Dates to remember

TERM 1

18/2/16 Georges River District PSSA Basketball Trials
19/2/16 P & C Second Hand Uniform Sale
24/2/16 Parent Information Sessions
25/2/16 Georges River District PSSA Swimming Carnival
29/2/16 Home Reading commences
2/3/16 Home Reading Information Session 9.30 am
10/3/16 Selective High Schools Placement Test
15/3/16 School Photographs
21/3/16 & 24/3/16 School Banking ‘Sign-Up’

2016 Parent Information Sessions

This year the Parent Information Sessions will be held on Wednesday February 24 (Week 5). There will be three sessions:

- 3.15-3.45 p.m. Stage 1 classes (Year 1 & 2)
- 3.45-4.15 p.m. Stage 2 classes (Years 3 & 4)
- 4.15-5.15 p.m. Stage 3 classes (Years 5 & 6) including a High School Information session for Year 6 parents.

Please Note: As Kindergarten Best Start interviews are occurring in Week 5 there will be no Kindergarten session. Kindergarten parents are invited into the library for afternoon refreshments from 3.10 pm. Parents from other stages are also invited to join staff members in the library after the Information Sessions.

Correction: In the note sent home yesterday it was indicated that Stage 2 classes were years 2 and 3. It should have read Years 3 and 4. We apologise for any confusion created.

Locations of Meetings (Please view the attached map)

5/6L and 5/6E will be together in 5/6L (HB3)
5/6P and 5/6K will be together in 5/6P (HB2)
3/4F and 3/4T will be together in 3/4F (HB6)
3/4C and 3/4H will be together in 3/4C (HB20)
3/4G and 4/5A will be together in 3/4G (HB17)
2MH and 1G will be together in 2MH (HB19)
1W and 1M will be together in 1W (HB13)
2016 Dance Groups

This year the dance teachers have decided to form two dance groups. The ‘senior’ dance group will be comprised of students from years 4, 5 and 6. While the ‘junior’ dance group will include students from years 2 and 3. Students in both dance groups will be required to attend weekly rehearsals and will be invited to perform at special events throughout the year. Teachers will be commencing tryouts for students during Week 4 and students will be notified of the time during the morning messages. Unfortunately not all children trying out will be able to ‘make’ the team. Students will be selected based upon their enthusiasm and effort, their commitment to other areas of school and, their behaviour. There are several fees involved when becoming a member of dance including, costumes, transport to performances and purchasing a Performing Arts shirt. Costs will be outlined to parents of those students, later in the year. We look forward to an exciting year in dance – good luck during tryouts!

The Dance Team

Hurstville Boys High School Campus Open Night

Hurstville Boys High School Campus Open Night will be held on Wednesday 24th February from 6.30 to 8.30pm. All parents, caregivers and students in Years 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to attend.

Helen Koorey (Stage 3 Assistant Principal)

Primary Links Program

This term, Stage 3 students are participating in the Primary Links program to experience the learning environment in high school. Teachers from Punchbowl Boys High School presented a talk to our Yr 5 and Yr 6 boys in the school hall on Monday 8th February. This allowed our students the opportunity to ask questions about high school and their expectations.

The Primary Links program is in conjunction with the Georges River Campuses at Hurstville Boys High School and Penshurst Girls High School. Participation in this program involves students attending high school every Tuesday this term from 9th February. The Year 6 girls are participating in the Primary Links program at Penshurst Girls High School and the Year 5 boys are participating in the Primary Links program at Hurstville Boys High School. We look forward to continuing the partnership with our local high schools.

Helen Koorey (Stage 3 Assistant Principal)

Homework and Home Reading

Homework will formally begin for all classes K-6 in Week 6 this term. Detailed stage based information will be given to all parents and carers during our Week 5 Information Sessions. If you have any further questions after this session please see your child’s teacher.

Home Reading will also begin in Week 6.

