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# The Figtree

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## October 2016



Congratulations to Abigail Aguilar Year 12, winner of the International Student of the Year Award

# DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>October 13 – November 4</b> <b>HSC Exams</b>	<b>October 24</b> P&C Meeting
<b>October 31</b> Year 7 & 8 Yearly Assessment Week	<b>November 2</b> Vaccinations Visit 3
<b>November 4</b> <b>Year 12 Sign Out</b>	<b>November 7</b> Top of the Hill Year 9 Yearly Assessment Week
<b>November 9</b> Top of the Hill <b>Year 12 Formal</b>	<b>November 11</b> Remembrance Day
<b>November 14</b> Year 10 Exams Year 11 Hospitality Work Placements	<b>November 19</b> P&C Working Bee (Saturday)

## Don't Be Late!

### Hunters Hill High School Bell Times

Morning Warning Bells - 8.30am & 8.44am

Assembly/Roll Call Bell - 8.48am

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the new term and to *Figtree*. Our newsletter is one of the ways we communicate as a school community. I invite you to visit our website, join our twitter feed and be alert to messages that we send via *skoolbag*.

Last term, Year 12 2016 completed their secondary education with a stunning Graduation Assembly. Congratulations to these students and to their Year Advisor Mr Pickles who has given so much to this cohort over six years and to R/Deputy Principal Mr Gane and R/Principal Mr Murphy for their support of Year 12 and their families. Currently, these students are negotiating their public exams. It's great to encounter them as they provide feedback on their exams.

I encourage parents and Year 12 students to re-visit last term's school correspondence to ensure that commitments, including the return of school resources and the payment of accounts are finalised by due dates. As families leave the Hunters Hill School community, parents may like to consider their family making a financial commitment to a Presentation Day Award (as families have done in the past) and/or making a tax deductible contribution to the school's Building Fund. Both are worthy legacies which contribute to current and future students' education.

Congratulations to Year 12 students: Nadia Akbar and Abigail Aguilar. Nadia has been invited to participate in *Call Back* for her extraordinary performance for her HSC Dance. Abby has been acknowledged for her achievements and service to her school community with a prestigious and highly competitive award – International Student of the Year.

This term, it's been a pleasure to welcome back Head Teacher Jenny Deagle. Whilst Ms Simpson's leadership of the CAPA Faculty has been commendable, it's great that Jenny's health has allowed her return. Other changes to the school's leadership team include the retirement of Head Teacher HSIE Ms Buchanan and HT Administration Ms Thomson, both of whom have served our school community with distinction over many years. As a consequence of these retirements, Mr Wong will lead the HSIE Faculty; in recognition of the school's strong emphasis upon student achievement, Ms Simpson will assume the role of Head Teacher Student Engagement and Achievement. Daily staffing variations will be managed by the Administration Co-ordinator – Ms Barwick.

Congratulations to Head Teacher Mathematics Ms Turnbull who has won a scholarship and entry into the Australian Schools Advanced Leadership Program 2016. Whilst the completion of this program as well as Ms Turnbull's teaching and leadership responsibilities will be challenging, it is a great opportunity to explore current educational research.

Our Year 11 students completed Preliminary last term; this term, students have commenced their HSC program. The school has scheduled an Information Evening (November 2, 2016) for all 2017 Year 12 students and their parents. I urge all parents and students to avail themselves of this opportunity as Board of Studies and Education Standards NSW (BOSTES), Department of Education (DoE) and school requirements will be outlined.

It's timely to congratulate our 2017 School Captains and Vice Captains: Brigitte Villasmil Rivas, Matthew Gray, Caitlin Nash and Tom Brennan. I'm confident these young people will lead our school community with dignity and maturity. Over coming weeks, the remaining members of the 2017 Student Leadership Team will be finalised.

This is a significant term for all students in Years 7-10 as they negotiate their assessments and exams, teachers provide feedback on their progress and complete reports for parents. Whilst Academic Reviews for Years 10, 11 and 12 were completed last term, this term, Ms Turnbull and Careers Advisor Mr Kovacic have interviewed every Year 10 student to ensure that their senior curriculum pattern is well suited to their abilities and aspirations.

I look forward to seeing you at this month's P&C Meeting which will be held in the Staff Common Room. The meeting is preceded by an informal cup of tea at 6.30pm and commences at 7.00pm.

I look forward to your attendance at this meeting.

**Judith M Felton**

## Deputy Report

Last term Hunters Hill High hosted an external panel consisting of two Principals as part of the External Validation process. We had a team consisting of myself, Judith Felton, Michael Murphy, Susan Turnbull, Elena Goulousis, Ruth Simpson, Jessica Austin and Elizabeth Shelley who presented our evidence and submission to the panel outlining our self-assessment against the School Excellence Framework. The panel validated our judgements of **Sustaining and Growing** across all three domains; Learning, Teaching and Leading. The external panel was not only impressed with the many great accomplishments of the school but the depth of knowledge and collaboration of staff as shown by our team.

