



Tighes Hill Public School

Newsletter No. 16

Term 4 Week 6

10th November 2021

Principal's message

I want to congratulate all the children for the very settled way that they returned to school last week. They looked very smart and tidy in their uniforms. Please help us to keep children in school uniform – don't forget to wear your hats – NO HAT NO PLAY!

Tell Them From Me Parent Survey

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>

Outstanding incursion/excursion payments and school contributions

As we are entering the final few weeks of the 2021 school year, I urge all parents to finalise outstanding payments for excursions, photographs, book packs and school contributions. Each year, as a school we end up carrying bad debts and then we have difficulty trying to retrieve late payments. At present, the school has covered these costs from our budget allocations which is affecting our ability to organise other activities. We urgently need to be reimbursed for this amount. Our budget is designed to be shared equally throughout the entire school population.

Dates for the Diary

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

Monday 22nd November

P&C meeting 6pm

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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. Year 4 students who have applied will complete the test at school online. 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!

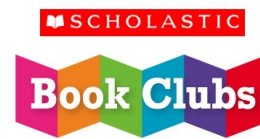
ICAS
assessments



Subject	Assessment sitting date
ICAS 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 7 orders arriving soon!



Every Child Deserves a Good Book

PLEASE



NO PEANUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS

Follow us on Instagram 

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@thatmrswelshstoyou 

@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

Merit Award recipients - Term 4 Weeks 5 & 6:

KD	Alice, Olivia, Hemi and Sienna
KH	River, Jean, Aria and Louie
1C	Jarvis, Blake, Winnie and Maple
1IB	Tilly, Luca, Bodie and Jasper
2RW	Lucy, Lucy, Jasper and David
2SW	Sam, Navilia, Benicio and Frankie
3E	Eden, Amaya, Kayden and Ella
3N	Ben, Otis, James and Chinedu
4E	Sam, Stella and Pontus
4S	Tyler, Rama, Tobias and Luke
5MS	Matty, Evie, Xavier and Sreedhar
5/6T	Sara, Aiden, Kai and Juniper
6B	Jada, Mira, Hannah and William
5/6AOC	James, Scarlett, Hiranmayee and Mahlia

Congratulations to all our children and staff.

Tony Selwood

Principal

*Our positive
wellbeing
messages...*

Term 4

Weeks 5 & 6

and

Weeks 7 & 8

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

~ Earl Nightingale

*The only time
you should ever
look back,
is to see
how far
you've come.*



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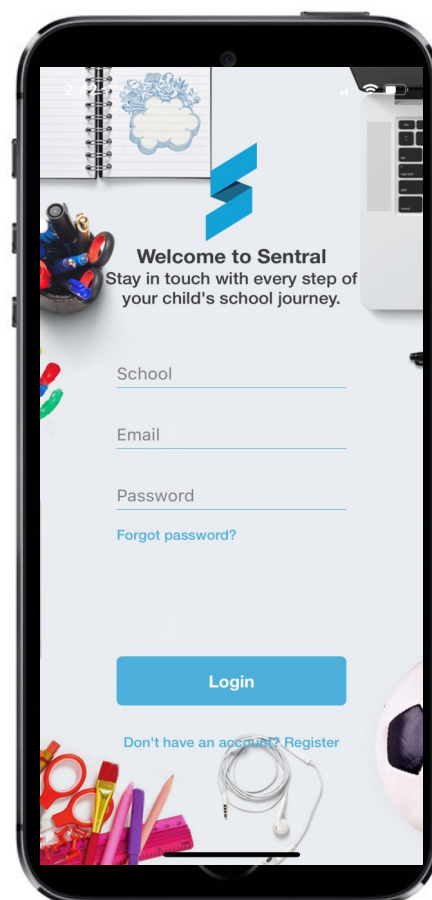


Tighes Hill
Primary School
@tigheshills

Our School Vision

*Provide an inclusive, welcoming and friendly school, supported by a close-knit
community where students receive a dynamic education and are provided with
opportunities to foster a lifelong love of learning.*

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

Australian Maths Competition!

