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Principal's Report – Term 3, 2024



Term 4 is here already. Teachers are already giving me Christmas lists! The year has zipped along and as I write this the HSC examinations have finished and things, for the most part, have gone smoothly. The students that I have spoken to have been pleased with their responses and their preparation. Now comes that wait for the results, although many of our students have already received early entry for university. There will be a morning tea for the Years 12s to come in and share their results on Wednesday, 18 December from 10.45am – 11.45am. We look forward to seeing them at the Morning Tea.

The school is now the biggest it's been for three decades. We are over the eight hundred mark and it looks like being a little bit more than that next year. A lot of this growth has come from in-area support with local parents choosing us over competing private schools.

Stay tuned for some updates around the start of next year. At this point we are waiting on specific advice but there has been information in the media referring to the agreement and ongoing discussions between the Department of Education and the Teachers Federation that will affect starting dates for next year. We will certainly let you know before the end of the year.

Yes, construction is still ongoing. Fortunately, the weather has been okay and we are pretty close to being on track with the lift installation in K and L block. We are expecting disabled students next year and this will be of great benefit to them obviously.

At this stage the hall will be out for a few weeks at the start of next term. The roof urgently needs replacement, which will begin immediately after our end of year presentation day in the last week of school. Once again, this is a bit weather dependent, but it should be done well in time for the school musical.

Reports will of course be available before the end of the year for Years 7-10. Can I urge parents to discuss these reports with their child. Teachers do put time and effort into them, and they do provide a guide as to what areas need to improve, whether that be a particular skill or an approach. Inevitably, some students (and parents) will be disappointed with the results, but it is only by doing something different next year do these reports go from being disappointing to successful. Please ensure if you have any questions about the reports to contact the relevant Year Advisor about them.

Thanks for a wonderful year of support from our community and our P&C. There will be a new President next year in the P&C so if you have a desire in that direction come along and get involved.

Hope everyone has a beary safe and happy Christmas and break. We will do it all again next year!

Greg Lill
Principal



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Term 4 is about rounding out the year and switching our focus to preparing for next year. In December.

Rounding out the year

HHHS P&C Association does not operate in a vacuum and is only able to function with the help of people who dedicate time attending meetings; serving on the executive committee; as coordinators; attending working bees; sitting on teacher selection panels; volunteering in the canteen and uniform shop; searching for and applying for grants on behalf of the P&C; fundraising; organising events; updating social media and website; service providers; overseeing projects; working with teachers and Mr Lill; school support staff; P&C employees; representing the P&C locally and statewide; developing relationships with local, state and federal groups and representatives.

Our last event of the year is one that thanks all those who help the P&C, as without them, we would not be able to operate.

Preparation for 2025

Our preparation for 2025 has started with ordering uniform stock for Year 9 students going into Year 10 and prospective Year 7 students. We are also busy preparing next year's budgets, events and seeking people to join the executive and other P&C teams.

Throughout this newsletter, we'll be asking for help.

Upcoming Executive Vacancies

Following our [P&C Association Rules](#) the President and Treasurer will be stepping down at the end of year, having done 3 consecutive years. This creates vacancies for 2 key roles within the executive team.

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. You can also view the current descriptions of each role on our [P&C website](#).



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

If being part of the P&C executive team isn't for you, we are always looking for people to join existing teams. We have many volunteering opportunities throughout the year and below are teams you can offer to help with or join.

A WWCC for volunteers (Working With Children Check), is required for each volunteer and if you help in the canteen, completing a Food Handler Basics training, must be completed and the completion certificate sent via email to exec@hhhspsc.org.au. The training is free to complete and is done online. Here is the link for the training. <https://www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/training/food-handler-basics-training>

Let us know 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, grants 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

- Handing out packed orders
- Supplying students with items to try on
- Restocking shelves of returned items
- Stocking shelves with deliveries - if needed
- Help uniform shop manager

Canteen team - work with canteen manager

- Assist with serving food and distributing lunch orders
- Restocking fridges and freezers
- Handling cash and card payments from students and school staff
- Washing drying and putting away equipment
- Help canteen manager

Events team - working with coordinator

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

Environment team

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

Communications team - working with coordinator

- Create images using Canva
- Post promotional campaigns for fundraising events
- Post information from school onto P&C website
- Create promotional campaigns

Hunters Hill High School P&C (cont)

Grants team - work with grants team

- Search for appropriate grants to fund projects
- Inform school of grants they can apply for
- Apply for grants
- Research grants

Uniform Shop

We'll be having additional opening hours this term. Usually, the uniform shop is open on Tuesdays between 8:30am and 11:30am, we encourage everyone to use our click and collect service, where orders are placed online and picked up in store.

