



Tighes Hill Public School

Newsletter No. 19

Term 4 Week 8

4th December 2019

Principal's Report

Congratulations to our newly elected 2020 student leadership team: Andreas, Oscar, Orlando, Nashi, Billie and Ivy. These wonderful school citizens were voted by their Year 5 peers to be school leaders next year and will present their captain speeches to the whole school this Friday. We wish them all the best and know that they'll do a great job.



Dates for the Diary

Thursday 5th December

Industrial action 8.30am-10.30am

Colour Run

Friday 6th December

2020 Leadership speeches and voting

Y6 boys: Walk a Mile Koori Style

Monday 9th December

Hall of Fame assembly &
2020 Captains announcement

Tuesday 10th December

Presentation Day 9.30am
@ The Grainery

Wednesday 11th December

HoF morning tea

Thursday 12th December

Year 6 Farewell 5.45pm

Friday 13th December

Stage 3 Talent Quest
HoF core value reward day
Reports sent home

Monday 16th December

Stage 3 Reward Day
K-4 end of year activity

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Principal's Report

The next few weeks leading up to the end of term 4 promise to be extremely busy so it is important to keep an eye on the upcoming events and activities, as most children will be involved.

Thank you for your patience during these final weeks. Apart from the huge demands of the day to day organisation of the different learning activities within the school, all staff are also involved in finalising assessment and reports, strategic and annual planning, financial roll-over and the added on department and regional training sessions that are difficult to pre-plan.

Outstanding Excursion Payments and School Fees

As we are entering the final few weeks of the 2019 school year I urge all parents to finalise outstanding payments for excursions, photographs, book packs and school fees. 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.

Presentation Day Assembly

This special assembly will be held on Tuesday the 10th of December at the Grainery Church, 11 Murray Dwyer Circuit, Mayfield West. All children will travel by bus to the venue from school with their teachers and SLSOs. The assembly will commence at 9.30am and conclude by 11.30am approximately. Parents who wish to take the children home from the Grainery must see their child's teacher before departing. We are all looking forward to sharing the children's achievements with you.

Carols

Thank you to Miss Ragan and all our staff for organising this annual event scheduled for Tuesday 17th December. Our carols night is a great way to welcome in the Christmas season. The evening is set to begin at 4.30pm. Please bring your picnic, blankets and pillows to sit on so you can listen to the children perform. This year the performances will be on stage under the COLA. We will also be selling drinks and popcorn for \$2 each.

Book Club Orders

Issue 8 orders
now closed!



Every Child Deserves a Good Book

School Banking is on
WEDNESDAYS



PLEASE



NO PEANUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS

Assemblies

Our final assembly for this year:

Hall of Fame assembly

Monday 9th December
at 2pm under COLA



The next P&C meeting will be held

Monday 10th February at 6pm

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND!

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Stage 3 Gifted and Talented Maths Competition

Congratulations to Oliver, Hamish, Coco and Norah from 5/6A OC, who represented our school last week in the national finals of the Lachlan Macquarie College Stage 3 GATS Maths competition. These talented students travelled all the way to Bonnyrigg PS (thanks Thuy!) to take part in this event which involved a day of challenging problem-solving and tricky maths problems. Well done!



Assembly Awards ~ Term 4 Weeks 7 & 8

KD	Suki, Jasper and Anske
KH	Phoebe, Duke, Mae and Lucy
K1N	Lucy, Elke, Agnes and Hugo
1E	Charlie, Pipa, Otis and Shelby
1C	Henrik, James, Ella and Otis
2MB	Abby, Winston, Alice and Caitlin
2W	Mitchell, Tyler, Zane and Asha
3N	Denzil, Archie, Lucy and Shiah
3S	Matthew, Oscar, Billy and Willow
4R	Lil, Phoenix, Rylan and Kyesha
4S	Yesenia, Amethyst and the whole class
5T	Mathew, Cooper, April Rose and Orlando
5/6W	Dylan, Mia, Seth and Mirja
5/6AOC	Kynan, Tayla, Dimitri and Leo
6B	Laura, Arden, Koby, Zanthé and Adam

Congratulations to all our children and staff.

Tony Selwood
PRINCIPAL



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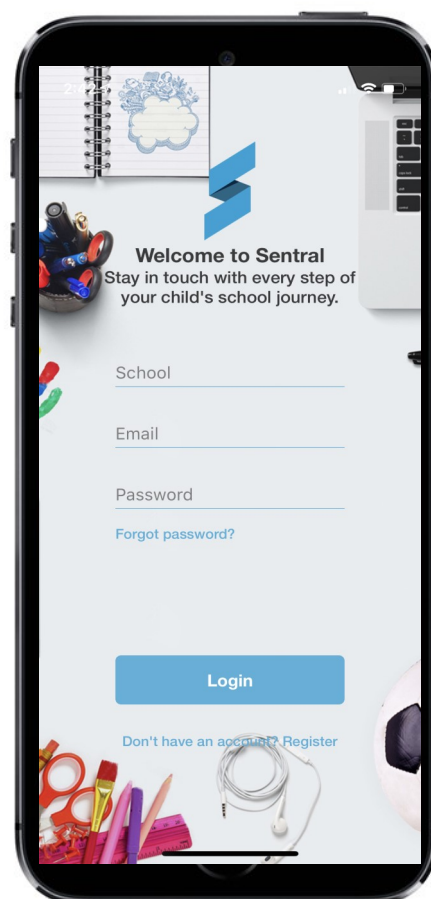


Tighes Hill
Primary School
@tigheshillps

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



Information has been sent home with instructions about how to access our Sentral Parent app

Chess Coaching
Mondays 1.15pm - 1.55pm

provided by the Sydney
Academy of Chess.

