DIARY DATES

Monday 29th February  Young Leader Student Conference
Tuesday 1st March  Meet the Teacher Night - K-2
Wednesday 2nd March  Meet the Teacher Night - Years 3-6
Thursday 3rd March  Schools Clean Up Day
Friday 4th March  Ridges Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 9th March  P&C meeting - 7.15pm - AGM
Thursday 10th March  Selective High School Test
Monday 14th March  Paul Kelly Cup

Notes Home this week
- Canteen closure (Tuesday & Wednesday of Weeks 6 and 7)
- Meet the Teacher Night information
- School App information
- ICAS Competition information
- Ridge Renditions CD - information and order form

Reminders
- Invoices due - Friday 4th March
- ‘Tell Them From Me’ student survey information - non participation response due Friday 4th March
- Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival - permission note & payment - due Friday 4th March with invoice
- Ridges Swimming Carnival - permission note and payment - due Tuesday 1st March
- ICAS Competition - due back Thursday 24th March

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Kellyville Ridge OOSH operates from the school hall from 7.00am till 8.30am and 3.00pm till 6.00pm.
For more details contact Cubbyhouse Before & After School Care 1300 553 583 (Head Office) or 9629 4217 (Kellyville Ridge OOSH)
From the Principal

Meet the Teacher Night

On Tuesday 1\textsuperscript{st} and Wednesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} March, we will be holding our Term 1 'Meet the Teacher Night'. These nights will begin with an information session in the hall, followed by a visit to the classroom to meet the teacher. Details have come home with all children today. We look forward to seeing you. **Please Note:** This is a general information night and is not a formal parent/teacher interview time.

School Band

The children are progressing well and we are now starting to hear melodic sounds coming from the music rooms. Term 1 invoices have been sent home and payment is to be received by ______

Clean Up Our School

Next week, on Thursday 3\textsuperscript{rd} March, Kellyville Ridge will be participating in the 'Clean Up Australia' campaign by cleaning up our school grounds and surrounding pathways. We will be receiving gloves and collection bags from the 'Clean Up Australia Foundation' today, so will be ready to go, weather permitting.

Mrs D. Edwards
Principal

The ‘Tell Them From Me’ Student Feedback Survey - Years 4, 5 & 6

This term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students in Years 4, 5 & 6 to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey has been sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by **Friday 4\textsuperscript{th} March**. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

Mr Duncan - Deputy Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

- Please ensure that your child’s name and class are on the Invoice return slip.
- Please bring payments straight to the office, preferably before 9.00am. Uniform sales are by order only. Order forms are available from the office or on the website. Orders will then be filled and sent home with the student/s concerned once payments have been processed.
Selected students from Kellyville Ridge Public School will be attending the Ridges Zone Swimming Carnival at Blacktown Aquatic Centre on Friday 4th March. Students involved have already received an information/permission note.
This year, new swim caps are being supplied by our P&C as part of the payment for the event. All students participating will receive a cap prior to the event.
We wish our swim team great success in the pool!
Queries can be directed to Miss Martin or Mr Storey.

From the Deputies

PLAYGROUND CHANGES
We are in the very fortunate position of being granted permission to use the oval and the amenities opposite the school, every day except Thursday. As the greater number of students are now in the 3-6 part of the school, Year 5 and 6 students are being given the opportunity to be taken across the road to use the oval each lunch time.
They are eating their lunch before leaving the school and walking across with the teachers on duty. The students are encouraged to take their water bottles with them and both bubblers and toilet facilities are available to them at the park. There is also ample shade and by all accounts, the students are enjoying having the space to run, play and socialise in a larger area.

MORNING ROUTINES
Congratulations to all the students for the sensible and orderly way in which they are coming to, and leaving, our morning assemblies. The Kindergarten boys and girls have also now joined us at assembly lines.
We ask that students are at school by the 9.00am bell and that parents leave the assembly area by the time the bell goes. This ensures that children are able to pay attention to their teachers and hear the messages being given.
Please remember that no-one is to be in a classroom before school. Children are to hang up their bags and go directly into the playground where they are supervised from 8.30am.

PARKING
Please remember that the Staff Car Park cannot be used by parents between 8am and 3.30pm. Parking spaces that are reserved (Principal, Deputy Principal, Assistant Principal), are not to be used by parents at any time.
Thank you for your cooperation.

Hints for Parents

Jargon Buster
Wondering why your kids talk about playing under the school COLA? Baffled at parent-teacher discussions about KLA’s? This list of common abbreviations or terms will help you to become familiar with the world inside school.
Please note: Canteen closure

The canteen will be closed next Tuesday and Wednesday due to lack of parent helpers. Mrs Chennel, our canteen coordinator will be overseas and unfortunately, there have been no volunteers to man the canteen on these two days. Flexischools have been informed and lunches will not be able to be ordered on the days the canteen is closed.

There will be no over the counter purchases at recess or lunch on these days.

If you are interested in helping in the canteen, please complete the attached slip and return it to school ASAP. Dads and grandparents are warmly welcome. Emergency helpers are also required if you are able to fill in occasionally at the last minute - your help would be most appreciated.

Please note that food brought from home cannot be heated in the Canteen.

