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Term 2, 2021

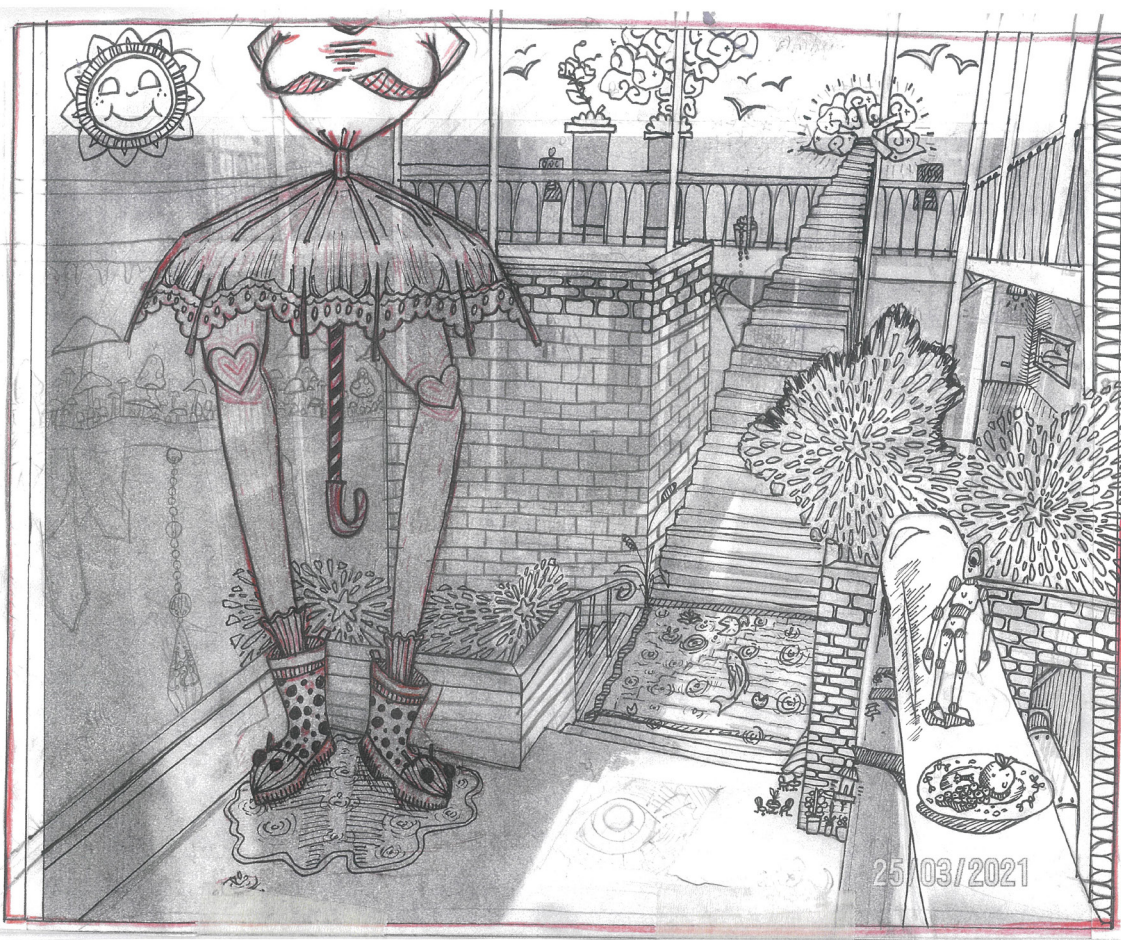
SAVE THE DATE!

Art Gallery and
Market Stall
from 6.15pm

Food, drinks,
coffee, tea,
cakes

Concert
Commences
7.30pm

Ensembles,
Dancers, Bands
and more.....



VARIETY NIGHT

Wednesday 23rd June, 2021

Message from the Principal School Mascot

I'm glad I've finally got a chance to talk. Bear with me, okay. With my human temporarily gone I have taken the opportunity to write a column. Even better, Ms Donovan left the door unlocked so I have had plenty of opportunity to wonder around the school.

To beargin, thank you to all the people who gave me a like on Facebook for the Open Day speech which I did with my human. It warmed my fur. Well, let' be honest, I stole the show!