This process has been a great learning experience because of the in depth of analysis and collection of evidence needed for the submission. From this we have very clear future directions that we will be planning for implementation for 2017. One important change we have made effective this term and into 2017, is a restructure of our non KLA Head Teacher role, made possible due to our long term Head Teacher Administration Jennifer Thomson taking a year's Long Service Leave prior to retirement. We believe there is a strong need to focus on adding value to all students, to further support teachers and students in the classroom and to ensure our students are maximising their potential. These are the core strategic directions in our school plan, and we are committed to achieving them. Ruth Simpson has been selected to be our new Head Teacher of Student Engagement and Achievement.

As well as having a Head Teacher who is purely focused on the Teaching and Learning in the school, we have a few key planning days occurring this term. The Year Advisors Conference held early this Term focused on the development and implementation of a Holistic Wellbeing Framework for 2017. This framework will incorporate what and how we will be targeting certain issues that occur as a student transitions through the years. In addition, there will also be an Executive Conference, Head Teachers Professional Learning Day and Faculty Planning Days, all of which will focus on the achievement of school priorities.

Although schools are only externally validated every 5 years, we are required to self-assess annually and report our assessments in the Annual School Report. This will mean we will be committed to improve in identified areas and work towards excelling in areas of strength.

**Michelle Chiew-Meldrum**  
**R/Deputy Principal**

# Deputy Principal Report

As expected, it has been a busy start to Term 4. Firstly, I'd like to acknowledge and welcome two new teachers, who join our Industrial Arts Faculty. Welcome to Ms Vanessa Hunt and Ms Avery-Williams. It's also very exciting to welcome back our Head Teacher of CAPA, Ms Jenny Deagle.

The end of Term 3 was a joyous time with the graduation of our Year 12 students and their end of year activities. Congratulations to this wonderful group of young people, who conducted themselves in excellent fashion, displaying great camaraderie and appreciation for their school and teachers. The Graduation Assembly was a memorable event, highlighting the achievements of so many talented members of this year group. I extend my best wishes to the graduating class of 2016 and wish you the very best of luck for your HSC examinations and post school endeavours.

The October school holidays was a very busy time for school infrastructure improvements. Our \$56,000 (P&C funded) shade sail is drawing to conclusion and expected to be fully completed soon. The school community is excited to begin utilising this wonderful new facility and enjoy the shelter during hot summer days.

As previously detailed, HHHS invested \$4,000 into cleaning concrete surfaces, which had become unsightly over recent times. We ask all families to support us in preventing your children bringing chewing gum to school.

The October holidays also saw the installation of \$9,000 worth of new furniture in the School Library. This state-of-the-art furniture has greatly enhanced the learning environment and facilitated the installation of more computers. The Library is now looking fantastic and includes 50 computers in the student learning area.

I'm pleased to announce that our wonderful P&C has agreed to purchase an additional 4 Promethean 75 inch Activ-Panels. Valued at \$34,000, this innovative equipment will further enhance technologically advanced lessons for our students.

Term 4 sees the commencement of HSC studies for a new year cohort. I wish to remind all new Year 12 students and families about the arrangements relating to study periods.

- Students who have a study period 1st period are permitted to sign-in at the beginning of period 2.
- Students who have a study period 6th period are permitted to sign-out at the conclusion of period 5.
- For all other study periods, Year 12 students must locate at the assembly area or Library. Students are NOT permitted to leave the school grounds during study periods without written permission from a Deputy Principal.

We ask that all parents please reinforce these procedures and encourage their children to utilise study periods purposefully.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate our Year 8 Robotics Group. I had the pleasure of accompanying these students to the recent Robotics Boot Camp at Macquarie University on 22nd September. These talented students mastered Lego EV3 Robots and creatively used Lego Mindstorm software to build multi-functioning robots. Our day concluded with many exciting Robot war battles. I'm planning to continue the development of more Robotic opportunities within our school.

**Josh Gane**  
**Deputy Principal**





## Technology Report

Following our migration in Week 1 Term 4, HHHS is now classified as an eT4L (Enhanced Technology for Learning) School.

Over the past 12 months, HHHS has focused strongly on improving our technology infrastructure, working towards this major upgrade to our computer network. HHHS has worked in partnership with the Department of Education to replace and improve major parts of our IT network and equipment.

Now that the upgrade is complete, I wish to reinforce the following information, relevant to students.

