



## Term 2 Week 7

### Dates to remember

**Fri 1st July**

Semester 1 3-6 Sports Assembly

**17th June 2022**

### Message from the Principal

#### Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Bidjegal people of the Eora Nation. I acknowledge that for thousands of years they have lived on and cared for the lands, skies and waterways.

Their dreaming is deep in the soil, rivers, oceans and wind holding the histories, lores, language and knowledge of this Country.

I extend my respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people here today and highlight their continued, unbroken connection to Countries.

#### A Week of Huge Events

I would like to thank all the teaching and administrative staff for their various efforts in organising some fantastic events and opportunities for our students this past week. There are many hours of organisation that go into excursions and incursions and these events are only possible because of the commitment and passion of our teachers and admin staff. This week's Stage 3 Big Day Out and Stage 1 Zoo Excursions were fantastic events for our students who appreciated every minute of their days out. Thanks also to the parent volunteers who joined the Zoo excursion, helping to keep the supervision ratios safe and manageable and also enjoying the day out with their child's class. Today's NAIDOC incursion was also a powerful First Nations cultural experience for all of our students and staff, even some of our new Kindergarten students and families for 2023 took part in a fabulous Smoking Ceremony on their tour of the school this morning.

#### Sydney East Cross Country

On Wednesday 8 students from SSPS represented the Botany Bay Zone at the Sydney East Cross Country Carnival at Miranda Park. This is a great achievement by these students and reflects how well we, as a school, performed at the zone carnival. I would like to thank the parents and carers who transported and supported the students on the day. Below are the overall results out of 96 runners per age group.

Cynthia S - 42nd, Georgia J - 53rd, Henry T - 23rd, Rose S - 14th, Lexi M - 49th, Lily R - 37th, Andres Z - 36th, Will S - 32nd.

## Debating News

Our Debating teams had a big day last Thursday when we faced Laguna Street Public School via zoom conferencing.

Our proud team members were; 'Topical Paradise'- Sienna R(first speaker), Rose D (second speaker), Leilani A (third speaker) and Christiana S as fourth speaker.

Our second team was 'This Is The Sway' with – Kyra C (first speaker), Kayla S. (second speaker), Lily T (third speaker) and Emily W as fourth speaker.

Both debates were a close call but Laguna Street PS won on the day. Both of our teams took the experience as an extremely positive one as they each received positive feedback, achieved team goals and enjoyed high praise from the adjudicator. Congratulations to all participants, we look forward to meeting Gymea Bay PS in Week 10.

*Mrs Pontifex*



*In planning mode*

## Early Numeracy Skills program

The department of education and training states “when students enjoy learning mathematics, they develop a positive self-concept and become self-motivated learners through active participation in appropriately challenging tasks. This can enhance their resilience in solving mathematical problems relevant to further education and their everyday lives”

Early Stage 1 staff with the support of Mrs Williamson have been evaluating, developing and refining the teaching and learning of early numeracy skills. We are focusing on developing skills that allow students to ask questions, use known facts to explore mathematical problems and develop fluency with mathematical ideas. Lessons allow for hands-on learning and students use everyday language, concrete materials and informal recordings to demonstrate their understanding and link mathematical ideas.

Students have been provided opportunities through collaborative teaching to participate in lessons that develop skills associated with one to one counting, numeral identification, forward and backward number sequence, pattern and number structure, and early arithmetical strategies. These activities include but are not limited to identifying, ordering and writing numerals 0-20, using tens frames to identify 2 numbers that add up to 10 and sharing counters evenly between groups. Students are regularly assessed to ensure that each lesson is differentiated to their level of understanding which allows every student the opportunity for success. The lessons also foster and develop students' ability to work positively with peers, self-regulate their learning and find enjoyment in mathematics.



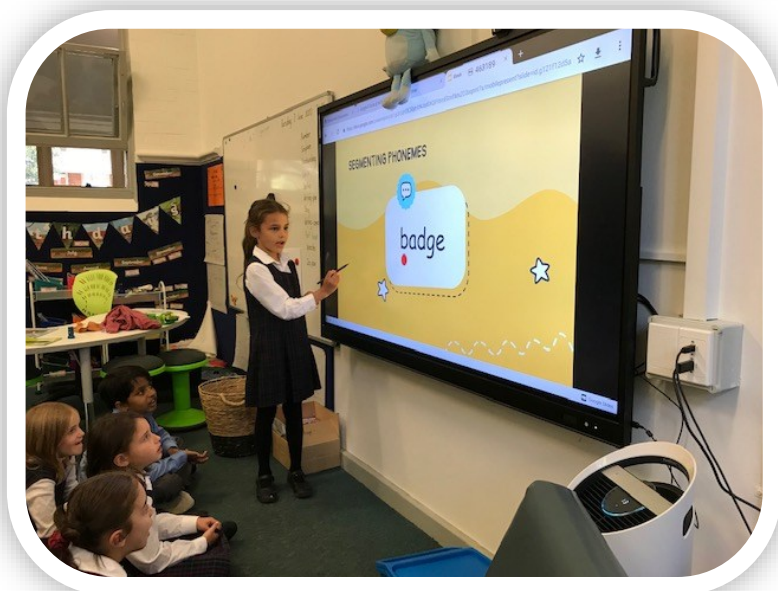
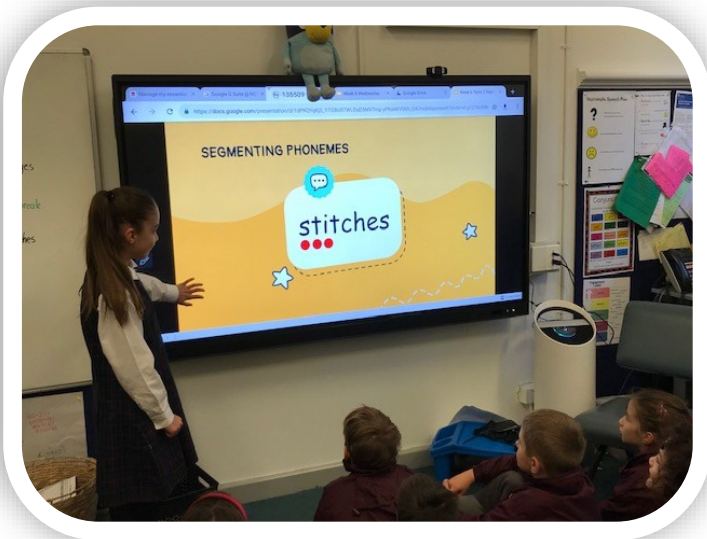
## New integrated Spelling, Phonemic Awareness and Phonics program

The Stage 1 Team has developed a new integrated spelling, phonemic awareness and phonics program this year. The program is based on the NSW Department of Education's new spelling and phonics instructional sequence and informed by Department professional learning on early literacy skills.

Students have daily opportunities to practise crucial literacy skills such as syllabification, isolating onset-rime, segmenting phonemes and blending phonemes. They are also explicitly taught phoneme/grapheme connections and spelling rules.

To support the students in their learning, students engage in additional spelling activities each day and students also continue to be explicitly taught phonics during reading and writing lessons.

The rationale for this project was based upon the release of new information and resources from the Department of Education, combined with teacher observation of the efficacy of existing spelling programs. The compulsory Year 1 Phonics Screening test, conducted in Term 4 2021, already showed that phonics was being taught very well in Kindergarten and Year 1; however, teachers saw the opportunity for further improvement in the area of more advanced phonics and the application of spelling rules.





## Road Safety Update: Additional Pedestrian Gate Open in afternoons

The pedestrian gate near the bus shelter (Gate 4) on Rocky Point Road will be opened in the afternoons from 3-3:30pm to reduce the congestion at pedestrian gate 3 (main front gate near the pedestrian crossing) I have informed all students at assembly of this and encourage families to use this additional exit point if they access Rocky Point Road north of the school or Myers St. Please also note that the gates at school are now numbered for easier referencing. Gate 1 is the automatic pedestrian gate adjacent to the car park driveway and the gates are numbered 1-6 in an anti-clockwise direction with the driveway being Gate 6.

This was one of the short term initiatives that came from the recent Road Safety Meeting hosted by the school and the P&C. We will share news of the other initiatives with the community once planning for each is finalised.

I remind parents and carers to set a good example for children by observing the pedestrian crossing signals when crossing Rocky Point Road. Remember our students learn good habits from the modelling of parents and carers.

### *Road Safety Meeting*



## P&C Update

The P&C committee met on Tuesday night to discuss a number of school programs and P&C initiatives planned for the remainder of the year. The following events are in the planning stage for Semester 2:

- School Disco: Friday in Week 4, 5 or 6 (TBC)
- Father's day Stall: Wednesday 31 August
- Parent's and Car's evening function Friday 16 September (TBC)
- Carols Night Term 4 Week 9 or 10 (TBC)



# NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

2022 NAIDOC THEME "GET UP, STAND UP, SHOW UP"

Today we commenced our NAIDOC celebrations with a traditional smoking ceremony.

We learnt that a smoking ceremony is performed to cleanse your body and mind whilst connecting to Mother Earth.

Throughout the day each stage participated in a cultural performance by Djiriba Waagura who taught us the importance of respect, relationships and responsibility for ourselves and each other.

Dancing was also a big part of the performance with all students and teachers having the opportunity to learn traditional First Nations dance.













# EARLY STAGE 1

What a busy few weeks it has been in Early Stage 1.

Literacy sessions are always full of enjoyable opportunities to consolidate our learning.

We are working hard developing new reading and writing skills.

How fantastic to see so many smiling faces each and every day in our Early Stage 1 classrooms!



















## Stage 1 visits the **ZOO!**

Stage 1 had an absolutely marvellous time at Taronga Zoo Sydney this week. All term, students have been learning about the features of animals and plants and the zoo visit provided a valuable opportunity to build upon their knowledge and understanding.

Students saw many wonderful animals during the visit. Observing the behaviour of the meerkats was interesting because students have been writing descriptions and information reports about them in class. Also of note were the capybaras, giraffes, zebra, lions, gibbons, bongo and pygmy hippos. As always, the seal show was a hit. Some groups were even lucky enough to see the elusive fishing cat and fennec fox!

Students carried themselves extremely well through out the day and their teachers were very proud of them. Teachers and students would like to thank all of the parent helpers who accompanied us - their help was invaluable!



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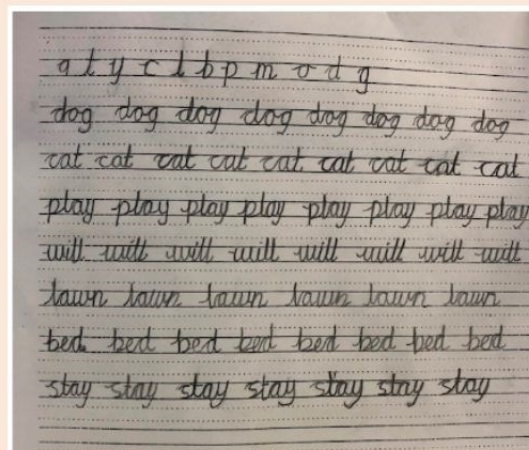




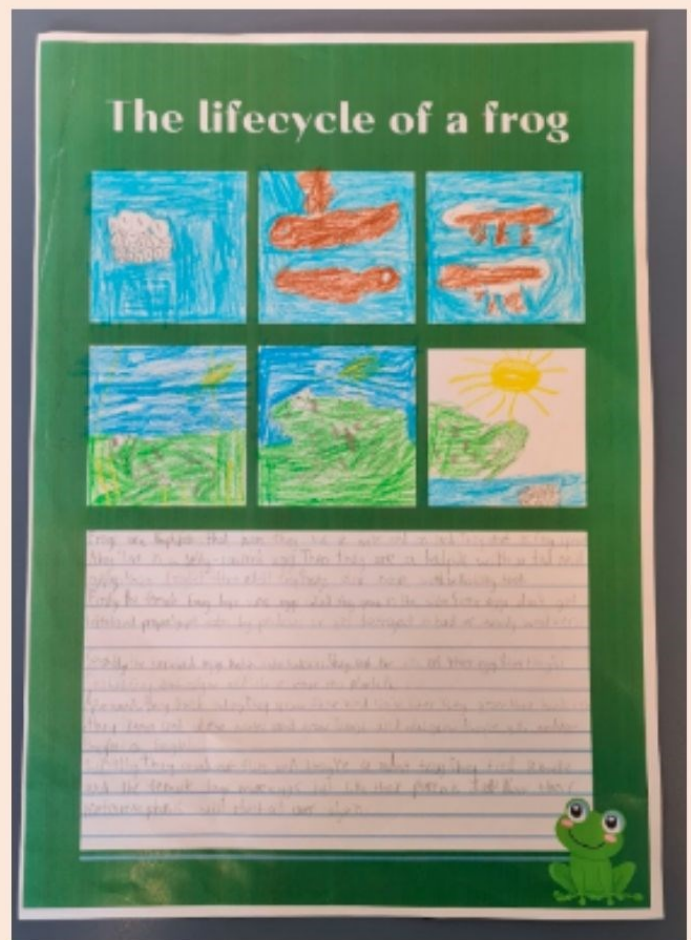
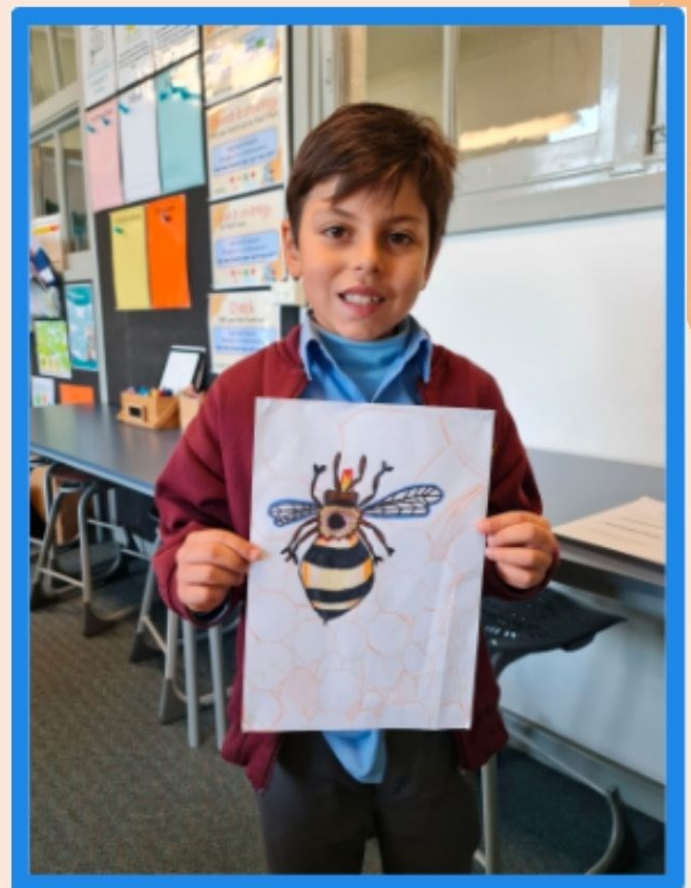
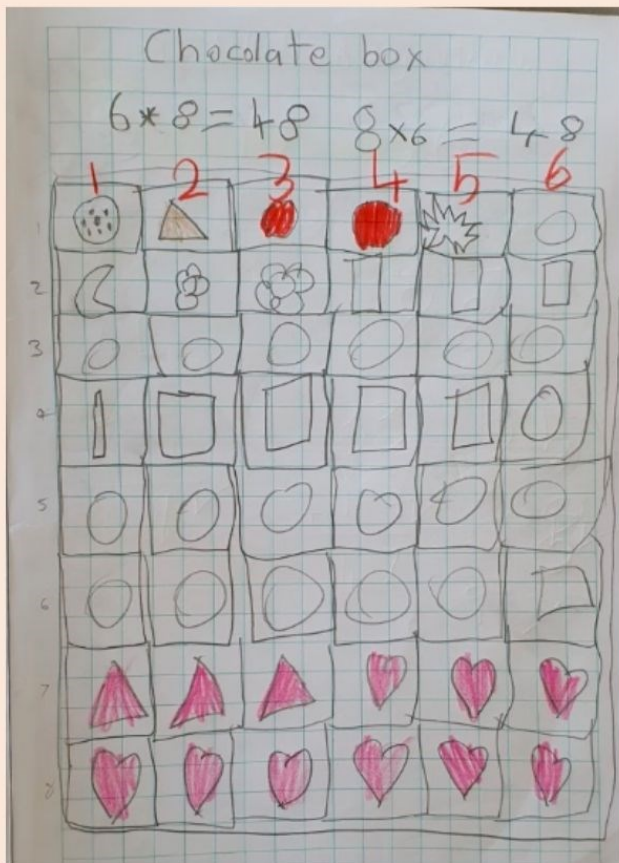
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# STAGE 2 QUALITY WORK









# BIG BOY OUT - NARRABEEN





# BIG DAY OUT - NARRABEEN



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## STAGE 3 - SPEECHES

Stage 3 students presented prepared speeches in Weeks 7-8 to their class. Below are some students presenting their speech. From feedback they received from their class teacher, students can present a new speech in Week 9 if they wish to try out to represent the class at the Stage finals.





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## CREATIVE MEDIA CAREERS

Thursday 7 July 2022

4.00-6.00pm, 15-18yo, Free  
Media Lab, Hurstville Library

Gain insider knowledge about working in the film industry from Australian director, writer and producer Adam Daniel.

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## LEARN HOW TO MAKE A VR GAME

Tuesday 5 July 2022

10.30am-1pm & 2pm-4.30pm  
Media Lab, Hurstville Library

Join us and learn how to create your own virtual reality game. Suitable for ages 10-16 years old. No experience required.

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## PRIDE MONTH SKATEBOARD WORKSHOPS

Beginner Class - Wednesday 1 June 2022, 3.30pm-4.45pm

Intermediate Class - Wednesday 8 June 2022, 3.30pm-4.45pm

Olds Park Skate Park, Penshurst

Learn to skateboard in an inclusive and supportive environment. This event is part of Pride Month and encourages everyone to hang out, and connect with new friends.

Skateboarding is a great sport that allows you to express yourself and find a community. This is a place where everyone can feel welcome.

No experience or equipment necessary, bookings essential.





# Children and Youth Programs at the library.



## AFTER SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

**STEM Afterschool Workshops**  
Hurstville Library, 8-12yo, Free

### It's Electro-Magic!

**Wednesday 1 June 2022**

**4.00pm-5.00pm, 8-12yo**

Explore the electro-magnetic force through experiments and build your version of the world's smallest motor.

### Microscopic and Marvelous

**Wednesday 8 June 2022**

**4.00pm-5.00pm**

Explore samples and the human-created micro-verse, learn how to prepare samples or play the bio-security game.

### Build your own mini-telescope

**Wednesday 15 June 2022**

**4.00pm-5.00pm**

Make your own refractive telescope while exploring the nature of light that makes magnification possible!

### Creative Media Drop In

**Thursdays during school term**

**4.00-6.00pm, 12-15yo, Free**

**Media Lab, Hurstville Library**

Learn how to make your own films, podcasts and get the latest tips to get your creative project to the next level.

## SPECIAL STORYTIMES

### Pride Month

June 2022

### Refugee Awareness Week

20-24 June 2022

### NAIDOC Week

3-10 July 2022

Our story time sessions will be themed throughout these special weeks to support families in learning about our diverse community.

All the times and locations of our regular Children and Family programs are on our website.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

## THE GREAT BOOK SALE

**Thursday 23 & Friday 24 June 2022**

**9.00am - 5.00pm**

**Saturday 25 June 2022**

**10.00am - 4.00pm**

**Hurstville Library**

Grab a bargain from thousands of great children's books, graphic novels, adult fiction and non-fiction, CDs, DVDs and magazines, as well as books in a range of languages.

## JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

### **Be a Brand Designer**

Tuesday 12 July 2022, 10.30am-12.30pm,  
12-15yo, \$6.60

Media Lab, Hurstville Library

Jump into the shoes of a graphic designer and learn how to use Illustrator to create your own designs.

### **Create an Airball Basketball Game**

Wednesday 6 July 2022,

10.30am-12.30pm, 8-12yo, Free

Wednesday 13 July 2022,

10.30am-12.30pm, 8-12yo, Free

Clive James Library Kogarah

Explore the science of air while constructing your own Airball court and then testing your skills in a tournament.

### **Make your own Sensory Toy**

Thursday 7 July 2022, 11.30am-12.30pm

South Hurstville Library

Monday 11 July 2022, 11.30am-12.30pm

Penshurst Library

Thursday 14 July 2022, 11.30am-12.30pm

Oatley Library

Create your very own unique and creative sensory toy designed around the senses. This is a family workshop and younger children will need support from an adult.

You can visit us or contact us on (02) 9330 9527 or email [library@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au](mailto:library@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au)



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## GET CRAFTY

### Visible Mending

Wednesday 29 June 2022  
5.30pm-6.30pm, \$6.60  
Hurstville Library

### Mindful Watercolour Painting

Wednesday 27 July 2022  
10.00am-12.00pm, \$6.60  
Clive James Library



## INTRODUCTION TO HAND TOOLS

Monday 11 July 2022  
11.00am-12.00pm, \$6.60  
Oatley Library

Learn about the safe use of essential household tools and how to repair and maintain common household equipment.

