



Hunters Hill
High School

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June 2015



Duke of Edinburgh

Dates to Remember

June 15 P & C Meeting	June 17 CHS Cross Country
June 18 Zone Athletics Carnival VARIETY NIGHT	June 23 Yr7 & 8 Parent/Teacher Night
Term 3, July 13 School Development Day	Term 3, July 14 Students Return
July 16 Yr9 & 10 Parent/Teacher Night	July 17 CHS Cross Country
July 20 HSC Trial Exams start Regional Athletics P&C Meeting	July 25 P&C Working Bee
August 17 P&C Meeting	August 26 Yr7 Sports Gala Day MADD Night
September 1 Grade Sports Finals	September 3 & 4 CHS Athletics
September 5 'Taste Fest'	September 14 Yr12 Picnic Day
September 16 Yr12 Graduation Day Assembly	September 18 Last Day of Term 3

KEEP THE DATES

- Year 7 & 8 Parent / Teacher Night - June 23
- Start of Term 3 - Students Return - July 14
- Year 9 & 10 Parent / Teacher Night - July 16
- HSC Trial Exams Start - July 20
- Year 12 Major Works Showcase (MADD) – August 26
- 'Taste Fest' – September 5



Don't Be Late!

Hunters Hill High School Bell Times

Morning Warning Bells – 8.30 am & 8.44 am

Assembly / Roll Call Bell – 8.48 am



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As Term 2 draws to a close, a review of events shows that the school has indeed been a 'zone of high activity'. The 100th Anzac Day Commemoration was a solemn and moving occasion with our students demonstrating exemplary behaviour. We were 'third time lucky' in getting the Cross-Country up and running after several patches of stormy and unsettled weather and the Athletics Carnival was successful despite some spots of drizzle.

Thanks must go to our Year 8 and 10 students, their families and the teachers who participated in the various Subject Markets to guide and aid planning for the significant course changes that will be a part of their lives in 2016. The school has been receptive to implementing new timetabling structures to maximise the learning opportunities for these student cohorts.

Variety Night preparations are well underway, backstage teams are in full 'prep', rehearsals are progressing and we are on schedule for a night of fun, entertainment and talent. To the performers, I say: 'break a leg'.

I wish to invite all parents to attend the Parent/Teacher Evenings that are scheduled to occur over the next few weeks. The upcoming Year 7 and 8 Evening will happen during the last week of term from 4.00pm – 7.00pm on Tuesday 23rd June. Our Year 9 and 10 Evening will occur in Week 1 of next term on Thursday 16th July from 4.00pm – 7.00pm.

Michael Murphy
Relieving Principal

P&C REPORT

Even though we have not met since the last Figtree report, the P&C have been working steadily to support the school and its students. I would like to acknowledge some of the many parent volunteers who contribute in various ways to the life of the school. Neil Hopkins does an amazing job with landscaping in the school grounds and organising the regular working bees which enhance our beautiful site. Thanks to the parents who volunteer their time at weekends to assist in this way.

Anthea Murray and her fundraising committee are planning a Taste Fest fundraising evening on September 5th which is sure to be a great night. Tickets will be on sale soon and we hope that many parents will come along to enjoy the occasion and raise funds, which will be used to benefit the students.

Our Dance co-ordinator Delphine Davies does a wonderful job looking after the three dance groups and the Music Committee (Mitch Kirkman, Katrina Nash and Jenny Nylund) are doing great things to advance the music program. I hope that many parents will come to see our talented students perform at Variety Night on June 18th.

At our meeting on June 15th Mr Josh Gane will be speaking about the school's *Bring Your Own Device Policy*, which should be of interest to all.

We will be meeting at the earlier time of 7pm on Monday and hope that this time might suit people better. Tea, coffee and cake will be served from 6.30pm so please come for a chat before the meeting.

