

Mount Kuring-gai Public School



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Principal's Report

2018 School Year

As the end of the year approaches your child may begin to think about 2018. It may help to explain to your child what will happen when they return from holidays. On Tuesday 30 January when your child returns to school, the students will line up at the COLA area for the morning assembly when the music plays. The children will stay with their 2017 classmates for the first week. Once the school numbers are stable and confirmed, hopefully towards the end of the week the students will be informed of their 2018 teacher, classmates, and classroom. The new 2018 Kindergarten students will complete their Best Start assessment in the first week at their appointed time. Their first full day will be the Friday 2 February. This timeframe allows us to be fairly certain of the school's numbers and place children into a class without having to change it further down the track.

Celebration of Learning

This year's Celebration of Learning will again be at Berowra Community Centre beginning at 10am on Tuesday 12th December. Your child should have received a note with a permission slip attached. It is imperative that you return the permission slip as all children are expected to arrive at school as normal and catch a bus to the presentation.

2017 Semester Two Reports

Your child will receive their Semester Two report on Friday 8th December. The report is a summary of your child's achievement for Semester Two. The staff have put many hours in to determining grades for each Key Learning Area and the general comment. I am very appreciative of their professionalism when developing these reports. All students have given their best effort and this is what needs to be celebrated. Their academic achievement is a journey and will continue for the rest of their lives and no matter where they are now, they will continue to progress with their learning in the future. The report summarises where they are now. As always if you have any concerns about your child's progress please make an appointment with their teacher.

Year 5 Leadership Speeches

Last Wednesday some very nervous Year 5 children delivered a speech to the school community about why they would make a great leader. They all did a fantastic job in preparing and delivering their speech and should be very proud of their efforts. The counting has been done and all will be revealed at the Celebration of Learning. All Year 6 students next year will be leaders of our great school and will play their part in school life as a leader.

Salvation Army Christmas Donation

At this time of year it is very important to think of those people/families doing it tough. If you would like to make their lives a little brighter we are accepting food or toy donations which we will delivering to the Salvation Army at the end of the school year. Please drop off at the school's office. All donations will be greatly appreciated as you will be providing some happiness for people who need it most this time of the year. Please make sure that the toys are in excellent condition and the food is non-perishable.



Kuring-gai Kyle

Throughout the year I have been awarding an Assembly Award and Kuring-gai Kyle to the class that I believe has demonstrated behaviour that is appropriate at the assembly. A part of this was I promised that the winning class will receive a free sausage sizzle for lunch, cooked by myself. The sausage sizzle will take place next Tuesday at school in time for lunch. The winning class for this year is 4/5B, your child was given a note about the lunch today. All year they have demonstrated excellent listening skills and been respectful to all the presenters. Well done! Kuring-gai Kyle will be back in 2018.

Year 6 Mini Fete & Family Fun Night

Friday 8 December is going to be a special day at MKPS. During the day the very organised and enthusiastic Year 6 children will hold their annual Mini Fete, with all proceeds going to the Year 6 present at the end of the year. Please pre-purchase your tokens from the office prior to the day to ensure it runs smoothly for everyone. Thank you very much to the supportive Year 6 parents and Mr Steel for assisting the students with their preparations. It promises to be a great Mini Fete. On this day all students can wear Mufti for the day for a gold coin donation. All money raised from the gold coin donation will be given to the Westmead Children's Hospital. This initiative is the brain child of Zoe (1/2R).

Following that, beginning at 5pm is the P&C Family Fun Night. This event is an opportunity for the community to get together and relax and celebrate their child's education. In the past they have been a great community event and this year promises to be the same. In keeping with Department of Education policy, there is not allowed to be any alcohol on site at any time. Please take note of this because it may be embarrassing for you if I have to ask you to remove the alcohol from the school. This policy is in place for the protection of the children. There is a note on the school's website with all the necessary details.



Gibberagong Party Day

On Wednesday 13th December the whole school will travel to Gibberagong EEC for a fun day of activities. Similar to last year we will attempt to have lunch down there and play some games after lunch, weather permitting. If it is too hot or raining we will come back to school for lunch and activities. The children's welfare will be paramount in the decisions we make regarding the day.