We also ask when ordering online 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.

Senior uniforms

Now is a good time to purchase senior uniforms for current Year 9 students who will be switching from the junior uniforms to senior uniforms in 2025.

In addition to Tuesday openings, we'll also be open on the following Thursdays during recess (10:55am and 11:25am) in November 22nd & 28th and December 5th & 12th. These days are specifically for students currently in Year 9.



Uniform Fittings

On Saturday 7th and 14th December, the uniform shop will be open between 9:00am and 3:30pm. This is for new families and students joining the school in 2025.

Appointments need to be made and we are also looking for volunteers to help on the day.

Sign up to volunteer

There is some paperwork to do before volunteering. This only needs to be done once and is required by the school and NSW authorities. We'll need you to send through the following:

- Working with Children Check - free to get for volunteers. Apply through [Service NSW](#)
You'll need to show a copy of your photo ID e.g. Drivers Licence, at the school office before the first shift. Once all the paperwork is done and sent to exec@hhspandc.org.au signing up to volunteer in the canteen is easy.
 - Go to <https://signup.com/go/GVvHNGT>
 - Choose the slot(s) you can do.
 - Sign up! That's it. You won't need to register an account or keep a password to Signup.

Uniform fitting days for 2025 new families and students to the school

- Saturday 7th December, 08:30am - 12:00pm or 12:30pm to 4:00pm (Volunteers needed 12.30pm to 4.00pm)
- Saturday 14th December, 08:30am - 12:00pm or 12:30pm to 4:00pm

Old uniforms

If you have uniforms no longer worn and in good wearable condition, you can donate them by handing them in at the school office. These items get washed and sold as second-hand uniforms.

Hunters Hill High School P&C (cont)

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.

Canteen

Canteen menu: The canteen had a new menu in term 4, it's more streamlined than what was offered in term 3 and is still as popular as last term's offerings.

All day hot food	
MISO SOUP	\$2.00
CHEESE WELLS VEG	\$2.50
LEON SOUP	\$3.00
SAUSAGE ROLL	\$5.00
SHAVELLS BEST PIE	\$5.00
NAPOLEON PASTA VEG	\$5.00
SPAGHETTI ALOU E OLUO VEG	\$5.00
Snacks	
CHOC CHIP COOKIES	\$1.00
EUCALYPTUS DROPS	\$1.00
MILK ICE STICK	\$1.00
FROZEN JUICE CUP	\$2.00
FROZEN HOCKEY PUCK	\$3.00
SEASONAL FRUIT POT	\$3.00
HOME MADE MUFFIN	\$3.00
BANANA BREAD	\$3.50
YOGURT CUP WITH BERRIES AND NUTS	\$3.50
Drinks	
MILK	\$2.00
JUICE BOX	\$2.50
SPRIT (lemon/lime)	\$2.50
CHILLI ?	\$2.50
SPRIT (orange/lemon)	\$3.00
SPRIT (lemon/lime)	\$3.00
JUICE STICK	\$4.00
orange (lemon)	\$4.00
CHILLI JUICE	\$4.00
orange (lemon)	\$4.00
CHILLI ICE TEA	\$4.00
orange (lemon)	\$4.00
JUICE BLEND	\$4.00
orange (lemon)	\$4.00
CHAI FLAVORED MILK SOON	\$4.50
orange (lemon)	\$4.50