Margaret Schnitzler
President, Hunters Hill High School P&C Association

Hunters Hill High School

Thursday

18th June

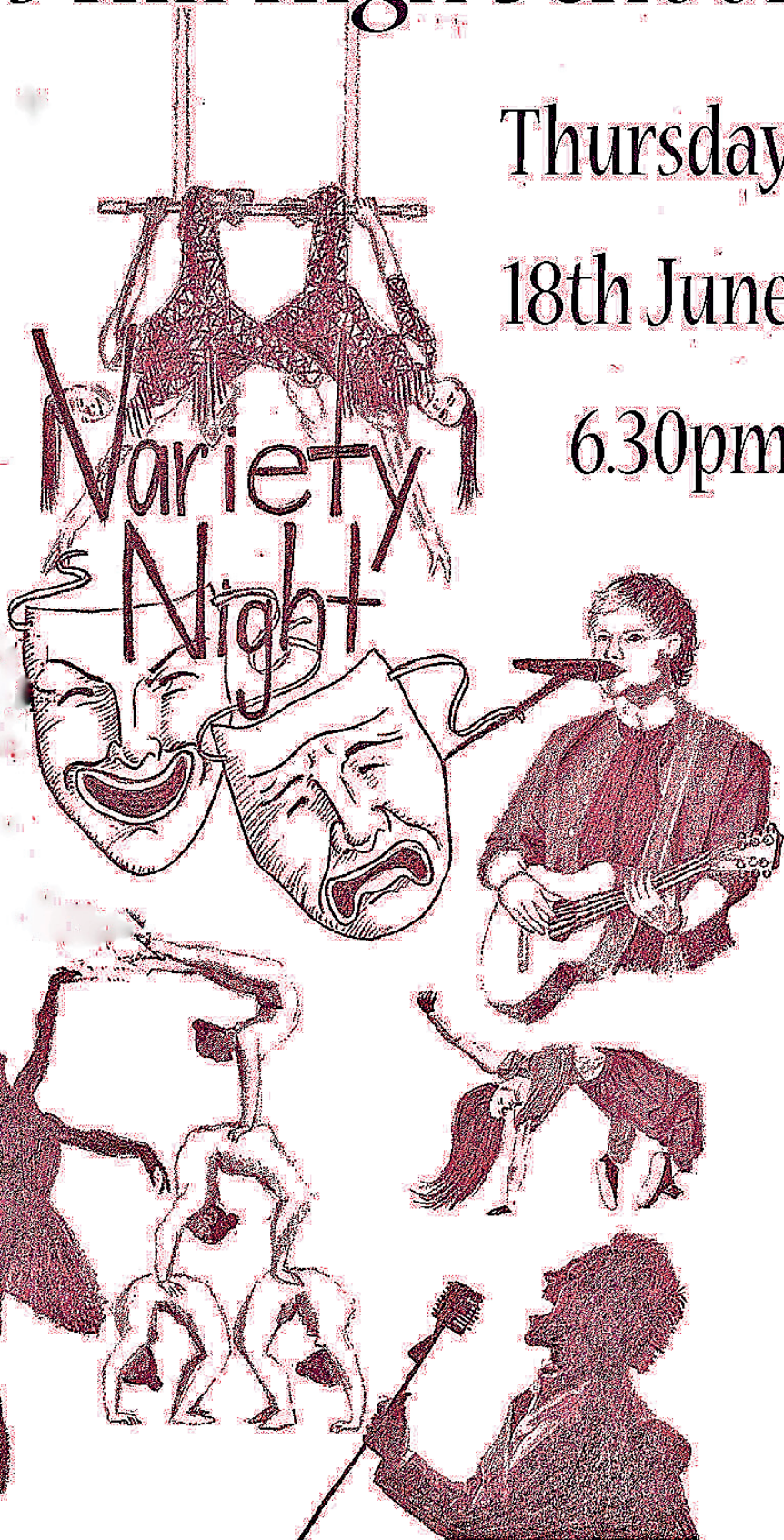
6.30pm

Ticket Prices

Student \$10

Adult \$15

Family \$35



Lane Cove West Public School Visit

On Tuesday 2nd June, Hunters Hill High School paid a visit to their long-time partner primary school, Lane Cove West Public School.

There were two reasons for this visit – one a little more strategic and devious than the other.