Combined Scripture Service & Helper's Morning Tea

On Wednesday 6 December we will be holding the annual Christmas Scripture service in the school hall at 10am. All children who attend Scripture will attend the service. A huge thank you to all the Scripture teachers who volunteer their time to educate the children. They, along with all helpers from throughout the year, are invited to the Helper's Morning Tea that will be in the OOSH room from 10:30am on the same day. If you have volunteered your valuable time in any way throughout the year you're more than welcome to attend. The morning tea is provided by the school staff to show our appreciation of your contributions. We truly value your assistance in so many areas.



Talent Quest

This year's talent Quest will be held on Thursday 14th December in the school hall. Currently Miss Cameron and Mrs Connolly are auditioning students to participate. All items needs to be original and safe. This means some gymnastic moves will not be allowed. If you have any queries please contact Miss Cameron.



Year 6 Farewell & Assembly

The end of the year is fast approaching and preparations are well underway for the Year 6 Farewell and Assembly. This year the Farewell will be held at the school on Monday 11th December. The Year 6 parents are well-prepared for the evening. The traditional final assembly of the year is run by the Year 6 students. This will take place on Friday 15th December and begin around 2:45pm. To continue with tradition the Year 6 students will each ring the school bell in the hall to signify the end of their primary schooling. This current crop of students has made significant contributions to Mount Kuring-gai PS for many years. We wish them the very best of luck for the future as they head in many different directions for their high school years and we look forward to seeing them visit here from time to time in the years ahead.

Matt Pinchbeck

Principal





Kindergarten Geography Exploration!



This Semester, Kindergarten have been studying the unit **People Live in Places**. In this unit, we learnt about our local community, what makes it special, how to care for it, and how to represent it as a map. The unit culminated in the examination of our local community and some of its key features. To reinforce our classroom lessons, Kindergarten travelled to Wannabees Family Play Town where we discovered the many roles people play in our community. Students travelled to the centre on a train, to learn how our community's infrastructure works.





DANGAR ISLAND

Stage 1 had a beautiful day at Dangar Island. We had a fun ride on the ferry and were so surprised to see a 'Welcome Mount Kuring-Gai Public School' sign at the jetty on our arrival. Mrs Dahl, who works in 1/2R, lives on the island and she organised a treasure hunt where we found buried treasure of gold tokens (which we exchanged for ice blocks!) We had a sandcastle making competition and we dipped our feet into the water to cool off. A wonderful day was had by all! A huge thank you to Mrs Dahl and her husband (and the friendly residents of Dangar Island) for making us all feel very welcome at their lovely island home.





Fun at the beach on Dangar Island



Our welcome sign on arrival



SAVE THE DATE

Celebration of Learning

Tuesday 12th December



CANTEEN NEWS



NEED A LUNCH BAG FOR YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH ORDER?

Below are the options available to purchase from our school Canteen:



Reusable Canteen Lunch Order Bags "Lunch Wallets" \$10 each

- Designed to replace paper lunch bags when ordering from the canteen.
- Holds more food than paper bags.
- Sturdy flat base makes them easy to pack and stack.
- Made from non woven polypropylene (like green shopping bags) as it is durable and easy to clean
- Extremely easy to wipe clean with a damp cloth.
- Reduces paper waste.
- Hygienic zipper pocket to separate money from contact with food.
- Wallet in a closed position.
- Transparent pocket displays name & class.
- Clear pocket with zipper for money & written lunch order.
- Size of Lunch Wallet is approximately: 23cm (H) x 18cm (W) x 10cm (D).
- Pocket sizes and colours may vary.



OR

Disposable Brown Paper Lunch Order Bag 10c each

Canteen Policy Update

*Please note young children are not permitted in the canteen due to Health & Safety guidelines and Insurance reasons.

*All lunch orders should be placed in the Lunch Order Collection Bin located near the Canteen door.

*New Canteen Committee email address mkpscanteen@gmail.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2017

Wednesday 6th December

Combined Scripture Xmas Assembly



Friday 8th December

Year 6 Mini Fete

Family Fun Night



Monday 11th December

Year 6 Farewell



Tuesday 12th December

Celebration of Learning

Wednesday 13th December

Whole school end of year Excursion to Gibbergong



SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking takes place every Tuesday morning outside the library.

Please take your books to Mrs Fieramosca and not to the school office.