- Students can only sign on to devices with their Portal username and password. When logging on, students must include @detnsw following their username. Local computer log ons no longer exist.
- All students have access to an individual 'U' drive. This 'U' drive has a 5gb capacity and will be backed-up regularly.
- Students must not save work to desktops, local computers or collaborative share folders.
- All computer users are known and identifiable when signed in to devices. It is important that students do not share their log on credentials (username and password)
- Students should visit the Teacher Librarian if they need a password reset. Other students, who have logged into the portal, are encouraged to update their password.

A full school assembly was held on Wednesday 12th October, where students were introduced to our new computer procedures. During this assembly, I also spoke about the wonderful benefits of the 'student portal'. I encourage all students to log on to the student portal and familiarise themselves with their Google Apps account. All students at HHHS have unlimited cloud storage included within their Google Drive. Also, extensive software is available for FREE, under the 'Learning' menu on the left side of their student portal.

Further information will be shared with families as we become more familiar with our new network structures.

**Josh Gane**  
**Deputy Principal**

# P&C Report

At our recent meeting we approved the purchase of four more interactive touch screens for classroom use so that they can be used by more faculties to enhance student learning.

It is pleasing to see that work has begun to install the sunshade over the assembly area which we hope will make the students safer and more comfortable, particularly over the summer months.

These are just two examples of P&C funded enhancements to our school. Under the leadership of our new marketing and promotions co-ordinator, Peter Russell, we have identified a number of other priority areas for targeted funding. There are some exciting plans being developed so please come along to join the discussion at the **next meeting at 7pm on October 24<sup>th</sup> (tea and coffee from 6.30pm).**

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

## P&C Working Bee

Thank you to the many helpers and special thanks to Tara Seuberlich in Year 7 for coming along and helping out at the recent P&C Working Bee.

Thanks as always to Mr Neil Hopkins who coordinates these monthly events and has done so for many years now as part of the P&C.

Thank you!

## **To the parents/Carers of students in year 7**

**Please join us for an end of year get-together.**

**An opportunity to connect and reconnect with other parents/Carers and to celebrate the end of a fantastic year at the beautiful HHHS.**

**Thursday November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**  
**Upstairs at the Hunters Hill Hotel**  
**Parents/Carers only**

**No need to RSVP but here's my email if you need it...**  
**Jessica: [jkimbero1@bigpond.com](mailto:jkimbero1@bigpond.com)**



### School Student Transport Scheme Applications open 10 October 2016

From Monday 10 October 2016 parents, guardians and students over 16 years, will be able to apply for 2017 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel pass by visiting [www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students)

### Information for parents and students

School travel passes only need to be updated when a student:

- changes address, or
- changes school or campus.

A new application is required when:

- applying for an SSTS pass for the first time,
- enrolling in Kindergarten,
- progressing from Year 2 to Year 3,
- progressing from Year 6 to Year 7, or
- requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation.

For more information on planning your school travel, visit [www.transportnsw.info](http://www.transportnsw.info) or contact your local operator.

### Passes for 2017 travel

**Opal network:** Please remind ALL your students to keep their School Opal cards for travel in 2017. These cards will be automatically deactivated for school holidays and then reactivated for school travel in term one. Current School Opal card can be updated with changes of school, home address or operator.

**Rural and regional travel:** Student's travelling with operator issued passes will receive a new pass in the new school year.



## EDUCATION



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## PUBLIC SCHOOLS: STILL ADVANCING AUSTRALIA FAIRLY

MAURIE MULHERON



The next time you are standing on a school assembly listening to or singing "Advance Australia Fair" you might like to reflect on the fact that the composer of our national anthem was a fellow NSW public school teacher.

Next month will be the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death, and at his last school, Five Dock Public School, where he was Headmaster, the current Principal is ensuring that this piece of history is not forgotten.

Peter Dodds-McCormick was born in 1834 in Port Glasgow, Scotland and migrated to Australia, landing in Sydney on February 21, 1855. Through his involvement in the Presbyterian Church, he became active in musical circles, composing songs and conducting choirs.

It was reported that after attending a concert in the late 1870s in Sydney at which a number of national anthems were performed, he was frustrated that not one mention of Australia had been heard. On his trip home late that night he started composing in his head the music for "Advance Australia Fair":

"[I] felt very aggravated

that there was not one note for Australia. On the way home in a bus, I concocted the first verse of my song, and when I got home I set it to music. I first wrote it in the Tonic Sol-fa Notation, then transcribed it into the Old Notation, and tried it over on an instrument next morning, and found it correct ... It seemed to me to be like an inspiration, and I wrote the words and music with the greatest ease."

Many former students of Five Dock Public School recalled decades later that their Headmaster "could wield the baton to some purpose", which may or not have referred to a conductor's stick. But he must have been regarded with some affection as his nickname at school was Amicus, Latin for friend and adviser. And it was under this pen-name that, years later, he published his new musical composition.

Its first known public performance was in Sydney on St Andrew's Day, 1878, at a Highland Society concert, which must have been a source of pride for this Presbyterian Scot.