Every year, Hunters Hill High School's Learning and Support Team send a group of delegates to the local primary schools to establish an early link with the prospective Year 7 students. This was our initial visit for 2015 and it was attended by Learning and Support Teacher, Ms. Jessica Austin and two Year 7 and two senior students. School Captain Samantha Warren and Year 11 Peer Support Leader, Sam Cole (both ex-Lane Cove West students) returned to their old stomping ground to talk to the 2015 Year 6 students. They discussed the wide range of opportunities that have been available to them during their schooling. Being Lane Cove West's ex-school captain as well, Samantha talked about the significance of co-educational schooling for students and the beneficial programs for girls at Hunters Hill High School. "The Sams" also assisted Leo Bach and Claire Davies of Year 7, in presenting their speeches to their peers from 2014, about their experience of transitioning from primary school to high school – highlighted the special programs and initiatives we provide to make the change as seamless as possible. The Lane Cove West students were keen to ask questions of our students about the life of a high school student. Through their mature demeanour and personable nature, our students conveyed the respectful and friendly environment we have to offer at our beautiful school.

The event was also attended by some special guests, Ms. Judith Felton, Mr. Michael Murphy and Lane Cove West Principal Ms. Judy Doherty. This is where the deviousness comes into play... Hunters Hill High School wanted to formally and publicly recognise the hard work and association of Mrs Bronwyn Neal, Deputy Principal of Lane Cove West Public School who is retiring in the next few weeks. Mrs. Neal has not only been fundamental to the education of the students at her school, but their progression into senior education. Thank you and good luck Bronwyn!

Special thanks to Samantha Warren, Sam Cole, Leo Bach and Claire Davies.

Jessica Austin



Maths Matters



On Wednesday 27th May, Year 7 students visited Taronga Zoo for their Science/Maths excursion. It was a beautiful day and the students collected a lot of information, that they needed to complete their assignment *To Zoo or Not To Zoo?* We are teaching Year 7 students how to use Mathematical evidence to back up a scientific argument, and they will be working on this project in both their science and maths classes. Some of the features of this project included the consideration of costs of feeding the animals, the statistics of the population decline of endangered species and the measurements of enclosures.



Maths Olympiads

The Year 7 and Year 8 Navigate classes are participating in the Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads (APSMO). The annual Olympiads consist of 5 separate contests, 1 per month from May to September. The aims of the Olympiads are:

- To introduce students to important mathematical concepts
- To teach major strategies and develop flexibility for problem solving
- To foster creativity and ingenuity and strengthen intuition
- To stimulate enthusiasm and enjoyment for mathematics
- To provide for the satisfaction, joy, and thrill of meeting challenges



Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC)

The AMC, run by the Australian Mathematics Trust, will be held this year on Thursday 30th July. One of the largest annual events on the Australian education calendar, the AMC was the first competition of its kind in Australia and is now one of the largest of its type in the world. More than 40 countries participate each year. The competition aims to be accessible to all students from Years 3 to 12, not just the mathematically gifted. There is an emphasis on problem solving, a valuable life skill, and the questions are designed to be fun for the student. The AMC consists of 30 questions in the Junior (Years 7 and 8), Intermediate (Years 9 and 10) and Senior (Years 11 and 12) divisions. Time allowed is 75 minutes.

We encourage students to participate in this event.

Senior Maths Subject Choices

The Mathematical Association of NSW is holding an information night for parents and students on June 24th to assist students in making the choice of a HSC Maths subject.



Mathematical Association of NSW Inc
↳ Primary Association for Mathematics (PAM)

Subject Choice Community Night

Subject Choice Community Night

Which mathematics course should students choose for their HSC?

MANSW is presenting a community information event for HSC students and their parents to assist students making the very important choice of mathematics course for Years 11 and 12.

Guest Speakers:

Dr Mary Coupland – Senior Lecturer, Mathematical and Physical Sciences UTS
President, Australian Assoc. of Mathematics Teachers

Doctor Leanne Rylands – Associate Professor, School of Mathematics UWS

Stuart Palmer – Mathematics Teacher and Teacher In Service provider,
MANSW Project Officer

When: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Where: The Duchess Room, Level 1
The Coronation Club
86 Burwood Road
BURWOOD

Date: Wednesday 24 June.

Cost: \$2 / head payable at the door.