If you forget we are happy to pass them on the following week.



Community Notice Board



HORNSBY FOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTRE

Dr. Yan Chen

Dentist

BDS BDH

21 Hunter Street, Hornsby

Ph: 02 9987 1007 Fax: 02 9476 1576

www.hornsbymc.com.au



TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS MARKET

Thursday 7th December
5:30 - 8:30pm

Turrumurra High School,
Maxwell Street Turrumurra

*Stunning jewellery, handmade cards,
delicious Christmas delicacies, french
homewares, unique gifts, Arcadian
Artists stalls and many more!*

ENTRY: GOLD COIN DONATION
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TERM 1
2018

Sydney North

SOCCER FUN FOR GIRLS AND BOYS AGED 2-12
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, WEEKEND & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS
STARTING JANUARY 2018—CALL NOW TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

MITE-E [2-3 YEARS OLD] - PINT SIZE [4-5 YEARS OLD]
INTRO TO MICRO [5-6 YEARS OLD]
MICRO [6-8 YEARS OLD] - MICRO + [8-12 YEARS OLD]
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS [2-12 YEARS OLD]
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS [4-11 YEARS OLD]
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Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai & Hills District
Cricket Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA)
in partnership with
Northern District Cricket Club (NDCC)



School Holiday Cricket Clinics



Following the success and popularity of our junior cricket clinics since 2010, HKHDCCA / NDCC have planned **4** more clinics during the **January 2018** school holidays.

(1) George Thornton Res. View St. West Pennant Hills
Mon. 8 & Tues. 9
8.30 am to 2.00 pm

(2) MTO, Waitara Waitara & Park Ave.
Wed. 10 & Thurs. 11
8.30 am to 2.00 pm

(3) George Thornton Res. View St. West Pennant Hills
Mon. 15 & Tues. 16
8.30 am to 2.00 pm

(4) MTO, Waitara Waitara & Park Ave.
Wed. 17 & Thurs. 18
8.30 am to 2.00 pm

Each clinic will provide a comprehensive coaching program for boys & girls (6-14 years), including video analysis of techniques. The feedback we receive is excellent as the players are coached in small groups and our clinics cater for all cricket standards from beginners to experienced representative players.

Refer to the report from our corresponding school holiday clinics in January 2017 – bit.ly/Report-Jan-17

Drinks and sunscreen will be provided (please bring a drink bottle). All players need to bring some lunch and some snacks of food for the breaks. All attendees will receive a blue clinic t-shirt and white HKHDCCA cap (if they don't already have them), and a certificate of participation, with many awards presented at the end of each clinic. Players with their own kits are encouraged to bring them, although all necessary gear will be supplied. Terms and Conditions associated with this registration: bit.ly/CA-ND-TC-2016

This is a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills in a fun environment and receive coaching from leading NDCC and HKHDCCA coaches with Level 1, 2 & 3 qualifications (our Head Coach is Level 3 accredited).

Online registration is easy via the following link: bit.ly/Jan-18-rego

Cost: \$135 if registration and payment received by 23-Dec-17. **\$150 for late regos after that date.**

Discounts: – \$10 off registration fee for second and subsequent members of the same family. A further \$15 can be deducted if your child wears his blue t-shirt & white cap from a previous clinic. Another \$20 discount is available if your child registers to attend two of our clinics in January 2018.

1. Preferred method of payment – **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)**, please make payment via your internet banking into the following account: Bank: **Westpac** (HKHDCCA bank account)
Account Name: Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA)
BSB: **032 376** Account No.: **303 428** Detail required with deposit: Your child's name.
2. If paying by **cheque**, make cheques payable to HKHDCCA and post to the HKHDCCA Treasurer, PO Box 95, Berowra NSW 2081. Registrations will be confirmed by email.

Josh Miller (HKHDCCA Secretary) josh.673@hotmail.com 0434 820 806
Bruce Wood (HKHDCCA President) bgwood@optusnet.com.au 0412 688 629
Rod Hokin (HKHDCCA Head Coach) rodhokin@yahoo.co.uk 0414 899 009

Mt Kuring-gai Public School

Family Fun Night 2017

Family & Friends, let's celebrate the end of year with
Pizza, Jumping Castle, Movie Night,
and there might be a special surprise visitor in a red suit!