Recess only	
SWEET & CHILI CHICKEN WRAP	\$4.50
Spices, baby sprouts, tomato, baby cheese, (Pasta selected) onion and chili sauce	
CHEESE RIGGS ROLL VEG	\$5.00
egg, baby cheese, caramelised onion, baby sprouts, tomato relish	
BREEZE WRAP	\$4.50
Spices, egg, baby sprouts, fresh onion, tomato relish, BBQ sauce	
HAM & CHEESE CROSSHAT	\$4.50
ham, baby cheese, onion	
Lunch only	
SUMMER TOMATO AND BOCCONON PASTA	\$7.00
cherry tomato, bocconcini, garlic, basil, olive oil, spaghetti	
TERIYAKI CHICKEN WITH RICE	\$7.00
chicken thigh, edamame, rice, sauce	
CURRY RICE WITH CHICKEN KATSU	\$7.50
chicken, onion, shalot, baby, edamame, rice	

Canteen Weekly special

Monday 🇹🇭 **Tuesday** 🇮🇹

Monday
Chicken Pad Thai GF \$7.00
egg, bean sprouts, chives, garlic, chicken breast, lemon, tamarind, dried shrimp, rice noodles

Tuesday
Roasted chicken with sweet & sour salsa serve with black bean rice GF \$8.00
chicken thigh, onion, tomato, coriander, chili, lemon, black beans, rice

Wednesday 🇰🇷 **NOTE**
specials only available for preorder via flexischools

Jjolmyeon (Korean spicy cold chewy noodles) \$7.00
egg, shredded chicken, cucumber, sesame, bean sprouts, chili paste

Thursday 🇯🇵 **Friday** 🇯🇵

Avo and cucumber \$3.50 Veg GF
Katsu chicken avo \$4.00
Prawn tempura avo \$4.00
Lobster salad cucumber \$4.00 GF
Salmon avo \$4.50 GF

Volunteering in the Canteen

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- Working with Children Check - free to get for volunteers. Apply through [Service NSW](#)
- Completed [Food Handler Basics](#) training. This takes about an hour to complete
- Finally, you'll need to show a copy of your photo ID e.g. Drivers Licence, at the school office before the first shift

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- Choose the slot(s) you can do.
- Sign up!

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Payment methods

Students can now use the school ID to pay in the canteen. This adds a 4th way to pay for food and drinks during recess and lunch. The other 3 ways are EFTPOS cards, Flexischools and cash.

Flexischools: [Flexischools](https://flexischools.com.au) is the canteen ordering app and we still encourage you to sign up and place orders via the app, as it helps us better estimate how meals to prepare each day.

Go Cash Free at the HHHS Canteen!

NEW




Use your HHHS ID Card and Flexischools to scan and go!

HHHS Canteen will be trialling a new cashless system in **Term 3**. Don't worry - you can still use all the usual ways of paying but we are adding the option to use your School ID Card too. Get your students setup today!

Go Cash Free!

Here's the scoop on connecting your school ID card to flexischools for easy payments!

- 1 Get your favorite adult to setup an account on flexischools <https://user.flexischools.com.au/register>
- 2 Make sure you are setup in the account as a student at Hunters Hill High School.
- 3 In the app or on the flexischools website click on your name and add the barcode number from your ID Card into the student ID field
- 4 To pay at the canteen, simply scan your ID barcode to pay
- 5 Flexischools lets you set a daily limit and funds can only be used at the canteen! Great for managing your budget!



Environment

We Won!!!!



Well done to our school staff and volunteers. Winners of Hunters Hill Spring Garden Competition for Best School Grounds. Woo hoo!



Working bee

Keep an eye out on the P & C Facebook page for dates of the next working bee.



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)

Outdoor Sports and Recreation Project

The Outdoor Sports and Recreation (OSRA) team has worked with the PDHPE department to select appropriate equipment and contacted suppliers to get quotes. This was handed over to the school to be submitted to State Infrastructure NSW and we received approval for the project. We are now waiting on a start from State Infrastructure NSW.

Fundraising

As a not for profit organisation, we raise funds through donations, fundraising events, grants and community sponsored events.

Colour Fun Run

Always a fun event for teachers and students and one designed to get students to raise money for their school, this years funds raised went towards the creation of the Outdoor Sports and Recreation Area.



Teachers Day

For world teacher day and to show our appreciation for the wonderful teachers and staff at HHS, the P&C provided morning tea. The cupcakes were made by our canteen manager and staff in the school canteen.

Other fundraising activities

Along with events there are other ways to donate to HHHS while doing things you are already doing. Here are a few other ways to donate to the P&C.