There will be a question and answer session after the presentations.

Faculty News

Bring Back Our Books

The English Department is reminding students to return any class texts that they still have at home from previous years. We are particularly seeking:

Parvana
Animal Farm
The Boy in the Stripped Pyjamas
To Kill a Mockingbird
The Giver
Looking For Alibrandi
Don's Party

This would be greatly appreciated.

Drama

The Drama Department is seeking any unwanted furniture for the upcoming HSC Drama performances.

We are particularly seeking a small dining table and chair(s), an armchair, barstools or bar table.

If you have any of these pieces and would like to donate them to school, please call Ms Goulousis in English to make arrangements.

Much appreciated.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE VACCINATIONS CHANGE OF DATE THIS TERM

The date for vaccinations clinics has been changed from Wednesday 24th June to Thursday 25th June 2015 for Year 7, Years 11 and 12 at Hunters Hill High School.

Please note that vaccination consent forms need to be completed prior to the attendance of the vaccination clinics. Consent forms can be obtained by your child through Mrs. Apostolou in the HSIE Department. Any queries about the vaccinations should be made directly to the NSW Health Department, Northern Sydney Local Health District and speak to Louise Norris on 94779400 or email to NSLHD-PHUHornsby@health.nsw.gov.au

SUCCESSFUL GOAL SETTING WORKSHOP FOR GIRLS AT HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL

Our goal setting workshop was designed to help Year 11 and 12 female students reflect upon their lives - where they are now and where they want to be in five years.

The girls were encouraged to create a 2020 Vision, a five year plan for their finances, personal skills, character, grades and career path to achieve a common goal and, in turn, fulfil a vision.

The workshop was a success with many students checking their accountability with a mentor, as well as the Girls Welfare Advisor. Students are aiming to achieve both short and long term goals.

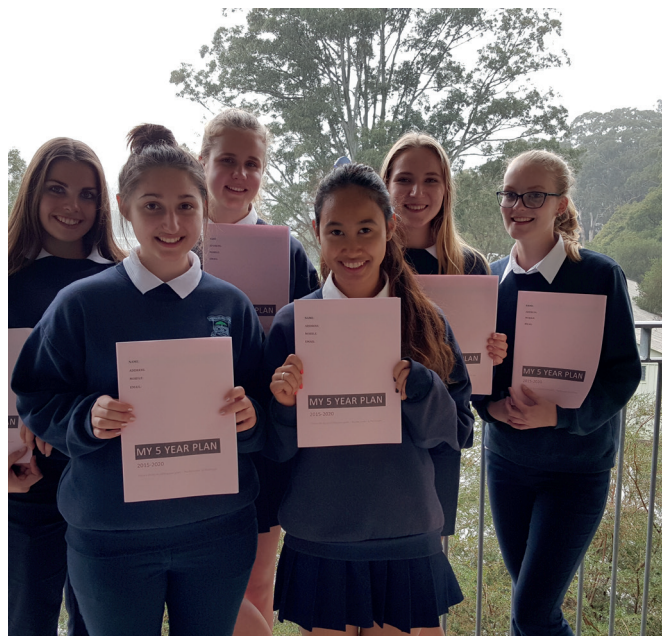
'It excited me to know, that I have the ability to choose my future and the paths I can take. Planning is half of that process and I'm so glad that I have the resources to start now!'

- Courtney Johnston, Year 11

'The future makes me a little nervous, but having something to aim towards, gives me the confidence to conquer.'

- Monique Ustunoglu, Year 12

Stay tuned for video testimonials!



Six Foot Track Adventures

Eleven Duke of Edinburgh Award students, along with three brave teachers, walked the Six Foot Track over three days to complete the adventurous journey component of their awards.

We met at Central Station at 6am; thanking parents for leaving the comfort and warmth of their beds to drop off sleepy eyed students. With hot coffee in hand our troupe boarded the train to Katoomba. Two hours later we were ready to start walking. The first day of our adventure saw us drop down Nelly's Glen into Glenworth Valley, stopping briefly for lunch at the Historical Cemetery before crossing the swing bridge to our campsite by the Cox's River. Our warm dinners provided only a brief reprieve before the cold sent us eagerly to bed.

