining, the sky was clear, and most of all, big wins were near! The stage was set for a spectacular day, and all of the events, from long jump to the 100m sprint, did not disappoint. Students showed great enthusiasm and competitiveness, giving it their all in events throughout the day. It was warming to not only be under the sun, but to see the smiles on all the faces as students took part in competitions, or chanted for their house. That being said, there were some unusual sights on the day, as aliens and dinosaurs roamed around, and could even be seen taking part in races and high jump in particular!

The sausage sizzle was a great success, providing much needed energy and fuel to athletes and onlookers alike throughout the day. A special shout out to the PDHPE Staff, teachers, and students who helped set up and run events, run the BBQ and ensure that everything ran seamlessly. Also, our house captains, for embracing our school spirit and providing immense energy by leading the chants and motivating people throughout the day. Overall, it was an exceptionally successful carnival, and we hope to continue this energy and positivity throughout the rest of the year.

Cross country

On 12 April, Hunters Hill had their annual Cross Country carnival after the rain made us postpone. It was great to see so many people dressed up in their house pride! As soon as the first race started, it was clear that the day was going to be amazing. It didn't matter if you were sprinting, pacing or walking to find the clues to the riddle, every student showed awesome determination.

While the races were the main event, there was plenty more happening to keep everyone entertained. The SLR boys kept things lively over at the tennis courts with their games and activities, showing off some impressive skills and keeping the competitive spirit high. It was great to see so many people getting involved and having fun. A special shoutout goes to our incredible PDHPE staff. Their hard work and dedication in organising the carnival ensured that everything ran smoothly. From setting up the course to keeping everything on track, they did an amazing job and made sure the day was a huge success. **Kaitlyn's Knowledge + Raoul's Reflections**

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World's Greatest Shave

As we reach the midpoint of the term, I am excited to share the progress and achievements of our Social Justice team. A major highlight has been our participation in the World's Greatest Shave. With boundless enthusiasm and commitment, students and staff united to support the Leukemia Foundation, raising nearly \$9,000 for leukemia and cancer research. The event was a tremendous success, reflecting the Hunters Hill spirit of generosity and solidarity. Participants, whether shaving their heads or donating, showcased remarkable bravery and dedication to the cause. This collective effort not only generated vital funds but also raised awareness about blood cancers within our community. We are immensely proud of everyone's contributions and look forward to continuing our mission to promote social justice and make a positive impact. Thank you to all who participated and supported this noble cause.

This month Hunters Hill High School celebrated the LGBTQIA+ community for Pride Month. We have an open and accepting community space where inclusivity is supported such as the Rainbow Group. Here at Hunters Hill, we encourage and support diversity. At the Rainbow Group we encourage a collective of like-minded individuals to support and help. Just a friendly reminder: to maintain respect and refrain from the urges to participate in unconfirmed, harmful rumour spreading, in order to maintain an open and accepting environment to allow students to be themselves. Let's try to continue fostering healthy relationships and respectful behaviour throughout the rest of the year! **Susannah + Nikith**

One of the greatest things about this school is the phenomenal CAPA Co-Curricular program which focuses on harnessing the individual talent of each student and nurturing it into a team environment and a performance ready activity. This term, so far, we've seen some of the amazing auditions for our upcoming Performance Evening which have truly encapsulated the spirit of the school and shown the determination and talent of our students. We've also had a very diverse selection of performances including drama's effervescent act, one Year 9 high voltage heavy metal piece and one Year 10 and 11's bubbly and ebullient 80's pop. We have a lot of acts from the ensembles we are familiar with which we are equally excited for as well as seeing Tech Crew's first Performance Evening with their new leadership and fancy equipment.

We are incredibly excited and proud of the efforts of all of the participants so far, and we are looking forward hugely to seeing everyone at the end of this term and hope they blow our socks off. These sorts of events are an absolute privilege to have, and some of the best memories in school come from the things that deviate from the norm, much like the organised chaos of our electric performance evening. **Luke + Maxwell**

Drama Excursion

On 24 March, Year 12 Drama attended a performance of "The Lieutenant of Inishmore" at Lane Cove Theatre, directed by our amazing teacher, Ms Kathryn Thomas. This special production was put on by Ms Thomas to help Year 12 in their HSC exams. We thank you so much for this!

We were also privileged to witness the exceptional talents of two Year 11 students, Bridgette B. and Niamh S., who played Joey and Mairead. Their performances were outstanding.

The production was very funny and showcased the remarkable talent and passion for drama at HHHS. Congratulations to Ms Thomas, Niamh, and Bridgette for producing such an amazing performance. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated and inspiring drama teacher like Ms Thomas. Thank you once again, Ms Thomas, for your unwavering commitment and for being the best drama teacher ever! **Kaitlyn**

From the Office



A reminder for all Parents and Carers:

Daily Absentee Notifications

If your child is late or absent from school, you will be alerted of this via a text message and an email. Please respond to the text or email. Please note that ALL absences must be explained.

Sick or Injured Students

A reminder that any students who become sick or are injured during the school day must report to the office so they can be put into sick bay. Office staff will contact the parent/carer if necessary. Please note that the school does not supply any medication to students.

Martha Maroon

School Administration Manager

NSW Department of Education



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THE NUMERACY CENTRE

Monday,
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&
Thursday
in 408

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Grab your lunch and bring a friend along!

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We are Rebecca Hanson, and Sidra Hameed.
We are **school psychologists** and we are here to help you.
You can find us in Rooms 400 and Room 415.
Monday through Thursday.
Come and say hello.

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