It was hard to get a go in the new gym or Human Performance Laboratory as my friend Mr Smith calls it. It seems to be busy all the time. Everybody must be really fit. My feet couldn't reach the pedals on the bikes and I couldn't reach the ski machine but it was fun balancing on the balls and squirting Mr Habbouchi with the water.

Now, bees. I'd heard a lot about the bees. They were of real interest to me. They took a while to find where they hang out. The entrance to the hive is not conducive to paws, I thought I could take the risk. They are stingless after all. But, they don't make a lot of honey either! Well, new to me. Apparently they do a lot of pollinating which will be great for the new agriculture units.

Then, it was time for a little nap under the shade sails, thankyou Aunty Emma; a little climb of the pole across to the tree and before you know it I'm in Mr Luk's room. How good are these couches? All the classrooms should have a few couches like that where you can have a bit of a hibernate. The only problem was that it was a long way from the canteen. Normally I can rely on my human to leave bits of chocolate lying around, enough to keep my fur glossy but Mrs Donovan seemed to eat more healthy. Anyway, I skilfully avoided the brush turkeys to get to the canteen. I was thinking maybe a honey sandwich seeing I had no luck with the bees. Anyway I was trying to get through the big line, trying to decide from the huge menu when I heard everyone talking about how good the beareatos were. Now I don't know what a beareato is but I can work out that they must contain bears. So when I heard they'd run out, I thought I'd better get out of there before I became a beareato. Thank you to the two Year Seven students who shared their lunch with me. I hope it wasn't too scary for you.

Living in the front office, I find the holidays are the loneliest time, because even though Miss Jo packs the fridge with treats there's not a lot of people around, well except Mr Pickles who comes in to use the gym all the time. He's looking for something called a six-pack.

In my wanderings, I've noticed a lot of changes from my introductory tour with Mr Smith. Apparently Ms Emma has a friend called grants and she keeps getting grants so that we have the shade sails, new seats, water system for the developing agriculture plots and new sporting equipment. Well done Miss Emma and grants. It's hard for a bear to keep up. Especially now it's winter, well almost.

Now Term 2 is a busy term and my human will have lots of visitors. So if you are in the office remember to say hello and if it's not too much trouble, bring me chocolates please.

Your school mascot.

Hunter!





SCHOOL TOUR



Principal Mr Greg Lill will be hosting a School Tour at Hunters Hill High School for prospective students for Year 7, 2022 as well as Years 7 - 10, 2021 on Monday 7 June, 2021 starting at 3.45pm.

To RSVP, please email Jo Harris at huntershd-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au by Thursday 3 June 2021



VARIETY NIGHT - Wednesday 23 June 2021

Our annual Variety Night concert is only four weeks away and all parents and students are invited.

Acts will include polished performances from our dance and music ensembles as well as individual items from students. The concert will commence at 7.30pm sharp and should conclude at around 9.15pm.

Parents and students will be able to purchase a range of low cost food and drinks outside of the school hall before the concert.

This year all tickets will be for sale on arrival by paying tokens at the entry gate. Costs of items will be displayed at this location. Cash will be required should you wish to purchase any food or tickets for the concert.

Parents are invited to view a selection of student art works and meet with other parents from 6.15pm until the concert commences at 7.30pm.

We look forward to a great community event and hope to see you there.

Jenny Sibley

Head Teacher CAPA

Year 10 'What If' Program

Our Year 10 students participated in the 'What If' program this term. The aims and objectives of the "What If" program was to provide information on the effect of alcohol on young people as well as safe driving as an early intervention program. The program also provided the opportunity for the local police to enhance a positive relationship with our youth.

Activities included: Wheelchair AFL, Fire Brigade demonstration, Highway Patrol Car tour, beer goggles game, presentations on licensing, traffic and drugs and alcohol.

Thank you to everyone involved. The program was very well received!

Ms De Santis - Year 10 Advisor



Careers News Term 2, 2021

Term 2 has provided students with a number of opportunities to explore the world of work and tertiary pathways, empowering students to make informed decisions about their future. Check out the Careers website at <https://hunters-hill.jobjump.com.au/> and make sure you have an account set up with Job Jump.

Year 10: Work experience placements keep presenting themselves, and it's wonderful to see students get involved. Keep an eye on the Year 10 Facebook group or Year 10 Google classroom for more opportunities.

