



Tighes Hill Public School

Newsletter No. 15

Term 4 Week 4

27th October 2021

Welcome back to face-to-face learning!

What a fantastic way to start the week - welcoming all staff and students back on site ready to learn!

It has been wonderful to see so many happy, smiling faces. Thank you to all of our families and students for their amazing efforts during home learning. We really appreciate the support and positive feedback we have received during these challenging times.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all of my dedicated and hard-working staff who went above and beyond to provide home learning support to students.

Please remember to check our school Facebook page and parent app to stay up to date with school information.

Our Tell Them From Me parent survey is now open and I would like to encourage as many families as possible to complete it. We value your feedback and use the data collected to inform school decision making. Click on the link below to complete it.

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/thps>

Dates for the Diary

Friday 29th October
Halloween mufti-day

Friday 5th November
ICAS Digital Technologies

Wednesday 10th November
ICAS Science
Year 5 Leadership session 1

Friday 12th November
ICAS English

Wednesday 17th November
OC 2022 placement test
Year 5 Leadership session 2

Friday 19th November
ICAS Spelling Bee

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Principal's Message

Opportunity Class 2022 - Placement test

The Opportunity Class placement test for 2022 will now take place on Wednesday 17 November 2021. Further details to be announced soon. Visit <https://education.nsw.gov.au/.../selective-high.../year-5> for further information.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2022

To enable us to correctly estimate enrolments and staff the school appropriately for 2022, I need all parents enrolling children K-6 to complete enrolment forms and leave their details at the office. Please let me know of any neighbours and friends, who may not have children already at this school but will have school age children for 2022, we can then contact them and include them on our numbers for next year.

UPDATE:
new sitting dates!

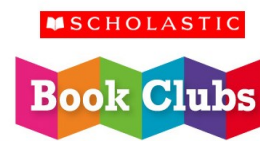
ICAS
assessments



Subject	Assessment sitting date
ICAS Digital Technologies	Friday 5 November 2021
ICAS English	Friday 12 November 2021
ICAS Science	Wednesday 10 November 2021
ICAS Spelling Bee	Friday 19 November 2021
ICAS Mathematics	Wednesday 24 November 2021

Book Club Orders

Issue 8 orders arriving soon!



PLEASE



NO PEANUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS

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@primaryandteawithmrsb 

Assemblies

Our assemblies have been cancelled due to COVID restrictions. Our weekly wrap-up is back this Friday!



Next meeting...

Monday 22nd Nov at 6pm

School News

Term 4 Week 4 Merit Award recipients:

KD	Edie and Freddie
KH	Floyd and Frances
1C	Cooper and Abraham
1IB	Billy and Jumanah
2RW	Sullivan and Mae
2SW	Anske and Meka
3E	Ari and Mikayla
3N	Parker and Elke
4E	Mia and Nicholas
4S	Eddie and Cooper
5MS	Stella and Ollie
5/6T	Ziggy and Aisha
6B	Orla and Aubrey
5/6AOC	Sonny and Bodie

Congratulations to all our children and staff.