Return and Earn

We were listed for 365 days on the Return and Earn app as a charity, which ended on 15th October. In total we raised \$110 in total, which is being put towards a \$500 Art Prize to be given to a 2024 HSC student for their major HSC artwork.

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.

Hunters Hill High School P&C (cont)

Grants

We apply for multiple grants each year. This term, we were unsuccessful with 2 ClunGrant applications which if successful would have gone to purchasing equipment in the canteen and to the CAPA department

Bus Route Changes

Our bus route campaign carries on. As a reminder, with the Chatswood to Sydenham Metro Line opening, bus services have either had route changes and/or timetable changes on routes that affect students getting to school on time.

The P&C have written to local, state and federal representatives who we know to voice our communities' concern and we encourage you to do the same.

How you can help: Use the link below to have your say, write to your local councils, federal and state representatives and local groups. Here is a link you can use to have your say.

<https://haveyoursay.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/bus-service-disruptions>

You can also send emails directly to the P&C and we'll keep putting our viewpoint forward.

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 4, 2024



This term has already been amazing in the Wellbeing department. With Mr Noller and Ms Mugridge at the helm, Year 9 PASS delivered another successful Wellbeing Day for Year 8. Through teamwork, leadership, communication and moving for your mind, students learnt the important connection between being physically active and mentally healthy.



For the first time ever, we welcomed the boys from The Man Cave and Danielle from Enlighten Education for our Year 10 students. Students were wary at first, but by the end of the day, I think some lives were changed for the good. 100% of students who attended the Enlighten Education workshop said it was excellent, with feedback like, *“I can’t pinpoint a favourite part of today because this whole day was so amazing...I learnt that I am enough, to not let any man bring me down, to be kind and appreciate everything... and that I have people that care for me.”* Similarly, The Man Cave got 4.7/5 stars from participants, with feedback like *“The program gives an opportunity for emotional honesty that is not common for us; it gives the opportunity to better ourselves throughout the day and opportunities to apply them to make our own and others’ lives happier and more human”*. Can’t wait to have everyone back next year.



I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Mr Daniel Habbouchi for everything he did as Year Advisor. His crew graduated this year knowing they were valued, safe and better people for having had him on their side. Mr Habbouchi’s run with the Wellbeing Team won’t end here though, and we’re excited for some new opportunities in 2025.

Sadly, I need to farewell another member of the team! Mr Fausto Centurion, Year Advisor extraordinaire, Rock and Water guru, font of knowledge, will be leaving us for a new adventure. When he told his cohort, tears were shed, and if that doesn’t give you a measure of the man, I don’t know what will. Thank you, Mr Centurion, for the million and one lessons you have given to every student you have worked with, for being such a steady presence, and for setting the bar high. Good luck with your next steps.

Nikki Polak
A/Head Teacher – Welfare

Careers Report – Term 4, 2024



After a mammoth effort by Mr Bastian, Careers was able to farewell the Class of 2024 having interviewed each and every individual. Our wonderful students have secured at least TWENTY-ONE early offers to Macquarie University through the Leaders and Achievers program, and at least 6 to UTS through their Early Entry Program. We love to hear your good news – stay in touch, Class of 2024!

Term 4 has also kicked off with a very well-received Study Skills seminar for years 10 and 11 with Advance Careers. Advance Careers is made up of volunteer university students who offer fantastic insight, tips and tricks for maximising study time. Not only have they been through the high school experience very recently, but they are also continuing to refine their study skills throughout their degrees and do an amazing job of sharing it with our students. We look forward to working with them again in the future.

Year 10 students have continued to engage in work experience, with many amazing opportunities being jumped on. HHHS has recently formed a program with the wonderful folks up at Hunters Hill Council to offer work experience in a multitude of areas. If you are interested to know more or would like support arranging work experience for your child, please get in touch.

Nikki Polak
Careers

CAPA Report – Term 4, 2024

Drama at Hunters Hill High School is celebrating remarkable success in the HSC, with three students – Nash Williams, Maxwell Patrick, and Lucy Hardaker – being selected for the HSC Showcase OnSTAGE for their exceptional Group performances. This prestigious recognition highlights the hard work, dedication, and talent nurtured within our school's Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) department.