Term 4 cost \$85.50.

Please see Ms Armstrong for
more details.

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Year 6 Farewell

This special evening will be held at the Grainery Church, 11 Murray Dwyer Circuit, Mayfield West on Thursday the 12th of December and all year 5 and 6 children are invited to attend. Ms Armstrong and Mrs Welsh are working hard preparing for this very special night for Y6. All the 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 as dancing can cause twisted ankles.



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 11th of December**. All uniforms can be handed in at the office.

Autographs

I am more than happy for all Y 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 plastic bag are all better options. **This can be done in the final week of school.**

Reports

Our yearly reports will be handed out Friday the 13th of December. All teachers have worked extremely hard to ensure that all data entered is a true representation of your child's learning growth. I am sure that you will be very pleased with the comprehensive assessment information and the clear picture of your child's progress and achievements that these reports contain. Please let us know if multiple copies need to be sent home. Don't hesitate to contact teachers if you need any point clarified.

Enrolments 2020

To enable us to correctly estimate enrolments and staff the school appropriately for 2020, I need all parents enrolling children K-6 to complete enrolment forms and leave their details at the office ASAP. 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 2020, we can then contact them and include them on our numbers for next year. Thank you to all the parents who are promoting our school in such a positive way and encouraging all local families to enrol in their local school.

School News

Australian Maths Competition

Congratulations to everyone who took part in this year's Australian Maths Competition. There were hundreds of thousands of entrants across the country who participated in this challenging problem solving event. Well done to everyone who had a go!

Certificate of Proficiency: Leo B, Denzil, Leo CS, Aidan H, Matthew H, Foster, Lucy G, Billy K, Zahra, Orla, Ella, Arlo P, Zishan, Henry R, Isis, Felix M, Aiden M, Giles, Toby W, Yesenia, Tama, Tayla, Arlo N, Jed, Lucy K, Louis P, Billie, Erin, Seth, Bobby, Kynan, Nora, Aiden, Zanetta, Cooper, Ede, Sam, Seb, Jemima, Amira, Annabella and Adam.

Credit: Edie, Scarlett, Ayhan, Rose, Gracie, Koby C, Eden, Zane, Wenyu, Isac, Chloe H, Nashi, Oscar G, Callum, Norah, Coco, Rebecca, Oliver, Ivy W, Hamish M, Henry G, Rowan and Julian.

Distinction: Paul (top 7%), Archie K (top 13%), Toby M (top 20%), Dimitri (top 12%), Addison (top 16%) and Harry (top 21%)

Best in School: Paul – for our school's highest standardised score.



Unbox the possibilities



School News

Maths Superstars!

Congratulations to all students in 5/6A OC for their outstanding effort and hard work during the APSMO Maths Olympiads and Maths Games programs these past 2 terms. This year there were over 36,000 participants across Australasia, and the OC received a special plaque for scoring in the top 10% of all teams. These challenging programs require a high level of application and problem solving skills and students should be very proud of their fantastic results.



Maths Games

Equal 1st Place: Dimitri, Kynan and Julian (all top 2%)

Special mentions to Isac, Coco, Wenyu, Rowan and Henry (all top 2%). Oliver, Paul, Amira, Luisa, Addison, Norah, Chloe and Oscar (all top 10%)

Maths Olympiads

1st Place: Julian (top 2%), **Equal 2nd**

Place: Dimitri and Kynan (top 2%)

Special mentions to Henry, Coco, Oliver, Wenyu, Addison, Paul, Oscar, Chloe and Amira (all top 10%)

Well done to Chloe for receiving this year's **Special Achievement/Encouragement Award** for her outstanding effort and improvement during the program.

Congratulations to Julian who received a **Perfect Score medal** for his amazing result (only 1% of the 36,000 participants achieved this!)



School News

OC Thinkfest!

Congratulations to our OC who did a fantastic job at the regional Opportunity Class Thinkfest event last week. Students worked very hard this term in preparation for Thinkfest, which is all about problem-solving, team work, research, creativity and innovation. The process involved researching their topics/problems, creating a skit, writing a script, making a key prop, designing and painting a backdrop, filming a video trailer and maintaining a visual diary of the Thinkfest journey. It's always such a fun albeit stressful project and students excelled this year with our English team winning their category and our Science team receiving Runners Up. We also received lots of certificates for Best Prop, Best Backdrop, Best Visual Diary, Best Script and Best Skit. Well done to Coco and Henry who received our school's medals for Best Thinkfesters this year for their outstanding commitment, leadership and team work during the project.