Well done to all of our Stage 2 and 3 students who took part in this year's Australian Maths Competition. It was a challenging competition as usual, but students did themselves proud, achieving commendable results, with many scoring in the top 50% or higher of their grade nationally.

Proficiency: Aidan, Elsie, Foster, Aidan M, Charlie, Freya, Bella, Yesenia, Mikos, Felix, Evie W, Giles, Henry R, Arlo P, Sam, Felix M, Matthew, Evie F, Leo CS, Hiranmayee, Sonny S, Liam, Tyler, Odette, Mia, Ezra, William C, Tobias, Alex, Mikayla and Otis



Credits: Mohammed (top 53%), Gracie (top 49%), Toby (top 38%), Scarlett (top 32%), Charlotte (top 46%), Liz (top 38%), Lil (top 45%), Dylan (top 53%), Zane (top 42%), Nina (top 45%), Eden (top 49%), Mahlia (top 42%), Isis (top 45%), Orla (top 35%), Joe (top 37%), Dana (top 23%), Archie K (top 40%), Jasper (top 23%), Blake H (top 37%), Lucy (top 54%), Iris (top 46%), Samuel (top 45%), Caitlin (top 48%), Mitchell (top 34%), Jack (top 55%), Abby (top 50%), Rama (top 45%), Luca (top 22%), Grace (top 31%), Chinedu (top 52%), Pipa (top 28%), William M (top 45%), Henry M (top 34%), Parker (top 48%), Fergus (top 22%) and Henrik (top 22%)



Distinctions: Bodie (top 14%), Rebecca (top 12%), Linh (top 4%), Sofia (top 5%), James (top 18%), Joa Bella (top 8%), Sonny (top 18%), Ira (top 8%), Henry K (top 18%), Poppy (top 20%), Gareth (top 10%), Tilly (top 8%), Leo B (top 18%), Pontus (top 11%), Orli (top 15%) and Luke G (top 6%)

A special congratulations to Linh, who received the Best in School award for the highest result.



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.

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.

Student Fees – Outstanding Accounts

Family Statements have been sent home today, please finalise any outstanding payments i.e., student resource packs, excursions, sport and dance fees.

Due to COVID restrictions the following programs have been cancelled and fees reduced.

Reduced Fees

- *Dance2bfit Years 3-6, was \$32 reduced to \$14 = \$18 credit
- *Main Band was \$160 for four terms, reduced to \$80 for two terms
- *Train-on Band \$120 for Terms 2-4, reduced to \$40 for Term 2 only

Excursions listed have been cancelled, families who had paid for excursions now have a credit on their account.

Cancelled Excursions and Zone Athletics

*Stage 3 Great Aussie Bush Camp, payments made have been allocated to fees in advance unless a refund has been requested

*Stage 2 - Awabakal Excursion, \$16 credit in fees in advance

*K-2 Murrook Culture Centre Excursion, \$28 credit in fees in advance

*Zone Athletics Carnival, \$10 credit in fees in advance

Please advise the office if you would like to allocate your credit against outstanding fees.

NSW Department of Education

Updates to the Opportunity class placement process for Year 5 entry in 2022

Information for parents/carers and students

To maintain the health, safety and wellbeing of students, the 2021 Opportunity Class Placement Test has been rescheduled to **Wednesday, 17 November 2021**.

To continue minimising the risk of COVID-19 transmission, students where possible will be tested at their own schools or using alternate testing arrangements. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be computer based. These changes have been made to the placement process for this year only.

Only students whose parents applied online are eligible to sit the test on 17 November 2021. The application portal will not be re-opened for new applications. The revised placement process will ensure students are placed in Year 5 opportunity classes as early in 2022 as possible. The Department remains committed to supporting the continuity of learning and transitions for each child.

The Department continues to work closely with NSW Health to keep our students, staff and schools safe. Parents/carers are encouraged to keep up-to-date with the Department's COVID-19 advice for families page, to ensure they have the latest advice.

A visual timeline showing the key dates is provided on the next page.