Friday the 8th December

5.00pm till 9.30pm

"WOOD FIRE PIZZA"

Unlimited Pizza, straight from a Mobile Woodfired Oven / Entree / Main / Dessert

KIDS EAT FREE

5.30PM TILL 9.30PM

JUMPING CASTLE

Suitable for all ages, 5.00PM TILL 8.00PM

MOVIE IN THE HALL - BALLERINA (PG)

8.00PM till 9.30PM

DRINKS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE / BAND FUNDRAISER

RSVP & PAYMENT BY MONDAY 27TH NOVEMBER FOR CATERING PURPOSES / IN BOX AT OFFICE

SINGLE ADULT PIZZA & ENTRY: \$28.00 1 ADULT UNLIMITED PIZZA ALL NIGHT / ALL CHILDREN EAT FREE

FAMILY PIZZA & ENTRY: \$55.00 2 ADULTS UNLIMITED PIZZA ALL NIGHT / ALL CHILDREN EAT FREE

FAMILY NAME: _____

NO OF FAMILIES ENTRY & PIZZA: _____

NO OF SINGLE PIZZAS: _____

PAYMENT AMOUNT: _____ **SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS eg. ALLERGIES:** _____

LOCAL OP SHOP SUPPORTING THE GOOD SAMARITAN FOUNDATION

Josephine's Emporium in Thornleigh is an Op Shop lover's paradise with a wonderful collection of girls and women's clothing, accessories and jewellery. For bargain hunters you'll love browsing through our wide range of Bric a Brac. There is something for everyone!

This Op Shop is one of the not-for-profit works of *Emmaus Productions* and the *Mary Brown Memorial Foundation* established by Monica Brown and the local Brown family of Thornleigh. Proceeds from the profits of the Op Shop will go to *The Good Samaritan Foundation*, in support of their work with families in crisis.

Josephine's Emporium is located above the hairdresser's saloon at 8D Station Street Thornleigh and is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10am - 4pm. For more information phone 0432160322 or 94840252



Carols under the Star

Presented by the combined churches of Berowra

FREE
ENTRY

Donkey Rides
Food Stalls

Live Music
Glow Candles

Motorbike Display
Cake Competition

Balloon Art
Henna Tattoos

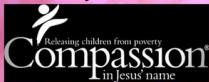
Jumping Castle
Face Painting

Monday 18th December
Warrina Street Oval, Berowra

Pre-Show Entertainment: 6.00pm

Carols: 7.45pm

Raising funds for



"Act, Create, Communicate"
The difference is dramatic

Louise Gardiner
Principal Helen O'Grady Dram Academy
Phone 02 98753139
Mobile 0410700272
Email : Hornsby@helenogrady.com.au



SUMMER READING CLUB LAUNCH

Give your children incentive to read over the holidays and the opportunity to win great prizes by signing them up for the Summer Reading Club. A child's library card is essential to join the Club and attend the show.

Club Registration with child's library card will open from 4.30pm followed by *Tom Foolery The Magician* at 5:30pm.

**Thursday 7 December,
Hornsby Library.**

Ages: 0-14 year olds

A **free event** for Summer Reading Club members. No bookings required. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING WORKSHOP

Bring the whole family and be guided in making a wonderful Gingerbread House for the Christmas table. The cost includes all the materials needed such as house, icing, lollies, silver foil, board and cellophane for wrapping. Great Christmas fun for the whole family!

**Wednesday 6 December
6.30pm-8pm**

Hornsby Library

Cost \$32. Bookings essential.

Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

JUNKYARD BEATS

An innovative workshop combining rhythm with movement and drumming. Children will be using unique and original instruments made out of recycled materials.

**Monday 22 January,
10.30am,
Pennant Hills
Community Centre.**

**Tuesday 23 January,
10.30am,
Berowra
Community Centre.**

**Tuesday 23 January,
2pm,
Hornsby Library.**

Ages: 5-10
Cost: \$12.00

Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Bookings essential. Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME- SANTA OF THE NEVER NEVER

With a truly Australian flavour, this show offers a feast of characters who help Santa when he is stranded with Rudolph at Uluru. How will he get the sleigh started again, and will he make it in time to deliver presents to all of the children in the world?