As the sun rose we climbed gingerly out of our frosty tents to start a new day. We enjoyed a picturesque stroll that wound through trees and across a couple of fords before all too soon we encountered the dreaded incline. Rising steadily for several hours was enough to test the will power of both students and teachers. At the summit of the mountain we met Mr Murphy's smiling face who accompanied us along the trail that meandered across the ridge of the mountain.

Another frosty wind sent us quickly to bed, but not before a delicious hot chocolate supplied by our industrious Deputy Principal.

Day three found fourteen happy and relieved hikers with stiff legs picking our way down the path to Jenolan Caves. We were welcomed with burgers and hot chips at the Jenolan Café where we awaited our chariots to carry us home.

If you want more information about Duke of Edinburgh, see Miss Simpson in the English Staffroom.

Ruth Simpson
Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator



Science

In Science, we are working towards aligning our faculty initiatives to the Strategic Plan for 2015-2017. With both staff and students building capacity and skills, we aim to meet the needs of every student by creating an engaging learning environment. We are aiming towards the development of higher order and critical thinking skills from Year 7, and building them through Years 8 - 10 so that when students start Year 11 and 12, they are well prepared for exam style questions in the Science HSC examination.

Strategic Direction 1: Building Capacity

Science has taken on the responsibility of ensuring all teachers are equipped to build the capacity of each student according to varying learning styles. Therefore, we have introduced a period of team teaching, to assist the professional development of teachers and their ability to create innovative and collaborative lessons using Google Docs sharing on the Science set of Chrome-Books. Ms Chiew has been team teaching with the faculty to upskill the faculty with how to use collaboration and De Bono's 6 Hats Strategy to research and write a persuasive essay in Science.

Strategic Direction 2: Student Engagement

Not only are we trying to improve our own skills, we are trying to create more challenging lessons and assessment tasks to increase student engagement.

The Year 7 co-curricular assignment with Maths 'To zoo or not to zoo' is an example of this. Students were challenged to create a persuasive digital presentation discussing whether we should have zoos or not. From their excursion to Taronga Zoo, students gathered numerical data, photos and knowledge on the topic to help strengthen their argument for their digital presentations. These will be presented in class on the 18th-19th of June.

Julia Riviera
Science Teacher

HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop, located on the 1st floor of K BLOCK, is open each Tuesday and Thursday morning during school terms, between 8.00 am - 9.00 am. The school uniform shop is managed and staffed by volunteer parents from the Hunters Hill High School P & C Association.

Further enquiries may be directed by email to uniformshhhs@gmail.com

2015 Cross Country Carnival

Congratulations to Hunters Hill High on another outstanding performance in the 2015 School Cross Country Carnival.

The following students were crowned Age Champions on the day:

12 Year Girl – Lili Bollard	12 Year Boy – Olivier Koehen
13 Year Girl – Sandra Spasovski	13 Year Boy – Curtis Kingsmill
14 Year Girl – Astrid Kingsmill	14 Year Boy – Huon Kirkman
15 Year Girl – Heather Service	15 Year Boy – Scott Hansford
16 Year Girl – Alice Perkes	16 Year Boy – Murray Paish
17 Year Girl – Monique Ustunoglu	17 Year Boy – Harrison Hansford

The top ten students from each gender and age group successfully made it through to compete at the Zone Carnival. The 2015 Zone Cross Country Carnival was held on Wednesday the 20th May at St Luke's Oval Concord.

Hunters Hill High did exceptionally well with 21 students qualifying for the Regional Cross Country Carnival which will be held at Gosford Racecourse on Thursday 11th June. I would like to acknowledge and congratulate Astrid Kingsmill who on her 14th birthday won her age group. Congratulations to the following students representing Hunters Hill High at Regionals:

YEAR 7	Olivier Koehn
YEAR 7	Tushar Khinda
YEAR 7	Liam Jones
YEAR 7	Andrew Gaft
YEAR 7	Tianna Vicary
YEAR 7	Rose Schafel
YEAR 7	Sandra Spasovski
YEAR 7	Curtis Kingsmill
YEAR 7	Samuel Galati
YEAR 8	Oliver Jenkinson
YEAR 8	Isabella McLeod
YEAR 8	Astrid Kingsmill
YEAR 9	Scott Hansford
YEAR 9	Seb Davies
YEAR 11	Alice Perkes
YEAR 11	Murray Paish
YEAR 11	Henry Service
YEAR 11	Max Jones
YEAR 11	Conrad Schnitzler
YEAR 11	Harrison Hansford
YEAR 11	Alice Perkes
YEAR 12	Siobhan Nash

Good luck to all students competing.