The TAFE YES program will run again next term, giving students the chance to have a taste of TAFE. See Miss Polak for application forms and course listings.

Subject selection for Stage 6 is fast approaching. If you would like to arrange a meeting to discuss the best options for your student, please contact me via the school email, or check out the UAC Subject Compass:

<https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/year-10-students>

Students will be given time in their fortnightly Careers lessons to thoroughly explore their choices and talk to their careers advisors.

Year 11: Year 11 students considering early entry for university or wanting to apply for scholarships should start doing their research now, and getting involved in leadership and community participation wherever they can. Early entry programs will take year 11 results into account, so get studying! 1 term left! See me for more details if interested.

Quite a few year 11s have been attending the university guest speaker events, which is wonderful to see. A proactive student is a successful student!

Year 12: Year 12 have been given the opportunity this term to talk with UNSW, UAC and ADFA. This brings our guest speaker series to a close, and it has been wonderful to see students getting involved and asking questions. Please check the websites of tertiary institutions for a large variety of events available, or check out the careers bulletin at <https://hunters-hill.jobjump.com.au/>

TAFE enrolments for 2022 will not open until roughly November. In term three, I will have representatives from Apprenticeship Network Providers visit to help students get into apprenticeships as soon as possible.

UAC applications opened on April 1st. Students are encouraged to start their applications early, and see me if they need any assistance.

Please note that ALL year 12 students will need a USI on graduation in order to defer any fees such as HECS-HELP, or to apply for TAFE or private providers. These can be easily obtained at <https://www.usi.gov.au/>

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions!

Nikki Polak
Careers Advisor

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 2 June – Stage 6 Parent Teacher Interviews via ZOOM

Friday 4 June – Regional Cross Country Carnival at Gosford

Monday 7 June – School Tour at 3.45pm

Monday 7 June – P&C Meeting

Wednesday 9 June – Friday 11 June – Year 8 Camp

Thursday 10 June – Year 10 Vaccinations (Meningococcal)

Monday 14 June – Queens Birthday Long Weekend

Thursday 17 June – P&C Stage 5 and 6 Social (TBC)

Friday 18 June – Zone Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 23 June – VARIETY NIGHT

Friday 25 June – Last Day Term 2

Monday 12 July – All Staff return for Term 3 (No students)

Tuesday 13 July – All Students return for Term 3



Welfare

The wellbeing of our students is paramount and we continue to develop ways to ensure all students feel *known, valued and cared for*.

Our commitment to weekly U Matter sessions not only allow students to deeply reflect on their learning, engagement and positive relationships at school, but also foster strong connections between students and mentors.

The Raise program commenced this term with students in Years 8 and 9. Raise impacts youth wellbeing and engagement through an early intervention mentoring program where trained volunteers work one-to-one with students on a weekly basis.

Links to Learning has continued this term and aims to engage students at school by emphasising positive relationships and identifying goals for post-school opportunities.

Our Living Room (situated in the mezzanine of the library) is a buzzing space where students can play board games, read books and chat to one of the Welfare Team. The student-led Rainbow Project also meets on a Friday to provide support to students regarding inclusion.

Finally, we are also delighted to welcome Tara Harvey in the new role Student Support Officer. The SSO complements our current School Psychologists, Year Advisers and U Matter mentors as another support strategy for our students. Welcome Tara!

Tara Harvey - SSO

My name is Tara Harvey. I have recently started at Hunters Hill High School as the Student Support Officer. My role is to support the social and emotional wellbeing of the students by providing individual and group-based programs.

The main concerns that I provide support with are friendship issues, study stress, health and wellbeing and any stressors that are happening at home that impact on engagement and attendance at school.

I am a trained social worker with experience in working with young people in non-government and government agencies in the area of child welfare, foster care, health and NDIS.



This term I am focusing on getting to know the student cohorts by conducting some focus groups and disseminating questionnaires to students. My aim is to work with the students to facilitate social and friendship groups. The types of groups that have been run at previous schools are craft, health and wellbeing, games and social / fundraising groups. If you think your child would be interested in this level of support please don't hesitate to contact me or encourage your child to come to see me in the Common Room.

Contact and Working Hours

As I am not a teacher I am available throughout the day to provide an extra level of support to the students. My office is located in the Common Room. The students can either speak first to their Year adviser to be referred or self-refer themselves.