**Tuesday 19 December,
10.30am-11.30am,
Hornsby Library.**

Ages: 2-7 year olds

Cost: \$8.00 per child. Parents and children under 2 years accompanying a paying sibling do not require payment. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bookings essential.

Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

**Wednesday 20 December,
10.30am-11.30am,
Pennant Hills
Community Centre.**

THE JERAL PUPPETS

A fabulous puppet show performance with large, colourful puppets, based on traditional fairy tales and nursery rhymes. An interactive learning experience not to be missed!

**Monday 8 January,
10.30am,
Hornsby Library.**

Ages: 2-5 year olds
Cost: \$12.00

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bookings essential.

Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

**Friday 12 January,
10.30am
Pennant Hills
Community Centre.**



OFFICE OF SPORT SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Don't want the kids to have all the fun? We are also offering Family Fun camps at Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre, and a Family New Year Getaway at Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre!

Last Summer was one of our biggest seasons yet - check out our website now to find a fun-filled, affordable program in your local area!



BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!

For the best holiday fun, our popular residential programs get kids and teens outdoors, learning new skills and making new friends. Our residential programs include:

- 24 hour supervision
- Instructor led activities
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Supervised transport (where applicable)

**DON'T MISS OUT -
BOOK NOW BEFORE PLACES FILL**

Residential programs for Summer 2017-18

For Kids:

- Adventurer
- Cooking 4 Kids
- Craft Kids
- Hook, Line & Sinker
- Summer Camp
- Make a Splash
- Ahoy Sailors

For Tweens/Teens:

- Hook, Line & Sinker

For Teens:

- Adventurer
- Sports Crazy
- Make a Splash
- Sports Frenzy

Check our website from 10 November for a range of day programs in your local area.

 Like us on Facebook for more information and updates

For further information phone the Office of Sport on 13 13 02 or book online at

sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/schoolholidays



RECREATIONAL HOLIDAY GYMNASTICS



Hornsby RSL Youth Club Gymnastics

1 Ashley Lane Hornsby NSW 2077

Phone: 9476 6689

Email: info@hornsbyrslgymnastics.com.au

Website: www.hornsbyrslgymnastics.org.au

**BOOK
NOW**

DECEMBER 2017/JANUARY 2018

Our popular recreational holiday gymnastics program will be running again throughout the December/January school holidays for all children aged 5 – 12 years (no experience necessary). The days are fun filled, fast moving and include use of all the gymnastics apparatus. Children have the opportunity to learn new gymnastics skills, participate in games, circuits, group activities, mini competitions and much, more!!

Classes are run by fully accredited Gymnastics Coaches. Bookings are essential via our website.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

Time:	9am – 3pm each day	
Dates:	Monday 18 th December	Theme: Ho! Ho! Ho!
	Wednesday 20 th December	Theme: SNOWMEN and REINDEER
	Friday 22 nd December	Theme: CHRISTMAS PARTY
	Wednesday 10 th January	Theme: SUMMERTIME FUN
	Friday 12 th January	Theme: CRAZY CREATURES
	Monday 15 th January	Theme: WILD WILD WEST
	Wednesday 17 th January	Theme: SUPERHEROS
	Friday 19 th January	Theme: SOMETHING STARTING WITH 'P'
	Monday 22 nd January	Theme: FLURO MANIA
Wednesday 24 th January	Theme: AUSTRALIA DAY FUN	
Cost:	Members Price* = \$40 per day Non Members Price* = \$45 per day * A member is a person who has paid the annual fee for that year (1 st January–31 st December)	
What to bring:	Morning tea, lunch and a drink. No nuts permitted.	
What to wear:	Dress to suit the theme for the day!! Please ensure clothing is suitable for gymnastics or the dress up items can be removed for the activities!! **Children must have bare feet prior to entering the floor area	
Cancellations:	Please note that refunds or credits are not permitted.	

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE GREAT HOLIDAY GYM OPPORTUNITIES:

- ✓ Tumble, Tricks and Flips sessions (8 years plus)
- ✓ Advanced Gym sessions
- ✓ Senior Gym sessions (high school students)

BOOK ONLINE NOW: www.hornsbyrslgymnastics.org.au

Select the '**HOLIDAY GYMNASTICS**' tab