Mini EV Festival

Congratulations to the OC who took part in the annual Mini EV Festival last week at Cameron Park raceway. Dumbledore's Nerds (Erin, Chloe, Paige and Annabelle) took out 1st place in the solar cart sprint race and Bunnings Snags (Coco, Amira, Norah, Zali and Luisa) came in 3rd. Well done to team Lambugatti (Kynan, Leo, Henry, Jed and Julian) and Dumbledore's Nerds who were joint winners of the team spirit and collaboration award. We won \$450 in prize money for our awesome efforts! A big thank you to our wonderful Mr Sorby for all his help with soldering our carts.



Please join us for our

Christmas Carols

Tuesday, 17th December

TIGHES HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Don't miss the fun!

4.30 pm: Picnic on the grass

5:00 pm: Carols begin

**Bring a picnic and a blanket and enjoy our new grass area.
Drinks and popcorn will be for sale.**

Community News

SIXERS HOLIDAY PROGRAMS



Woolworths Cricket Blast INTRODUCTORY PROGRAM teaches boys and girls new skills in a Big Bash inspired fun and safe environment!! Blasters can choose a cricket or craft adventure during a 'Free Play Session'.



The 6ers Holiday Camp is ideal for boy and girls playing JUNIOR FORMAT STAGE 1 with their local club. Players will be exposed to contemporary coaching activities lead by experienced coaches.

Date Time	Suburb (Postcode)	Introductory Program (5-9 yrs.)	Junior Format Stage 1 (9-11 yrs.)
13 Jan 2020 9am-3pm	Lorn (2320)	\$80	\$100
14 Jan 2020 9am-3pm	New Lambton (2305)	\$80	\$100
15 Jan 2020 9am-3pm	Cameron Park (2285)	\$80	\$100
16/17 Jan 2020 9am-12pm	Ourimbah (2258)	\$99	\$100
20/21 Jan 2020 9am-12pm	Erina (2250)	\$99	\$100

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Introductory Program - www.playcricket.com.au

Search for camp by: age filter and suburb (as listed above)

Look for Program title "Sydney Sixers Holiday Program"

Junior Format Stage 1 - www.trvbooking.com

Click Buy on the landing page and then search "Sydney 6ers" and the suburb (as listed above)



YWCA Hunter Vacation Care
School holiday fun for primary school children

January 2020

Friday, 3 January
ROCK IN THE NEW YEAR
EXCURSION

Monday, 6 January
THANK A FIRE
EXCURSION

Tuesday, 7 January
STAKE OUT
EXCURSION

Wednesday, 8 January
SPY DISGUISE
EXCURSION

Thursday, 9 January
LEARN HOW TO HIP-HOP AND MAKE YOUR OWN GRAFFITI T-SHIRT
IN-HOUSE

Friday, 10 January
Fun in the Sun
EXCURSION

Monday, 13 January
MasterChef at the Y!
IN-HOUSE

Tuesday, 14 January
BEAT DRUM
EXCURSION

Wednesday, 15 January
CRICKET
EXCURSION

Thursday, 16 January
FORENSIC SCIENTIST DAY
IN-HOUSE

Friday, 17 January
CRIME SCENE DO NOT PASS
EXCURSION

Monday, 20 January
ICE SKATING
EXCURSION

Tuesday, 21 January
INDIA
IN-HOUSE

Wednesday, 22 January
Bubble Hoops
EXCURSION

Thursday, 23 January
Ball out Ball out (Throw the Ball in coming for home)
IN-HOUSE

Friday, 24 January
OAKVALE WILDLIFE PARK
EXCURSION



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* many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

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www.saverplus.org.au



Good for Kids good for life

WAYS TO BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE

Why not try these ideas?

There are many ways for children to be physically active and to limit sedentary behaviour every day.



ACTIVE AND FUN

- Encourage children to play active games like obstacle courses, tag, skipping or throwing a ball or frisbee.
- Visit playgrounds, parks, nature reserves, ovals or beaches.
- Get children involved in a variety of different sports and activities.



ACTIVE TRAVEL

- For short trips, walk or ride safely.
- For longer trips, park the car some distance away and walk with children for the rest of the trip.



ACTIVE AT HOME

- Limit time for watching TV and using electronic games.
- Store portable electronic devices out of sight.
- Enjoy a walk with children around your local area.
- Children can help with gardening activities like digging, sweeping or raking.



ACTIVE AND SAFE

- Start slowly and build up the amount and intensity of physical activity.
- Protect children from the sun – ensure children wear sun-protective clothing, including a hat, and apply sunscreen regularly.
- Always supervise children appropriately when in and around water.
- Speak with your doctor or other health professional if your child has a medical condition.

Image source: Department of Health



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<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>



YOU ARE INVITED TO

Hspa's improvisation theatre sports festival

DATE: 9TH OF DECEMBER

TIME: 4:30 - 6:30

WHERE: HSPA DRAMA ROOMS AND HALL

FOOD STORES TO RAISE MONEY FOR ZARA'S HOUSE FOR REFUGEE WOMENS AND CHILDREN'S CENTRE SO DONT FORGET TO BRING MONEY FOR THE FOOD.