



Tighes Hill Public School

Newsletter No. 18

Term 4 Week 10

8th December 2021

Principal's message

Student Leaders 2022

Congratulations to our newly elected 2022 student leadership team: Iris, Elsie, Aisha, Bodie, Toby and Oscar. Students K-5 voted last week and Oscar and Aisha have been elected as our 2022 School Captains. We know all our leaders will do an amazing job next year.

***Congratulations
to our 2022
School Captains
Oscar and Aisha***



Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 8th December

Presentation Day assemblies being filmed in cohort groups. To be shared via Facebook for families to watch.

Thursday 9th December

Year 6 Farewell 5.45pm @ The Grainery Church Mayfield West

Friday 10th December

Stage 3 Challenge Day

Reports sent out via Sentral parent app

Monday 13th December

Motiv8 Sport day for Stage 1 & 2

Tuesday 14th December

Motiv8 Sport day for Kindy & St3

Thursday 16th December

Last day of school for students for 2021!

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been receiving your very kind thanks and appreciation for the enormous work our staff have accomplished this year. Thank you! Many of our Year 6 families have shared their gratitude for the education, care and support our teachers have given to their children over the past 7 years, in building character and learning. Thank you! Thank you!

To our wonderful P&C, for the dedication and ongoing support during the year to enable all of our community and children to have the resources they need to excel, connect and to thrive. Thank you!

To our staff. What an outstanding group of individuals you are. It is seen in the strength of commitment found in our teachers who continually strive to do their very best to ensure our children learn. It is seen in the long hours our teachers put into our school often at the expense of their own families. It is seen in what they do above and beyond the call of duty. It is seen in the professional way in which they meet the many challenges and care unconditionally for every learner in our school without exception or any expectation of reward or thanks. Additionally, teachers have been working hard to adapt and show flexibility to ensure you can all see inside the classroom. We hope you enjoy the end of year virtual assemblies and presentations. Thank you!

Book Club Orders

Issue 7 orders arriving soon!

SCHOLASTIC

Book Clubs

Every Child Deserves a Good Book

PLEASE



NO PEANUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS



Assemblies

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



Next meeting...

Monday 7th Feb at 6pm

Principal's Message

To our children, our learners, who come every day and try their very best. They are not afraid to make mistakes, support their friends and their teachers, and are always willing to have a go and try new things. Our learners are always filled with the encouragement of their friends and a generosity of spirit. Myself and our teachers are so very, very proud of every single child. We enjoy watching them learn and grow into responsible, loving, compassionate and caring human beings.

And thank you! For your flexibility and support during the muddled world of COVID and the impact on our school and the community. It is an important time for us all to appreciate the positives and resilience learned. As always, our continued gratitude that we are successful because we put our children at Tighes Hill PS at the centre of what we do every day.

We wish you and your family joy and happiness. Enjoy this special time with your loved ones. We look forward to seeing you all back at the school next year.

Merry Christmas everyone.

Tony Selwood

Principal

Students Y1-6 return

Tuesday

1st February 2022



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Our School Vision

To 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

will be back in 2022!



Term 4 Core Value awards

Congratulations to all of our students selected by their peers and teachers as worthy recipients of our Core Value awards for **Quality**, **Responsibility** and **Respect** this term.

KD: Hunter, Josie, Francesca, Freddie, Sienna and Felix

KH: Pearl, Hazel, Floyd, Lawrence, Alex and Posy

11B: Tom, Bodie, Rowan, Kirra, Elke and Kasey

1C: Winter, Evie, Blake, Sari, Phoenix and Bee

2RW: Alexandra, Boston, Jasper, Eve, Tygah and Charlie

2SW: Oscar, Django, Summer, Suki, Aneira and Matilda

3E: Piper, Sunny, Peggy, Arlo, Charlie and Otis

3N: Elke, Ariana, Sia, Lola, Max and Luciana

4E: Clementine, Mika, Nicholas, Stella, Alice and Samuel

5MS: Evie, Willow, Franki, Sreedhar, Archie and Matthew

5/6T: Elsie, Ziggy, Ellen, Rose, Felix and Lil

6B: Mira, Orla, Kulan, Giles, Ava and Ella

5/6AOC: Mikos, Tilly, Felix, Gareth, Liz and Scarlett



Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition

Well done to all of our Stage 3 students who took part in the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics competition last term. Students received their results this week and they performed exceptionally well!

