



# The Hills Sports High School

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## The Hills Sports High School Newsletter

### From the Principal

May 2019

#### **NAPLAN**

NAPLAN tests in Literacy and Numeracy for Year 7 & 9 are underway as I write this article. These tests are compulsory for all students in Years 7 & 9. At this school they are conducted under the guidance of our Learning Support Teachers, Mrs McClenahan and Mr Rubbi with help from technology teachers Ms Potts, Mr O'Connor and also Mr Gadow (Head Teacher – Teaching and Learning). I thank the staff for the superb organisation of these tests – the first time we are “online” for NAPLAN!

The students should be congratulated too; their behaviour and efforts have been excellent in the trialling of the online test and also now, for the real thing.

The results are released later this year and I look forward to seeing the continual improvement which has become a feature of our school's results over the past few years.

The staff will use the results to shape their teaching programs and lessons to help students to improve their skills further.

#### **DEBATING**

Our debating competitions have commenced again this year and we have already had some great wins and some excellent debate topics.

Congratulations to all of the students participating in this outstanding exercise in public speaking and problem solving.

Ms Andrews has spent many hours coaching and coordinating the teams with the help of the English staff and I congratulate her and all of the other teachers and students for bringing such lively and interesting competitions to our school.

#### **ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

The two-day school Athletics Carnival will be held at Blacktown Olympic Park on Thursday 6 June and Friday 7 June 2019

The PDHPE staff are busily preparing the program and the events. If this year is anything like previous years, it will be a great success and a most enjoyable couple of days.

Parents are most welcome to attend to cheer on the students as they strive for personal bests.

#### **P&C MEETING UPDATE**

Our P&C Meeting this term will be held on Wednesday 29 May in the school library from **7pm** and it is also the AGM where new office bearers will be elected for 2019/20. I would like to thank the current officers for their hard work and support of the school in the various roles. I am very appreciative of the chance to talk to parents and friends of the school in this forum and all parents are welcome to attend.

Members of our P&C and other parents have been instrumental in supporting our school as members of committees, on staff selection panels and in student enrolments panels. The school three year plan has been created and published on our website with valuable contributions from our parent representatives. A big thank you to all the parents involved in these and similar activities.

#### **PARENT TEACHER NIGHT BOOKINGS**

This year we continue with our electronic system of bookings for parent/teacher interviews.

The electronic booking system will be used for each of our parent/teacher interview afternoons/nights commencing with the Year 12 on Wednesday 12 June 2019. Bookings for this event are now open.

Parent Teacher interviews of the other years are planned for the following dates:

Years 7/9 plus TSP Mentors Tuesday 2 July (3.30 – 6pm)

Years 8/10/11 plus TSP Mentors Wednesday 3 July (3.30 – 6pm)

The school will send the website address and password via sms to parents' phones as well. If any parent is unable to access the internet then the alternative is to call the office so that the secretary can make the appointment for you. You can also ask your child to see their teachers who can log in to the system to make an appointment on your behalf.

We hope that this system continues to make it easier for you to make suitable appointment times to see teachers. I encourage all parents of Year 12 students to make appointments to be here on 12 June where reports will also be available for collection from Mrs Middleton.

### YEAR 10, 11 & 12 REQUIREMENTS

I wish to remind all students in the senior school that each of the Year Levels have requirements that need to be met in order to qualify for the eventual award of the Record of School Achievement (ROSA), the Year 11 Preliminary accreditation and, of course, the HSC in Year 12.

All students who will sit HSC exams in 2020 or beyond are now required to meet the Minimum Standards in Literacy and Numeracy for the HSC in order to qualify. We are currently working with students in Years 10 and 11 on their completion of this qualification.

All students should be working to the best of their ability in order to satisfy the NESA requirements in these final three years of school. I hope that any students struggling with their work and other commitments at the moment are able to rectify this problem quickly.

### HEALTHY CANTEEN STRATEGY

Our school canteen now meets all the requirements of the NSW Government Healthy Canteen Strategy and we have been rated as a "Healthy Canteen" since April 2019.

I congratulate our canteen operators for working to adjust menus and food for sale to make us compliant. This strategy ensures that we offer healthy foods for sale for our students to encourage a healthier eating habit and lifestyle.

My best wishes to all students and families for a successful term.

M.Struyve  
Principal

## Positive Behaviour for Learning

Our school values of Safety, Tolerance, Achievement and Respect are the core principles which should guide both students and staff at The Hills Sports High School.

Tolerance is the recognition that everyone is different and that we are conscious that all differences are valued.