[education.nsw.gov.au](https://www.education.nsw.gov.au)



Contact

For further information or assistance, parents should send a message through their application dashboard or contact:

High Performing Students Team

Email:
ssu@det.nsw.edu.au

Phone:
1300 880 367

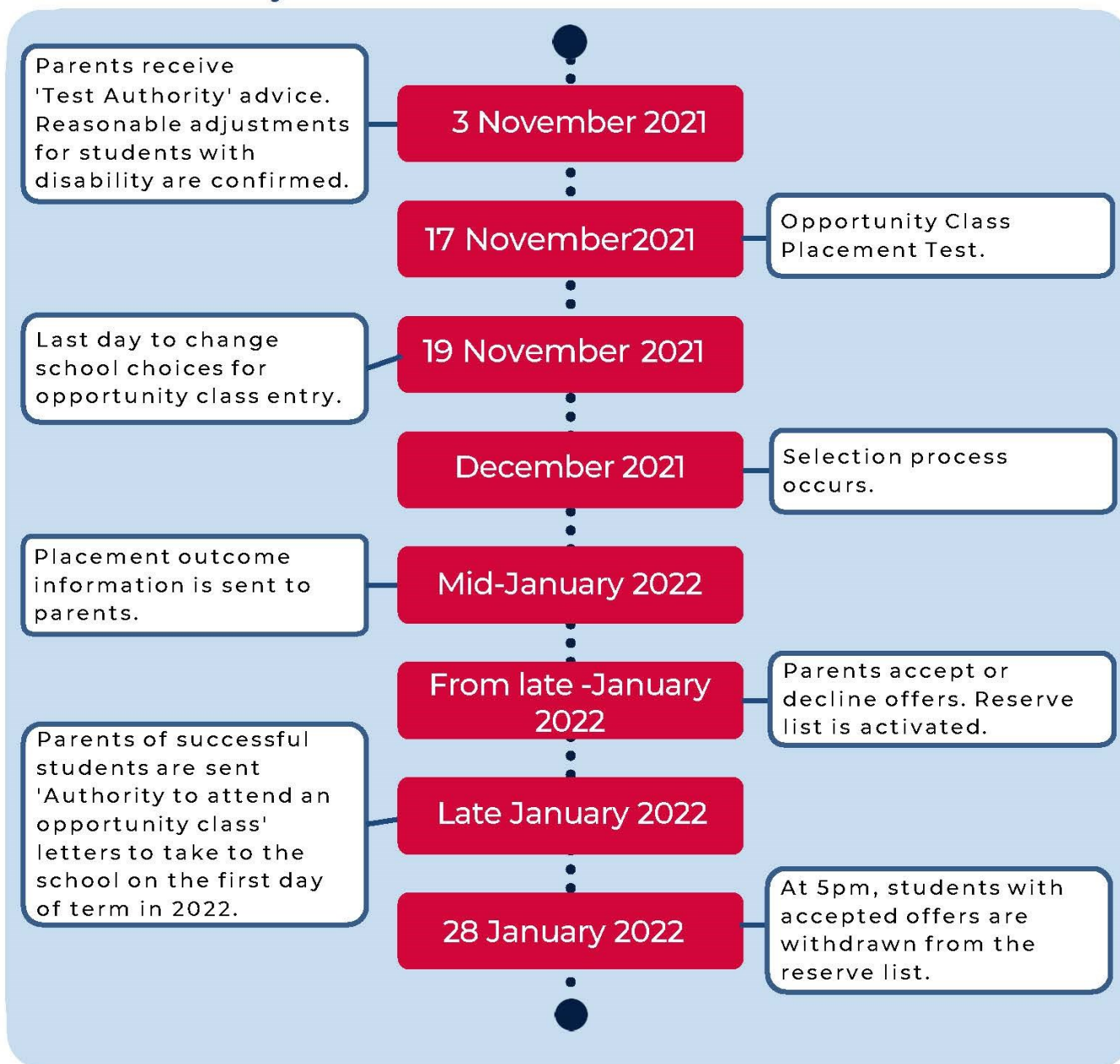
Follow us online for updates on the opportunity class placement process at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Opportunity Class 2022 information

NSW Department of Education

What are the key dates I should be aware of?



For further Information

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

Opportunity Classes – Year 5 updates available on the website at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Parents are encouraged to speak to the principal of their child's primary school for further information about the changes made to the opportunity class placement process this year.



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.

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