Participation: Lachie, Charlie, Isis, Isha, Una, Zahra, Vesper and Koby

Merits (top 40%): Poppy, Foster, Blake, Leo B, Matthew, Charlotte, Joe, Scarlett, Denzil, Mikos, Eden, Evie W, Dylan, Sonny, Caitlin, Yesenia, Jack, Zane, Arlo P, Freya, Aiden, Kyasha

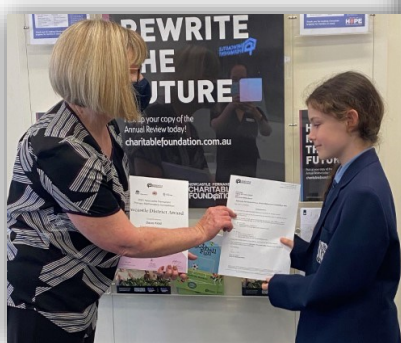
Distinctions (top 15%): Gracie, Gareth, Elsie, Evie F, Liz, Lucy, Iris, Jasper, Hiranmayee, Tilly B, Leo CS, Joa Bella, James, Mira, Hanina, Henry R, William, Harper, Bella, Sara, Jamie, Ilaria

High Distinctions (top scorers – out of c. 10,000 year group participants): Dana, Bodie, Linh, Sofia and Ira

District Prize Winners: A special congratulations to Dana and Bodie, whose exceptional results won them a District Prize award.



Congratulations!



Children's University 2021

Congratulations to our Children's University graduates for 2021!

Our 2021 CU students received their graduation packs last week. Unfortunately, we were unable to enjoy the graduation party like previous years, but what remained the same was the incredible efforts of our students and families, who have worked hard all year collecting learning hours by taking part in lots of wonderful activities and learning opportunities.

We recognised and acknowledged some amazing student achievements. A special shout out to Ilaria, who still took part this year while learning from France.

Well done to everyone who took part for our final year of Children's University.

2021 CU achievements:

Bronze Award: Beaty, Indi and Lily

Silver Award: Kyesha, Clementine and Yesenia

Gold Award: Ava and Mahlia

Bronze Certificate: Sofia and Evie

Silver Certificate: Joa Bella and Caitlin

Gold Certificate: Hanina, Gracie, Foster and Odette

Bronze Diploma: Eddie, Sonny, Freya, Poppy and Felix

Silver Diploma: Ava, Bella

Gold Diploma: Orla

Silver Degree: Ira

Gold Degree: Aiden

Bronze Post Graduate Award: Iris

Gold Fellowship: Ilaria



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Maths Superstars!

Congratulations to all of our students from 5/6AOC who took part in this year's APSMO Maths Olympiad competition. Hundreds of schools across Australasia take part in the competition, and our school was recognised with an Outstanding Achievement award for placing in the top 10% of all teams.

Well done to Linh, Sofia, Joa Bella, Sonny and James who placed in the top 2% of all competitors. Well done to Ira, Mikos, Freya, Eden, Hiranmayee, Tilly, Leo, Gareth, Bella, Dana, Scarlett, Gracie and Rebecca who place in the top 10% of all competitors.



ICAS Update

Student results for this year's ICAS assessments are now available via the ICAS Results Portal. Login details have been sent home with students. Due to the late sitting dates this year because of COVID, certificates may not arrive until next year.

Year 6 Uniforms/Mufti

Year 6 children will be able to wear mufti for the remainder of the year WHEN they donate their uniform to the clothing pool **after Wednesday 8th of December**. All uniforms can be handed in at the office.

Autographs

I am more than happy for all Year 6 children to collect their friend's autographs before the end of the year, the only proviso, autographs cannot be collected on any uniform that is being currently worn. Autograph bears, books and uniforms brought to school in a bag are all better options. **This can be done in the final week of school.**

School News

Year 6 Farewell

This special evening will be held at the Grainery Church, 11 Murray Dwyer Ct, Mayfield West this **Thursday the 9th of December** and all Year 6 children are invited to attend. Our Stage 3 teachers are working hard preparing for this very special night for all Year 6. All children are asked to wear smart casual and appropriate clothes; the boys need to wear a collared shirt with no inappropriate logos. Girls need to be appropriately dressed with sensible shoes - no heels.



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.

School News

Semester 2 Reports

In line with advice from the NSW Department of Education, our school reports for Semester 2, 2021 have been adjusted to cater for students learning from school and at home. This report will not grade student achievement using the A-E scale. The teacher's comments will focus on learning that students have undertaken in English and mathematics. As we move into 2022, with a return to a familiar delivery model of education we expect that student reports will also return to our usual format. Thank you for your support, partnership and commitment to both the school and our students during this time.

Important update from WEMOOSH

- ★ **No bookings roll over into next year!** Families need to fill out the re-enrolment on our website.
- ★ The **WEMOOSH CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be held at Mayfield Bowling Club on 16/12/2021 from 4pm- 5.30pm
- ★ All new, old and existing WEMOOSH families are welcome. RSVP essential via email before 10/12/2021

Vacation Care Booking are now open until 6/12/2021

WEMOOSH is closed from 17/12/2021 to 17/01/2022



SIGN UP TODAY

Contact
Matt 0478 285 757
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[Play Cricket](#)

- +Fun for all ages and abilities
- +Learn ball skills and stay active
- +All girls groups where possible
- +Coached by our trained Cricket NSW staff

Sydney Sixers Holiday Programs - Greater Hunter



Who: Boys and girls welcome
Ages: Recommended ages 5-11
Inclusions: 6 hrs of fun + blast participant pack
Cost: \$69



Programs running across the Greater Hunter:

Newcastle	Central Coast	Lake Macquarie	Singleton
Date: Monday 20th + Tuesday 21st December Time: 9am - 12pm each morning Location: Ford Oval, New Lambton Register: https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/b37fa5	Date: Thursday 13th + Friday 14th January Time: 9am - 12pm each morning Location: Adcock Park, Gosford Register: https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/6f9ec7	Date: Wednesday 19th + Thursday 20th January Time: 3pm-6pm each afternoon Location: Feignhan Oval, Warners Bay Register: https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/8cc83c	Date: Monday 24th + Tuesday 25th January Time: 9am - 12pm each morning Location: Cook Park, Singleton Register: https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/5343b4

A message from our P&C President, Bannaua Brown...