Parents and students can also contact me via the main school phone number or email huntershd-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Community Networking

Another focus of my role as SSO is networking with community agencies that are able to provide support to the students, their families and the school.

Parent seminars

We are planning to hold parent seminars and are interested in what the parent group would be interested in. Please complete this quick survey so we can plan seminars that are responsive to needs of our parent group. <https://forms.gle/BzGuyGEE81BHQksvZ>

Local Resources and information

Some resources you might find useful are:

Understanding mental health: <https://headspace.org.au/>

Lane Cove Youth Centre has some new youth workers and their centre is open 4 afternoons a week and Saturday afternoons:

<http://www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/Community/ChildrenandYouth/Pages/Youth.aspx>

Dr Kim Le asks 'Are You Addicted To Technology?' in this world-first interactive documentary

<https://greenarrow.health.nsw.gov.au/ga/click/2-750883-550-1967-2949-10724-95d5c8573a-b4f3115b3c>

Here's a seminar on building trust between parents and kids being held at Crows Nest Community Centre in June.

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=739241&>

Transformative Learning

Our school leaders met to reflect and plan our school's approach to transformative learning. We continue to grow and learn to make learning meaningful and fun for our students.

#hhhsgreatnessbegins here

#4Cslearning



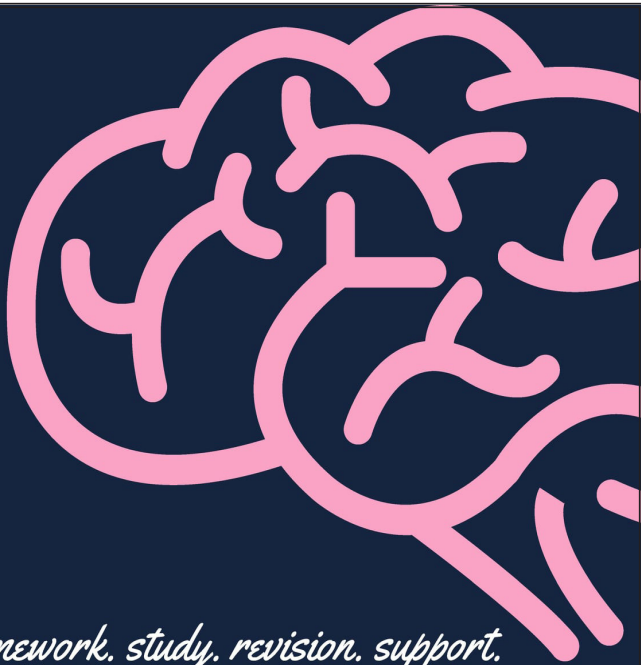
Hunters Hill HS Bike Racks are now complete!

Thank you to the Year 11 and 12 Construction classes for their outstanding work in building these racks that will be used for years to come.

The Hunters Hill High School bike racks are open! So if you are thinking of riding your bike to school, you now can.

Mr Pickles - Head Teacher TAS





homework. study. revision. support.

BEYOND THE BELL.

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

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EAT YOUR WORDS
& CHECK YOUR
WORK



EVERY
THURSDAY
AT
8am
THE LIBRARY

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Make your work the best -
come and get advice and support
BEFORE you submit

Available for Years 7-10 students

TEACHERS

Ms Jess Austin
Ms Jessica De Santis
Mr David Fletcher



THE LIVING ROOM THE LIBRARY

MON



LUNCH.....MS. DE SANTIS

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RECESS.....MR. NEILD OR MS. DE SANTIS

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LUNCH.....MR. NEILD

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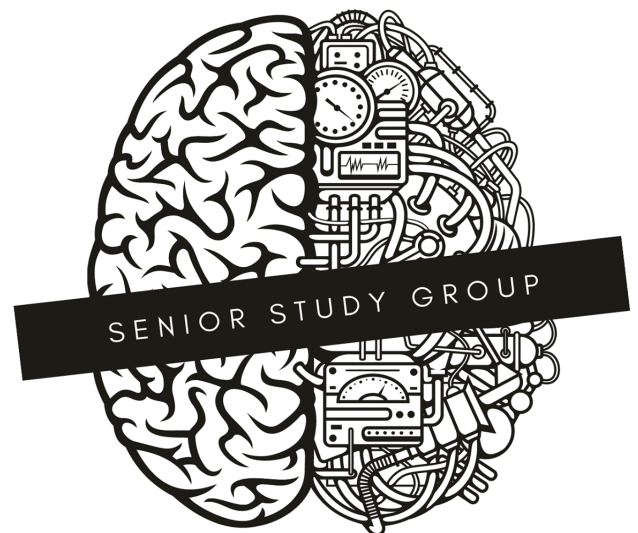
LUNCH.....MS. PATTEN