Tony Selwood

Principal

*Our positive
wellbeing
messages...*

Term 4

Weeks 3 & 4

and

Weeks 5 & 6



**Our attitude
towards life
determines life's
attitude towards
us.**

~ Earl Nightingale

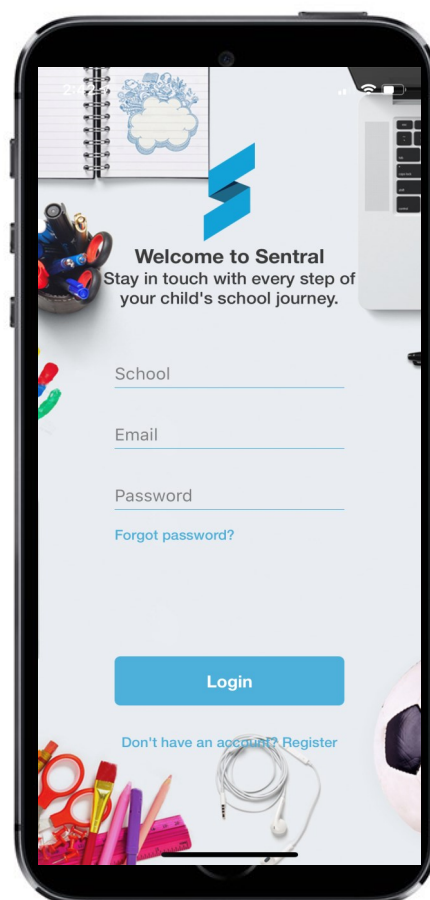


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Tighes Hill Primary School



Sentral App



**Please see our office staff if you
are unable to access or use our
school app**

**Chess Coaching
is not on at this point in time
due to COVID restrictions**



School News

Maths Superstars!

Well done to all our hard-working Stage 2 & 3 mathematicians who took part in the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians earlier this year.

The program provided students with a series of problems to work through and allowed them to collaborate and discuss strategies in small groups.

Congratulations on your effort and enthusiasm completing this challenging challenge! Students received their certificates this week.

Our commendable achievements are below:

Proficiency: Pontus, Samuel, Nicholas, Felix, Bella, Arlo P, Henry R, Mahlia, Evie F, Lucy, Archie K, Toby, Iris, Giles, Ella, Freya, Lil, Charlotte, Scarlett, Orla, Rose and Evie W

Credit: Fergus, Mitchell, Nina, Dylan, Arlo HH, Poppy, Joe, James, Eden, Mikos, Sonny, Sofia, Bodie, Liz, Elsie, Leo CS and Peter

Distinction: Caitlin, Stella, Ira, Dana, Linh, Joa Bella, Rebecca, Hanina, Hiranmayee, Matilda, Gracie, Leo B, Gareth and Blake



School News

Check-in assessment for Years 3-6

Year 3-6 students will participate in a reading and numeracy Check-in assessment later this term when we've all returned to face-to-face learning.

The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning. The assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs. For further information about the check-in assessment, please speak to your child's teacher.

Dance2bfit Sport program - Stage 2&3

Students and families who paid for the term 3 Dance2bfit sport program (\$32) have had the fee reduced to \$14. All students and families who paid now have \$18 in Fees in Advance to be used at their convenience. Any student who didn't pay, \$14 is now due to the office.

Student Leaders 2022

Year 5 students will begin participating in a leadership program in preparation for the upcoming 2022 captain and vice captain elections later this term. During the leadership program Year 5 students will be able to nominate/ be nominated for the first round candidates. They will then as a group, vote for the final 6 students. These 6 students can then begin to campaign and prepare their speeches that will be presented to staff and students on Thursday 2nd December. Students from Kinder to Year 5 will then vote for the boy and girl captain, with the four remaining students becoming vice captains. This process enables all Year 5 students to identify leadership skills and attributes, that they each possess and gives them confidence and ownership of the process of electing student leaders.

Sun Safe!

Just a reminder that Term 4 is 'no, hat, no play'. Remember to bring your labelled school hat each and every day.

Special Achievements

Congratulations to two of our amazing writers from Stage 3, Nina and Sofia. These students entered the prestigious Dorothea Mackellar Rich & Rare poetry writing competition earlier this year. Enjoy their poetry entries below.



Fell
the red hot orb of fire on the barren sprawling trees.
Through
the fine red desert sand
Ploughed
the leather black and tired of the worn dark boots of he,
Who
sought the glint of opals grand

Curled
his hardened, thick, tanned fingers
around
the crisp thin yellow memory
Of
the greenery cascading down the glowing summer hills
Cold
air kissing the vibrant wild blossoms
Blowing
away like his ambitions for fame
His
gaze fixates on the smiling figure
a
childish beast left to run untamed
Glowing
in the sunlight, washed with morning rain.