However, it remained a little-known song until the

inauguration of the Commonwealth of Australia in 1901, for it was at this important occasion that it was performed by a massed choir of more than 10,000.

It was also for the inauguration that a new third verse was written, which today many Australians feel has such powerful resonance:

*Beneath our radiant Southern Cross,  
We'll toil with hearts and hands;  
To make our youthful  
Commonwealth,  
Renowned of all the lands;  
For loyal sons beyond the seas  
We've boundless plains to share;  
With courage let us all combine  
To advance Australia fair.  
In joyful strains then let us sing  
Advance Australia fair.*

Some six years later, the NSW Government awarded Peter McCormick £100.

On September 3, 1915, he registered his copyright. The song was published by the famous Sydney-based Australian music publisher and instrument seller, W.H. Palings.

Sixty two years later, in 1977, a national plebiscite confirmed "Advance Australia Fair" as the

popular choice for a new national anthem to replace "God Save the Queen". It was not until 1984 that this was proclaimed officially.

The original copyright has long expired and is now claimed by the Australian government. The official anthem consists now of just two verses, the original first and the 1901 third verse, albeit with more inclusive and gender-neutral language.

Peter Dodds-McCormick died at his Waverley home on October 30, 1916, the same year from which the earliest known recording of the song exists sung by Australian troops in Egypt. He is buried in Rookwood Cemetery.

Confirming what we all know, that nobody becomes wealthy choosing teaching as a career, his estate at probate was valued at £52.

Even though I have never been a fan of songs being made "official", each time I hear the Australian national anthem played, I allow myself a little smile knowing that the words and music were composed by an immigrant, who arrived by boat, and who was a NSW public school teacher.

# Amazing Abby!

When Abigail Aguilar enrolled at Hunters Hill High School two years ago, we knew we had come across a very special human. She had arrived from the Philippines with minimal English, in the loving care of her older sister Christina and escorting her younger sister Zarina, into the very different world of an Aussie high school.

Since then Abby Aguilar (meaning 'eagle') has soared both academically and socially – showing her peers and her teachers what can be achieved when you have your heart and mind determined to be the best you that you can possibly be.

On Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup> 2016, Abby was recognised by the NSW Government and received the high honour of being announced as the 2016 NSW International Student of the Year. Students from across NSW were nominated by their schools and Abby was one of only three finalists. Although Abby was pleasantly surprised and gracious in her win – Hunters Hill High School staff were not shocked that she should be recognised for such a high honour.

These prestigious awards recognise the significant contribution of International Students in the following categories: Higher Education / Foundation Studies, Vocational Education and Training, English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students and Schools. The selection criteria identifies that the nominee should be an inspirational role model to the community, demonstrating an achievement or contribution that adds value to the community through:

- Touching the lives of others
- Participating in the community
- Volunteer work.

No wonder she won!

Within her first year in Australia, Abby was involved in volunteering with Ms Lenard and in making sure that new International Students overcame their worries much sooner than they may normally have done, by helping Ms Simpson (the International Student Coordinator) with the enrolment process of International Students. Abby's initiative resulted in Abby and Connie Zhang developing a formalised survey of their peers to identify their academic and welfare needs and to guide Hunters Hill High School's International Student Study Day. She got involved with fundraising cake stalls (and is now famous for the Aguilar cupcake range) and BBQs run by the Student Representative Council. By the end of that first year, she had been nominated for and won the role of Senior International Student Representative on the SRC. Not only has she been the SRC's graphic designer, creating beautiful posters for all its campaigns, she has been a driving force for multicultural days such as Chinese New Year and Harmony Day.

All the while, her academic results reflect a student who is dedicated and committed to achieving a high standard. In 2015, Abby and her team made it through to the final round in the national Titration Competition in Chemistry and throughout the HSC she has maintained consistently high marks across her subjects, coming first in the English as a Second Language course.

Most inspiring is her motivation, something she says she learned from her mother: you should not help others out of expectation for what you will receive, but simply for the benefit of others.

Congratulations Abby!

**Ms Austin and Ms Simpson**





Dear Judith

I wanted to congratulate you and your staff on your student Abigail Aguilar winning the International Student of the Year Award!

This is a fantastic achievement and a credit to the teachers. Abigail is just lovely, she spoke very well and it was also great to see that your Coordinator and staff at the event, supporting her and representing the school. It was a really lovely event!

We have some photos with Minister Ayers and something will go up on the Department website – landing page. We will also get photos to you for your school!

I'm sure with HSC exams Abigail has been very busy this week!

Congratulations again to all and best wishes to all!

Kind regards

**Elizabeth Webber**

Chief Education Officer

**DE International**

**NSW Department of Education**

## Year 12 Graduation

What a fantastic day! The hall was filled to the brim with extra seating placed out to cope with the unexpected extra numbers; and for such a great year group, why not? To the year group thank you for being who you are! I can honestly say that every moment was a pleasure and, though at times testing, I am glad to know you!