The Hills Sports High School

Be a STAR

Acknowledging others

Listening to others

**Tolerance**

Be tolerant of others' differences

SAFETY. TOLERANCE. ACHIEVEMENT. RESPECT.

# Seven Hills Toongabbie RSL Sub Branch Children's ANZAC Day March

As in previous years, students at The Hills Sports High School participated in several commemorations of ANZAC Day. The first such commemoration was the annual ANZAC Day Children's March organised by the Seven Hills Toongabbie RSL Sub Branch and was held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April.



Our school captains, Kenneth Tuala and Monique Clifton were joined by SRC member Blake Metcalfe and Mr Haynes to represent our school. The parade also included the RSL youth clubs and many other local schools.

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April our school held its own commemorative ceremony. Our school captains reminded students of the close connection our school has with World War 1 and of the devastation which all wars bring with them. A wreath was laid by a member of the army cadets, Phaedra Hill in year 11 dressed in her cadet uniform.

I would like to thank all the students involved in these important commemorative events. These underline the close connection between our school and the local and wider Australian community.

Thanks,

Mr Haynes

HT HSIE





# Debating Challenge

In terms 2 & 3, our talented Debating Teams across years 7-12 compete in the Premier's Debating Challenge. The topics range from education, the media, politics, and students only have one hour to prepare a speech & their rebuttals. A coin toss decides who is affirmative or negative for each round.

Our year 11 & 12 Debating Team won two out of their three debates so far & our junior teams start their competition in the coming weeks. Debating over the last few years under the guidance & training of Debating Coach Chantelle Andrews (English/ Drama teacher) has seen the Hills Sports High School beat very competitive schools around the region & all students involved are to be commended on their work ethic, attitude & application to this fun & intellectual activity.

If your child is interested in debating in 2020 Miss Andrews will be holding trials later this year.





## Art Club at the MCA Zine Fair

Every year the Museum of Contemporary Art host 100 Sydney artists at their Zine Fair. This year, the Hills Sports High Art Club was selected to participate and showcase their works alongside those of other popular Sydney creatives. The zine fair allows artists to sell their zines (short for magazines) to the public on the grounds of the MCA in Circular Quay. On the day 2700 members of the public attended the fair and had the chance to see what Art Club had on offer.

Every Wednesday afternoon since the beginning of the year several students from years 7 - 10 have been meeting after school for Art Club. During this time they have been creating a variety of comics, photo books, and drawing books, and turning them into zines. They have also been designing and painting 3D printed badges, all to be sold at the MCA Zine Fair.

Stalls at the MCA Zine Fair are highly sought after as entrants must undergo a selection process where a portfolio of works are sent to a panel of judges. It is for this reason that Art Club created quite the buzz both on the day and in the weeks beforehand - having interviews and photographs featured in the Blacktown Advocate, as well as the Museum of Contemporary Art's online blog - as a high school art club is not the usual type of participant. The shock and disbelief of those who stopped by the stall as they realised the zines they were purchasing were made by high school students, left me feeling so unbelievably proud of Art Club and the work they put in every Wednesday afternoon.

It was a fun day and many of our zines and badges were completely sold out before the end of the fair. Thank you to the families who came and supported us on the day!

Vanessa Almonte  
CAPA teacher and Art Club coordinator





# Aboriginal Education News

## Brewongle Leadership Program

**Zac Redding** and **Alearah Donovan Matthews** were selected to take part in the Brewongle Leadership Program. Throughout the year they will work on building cultural capacity, leadership skills and will participate in various activities such as visits to cultural sites, kayaking and team building activities. They have already completed two workshops and have represented the school in an outstanding manner.



## Acknowledgement of Country Workshop

At the beginning of Term 2 our Year 7 and 8 students took part in an Acknowledgement of Country workshop where they discussed the importance and differences between Welcoming and Acknowledging country. Students thought about the importance of country for Aboriginal people and talked about the Darug people who were the original custodians of the land on which the grounds of The Hills Sports High School sits. The students used key words to write their own Acknowledgement of Country. The Aboriginal Education Committee are now in the process of reading and editing these, so that we can begin to use them during meetings and assemblies.

## Welcome to 2019 BBQ

At the end of Term 1 all ATSI students were invited to a 'Welcome' BBQ to have a yarn about student programs that will be happening throughout the year, as well as celebrate the awesome attendance of our students for Term 1. Students with over 90% attendance were formally awarded with AIME jumpers. We also played a traditional Aboriginal game, which required teams of 3 to protect their cones.