This year's magical production of *Alice in Wonderland* marked an incredible milestone as our first full-scale school production in a number of years. Huge congratulations go to our visionary Drama teacher, Mrs Thomas, whose direction brought the classic story to life. Sincere thanks also to Ms Barcala for her tireless work on the stunning set designs and to Ms Cross for her expertise in managing the show's technical elements. Together, their dedication and creativity made *Alice in Wonderland* a truly memorable experience for both our performers and audience.

We're thrilled to announce that, following this success, our 2025 production will be *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, with rehearsals already underway. This exciting show features a diverse cast from Year 7 to Year 12, including our newly elected School Captain, Niamh. We look forward to another spectacular production and can't wait to see our students shine on stage!

Adding to the celebration, our annual CAPA Soirée was held last week — a highlight of the school calendar which showcased the top talent across our CAPA subjects. It's always a night full of energy and creativity, and we thank everyone who came along and enjoyed the talents of Hunters Hill High's finest performers.

PDHPE Report – Term 4, 2024

Year 7 Gala Day: Success for 9PASS coaches

The Year 7 Gala Day was a fantastic beginning to Term 4, celebrating leadership, teamwork, and the culmination of our 9PASS students' learning. Despite the intense heat, the day ran smoothly, thanks to the dedication and preparation of our Year 9 PASS class, who stepped up as coaches for the Year 7 teams.

In Term 3, the 9PASS students completed a unit of work focused on understanding the fundamentals of coaching. They explored topics such as effective communication, planning, skill development, coaching techniques, and fostering team cohesion. The Gala Day formed part of their assessment, providing an authentic opportunity to put their theoretical knowledge into practice.

In the weeks leading up to the event, the 9PASS students held training sessions during lunchtimes with their assigned Year 7 teams. These sessions helped the coaches build relationships with their players, explain the rules of the games, and develop their teams' confidence and skills.



On the day, the Year 7 students showcased great enthusiasm and sportsmanship, clearly benefiting from the guidance of their Year 9 coaches. Following the Gala Day, the 9PASS students reflected on and evaluated their coaching efforts, considering what they did well and how they could further improve.

A huge congratulations to our 9PASS students for their leadership and effort in making the Gala Day a success and to our Year 7 students for their active participation and positive attitudes. The day truly highlighted the value of learning through real-world experiences!

Year 8 Wellbeing Day: A Triumph for 10PASS2

Term 3 is always a significant milestone in the PASS program, marking the moment where students step into leadership roles and take responsibility for organising events for the junior years. Having experienced their own Gala Days as Year 7 students and later coached as Year 9s, this term was about applying those skills to create a memorable event.

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The 10PASS2 class worked together to plan, design, and deliver the **Year 8 Wellbeing Day** in conjunction with 10PASS 3. The focus of the day was **flag football**, a sport new to most Year 8 students. To ensure the event's success, the class created specialised hubs, each responsible for a key area of the day:

- **Referees and Equipment Managers:** Ensured smooth gameplay and well-prepared resources.
- **Event Organisers:** Coordinated logistics and ensured everything ran on schedule, helping where needed on the day.
- **Coaches:** Taught the rules, developed the players' skills, and provided guidance. They stayed with their teams throughout the day, providing feedback, managing games and distributing awards.
- **Draw Organisers and Result Keepers:** Managed match schedules and recorded scores. They worked with the other 10Pass class to ensure organisation and clarity between the events.
- **The Wellbeing and marketing Team:** Integrated the Learning Disposition Wheel into the event, focusing on grit, teamwork, empathy, and influence. They created posters and liaised with the other 10Pass class to ensure alignment with advertising.



The Wellbeing Team played a particularly innovative role by creating awards aligned with these dispositions. After each game, coaches discussed with players how they demonstrated these traits, involving the Year 8 students in meaningful reflections and decision-making.

It was incredibly rewarding to watch the Year 10 students embrace their roles with enthusiasm and professionalism. They explained the rules clearly, created an inclusive and supportive environment, and encouraged the Year 8s to improve their skills

throughout the day. The effort and teamwork of the Year 10s were evident in the growing confidence and performance of the Year 8 players as the event progressed.



The day was a fantastic mix of competition, growth, and collaboration, and I couldn't be prouder as their teacher. Watching the Year 10 students rise to the challenge of leadership and deliver such a well-run event was a true highlight of the year. Well done to all involved!