Now that you are about to complete your HSC exams and head out into the world of work and study, look for inspiration from those who have progressive and innovative ideas and try to make a noticeable difference. Keep having better, effective, authentic conversations that don't foster emotive grandstanding but rather are more inspirational leadership conversations that exchange ideas and concepts that bring about change to your generation and future generations.

You might choose to relocate to other countries as your specialised work might require you to be there. You will be faced with different cultural values that, at times, may challenge you. Be open and learn from others, build networks of like-minded people and create yourself, remembering the foundations of your life and the love and kindness shown to you as a child. Work hard, immerse yourself passionately into whatever you do, if you don't love it, don't do it. You have one life, live it to the fullest, don't make excuses, just do it, jump into your passion. Yes, you will get knocked back, scratched and bruised at times along the way, but keep going, stay focused, learn from your failures and remember to celebrate success often. Rejoice in even the small things and be generous in your support of others.

Now go out and change the world. Be sure to come back and tell us of your successes. We all wish you well for your exams and for the future beyond.

**Warren Pickles**  
**Year Adviser**













Best wishes to all  
Year 12 students  
and families!



# World's Greatest Shave Congratulations!

Congratulations to Zach Scesny, Tom Gnaden, Sam Cole and Zakk Utsunomiya for helping raise research funding for the Leukaemia Foundation through the World's Greatest Shave



Mr Michael Murphy  
Relieving Principal  
Hunter's Hill High School  
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4 October 2016

Dear Mr  Murphy

Will you please pass my congratulations on to your students Zach Scesny, Tom Gnaden, Sam Cole and Zakk Utsunomiya, on their fun, but serious, efforts to raise research funding for the Leukaemia Foundation through the World's Greatest Shave.

Their generosity is indicative of the quality of the student body at Hunter's Hill High School.

To all involved in donating and participating in the World's Greatest Shave, congratulations, and from a grateful community, thank you!

Yours sincerely



**The Hon. Anthony Roberts MP**  
**Member for Lane Cove**  
**Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy**  
**Leader of the House**

## Careers Corner

**Year 12:** Term 4 marks the beginning of the HSC and on the 13<sup>th</sup> October our Year 12 students will be undertaking their first exams. All students are able to access their personal exam timetable on their BOSTES Students Online Account. Good Luck to all students during the examination period.

**Year 11:** Congratulations to all of our Year 11 students who have successfully completed their Preliminary HSC course. Now in Term 4 the hard work begins, where all our continuing students will begin the HSC course. All information regarding the HSC will be passed onto the entire cohort at a year meeting. (November 2, 2016)

**Year 10:** Year 10 students have been busy writing their own resumes and cover letters in their allocated careers classes. This will help provide our students with the necessary skills needed to seek employment now and in the future. Another activity that our Year 10 cohort will be completing in Term 4 is 'All My Own Work'. This is a compulsory task set by BOSTES, which will assist our students in understanding what is considered plagiarism and cheating. This must be completed by all students to be eligible for enrolment in the Preliminary HSC course 2017.

**Year 9:** Members of our Year 9 Work Education class completed Barista Training at a training facility in the city. The students, along with a few students from other years, caught the bus into the city and learnt all the necessary skills to become a barista. Students were shown how to make a variety of coffees, as well as how to make artistic coffees. All students represented Hunters Hill High School proudly. Well done to all students who participated.

**Daniel Kovacic**  
Careers



# The Great Book Swap 2016

## Hunters Hill High supports Indigenous Literacy

On the 7th September, Hunters Hill High School celebrated Indigenous Literacy Day in the Library with a Great Book Swap. It was a fantastic day and a great success, with huge numbers of books donated by students, parents and staff, to support the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF).

*Over the lifetime of the project, thanks to donations like ours, the ILF have:*

- *Delivered more than 170,000 books and literacy resources to over 250 remote communities*
- *Funded Book Buzz, an early literacy project in 19 remote communities and service locations*
- *Published an/or funded, in partnerships, more than 43 community literacy projects*
- *Travelled with ambassadors and authors to conduct writing workshops in remote schools across Australia*
- *Launched a writing mentoring workshop in Alice Springs with a bequest from Pamela Lofts Estate*

I opened the library early on the day and we were flooded with people whose eyes were sparkling as they saw all the wonderful books they had been waiting for. Those keen students left with arms full and faces smiling as they chose the pick of what was on offer.

Throughout the day, teachers and students made their way to the Library. Most students took advantage of the opportunity to donate a gold coin to pick up a favourite novel or one they had always wanted to read. Some reminisced about the books they used to read, whilst others suggested books for their friends. It is truly marvellous to see so many students engaged and excited about books.