Another challenging year for all of us again! We have made it through and can now look forward to the festive season. I hope yours is able to be filled with family, friends, food and fun.

I'd like to thank all families for their continued support of the Tighes Hill P&C in 2021. Despite the lack of face-to-face meetings, we were still able to successfully fundraise a significant amount of money, which we have funnelled back into the school through several projects.

Our fundraising events included most recently the mangoes and gingerbread houses, and earlier the wine fundraiser, and the pizza cookies. Thank you for supporting us through these. The P&C has been able to support projects including the bush tucker garden, the planetarium incursion, the Year 6 farewell, and the yarnning circle (to be completed in the new year).

The P&C exists for the children. We would love to see some new faces join us at the (hopefully!) face-to-face meetings in 2022. You can attend as often or little as you like, and there is no pressure to take on jobs or formal roles. Just bring your ideas and enthusiasm!

I would like to thank our executive committee: Zeita, Jodi, Joel & Erika, and a special thanks to Lori, our outgoing fundraising organiser.

I look forward to seeing what 2022 brings us. It will be a big year for the P&C, with the fete and the trivia night!

Bannaua

P&C President

MERRY
christmas

THE Creative WORD SHOP

KIDS' WRITING WORKSHOPS NEWCASTLE

- CLOUDLAND** Wed 5 Jan, 10am-1pm, Jess Black (6-12)
FAIRY TALE FEASTS Thurs 6 Jan, 10am-1pm, Jess Black (6-12)
ANIMAL TALES Tues 11 Jan, 10am-1pm, Ed Wright (9-14)
ANCIENT WONDERS Wed 12 Jan, 10am-3.30pm, Jess Black (8-14)
WE CAN BE HEROES Tues 18 Jan, 10am-1pm, Ed Wright (9-14)
WHEEL OF EMOTIONS Wed 19 Jan, 10am-3.30pm, Ed Wright (10-15)
UNDERGROUND CITIES Fri 21 Jan, 10am-1pm, Bess Kenway (8-14)
POWERS OF PERSUASION Mon 24 Jan, 10am-1pm, Ed Wright (7-12)
MURDER MYSTERIES (ZOOM) Tues 25, Jan, 10am-1pm, Ed Wright (7-12)
SELECTIVE TEST PREP Fri 28 Jan, 10am-1pm, Ed Wright (Yr 5&6 2022)

3hr workshops: \$80 (bring a friend or do 2: \$140) earlybird 20 Dec: \$70/\$130
 5.5 hours, \$150 (bring a friend \$250, earlybird 20 Dec: \$130/\$240
 Selective Schools: \$120 (max 8 people)

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January 2022

YWCA Hunter Vacation Care

School holiday fun for primary school children

Monday, 3 January	Tuesday, 4 January	Wednesday, 5 January	Thursday, 6 January	Friday, 7 January
CLOSED	CLOSED	HAPPY NEW YEAR PARTY	WILLY WONKA	CLIMB & PARC
CLOSED	CLOSED	IN-EXCLUSIVE	IN-EXCLUSIVE	EXCLUSION
Monday, 10 January	Tuesday, 11 January	Wednesday, 12 January	Thursday, 13 January	Friday, 14 January
RICKY SCIENCE	Llama Rama	DINO-FUN	PIRATES	STOCKTON SCOOT
IN-EXCLUSIVE	EXCLUSION	EXCLUSION	IN-EXCLUSIVE	EXCLUSION
Monday, 17 January	Tuesday, 18 January	Wednesday, 19 January	Thursday, 20 January	Friday, 21 January
HAWAII	NINJA PARC	LAUREL TASTER	SOO & DRAGON	WATER WARR
IN-EXCLUSIVE	EXCLUSION	EXCLUSION	EXCLUSION	EXCLUSION
Monday, 24 January	Tuesday, 25 January	Wednesday, 26 January	Thursday, 27 January	Friday, 28 January
Year of the Tiger	Flamenco Fun	CLOSED	WE ARE ONE	CLOSED
IN-EXCLUSIVE	EXCLUSION	CLOSED	IN-EXCLUSIVE	CLOSED



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 24 Dawson Street, Cooks Hill 2300
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School Travel for 2022



2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

School Student Transport Scheme site change

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to **transportnsw.info**. This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel

Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback