



# HUNTINGDON PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## Newsletter

*Missed a copy of our newsletters? You will find them on our school website. Our school's website is found at:*

<http://www.huntingdon-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

### RECEIVING OUR WEEKLY

### NEWSLETTERS BY E-MAIL ...

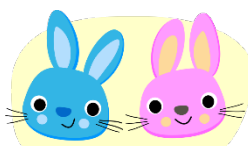
*Please contact the school so we can add your name to our ever growing list of families receiving their newsletters by e-mail.*

| Upcoming events                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March  | Easter Hat Parade                             |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March    | Good Friday                                   |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April     | Easter Monday                                 |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> April     | Year 2/3 Parent Teacher Interviews            |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April   | Kindergarten/Year 1 Parent Teacher Interviews |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April | Year 4/5/6 Parent Teacher Interviews          |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April    | Last day of Term 1 2018                       |
| Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May      | Students return to school                     |

### **Easter Hat Parade**

Our Annual Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30 am in our school hall. Students are invited to bring an Easter Hat to school to wear in the parade. Students may also come out of uniform for the day. Students need to wear protective shoes such as joggers. Thongs are not suitable to wear. We look forward to seeing all of the wonderful creations and sharing this fun occasion with friends and family. We have also received news that a special guest will be attending our parade!

Our Easter Hat Parade will be followed by a Hot Cross Bun and Moo Box Morning Tea Fundraiser, organised by our hard working P&C. Make sure you get your order in!



## Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

An Appointment Booking sheet for our Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences which will take place in Week 11 of this term went home last week. It is vital that all parents attend these interviews to ensure that we are building strong partnerships in student learning. This year, all students have been setting goals in their individual learning and this is a valuable opportunity for all members of the learning team - parent, student and teacher – to share and reflect on those goals and to develop a plan for future learning.



Once you return your Appointment Booking Sheet, the teacher will send you an appointment confirmation slip, informing you of the day and time of your conference.

We look forward seeing all parents in the conference process.



## Sports Ability Links

On Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, **Ross, Janet** and **Tamara** from **Sports Ability Links** ran three sessions with our K-6 students. A great time was had especially playing **Seated Volleyball** and **Golden Bell Ball**, two of the favourite inclusive games.





## Harmony Day

Our Harmony Day was held last Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March. The day was a huge success with all students participating by coming dressed in costumes from other countries. A great time was had by all!!



## ***Kindergarten 2019 - Taking enrolments now!***

Parents of children who will commence Kindergarten next year are asked to advise the school office so that enrolment numbers can be anticipated. Children who turn five on or before July 31, 2019 may be enrolled from the beginning of the school year. Please complete the table below for your child/children or for any child that you know of in the district, whom we may not know about, who will commence school at Huntingdon over the next two years and give to the school as soon as possible. This will greatly assist with our forward planning.

Please ensure that you include your name, phone number and address so that we can ensure that all information regarding our Kindergarten Transition Program can be sent. Our Transition Days will start next term.

| <b><i>Kindergarten Enrolments 2019</i></b> |                         |                             |
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| <b><i>Name of Child</i></b>                | <b><i>Phone No.</i></b> | <b><i>Date of Birth</i></b> |
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Name of person providing this information: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of parent/carer (if no other siblings at school: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***School Screening - pack for schools***

Brochures are being sent home today for parental permission to participate in a ***School Vision Screening***. This screening is being offered to all students at Huntingdon Public School. The screening looks at basic visual abilities, such as clarity of vision, the ability to coordinate both eyes as a team and eye movement proficiency. The screening will follow a protocol developed by the Optometrists Association of Australia. ***However, please note that the screening is not a full eye examination but is a useful guide to assess if your child may have vision problems that require further attention.***



**Book  
An  
Eye test**



Despatches from the

# Parent Line NSW

NEW!

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A closer look at who we are and what we do



## Just for service professionals...

Here at Parent Line NSW, we value our close relationships with services all around NSW. When we heard professionals wanted to know more about us, we put our heads together and came up with these snippets of our work to help you get to know us a little better.



### We're a bit DIFFERENT!

We open 7 days a week and our professional counsellors are talking to clients long after most kids are in bed. Counsellors never actually 'meet' the wonderful families who use the Line, yet that doesn't stop us building relationships with regular callers that last for years ... for the cost of a local call.



### Why do families call us?

- \* The relationship between parent and child is poor
- \* There are concerns over a child or young person's mental health
- \* Children are witnessing domestic violence
- \* A parent is experiencing high anxiety over parenting
- \* A child is excessively using technology or using it inappropriately
- \* Children are witnessing high conflict between parents
- \* New parents are struggling with settling, feeding and routines
- \* Children/young people are struggling with study issues or bullying at school
- \* There are concerns regarding a child's development



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## How do we work?

Our committed team of social workers and psychologists come from every possible background in child and family work.

Some are youth workers, others perinatal mental health experts, some are school counsellors, domestic violence specialists or mental health workers and others come from family support backgrounds. We have counsellors from different cultural backgrounds and skills in working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.

What we all have in common is a passion for working with parents, carers and kids and great skills in building good relationships with callers quickly. We have trained in common parenting programs such as Triple P, Tuning into Kids and Teens and Circle of Security and we have extensive skills in working with family trauma. We are proficient in finding good referrals all over NSW and welcome calls from professionals looking for other supports for their clients.

## What's a typical call?

We tailor each call to a particular family situation meaning each call is a little bit **unique**.

That said, we always use client-focused counselling techniques whilst being mindful of risk factors for child neglect or abuse. We use techniques such as mindfulness, to stabilise emotions helping parents role model good emotional insight to their kids. We also provide evidence-based parenting strategies that build healthy attachments.



## What callers say about us...

"You guys specialise in parenting"

"Doesn't cost a fortune"

"Impartial, non-judgmental"

"Telephone is easier – an hour with a face-to-face counsellor can feel time limited and awkward"

## How can we help professionals?

- ★ Offer us to families on your waiting list
- ★ Pop a **fridge magnet** in a pack for families leaving your service
- ★ Families can **ring us until 9pm** and at weekends when services close
- ★ Ring us to **find referrals** for clients moving on
- ★ Visit our website at [www.parentline.org.au](http://www.parentline.org.au) to order free promotional materials
- ★ Ask us a question via. [info@parentline.org.au](mailto:info@parentline.org.au)

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