Brooke Mugridge
PDHPE

School Captain's News

As we begin Term 4, I've been reflecting on some of the important moments that have shaped our journey this year. One of the most impactful experiences for me and the leadership team was the wellbeing seminar we attended this Tuesday. It was an eye-opening session, where we learned valuable lessons about the importance of community and supporting one another. The key message we took away was simple yet powerful: "It's not weak to speak." Sometimes, the most effective way we can help ourselves and each other is by simply starting a conversation. Whether it's in the classroom, on the playground, or during lunchtime, let's keep the conversations going and remind each other that it's okay to ask for help. This term also brought an exciting milestone as we held our Year 6 Top of the Hill. It was an absolute pleasure to welcome the future members of our Hunters Hill community. Watching them experience their first day of high school was a reminder of the excitement and growth that comes with every new chapter. We look forward to seeing them thrive here at Hunters Hill High School! As we move through Term 4, let's continue to support one another, share our stories, and grow stronger together as a school community. **Niamh – Captain**

Hello everyone, I'm Owen, your Vice Captain. I'm passionate about enhancing our school community by introducing more religious awareness and creating a better environment for all students. I believe that fostering understanding and respect for diverse beliefs can strengthen our bonds and create a more inclusive atmosphere. Additionally, I'm a big fan of music performances, and I'd love to organise more events where students can showcase their talents and bring us together through the power of music. As we start this term, I'm excited to hear your ideas and work collaboratively to make our school an even better place for everyone! **Owen – Vice Captain**

Hi guys, Jaime here, as your other Vice Captain, I'm deeply honoured and humbled to be trusted with this leadership role. Throughout my time at HHHS, I've always been a passionate advocate for the fostering of a strong and tightly knit community, especially through sport. As a former House Leader and constant of the school's sporting scene, I've witnessed firsthand how sports can unite and inspire us like nothing else.

This year I aim to further strengthen our sporting culture by introducing initiatives that encourage wider participation and celebrate the successes of all our athletes from all year groups and sporting codes. From more inter-school correspondences to developing more sporting clubs in the school, I hope to make sport an even greater part of our shared experiences at HHHS! Together, let's create a year where we strive for excellence on and off the field, embodying all of our values – respect, responsibility and integrity. Here's to the prospect of an exciting year of achievement, growth and coming together. **Jaime – Vice Captain**

Hi, my name is Skye, I'm one of your 2025 CAPA Captains along with Janice. I'm a passionate and motivated drama student who strives to include more of the arts into our school environment. Drama is personally my favourite part of CAPA as I've been doing it for almost 8 years inside and outside of school. In the last few years I've been involved in State Drama participating in 4 different ensembles performing at the Seymour Centre every year since year 9. Not only do I love drama but music is also a huge part of my identity, although I don't take music as a class I love listening to music and I've played guitar for about 6 years as well and singing which is also one of my favourite things, I have been in Art's Alive and the School Spectacular twice for choir.

As a passionate advocate for the Creative and Performing Arts, I hope to increase engagement and excitement around CAPA events by introducing more opportunities for performance and collaboration. One of my key ideas is to integrate drama into assemblies alongside the music ensembles, showcasing the diverse talents within our school. Additionally, I aim to bring CAPA into the spotlight by organising a bunch of events and ensuring their success through thoughtful planning and teamwork with the other leaders.

School News

I plan to advance the CAPA calendar by supporting events that celebrate our creative community, such as showcases for student artwork, performances, and projects. By collaborating with teachers and students, I'll help organise auditions, displays, and food stalls to bring up school spirit and raise funds for CAPA. From exciting performances to HSC showcases, I'll focus on highlighting the talent and dedication within our school. **Skye - CAPA Captain**

A CAPA leader who doesn't do a CAPA subject!? Hi everyone, my name is Janice, and I'm honoured and grateful to be one of the next CAPA leaders at Hunters Hill High School. A fun fact about me is that no, I do not do any CAPA subjects. Another fun fact about me is I won't let that fact stop me from lending a hand and making sure that everyone had a blast at every event.