Ms Woolford

It's Tanken Time Again!

On Thursday, May 21st the students of 8Y were lucky enough to be the first of our Year 8 Japanese classes to visit the wonderful Tanken Centre. This language immersion centre is located in the grounds of Kirrawee High School and is a purpose-built, traditional Japanese house. This centre is the only one of its kind in Australia. The Tanken staff had prepared activities especially for our students. They played language games and spoke Japanese all day.

As part of their Japanese experience, we also got to eat a delicious obentoo lunch, freshly prepared at a local restaurant. We ate our lunches in the Japanese style garden at the centre.

Every student in 8Y had this unique opportunity and used their Japanese skills. 'Minna san, yoku dekimashita' Well done everyone!

Ms. C. Talbot (LOTE Japanese teacher)



Google Apps for Education

Start using 'Google Apps for Education'

I'd like to encourage all students to log onto their student portal and experiment with their Google Apps for Education (GAFE) account. Google Apps for Education allows all students access to a personalised apps account with huge potential. Every student now has access to this great learning tool. GAFE allows access to Google Docs (cloud based word processor), including all the compatible Microsoft office software. Google Docs will allow you to access all your documents remotely from any device and allows automatic saving/updating of your material. Furthermore, GAFE allows you access to many other Apps such as Classroom, Sites, Books, Maps and many more.

To access your GAFE account, log onto your portal and click on the 'Learning' tab on the left hand menu. This same tab will also allow you access to 'Adobe DEC & software download'. The Adobe DEC & software download is where students can download free software, such as Microsoft Office Professional and Windows 8.1.

The screenshot shows the 'Student portal' interface in a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window. The address bar displays the URL <https://student.det.nsw.edu.au/user/blake.turner24/home>. The page features a blue header with the 'student portal' logo, a search bar, and a 'Log out' button. Below the header, there are navigation links: 'Personalise', 'Add link list', and 'Email: 1 unread'. A sidebar on the left contains links for 'My Calendar', 'Counselling and support?', 'Search sites', and 'Learning'. The 'Learning' link is highlighted with a red arrow. The main content area displays a 'My Timetable' section with a grid for Week A and Week B. The bottom of the browser shows the taskbar with open applications: 'Start', 'Google Apps @ NSW D...', 'Students - NSW Depa...', 'Student portal - Micr...', 'Google Apps @ NSW D...', and 'Document1 - Microso...'. The system clock shows 9:19 AM.

Robotics Bootcamp – Macquarie University

It was a pleasure to accompany our Robotics group to Macquarie University on Wednesday 3rd June for a full day Robotics Bootcamp.

Our Robotics Group, made up of 30 students from Year 9 to 11, participated in a robot building workshop using Lego EV3 Robots and Mindstorm software.

Throughout the day, our students developed their skills by initially building a random number generator robot then progressing through several stages to finally design and program a functioning motor driven 'Harvey Mk2 Robot'.

This day was our first step in establishing a more regular Robotics Program for HHHS. My observations throughout the day, and the feedback I received from our students, have encouraged me to investigate further opportunities for our robotics students in Semester Two. Congratulations to all the Robotics students for their excellent effort throughout the day, I look forward to involving them in more Robotics tasks in the near future.



Parenting Programs

Child & Adolescent Parenting

WHAT'S ON IN TERM 3 - COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Tuning in to Teens Course

Skills to communicate with your teenagers so that you understand each other better & are able to build positive relationships.