To All Parents Who Use The School Car Park

I would like to thank all the parents who are courteous and considerate when they use the Parent Car Park at school. As you can appreciate a car park that is 50 places needs to be filled and emptied 6 times to accommodate the 300 vehicles that pass through it in a period of 30 minutes in the afternoon. I believe that 90% of the parents who use the car park are respectful. Unfortunately we have a small percentage of parents who insist on not following the car park rules. This makes my job as the Principal of this fantastic school extremely difficult. My prime objective is to make the school car park a safe environment for the 300 children that pass through it each afternoon and morning. That is why I go into the car park before the school ends for the day. I have many aspects of my job that I could be attending to during that time however in the interests of the welfare of the children I endeavour to ensure
there is a safe flow of traffic. The rule is simple. If there are no spaces in the car park you must drive through it and find alternative parking or go around the block. No cars will be allowed to queue near the hall until the bell goes.

Please remember: In the interest of maintaining traffic flow it is essential that cars drive to the first available vacant parking spot whether that is near the hall or near the exit. Too many parents are taking too long in their endeavour to park closer to the hall. This slows down the movement of traffic significantly creating traffic issues on King Georges and Stoney Creek roads.

**PSSA Sport**

We begin PSSA sport this week. Good luck to all children, especially those in a PSSA team for the first time. Thank you to staff members who have volunteered to coach teams. As is the case in any season a number of children missed out on selection this time around. I strongly encourage these children to try out for teams in season 2.

**Please Note:** All PSSA Seasons will be played in the morning on Fridays. Games commence from 9.45 am.

The draw for Round 1 on Friday (19/2/16);
- Boys Oztag v Penshurst @ Peakhurst Park 2
- Girls Cricket v Lugarno @ Gannons Park (Pitch 3)
- Girls Basketball v Oatley @ Beverly Hills
- Boys T-Ball and Softball v Peakhurst South @ Gannons 1
- AFL Skills Clinic @ Olds Park

**Subscribe to Connections**

The school's newsletter, *Connections*, is published each Thursday and is a valuable part of our home/school communication. The newsletter includes important dates and information about activities and events at the school.

To receive the newsletter by email each Thursday, you will need to subscribe through the school's website at [http://www.beverlyhi-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.beverlyhi-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/) *Connections* can also be downloaded on the Home page of the school website.

**Subscribe to the Skoolbag App**

Our School has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name Beverly Hills Public School in the Apple App Store, Windows Phone, and Windows Store or Google Play Store. I have attached more detailed instructions about the installation process.

**Assemblies**

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School Website

A reminder to all our parents and community, especially our new families, that our school website is a fantastic resource for up to date information about events and policies. Notes from all excursions and major events are also placed on the website. The address is:

School Banking

School Banking is on every Friday, starting 26th February (Week 5).
We have registered the new students into our school database and their books will be sent home this Friday along with banking instructions.
All students can start banking in Week 5. To make a deposit:

1. Place money securely in the velcro section of your yellow deposit wallet
2. Fill out the deposit slip (including your name, student number, account details and deposit amount)
3. Bring the yellow wallet with you to class and hand it to your teacher in the morning.

The Coordinators will then process the deposits and return the books to class on the same day. Remember you will earn 1 token for every deposit, and every 10 tokens can be redeemed for a prize!

The rewards for 2016 are:

- Flying Snake Tail – now available to order
- Wildlife Writer Set – now available to order
- Mud Splat Handball – Released in Term 2
- Outback Pat Bag Tag – Released in Term 2
- Backtrack Eraser Pen – Released in Term 3
- Jump and Skip Rope – Released in Term 3
- Bush Fly Fan – Released in Term 4
- Wriggly Glow Worm – Released in Term 4

Thanks to the efforts of our school students and community, our school has received the following commission for 2015 [school banking started in Term 2]:

Term 2 = $1058.52
Term 3 = $725.41
Term 4 = $677.09
TOTAL = $2461.02

We have also attached an information sheet on the School Banking program. Please feel free to contact one of the Coordinators if you have any questions. Our email is BHPSbanking@gmail.com

Danny Squires
Principal
18 February 2016