This day wouldn't be possible without the help and support of Ms Thomson, the amazing Ms Cowan and the support of the library monitors: Alexander Galati, Isabella Hoogenhout, Royce Cernelutti, Charlotte Wiltshire, Maria Antonova all in Year 10 and Kyle McIntyre in Year 9.

Combined with the cake stall run by Miss Austin and the SRC, the school has raised \$942.90 for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

Thank you to all who donated!

**Mr Stewart**  
**Teacher Librarian**





## HHHS P&C UNIFORM SHOP

**Tuesday 8.00am - 9.00am**

**Thursday 8.00am - 9.00am**

**during School Terms**

### **2016 Additional Opening Hours**

Thursday 8 December 8-9am

Tuesday 13 December 8-9am

Thursday 15 December 9-11am

### **2017 Additional Opening Hours**

Friday 27 January 9-12noon

Monday 30 January 8-11am

Tuesday 31 January 8-9am

Wednesday 1 February 8-9am

Thursday 2 February 8-9am

**(2017 opening hours will then return to Tuesday and Thursday 8am - 9am)**

**K Block First Floor**  
**[uniformshhhs@gmail.com](mailto:uniformshhhs@gmail.com)**

# CAPA

Term 3 is always massive for the CAPA staff with HSC performances in Music and Drama, as well as the completion of the Body of Work for Visual Arts. Added to these demands are evening presentations and performances, including Year 12 Showcase and The Annual Soiree. The dedicated team of teachers, along with wonderful supportive parents, brought all of these demands together smoothly. I can't take any credit for this as I have been away for three terms, but I can thank Ruth Simpson for her energy and attention to detail, heading up the CAPA faculty so well. Claire Vowell led the Year 12 Music class through the rigours of a stressful year and Anne Wong's Visual Arts class demonstrated the diverse and creative character of our student population. Dominique Scenna has been a wonderful addition to the team in Visual Arts and I'd like to acknowledge Aviva Payne for her work in both Drama and additional Music classes.

A dedicated team of parent volunteers must also be thanked especially Delphine Davies, our Dance Coordinator, who is here twice a week before many of our population are out of bed. As a result of her hard work with the Dance Troupes, the Jazz ensemble will be performing at the Sydney Opera House next week at the Ryde Schools Spectacular.

The Music ensembles are growing due to the support of parents: Mitch Kirkman, Jenny Nylund and Katrina Nash who, like Delphine, volunteer their services to support programs that benefit many students within our school community. Currently, the String Ensemble meets on Monday morning, the Concert and Stage bands are on Thursday morning and afternoon respectively and the Percussion Ensemble meets every Friday afternoon from 3.30-4.30.

The entire staff has accommodated my needs throughout the year and given me a generous welcome back. My deepest gratitude goes to Judith Felton who has continually supported me through some interesting times. Working with great people makes tough times so much easier!

**Jenny Deagle**  
**HT CAPA**

## "BEYOND THE BELL"

Mondays from 3:15pm - 4:30pm  
in the Library

"Beyond the Bell" provides a positive  
study environment for students and promotes effective time management  
and organisation.

**AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED!**

All students are welcome to attend!

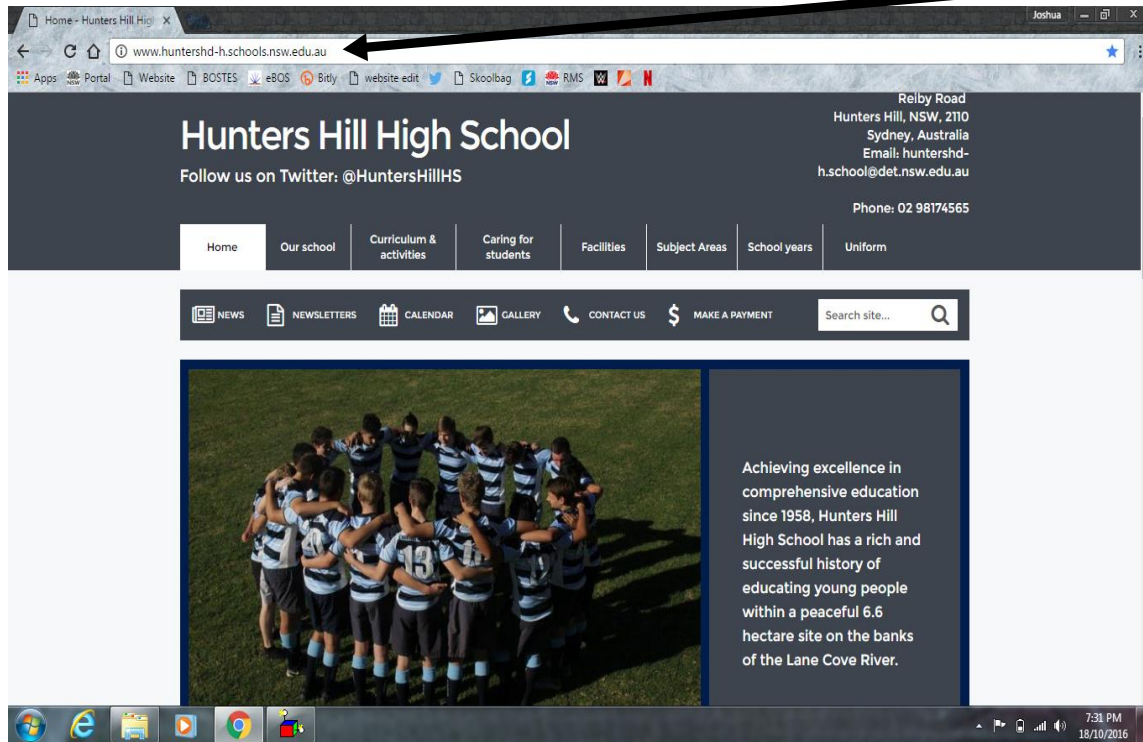
This homework club is run and supervised  
by Hunters Hill High School teachers...  
and is FREE to Hunters Hill High School students.