## Pathways to Dreaming

In 2019 our Year 8 students will be participating in the Pathways to Dreaming program at Western Sydney University. This program helps students discover if they are interested in further study after school, gives them opportunities to visit a WSU Campus and have a taster of different courses that are available. Our first campus visit was on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May and students were given the opportunity to explore different aspects of engineering and robotics. They also had a chance to 'visit' Mars using virtual reality headsets and did group work to help them smash negative stereotypes.



## AIME

The first AIME (Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience) day was on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Miss Almonte attended with a large group of students from Year 7-12. This year the AIME will focus on goal setting, aspirations and developing student stories into a feature film! The next AIME will take place in August, if you missed out this time please make sure to ask Miss Diaz or Miss Almonte for details about this program.

## NAIDOC is coming...

Our NAIDOC celebrations will be occurring in Week 10 of this term. There will be a range of activities taking place, including our second annual NAIDOC Touch Football Cup! Further information will be available as we get closer to the date.



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# Bus service adjustments from 26 May 2019



## School Travel Advice

For trip planning visit [www.transportnsw.info](http://www.transportnsw.info) or call 131 500.

For current Hillsbus school and route services visit [www.cdcbus.com.au](http://www.cdcbus.com.au) or call 02 8889 7000.

Conditions of Carriage: Students must have a valid Opal card, term pass or pay a cash fare. Students must tap on and off every trip. Further details about the SSTS are available at: [www.transportnsw.info](http://www.transportnsw.info)

Key: L> Bus turns left; R> Bus turns right

## THE HILLS SPORTS HS

Bell Times

Effective 26/05/2019

Morning: 08:25

Afternoon: 14:45

### MORNING BUSES

Route	Time	Bus Route
714	07:12	<b>EX NORWEST STATION</b> via Route 714 to Seven Hills Station (07:53).
705	07:15	<b>EX PARRAMATTA INTERCHANGE</b> via Route 705 to school
2000	07:17	<b>EX CASTLE HILL INTERCHANGE STAND A</b> via L>Old Northern, L>McMullen, Pennant, R>Showground, L>Carrington, R>Victoria, L>Showground, L>Windsor, R>Norwest Blvd, L>Reston Grange, L>Bella Vista Dr, L>Bella Vista Dr, R>Westwood, L>Norwest, L>Old Windsor, R>Seven Hills Rd to Seven Hills Station. Transfer to Route 2009 for travel to school
711	07:26	<b>EX BLACKTOWN STATION</b> via Route 711 to school
711	07:28	<b>EX PARRAMATTA INTERCHANGE</b> via Route 711 to school
705	07:35	<b>EX BLACKTOWN STATION</b> via route 705 (07:58 Seven Hills Interchange) to school
2046	07:40	<b>EX DARCY RD OPP FULTON AVE</b> via Darcy, R>Hart, L>Old Windsor Rd, L>Fitzwilliam, L>Bogalara, Burrabogee, R>Binalong, L>Bulli, R>Bungaree, L>Fitzwilliam, L>Wentworth, Railway Overbridge, L>Cornelia, R>Portico, R>Toongabbie Rd, R>Octavia, L>Metella, R>Portia, R>Cornelia, L>Best to school
8007	07:40	<b>EX SEVEN HILLS INTERCHANGE STAND B</b> via L>Prospect Hwy, L>Best
8001	07:41	<b>EX JOSEPH BANKS DR AFTER SEVEN HILLS RD</b> via Joseph Banks, R>1st Whitby, R>Vardys, L>Heffron, R>Northcott, L>Wheeler, L>Sackville, L>Lucas, R>Barbara, L>Phillip, R>Hope, L>Jordan, R>Lucas, R>Prospect Hwy, Seven Hill Station Stand B (08:05), L>Prospect Hwy, L>Grantham, L>MacKenzie, L>Best to school
702	07:47	<b>EX ELLAM DR AFTER LUCRETIA RD</b> via Route 702 to school
2009	08:08	<b>EX SEVEN HILLS INTERCHANGE STAND B</b> via L>Prospect Hwy, L>Best Rd to school