MAKE CONNECTIONS

MAKE FRIENDS

HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL'S



EVERY THURSDAY AFTERNOON
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FACILITATION AND SUPPORT OF DYNAMIC
AND PRODUCTIVE STUDY GROUP FOR
SENIOR STUDENTS

AFTERNOON SNACK AND TEA/COFFEE
PROVIDED

HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL

numeracy centre

Do you struggle with maths?
Can't do your homework?
Have a test coming up?

Bring a friend,
bring your lunch
and let's get started!

WHERE: ROOM 408
WHEN: Mon, Wed, Thur and Fri

R U OK?

IF YOU FEEL **WORRIED** OR **SAD** YOU CAN TALK TO:
your UMatter Mentor
They **DO** care... **REALLY!**

					
Year 7 Mr Centurion	Year 8 Mrs Pena	Year 9 Mr Habbouchi	Year 10 Ms De Santis	Year 11 Mr Skinner	Year 12 Ms Brierty

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



We are Melissa Abarzua and Rebecca Hanson. We are **school psychologists** and we are here to help you. You can find us in Room 400 and Room 415. Monday through Friday. Come and say hello.

			
A/HEAD TEACHER WELLBEING Ms Patten	R/HEAD TEACHER TEACHING & LEARNING Ms Austin	CREATING CHANCES MENTOR Mrs Pena	CREATING CHANCES MENTOR Mr Neild

Free workshop for parents and supervisors of learner drivers



Helping learner drivers become safer drivers

The two-hour session will offer practical advice about:

- current driving rules and requirements for L and P platers
- how learners benefit from supervised on-road driving
- how you can help make learning to drive a safe and positive experience

6:00pm – 7:15pm
Thursday 3 June 2021
Online via Zoom

Find out more at
www.helpinglearnerdrivers.eventbrite.com.au



Presented by Hunter's Hill Council and Lane Cove Council in partnership with the NSW Government.



The Ground Up Cafe

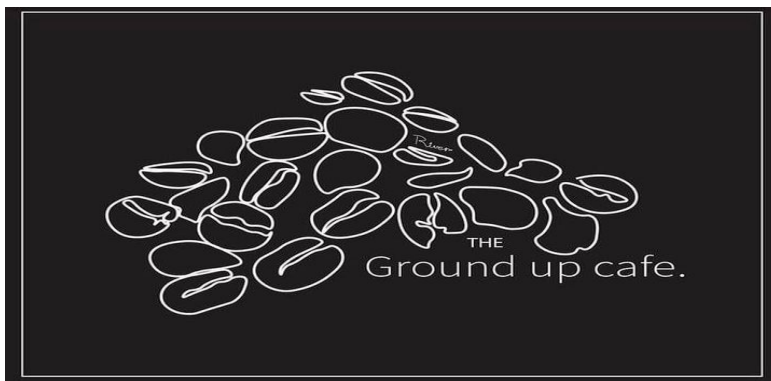
The student-run Ground Up Cafe is open every Tuesday morning from 8.15am!

The cafe crew invite all students and staff to get their favourite hot drink at the best prices in town! \$2.50 for a small and \$3.00 for a large!

Thanks to Anna at the Canteen we are now supplied with a freshly baked treat each week to sell alongside our drinks.

EFTPOS is also available due to our incredibly supportive P&C!

Come along from 8:15am near the Hall and support our community project so it can grow with the school!



Parent Portal Access

Thank you to all parents and carers who have set and are using the Parent Portal. If you are yet to do so, please email the HHHS office at huntershd-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au to request access, including your unique access key.

The Parent Portal is where parents and carers have access to student reports, daily information including homework and is also where online bookings are made for Parent / Teacher Interviews when they are scheduled.

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.

www.huntershd-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

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