One of my personal favourite events that I was able to be a part of has to be 'Alice in Wonderland,' where right before the hall closed its doors for year 11's terrifying Prelims, the school welcomed parents, students, teachers, and friends to enjoy our school play, 'Alice in Wonderland.' It was a wonderful time when the students and I were able to express our talents and love of drama. The show produces not just the greatest play ever but also a warm, funny, family-like atmosphere for those a part of the play as well as for audiences. (In case you were wondering, I obviously played the best character ever, the Caterpillar.)

Back to the main subject, while I do not do any CAPA subjects, I still see myself at an advantage as I've been on the lookout for any opportunity where I may be able to express my passion in drawing as well as witness many spectacular creative works the students offer outside of the CAPA blocks. In light of this, I believe that art is subjective and exists in every individual and in their own unique ways. That is why my goal as a CAPA leader is to highlight these hidden talents throughout the whole school alongside the very astonishing CAPA masterpieces and ensembles in order to enhance and recognize all the school's hard-working creative showcases. I plan to achieve this by having the students' perform their work on stage and set up tables with their achievements so that parents and audiences may see the immense accomplishments made by the entire school. **Janice - CAPA Captain**

As we begin to reach the middle of Term 4, we urge our student body to get excited about social justice at our school. We have big plans in the works, concerning school culture, our place in the community, and ways we can give back as leaders, largely built around our past experiences and observances as house leaders. We're invested in your wellbeing, and we've been inspired by our recent visit to the Youth Mental Health Forum to promote change, communication and a culture of upstanding. We are also actively working towards strengthening our bonds with the local community and cultivating relationships with our neighbouring schools. As social justice is such a broad category, we more specifically want to build our roles around connection. To us, this means compassion, transparency, solidarity, equality and speaking up. The causes we intend to focus on within our time as leaders include: queer pride, cancer charities and organisations, disability rights, opposing casual racism and sexism and building up conversations about mental health. **Zeynep – Social Justice Leader**

As your new 2025 Sport Captains we have a clear vision for how sport and carnivals will be approached in Hunters Hill High school, with a focus on celebrating individual and team sporting achievements in the same way we do academic achievements. We are working closely with the PDHPE faculty and look forward to better integrating the house system, the house leaders and their patrons to get the best participation and recognition for our sport enthusiasts and their achievements. As former House leaders in 2024, we recognise the importance of having fun and exciting activities during the week to make school that little bit less boring, and already have some plans for the year ahead! We look forward to collaborating with all of you and are free to chat anytime.

Events to come:

- The Swimming carnival is in Week 2 to kick off the new year.
- In hopes to avoid the rainy season, the Athletics Carnival has been moved to Term 1 in Week 9, followed closely by the Cross Country Carnival in Week 10.

Charlotte and Dominic – Sports Captains

School News (cont)

SRC Reflection

In the months since the last Figleaf was published the SRC has worked tirelessly to supplement our P&C and House team with another quarter of events and initiatives to give everyone amazing days at school. Casting our minds back to late August we hosted Wellbeing Week, with a scrumptious bake sale, lovely acoustic performances and creative chalk drawing. Capping off the celebrations with Mufti Day, while I distinctly recall dressing with homage to Taylor's latest album, my camera roll has me in a most fashionable orange and blue 3-piece. Regardless, the next month brought our schools first celebration of Liptember, a celebration of women's mental health. The bake sale was a resounding success, raising several hundreds of dollars for the Liptember foundation, my miscounting of the funds notwithstanding. *Fast forward to three-hundred takeout coffees later*, the best house has placed worst in the Figtree Cup and we're in the midst of the sister event Movember. Mr Dennis, Mr Baczynskyj and our SLSO Rohan have shaved for the occasion and by now you all will have seen the triumphant photo at the end of the month.

In between, we welcomed our future Year 7 cohort with just the same flair. Every one of them received a highlights tour of our everyday and loved each minute. Witnessing Mr Elliott reprimand the Year 9 Timber class was a memorable highlight. I have high hopes for Year 7 2025, all should imitate their desire for experiences and new ideas. It's been a busy year for us all but we are a happier and worldlier school thanks to all your enjoyment. Happy holidays HHHS! **Luke - SRC**

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 or via the Portal. Please respond to the text or via the Portal with the reason for lateness/absence. 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



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Every Day Matters

If your child misses as little as **1 day** per fortnight, they will miss **4 weeks** of school per year, which adds up to over **1 year** missed over their school life.