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## LEARNING EXPERIENCES IN THE MEDIA LAB

As part of Pride Month we are hosting Saturday workshops to encourage your creativity!

### Create your own Augmented Reality face filter

Saturday 4 June 2022  
10.30am-1.30pm  
for 12yo+, \$11.60, bookings essential

Learn how to use Spark AR Studio templates to create your own filter for Instagram or Facebook.

### Intro to wearable electronics

Saturday 11 June 2022  
10.30am-1.30pm  
for 16yo+, \$11.60, bookings essential

Learn how to make your own illuminated wearable using electronics and fabric.

### Intro to fashion Photography

Saturday 18 June 2022  
10.30am - 1.30pm  
16yo+, \$11.60, bookings essential

Learn the basics of studio photography and participate in a real-life fashion shoot.

## FIRST NATIONS COLLECTION LAUNCHING JULY

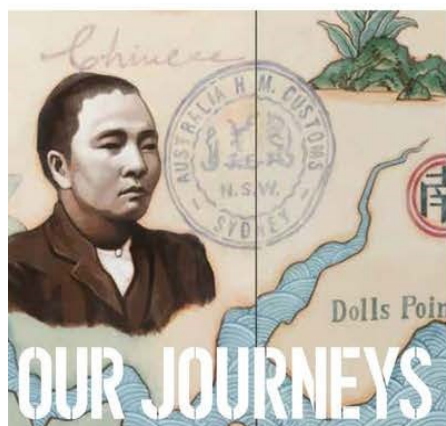
Our collections team have been working behind the scenes to deliver a new First Nations Collection for the Georges River community which will be available to browse and borrow from Hurstville Library in July.

Visit our website for updates or search 'First Nations Collection' in the catalogue to view and reserve available titles.



Please check our website regularly for the latest library services updates. [georgesriver.spydus.com](https://georgesriver.spydus.com)





## OUR JOURNEYS | OUR STORIES

### Guided tours

Monday 6 June 2022, 10.30am-11.30am

Sunday 19 June 2022, 2.30pm-3.30pm

Thursday 7 July 2022, 10.30am-11.30am

Join Hurstville Museum & Gallery staff for a guided tour of the exhibition in English and Chinese. For a private group tour (in English) please contact Hurstville Museum & Gallery to arrange a date and time

### Open Day

Saturday 11 June 2022, 10.00am-4.00pm

Performance by CASS Hua Activity Friday Group. Special workshop by Lion Dance Kids. All welcome. Please note, some activities require bookings such as the Lion Dancing workshop for kids.

### Drawing workshop with artist Cindy Yuen-Zhe Chen

Saturday 9 July 2022, 1.30pm-3.00pm (for 12-17 yo)

Sunday 10 July 2022, 10.30am-2.30pm (for families)

Sunday 10 July 2022, 1.30pm-3.00pm (for adults)

Join Our Journeys | Our Stories artist Cindy Yuen-Zhe Chen for a drawing workshop at Carrs Park. Bookings essential.

Hurstville Museum & Gallery, 14 MacMahon Street, Hurstville  
Phone: (02) 9330 6444 Email: [museumgallery@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au](mailto:museumgallery@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au)  
Opening hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 2pm - 5pm

For more information about 'Our Journeys | Our Stories' exhibition and to book events and programs please visit [www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/OJOS](http://www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/OJOS)

Image: Guan Wei, 'Georges River', 2021, acrylic on board (4 panels) on loan from the artist, courtesy Martin Browne Contemporary and Arc One Gallery (detail) and 'Teapot', c.1890-1920, white china, basket, bamboo and straw (detail), North Sydney Heritage Centre, Stanton Library Collection.

## WE ARE GEORGES RIVER

### Tell us your story!

During September we are celebrating the theme of Hands On History: how we work, live and play. You will have a chance to learn about the history of your suburb, research your family tree and see a range of talks and exhibitions.

Most of all we would love to hear your stories about the Georges River area and add them to our Community History collection. History does not just exist in archives, libraries and books, it is created by all of us and the activities and things that we do. Tell us about your family - **how did your family come to live here? What are your favourite places and how have they changed over the years?**

If you would like to learn how to record your family's stories, create a history about a place or person, or find out more about getting involved in our programs, please contact:

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