Helpers roster for next week

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CANTEEN HELPER

I am able to help on the following days (please list)

□ weekly □ monthly □ once per term
□ please add my name to the emergency list. I can help (please specify days and/or times)

NAME: _____________________________ CONTACT NUMBER: ______________
Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School.

OPEN DAY Tuesday 8th March 2016

Year 6 students entering Year 7, 2017 & Year 5 students (Year 7, 2018)
Student Morning session 9.15am – 1.00pm
Evening session 5.00pm – 7.00pm - School tour and open house.
7.00pm – 8.00pm - Formal presentation in the hall.

Enrolments for Years 8-12, welcome.

AUDITIONS FOR 2017, YEARS 7 TO 12
Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School has a long tradition as a centre of excellence in the Creative and Performing Arts. An exciting opportunity is available for talented students to audition for placement in our outstanding CAPA programs.

Students in the specialised streams are afforded a wide range of opportunities to excel in their chosen field with extensive co-curricular programs and a whole school approach to fostering our gifted students’ talents.

Auditions will be held for Dance, Drama, Music, and Visual Arts on Monday 14th to Friday 18th March 2016. The cost of auditions is $50.00.

Applications close and forms need to be submitted to NCAPAHS by Monday 7th March 2016.

For application forms, please contact Mrs Stepic on 9630 4116
Forms can also be obtained via our school website.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Year 7 Scholarships
• Creative and Performing • Academic • Sporting

GIFTED & TALENTED ACADEMIC PLACEMENT TEST FOR 2017
Date: Thursday 24th March 2016 at 9.00am
Cost: $65.00 payable to the front office by Wednesday 16th March 2016.

Principal: Narelle Vazquez
www.northmead-h.schoo_ls.nsw.edu.au
28 Campbell St, Northmead NSW 2152
Ph: 9630 4116
Rouse Hill High School

OPEN DAYS

25th February
8th March
Contact the school for further details and to book your tour

Meet the principal, staff and students.
Learn about our:
- Year 7 Transition Program
- Engaging and thriving school culture
- 21st Century teaching and learning practices
- Extra-curricular opportunities for your child
- Modern and innovative learning environments

105 Withers Rd www.rousehill-h.schools.nsw.edu.au 98361890
## Rouse Hill Program Schedule

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Bookings essential – Phone 8882 7850
www.interrelate.org.au
Does your child have a disability?

Is this you? Most of the time, you know you are doing a good job with parenting. But there are times when things get a little tricky. Like when your toddler won’t eat her dinner. Or your six year old won’t share his toys. If only someone could give you some ideas to make those times easier! If this sounds like you, then a Stepping Stones Triple P seminar may be right for you.

As part of the Stepping Stones Triple P Project, Hawkesbury Central Library invites all parents of children with a disability aged 2 to 12 to attend the following FREE parenting seminar series:

Seminar 1: Positive Parenting for Children with a Disability
Wednesday the 16th of March 2016, 10:30am-12:30pm.

Seminar 2: Helping your Child reach their Potential
Wednesday the 23rd of March 2016, 10:30am-12:30pm.

Seminar 3: Changing Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour
Wednesday the 30th of March 2016, 10:30am-12:30pm.

Where: Hawkesbury Central Library, Tebbutt Room, Deerubbin Centre, 300 George St, Windsor NSW 2756

As bookings are essential, please contact Hawkesbury Library on (02) 4560 4460 or email your name, contact number and the seminar you wish to attend to programs@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

Note: As these programs are being funded as part of a research project please contact the research team to register your interest.
Phone: 02 9114 4060 Email: fhs.Steppingstones@sydney.edu.au

Funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council, Australia
Get a taste of how the Castle Hill Rebellion began.

Anniversary of the Castle Hill Rebellion

4 March 2016 | 6-7:30pm
Castle Hill Heritage Park

Celebrate and learn about the fascinating history of Heritage Park with this FREE family event.

Sausage sizzle and coffee will be available for purchase.

Includes: Talks by the Heritage Park Committee and special appearances from the cast of Convict Footprints.

More information
www.thehills.nsw.gov.au

FREE EVENT
On 4th March, 2004, exactly 200 years after the Castle Hill Rebellion, Castle Hill Heritage Park was officially opened

A quick history

- **8 July 1801** Governor King declared new Government Farm be created north of Toongabbie settlement

- **May 1803** 474 convicts mostly of Irish descent cleared 300 acres of land—the beginning of Castle Hill (at its peak the convicts had cleared 700 acres)

- **Throughout 1803** Two storey, stone barracks was built to store the grain and convicts

- **4 March 1804** The Castle Hill Rebellion commenced with the burning of a hut – this rebellion ended in the Australian Battle of Vinegar Hill nearby at Rouse Hill on 5th March

- **1811** Stone barracks converted "Lunatic Asylum", which closed in 1826. The sandstone barracks later converted to a church and the nearby superintendent’s cottage used as a school, the first in the district

- **By 1866** Stone barracks was demolished and the stone used for the parsonage at Castle Hill

- **1870-1960** Land was used for orchards and small farm holdings including turkeys, mushrooms, sheep and horses

- **1997-2001** The Hills Shire Council received title to 19.29 hectares