Make sure your child doesn't miss out on the important things like:

- Learning
- Strengthening friendships
- Emotional development

Scan the QR code to learn more



Christmas Food Drive

To celebrate and spread Christmas's joy for all, the student leadership team is hosting a food and gift drive towards the Salvation Army so that they may reach families experiencing hardship throughout Australia. Please place the gifts in the box assigned to your house in the common room before Friday, December 6th, and read the poster for lists of items that can be donated.



CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Please provide any gifts to the
common room.

Cut-off Date: Friday, 6th Dec 2024

CHRISTMAS ITEMS

- Puddings, cakes, mince pies, shortbread
- Long-life cream, custard
- Snacks (biscuits, chips, chocolates, lollies)
- Table décor (bonbons, decorations, tablecloths, napkins)

TINNED FOODS

- (Please ensure they are ring-pull tins only)
- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Soups
- Meats or fish

MEAL BASES

- Pasta sauces
- Pre-prepared rice meals
- Curry and stir-fry sauces
- Meal kits (Mexican, Asian, Indian)

CLEANING AND HYGIENE ITEMS

- Personal toiletries like soap, shampoo, toothpaste, hairbrush or toilet paper
- Cleaning products like multipurpose cleaner, dish detergent or washing powder
- Baby care items like nappies or baby wipes

OTHER

- Breakfast cereal
- Spreads and jams
- Savoury biscuits
- Packet of jelly
- Liquid gravy
- Sugar
- Tea, coffee, hot chocolate
- Long-life milk or juices
- Iced tea
- Baby food
- Gluten, Dairy and Nut free options



BREAKFAST
Club

FRIDAYS @8AM

BRING A FRIEND, MAKE A FRIEND

START YOUR DAY THE RIGHT WAY

QUESTIONS? SEE THE WELL-BEING TEAM

AT THE GROUND UP CAFE OUTSIDE THE HALL

Breakfast Club is running every Friday morning outside the hall. Students are invited to join us for some free food, and volunteers are always welcome to help us run it!

homework. study. revision. support.

BEYOND THE BELL.

EVERY MONDAY AFTERNOON
3:15pm - 4:30pm
Library

HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL - SUPPORTING ALL STUDENTS WITH THEIR LEARNING

EAT YOUR WORDS

TUESDAY
8:30AM - 9:15AM
THE LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY
2:20PM-3:00PM
THE LIBRARY

ORGANISE & REVISE. PROOFREAD. EDIT. SUBMIT

Eat Your Words is a supportive study environment facilitated by the Learning and Support Teachers and the SLSOs.

Learning concepts can be reinforced, communication with class teachers supported & guidance for research and writing provided

CONTACT:
Nathalie Thibaux (Yr 7 & 8)
Kathryn Zerk (Year 9 & 10)
Jess Austin (Yr 11 & 12)

THE NUMERACY CENTRE

Monday,
Wednesday
&
Thursday
in 408

At the Numeracy Centre students get assistance in reinforcing maths skills, preparing for exams and assessments or to simply receive help with homework

Grab your lunch and bring a friend along!


R U OK?

IF YOU FEEL **WORRIED** OR **SAD** YOU CAN TALK TO:
your U_Matter Mentor
WE CARE ABOUT YOU!

Year 7 Ms Banerjee	Year 8 Ms Reynolds	Year 9 Ms Guo	Year 10 Mr Centurion	Year 11 Ms Hutchinson	Year 12 Mr Habbouchi

YEAR ADVISERS -

Each year group has one - you will find them in their classroom or staffroom.



Q 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. **Q** Come and say hello.

A/HEAD TEACHER WELLBEING/Careers Ms Polak	STUDENT SUPPORT OFFICER Ms Harvey	LEARNING & SUPPORT Years 7 & 8 Ms Thibaux	LEARNING & SUPPORT Years 9 & 10 Ms Zerk	A/HEAD TEACHER TEACHING & LEARNING Year 11 & 12 Ms Austin

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HHHS WEBSITE

The HHHS website is updated regularly! Please take the time to go to our site for updates, important information about our school, photos, videos, upcoming events and important dates.

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