**IMPORTANT:** Please complete the necessary permission note and return to  
student administration.



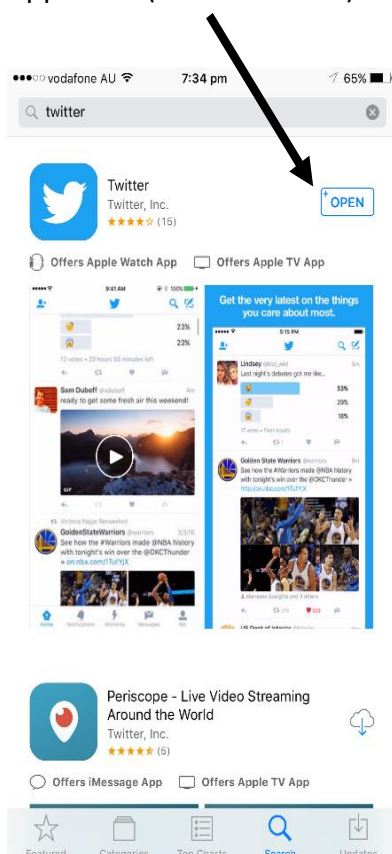
# How we communicate with Families – stay in touch with HHHS

## 1) School Website <http://www.huntershd-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>



## 2) Twitter

Download Twitter from your App Store (search Twitter)



Create an account, search and follow @HuntersHillHS

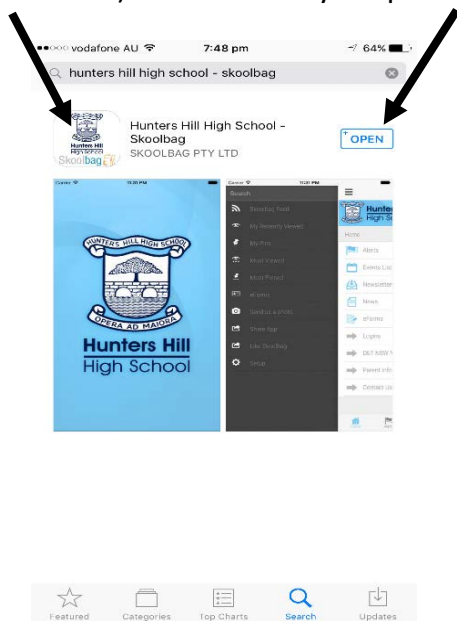


Open Twitter and read all our updates and notifications

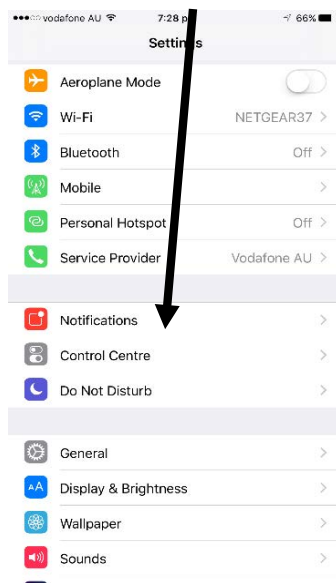


### 3) Skoolbag App (phone & tablet)

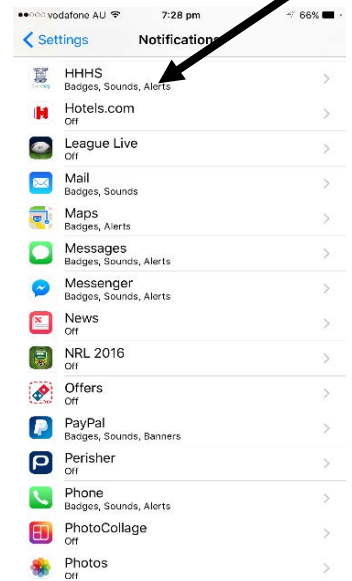
Search 'Hunters Hill High School' at your App store (iphone, android, windows) Download to your phone