By Nina

Dappled light cascades across calm river waters
Father walks, far behind his eager daughters
Birds flicker between hollow, sunken trees
Swans startle at their arrival, flying into the breeze.

The beginning of Summer is upon them
Far from human company, a hidden gem
Two sisters frolic in a field of flowers
Sunny days, darkness cowers.

Reeds and ripples lace the stream
Moments later, an excited scream
Father lays out a pair of picnic sheets
Preparing to dish out the treats.

Little did anybody know.

A single hand reaches toward the sky
Lost in the depths - a harrowed cry
The oblivious world at peace
The currents will not cease.

To little sister, it's all a game
Dying and joking, just the same
Haunting Father; endless terrors
Repeated memories of his errors.

Once more the film flits through his mind
He calls himself weak, calls himself blind
The man lives in echoes of hallucinations
His life crumbling to its foundations.

What kind of father
Lets two daughters drown?

Turn your back for only a second
And the figure, it will beckon
Grim Reaper's scythe
Illuminated with life.

Two children were stolen by Death
Who unknowing, also took Father's breath
He cannot bear to turn a new leaf
An empty shell of grief.
They Fly,
Float,
Etched memories light as feathers.

Father cannot watch them shine
Years have passed - maybe nine.

How long before he realises
His daughters are at their journeys' end?

By Sofia

Special Achievements

Published Authors!

Well done to Ira, Hiranmayee, Nina, Tilly, Mikos, Dylan, Poppy, Joe, Linh, Scarlett, Gracie, Sofia, Elise and Hanina whose stories for the Better Read Kids - Colours Writing competition has been published in their Blue anthology.



Bebras Challenge

Well done to our OC students who took part in this year's Bebras computational thinking and problem solving competition. The Bebras competition is a free online challenge open to primary and high school students, and aims to develop team work, critical and creative thinking skills, problem solving and computational thinking skills.

We achieved some fantastic results!

Merits: Nina, Scarlett, Hiranmayee, Tilly, Dana, Linh, Liz and Bodie

Credits: Poppy, Sofia, Joa Bella, Hanina and Ira

Distinctions: Dylan, Mikos, Sonny,

High Distinction: James





Placement in selective high schools for Year 7 entry in **2023** Information for applicants

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 in 2023?

You must apply online at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>



Key Dates

Application website opens:
19 October 2021

Application website closes:
17 November 2021
You must apply before this date.

Test centre and test authority advice released:
24 February 2022

Selective High School placement test:
10 March 2022

Placement outcome expected to be released:
8 July 2022

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.

There may be changes to the procedures in this document.

Check the website at education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc regularly for updates throughout the application and placement process.

Please check the website for information before you contact the Team.

After applying, you will be able to log into your application dashboard to change details and send and receive messages.

The Selective High Schools placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team. It is referred to as 'the Team' in this document.

Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education

Email: shs@det.nsw.edu.au

Telephone: 1300 880 367

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/772251106301086/>

Spooky Friday...

Get your costumes or mufti outfit ready! We're looking forward to a fun day.



The poster features a purple central panel with a yellow background. At the top, the text 'Halloween Mufti Day!' is written in large, colorful letters. Below this is the school crest, which includes the letters 'TSH' and the motto 'I ASPIRE'. The date 'Friday, 29th October' is prominently displayed. The central illustration shows three children in silhouette walking across a graveyard with tombstones, set against a large yellow sun. Surrounding the central panel are various Halloween-themed icons: a ghost, a witch on a broom, a black cat, and a jack-o'-lantern. The entire design is framed by a yellow border decorated with flying bats.

Halloween Mufti Day!



Friday, 29th October

*This is not a fundraiser, just a fun way to celebrate all
being back together at school again.*

**Dress in purple, green, black, or orange,
or in a Halloween costume!**