### AFTERNOON BUSES

Route	Time	Bus Route
8516	14:51	<b>TO SOUTH SEVEN HILLS</b> via R>Best, R>Harwood, R>Hudson, L>MacKenzie, L>Lucretia, R>Metella, R>Crescent, L>Cornelia Rd
8513	14:51	<b>TO SEVEN HILLS &amp; KINGS LANGLEY</b> via L>Best, L>George, R>Olive, R>Prospect Hwy, R>Seven Hills Rd, L>Joseph Banks, R>Whitby, L>Joseph Banks, R>Solander, R>Botany, L>Johnson to Seven Hills HS (15:15). Transfer to Rte 8514 (due 15:17 see below)
8610	14:57	<b>TO OLD TOONGABBIE</b> via R>Best, L>Cornelia, R>Metella, R>Portia, R>Cornelia, L>Railway Overbridge, Wentworth, R>Fitzwilliam, R>Binalong, L>Burrabogee, Bogalara, R>Fitzwilliam, R>Old Windsor Rd, R>Briens, L>Darcy to Catherine McAuley
711	14:58	<b>EX BEST RD TO SEVEN HILLS STATION</b> via Route 711, then Transfer to Route 714 (Due 15:05) for travel to Bella Vista
2618	15:00	<b>TO SOUTH SEVEN HILLS</b> via L>Best, L>George, R>Olive, L>Prospect Hwy, L>Seven Hills Rd, R>Oldfield, L>Wallpark, L>Blacktown Rd, L>Leabons, R>Ellam, R>Emerald, L>Columbia, L>Elbrus, L>Nevis, L>Ellam to Bowen Pl before Leabons La
2529	15:08	<b>TO BAULKHAM HILLS &amp; CRESTWOOD (First stop cnr Marina Rd &amp; Seven Hills Rd, Baulkham Hills)</b> via Marina, L>Seven Hills Rd, R>Merindah, L>Wandana, L>Chapel, R>Mackillop, R>Barina Downs, R>Windsor Rd to Windermere Av
8514	15:17	<b>EX SEVEN HILLS HS</b> via R>Northcott, L>Wheeler, L>Sackville, L>Lucas, R>Barbara, L>Phillip, R>Hope, L>Jordan, R>Lucas, R>Prospect Hwy, L>Terminus to Seven Hills Stn



# *Important* **INFORMATION**

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL will be held Thursday 6th June & Friday 7th June, 2019 at Blacktown International Sports Park, Eastern Road, Rooty Hill. It is a normal school day with rolls being marked at the field, attendance is compulsory for all years.

## **EXTENDED LEAVE:**

An application for extended leave form, for 5 days and over needs to be completed by Parent/Carers and accepted by the principal prior to the leave being taken. A certificate of extended leave will be issued by the principal and must be produced when requested by police or other authorised attendance officers.

## **REPRESENTATION CONSENT FORMS:**

All forms need to be completed & signed by Parent/Carers. If required attach all relevant paperwork, the form will then need to be signed by Mr Struyve & Mr Tetley. Forms can be handed into the office via the student counter.



From Year 7 Camp  
is located in the office, if not claimed  
by **31st May 2019** it will be donated to  
Charity

## **PARKING—RESTRICTED AREA**

Parents/Carers are reminded the School Carpark is not available for Parent/Carer parking, or for drop off or pickup of Students. Parking is limited, therefore we ask you to comply to this procedure. Parents/Carers who require an exemption, please contact David Calleja, Deputy Principal for information on application requirements



# The Hills Sports High School

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP



Open on the first Monday of each Month

8am – 9.00am

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Senior Boys shirt \$10	Sports polo shirt - \$10 Sport Shorts - \$10	*limited stock available
<b>The Hills Sports High School Socks - \$9.00</b>		

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Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in the Blacktown and Penrith area by The Smith Family. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government. Find more information at [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au).



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**When:** First Wednesdays 10 am to Noon  
**Venue:** Westpoint Blacktown - in the Food Court, Coffeeland café

For more information :  
[www.autismcommunity.org.au](http://www.autismcommunity.org.au) | [info@autismcommunity.org.au](mailto:info@autismcommunity.org.au) | 9543 9036

### 2019 Term Calendar Dates

Term 1 – Tuesday, 29 January to Friday, 12 April 2019 (11 weeks)

Term 2 – Tuesday, 30 April to Friday, 5 July 2019 (10 weeks)

Term 3 – Tuesday 23 July to Friday, 27 September 2019 (10 weeks)

Term 4 – Monday, 14 October to Wednesday, 18 December 2019 (10 weeks)

## 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

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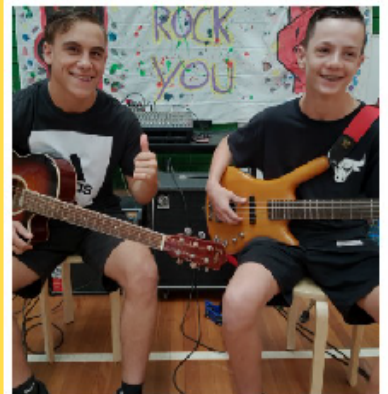
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