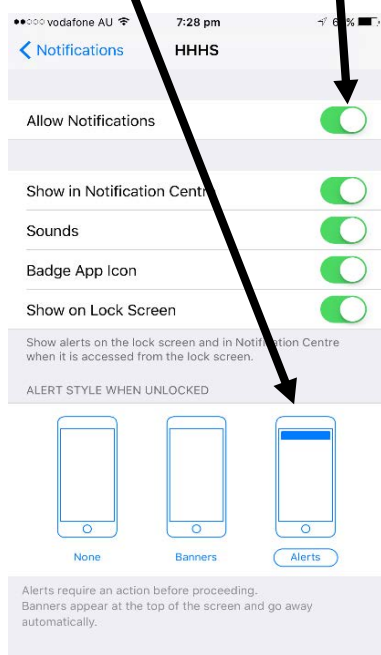
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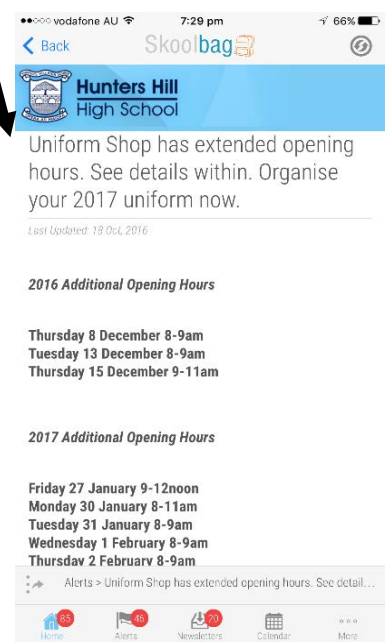
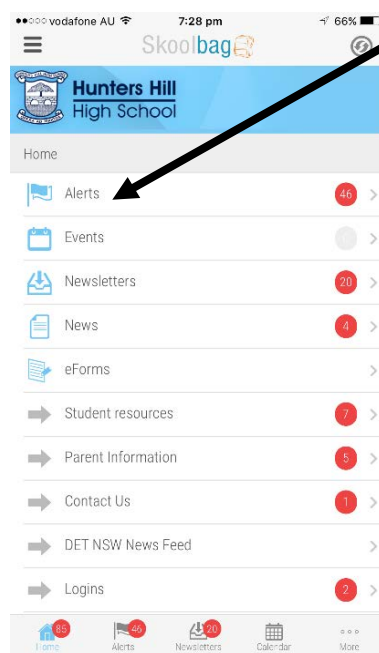
Select HHHS from App list



Select 'Allow Notifications' + Alert



Never miss an alert/event, view our calendar, explain student absences, access student timetables + much more



### 4) Email

Email are distributed to all families. Daily attendance notifications are emailed each day approx. 10am.

Make sure your details are up-to-date with school reception. Phone, email or use our App to update any contact details.

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Month	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
October	1A	10 Staff & Students Return	11 Year 11 Academic Reviews	12	13 HSC Exam commence	14 P&C Working Bee Saturday 15/10/16
October	2B	17 HSC Exams	18 Grade Summer Sport Begins	19	20	21 Literacy/ Numeracy ROSA Tests
October	3A	24 HSC Exams P & C Meeting	25	26	27	28
October/ November	4B	31 HSC Exams Yr. 7 & 8 Yearly Assessment Week	1	2 HSC 2017 Information Evening Vaccinations Visit 3	3	4 Final HSC Exam Poppy Day YR12 Sign out
November	5A	7 Top of the Hill Year 9 Yearly Assessment Week	8	9 Top of the Hill Year 12 Formal	10	11 Remembrance Day
November	6B	14 Year 10 Exams Year 11 Hospitality Work Placement	15	16	17	18 P&C Working Bee Saturday 19/11/16
November	7A	21 P & C Meeting	22	23 Achievers Camp	24	25
November December	8B	28 Year 10 RYDA Excursion	29 Grade Summer Sport Finals	30 Peer Support Yr10	1 Peer Support Yr10	2 Year 10 Picnic
December	9A	5 Year 10 Formal	6 Year 6 → 7 Orientation Day	7 HHHS Presentation Day	8	9 HHHS Sports Presentation Day
December	10B	12 Year 10 Graduation Day Assembly	13 Year 10 School Finalisation Day	14	15	16 LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS
December	11A	19 School Development Day	20 School Development Day	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays

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