- ★ Understanding teenagers today & communication skills
- ★ Emotional intelligence skills
- ★ How to prevent behaviour problems & conflict resolution

Chatswood 5 wks/2.5hrs (30/7 - 27/8, 7.00-9.30pm)

Dealing with Teen's Backchat Workshop

- ★ Learn how to restore a respectful & positive relationship with your teenager
- ★ Understand what it is like being a teenager today
- ★ Learn how to talk so that they listen & how to listen so that they talk to you

Chatswood (23/7, 7.00-9.30pm)

Tuning in to Kids Course - Chatswood (27/7 - 24/8)

Triple P Seminars- Chatswood (5/8, 12/8 & 19/8)

Communicating with Kids Workshop (based on PET)-Chatswood (31/8)

WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF TEENS - 9887 5830

- ★ Dealing with Teen's Back Chat
- ★ Resilient Kids
- ★ Transition to High School
- ★ Bully Busting Workshop
- ★ Triple P Seminar Series (Teens)

OTHER WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST (2-2.5 hours)

- ★ Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums
- ★ Older Sibling - New Baby
- ★ Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training
- ★ Transition to School
- ★ Speech & Language Development/Sleep
- ★ Grand Parenting
- ★ Triple P (PPP) Seminar Series (1-12 years)
- ★ Communicating with Kids

Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting 9887 5830

www.nslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/services/CAP



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Head Lice Incidents

Recently two parents have reported head lice occurring with their junior years' children. Advice was requested for the community's consideration:

Head lice can be annoying but thankfully they will not harm your child's health and they have no bearing on a child's personal hygiene.

Preventing Head Lice

- Regularly check your child's hair
- Keep long hair tied back or braided
- Keep a fine-toothed comb and encourage your family to use it when they wash their hair

Treating Head Lice

- Daily combing with a white hair conditioner using a fine tooth comb will help get rid of head lice and their eggs (nits). Chemists sell a range of chemical shampoo treatments to treat the problem.

UOW OPEN DAY

10am – 2pm

Saturday, August 29

Sydney CBD Campus, Circular Quay
Gateway Building, 1 Macquarie Place

uow.edu.au/sydney-open-day

Attend the Sydney CBD Open Day and explore three levels of modern teaching facilities overlooking Circular Quay and the Sydney CBD precinct.

You will have the opportunity to:

- Chat face-to-face with our academic staff
- Learn about our business courses
- Meet current students and industry partners
- Tour the campus

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Actual view

Hunters Hill High School

Term 3 – 2015



Month	Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
July	1A	13 School Development Day – Staff Return	14 Students Return	15	16 Yr9&10 Parent / Teacher Night	17 CHS Cross Country
July	2B	20 HSC Trial Exams Regional Athletics P&C Meeting	21 Regional Athletics	22	23	24 25/7 P&C Working Bee
July/ Aug	3A	27 HSC Trial Exams PIP projects due	28	29	30 Ski Trip Aust. Mathematics Competition	31 Ski Trip
Aug	4B	3 Bank Holiday	4	5	6 Industrial Tech. Major Projects Due	7
Aug	5A	10 Textiles & Design Major Projects Due	11	1	13 English Ext 2 Major Works Due	14 WH&S Meeting
Aug	6B	17 Drama Projects Due Drama Performance Examination (tba) P&C Meeting	18	19	20	21
Aug	7A	24 Visual Arts Bodies of Work Due Drama Performance Examination (tba)	25 Grade Sport Semi Finals	26 Yr7 Sports Gala Day MADD Night Gwyn Boyd Visit	27	28 Leadership Assembly 29/30-8 Bjelke Petersen Physical Culture (tba)
Sep	8B	31 Music Submitted Works Due Music Performance Examination (tba)	1 Grade Sport Finals	2	3 CHS Athletics	4 CHS Athletics Duke of Ed Trip (tba) Legacy Day 4/9 Bjelke Petersen Physical Culture (tbc) 5/9 P&C 'Taste Fest'
Sept	9A	7 Duke of Ed Trip (tba) Music Performance Examination (tba)	8	9 Yr11 Exams	10 Yr7 Sports Gala Day (Wet Weather)	11
Sept	10B	14 Yr11 Exams Yr12 Picnic Day	15	16 Yr12 Graduation Day Assembly	17	18 Last Day Term 3