

The Hills Sports High School

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The Hills Sports High School Newsletter

From the Principal

August/September 2018

STAFFING UPDATE

Congratulations to Mr O'Connor who was appointed via merit selection processes to take over as the new permanent Head Teacher TAS. This follows Mrs Wallis' departure when she moved to a new role as Deputy Principal of Nepean HS.

Also, congratulations to Mrs Kennon. She has been successful in being merit-selected to become the new Deputy Principal of Model Farms High School. Mrs Kennon will finish at our school on Friday 16 November 2018 and commence at her new school on 19 November 2018.

Recruitment processes are now underway to replace the vacancies caused by these promotions.

NAPLAN ONLINE TRIAL

Earlier this term, current Year 8 students took part in testing the online version of NAPLAN. This will either be introduced into our school next year or the year after at the latest. We are currently giving feedback to the authorities about what worked and what didn't so that we can prepare for online NAPLAN in the coming years.

NAPLAN RESULTS

NAPLAN results will arrive shortly and will then be forwarded to parents. The Head Teachers will again analyse the results and adjust teaching plans accordingly to help our students to improve. Preliminary analysis shows an improvement in writing and numeracy skills amongst our students.

SUBJECT SELECTIONS FOR 2019

Planning has commenced for 2019 with subject selection evenings held earlier this term. Mrs Middleton and Mrs Kennon will provide further subject selection information as the need arises.

Year 10 students have made final decisions in individual interviews, about their subjects, held last week and elective sheets are now coming in for all years as planning for a new timetable commences.

FINAL PHASE FOR YEAR 12

As we enter the final phase for students in Year 12, I encourage all students to seek feedback from their teachers on their recent Trial Examination results, make plans to improve these results where necessary and commence a determined approach to preparing for the HSC Examination.

Some final assessments are now falling due and staff will soon calculate final results to be sent to NESA (NSW Educational Standards Authority formerly known as The Board of Studies). It only takes "one more mark" each time a piece of work is submitted to change a final result quite significantly. Look for ways to improve as the feedback from exams is distributed by the teaching staff.

Only about 3 teaching weeks left before Year 12 officially leave us to make final preparations for the HSC exams!!

I encourage all students to work hard, enjoy their education and seek the help of teachers to ensure that improvements are achieved.

FINAL PHASE FOR YEAR 11

Year 11 Students are now also approaching the completion of the Preliminary Courses which also end at the end of term 3. Students are reminded that these courses are graded and staff will assess student achievements, determine a grade and forward these to the NESA.

It is a condition that students satisfactorily complete 12 units of study in the Preliminary Course as a part of the HSC. Students receiving N notifications (a warning that courses are not complete) must address these, catch up and submit work urgently so that the result can be calculated and permission to enter Year 12 can be granted

Mrs Middleton is working with any student in danger of not completing Year 11 and helping them to get their work done. I encourage all students to take advantage of the help that Mrs Middleton is offering at this crucial time of the year.

Best wishes for the weeks ahead to all students and their families.

M.Struyve

Principal

Cheerleading TSP

On Saturday and Sunday 7th/8th August the Cheerleading Team participated in their first competition for the 2018 season called CHEERCON. The girls did an awesome performance and their routines placed first in both Cheer and Pom. Well done girls!

And a big thank you to our coach, Emma Squire.



YEAR 12

A VERY IMPORTANT DAY IS COMING UP YES THAT'S RIGHT GRADUATION AND PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY AT SCHOOL on the 27th September. Starting time is 9.00am followed by a small morning tea. This is a special day that Year 12 are presented with their graduation certificates on the completion of their high school life.

Followed by their formal to held at Novotel Sydney Norwest from 6.00pm

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NOTES REGARDING STUDENT ABSENCES

Dear Parent/Carer,

If your child is absent from school or late to school, a note must be submitted within 7 days of the 1st day of absence. You can either send an email to The Hills Sport High or the note must be given to the Roll Call Teacher during Roll Call

If a reason has not been received within 7 days of the absence, the absence within remain UNJUSTIFIED.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR Year 7 & Year 8 STUDENTS

Over the next two weeks (weeks 8 & 9) Year 7 and Year 8 students will be sitting for the "Accelerated Reader Testing"

Please assist by encouraging your child's attendance

Learning and Support Co-ordinator Gillian McClenahan

2018 Term Calendar Dates

Term 1 – Tuesday, 30 January to Friday, 13 April 2018 (11 weeks)

Term 2 – Tuesday, 1 May to Friday, 6 July 2018 (10 weeks)

Term 3 – Tuesday, 24 July to Friday, 28 September 2018 (10 weeks)

Term 4 – Monday, 15 October to Wednesday, 19 December 2018 (10 weeks)



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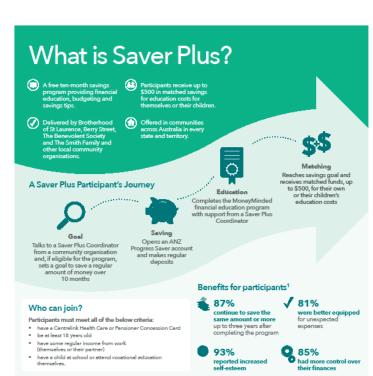
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SECOND HAND UNIFORM

SHOP

Uniform Shop Opening Times 2018

1ST Wednesday of each month during 2018

8.00AM -8.30AM

7th March 4th April 2nd May

4th July 1st August 5th September

17th October 7th November 5th December

Second Hand items available are:-

Junior girls blouse - \$10 Grey pants - \$25 Sports polo shirt - \$10

Skirt - \$30 Grey shorts - \$20 Jumper - \$30

Junior boys shirt - \$10 Sports jacket - \$30

Also available at the shop are:-

- The Hills Sports High socks in various sizes and styles can be purchased for \$9.
- The Hills Sports High Jacket for \$95.



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