

Term 2 Week 6

3rd June 2022

Message from the Principal

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.

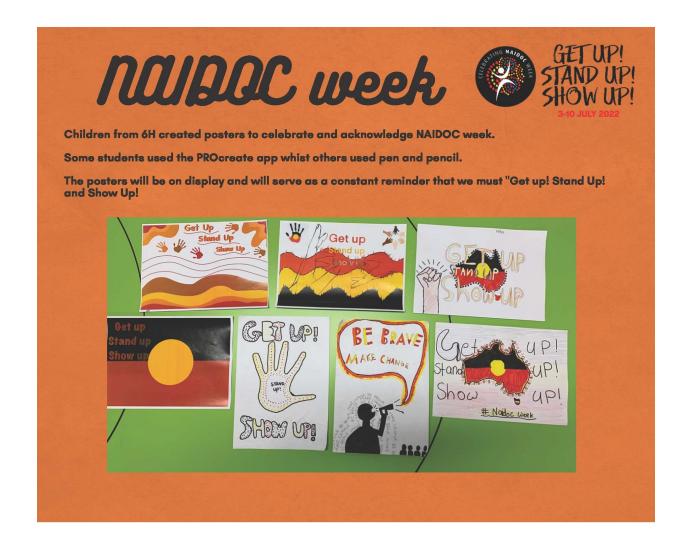
I extend my respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people here today and highlight their continued, unbroken connection to Countries.

National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The Week runs from **27 May to 3 June** every year. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision. Reconciliation Australia's theme for 2022, "Be Brave. Make Change." is a challenge to all Australians— individuals, families, communities, organisations and government—to Be Brave and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can Make Change for the benefit of all Australians.



Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations, and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.









Road Safety Survey and Upcoming Meeting

I would like to thank the amazing response to our recent Road Safety Survey from the community. With 108 families responding the P&C Road Safety Committee has compiled the data that was collected to present at a stakeholder meeting next week involving representation from Transport NSW, Georges River Council, the P&C Road Safety committee members and school staff. I will keep you updated on the progress from next week's meeting in the next newsletter.

Congratulations to the winner of the \$100 Claudine School wear voucher; the Perkovic family after being drawn out of the names of the 108 families that completed the survey.



SSPS Botany Bay Zone Cross Country

On Wednesday 31 runners from SSPS participated in the SSPS Botany Bay Zone Cross Country carnival at Scarborough Park. In windy and cold running conditions our team headed off 4 at a time and by the end of each race we had accumulated enough team points to be awarded Champion school for the eighth straight carnival! Mr Hoff has been offering morning training for the team since our school carnival and I'm pretty sure this made the difference for our school again this year. All runners produced fantastic individual performances and we have an amazing 8 runners progressing to the Sydney East Regional carnival in late June. I must acknowledge Mr Hoff for his ongoing commitment in preparing our athletes for this event and Mrs Dobosz who managed the team on the day. I wish all our regional runners all the best for the next carnival. Below is a table of all runners who finished in the top 10 places. Runners in bold progress to Sydney East carnival.



Botany Bay Cross Country Carnival – Runners in the top 10 placings for each age group	
8/9 Year Girls	8/9 Year Boys
Lexi M 2nd, Milica A 8th	Leonidis T 10th
10 Year Girls	10 Year Boys
Lily R 3rd	Henry T 2nd, Andrija R 8th
11 Year Girls	11 Year Boys
Rose S 2nd, Cynthia S 6th	Will S 1st, Andres Z 2nd, Jack W 8th
12 Year Girls	12 Year Boys
Gabriella E 2nd, Georgia J 6th, Lily F 7th	Olivier K 7th

































Sydney East AFL News

The letter below is from the Sydney East School Sports Association AFL Convener following last week's NSW AFL Carnival. Congratulations to Harry Hawes for his participation in the carnival.

Last week I had the pleasure of managing the Sydney East PSSA AFL team at the State Carnival in Coffs Harbour.

I would like to pass on to you the goodwill and joy of being involved with Harry and his family - Harry was a fine representative of your school and you should be proud of his achievements.

Sydney East came 6th overall in the State Championships, with 3 wins and 3 losses, and scoring more than 250 points. Harry played with skill and courage, and while celebrating victories, also took defeat with dignity and reflection. Many friendships were made over the week, and he appreciated the opportunity given to him by your school and his parents.

May he continue to have success with School Sport into the future.

Tim Bellamy Sydney East School Sports Association AFL Convener

Debating News

The 2022 Year 5 & 6 Premier's Debating Challenge is underway with the first round of competition taking place for both of our Sans Souci Debating Teams.

On Monday the 23rd of May, our first team, 'Topical Paradise' faced Ramsgate Public School. They were represented by Jayla M(first speaker), Siena I(second), Christiana S (third) and the fourth team member was Matilda T. They were tasked with a tricky affirmative argument that primary schools should replace music programs with Math and Science classes. The Ramsgate PS team were successful in their arguments against the idea and took out the win.

Our second debating team, 'This is the Sway' faced Blakehurst Public School last Monday the 30th. The team was represented by Emily Walsh (first speaker), Jenai Taleyarkhan (second), Lily Taylor (third) and the fourth team member was Kyra Crawford. It was an extremely close debate with some highquality speakers who were putting their experience to work. Despite the close nature of the debate, Blakehurst PS were successful in presenting a strong negative argument that tests should be abolished in primary schools. As we begin round two, we would like to congratulate our Sans Souci PS Debating team members and commend their commitment towards excellence in public speaking and debating.



Kindergarten Enrolment for 2023 - Enrolment Procedures

Today the school hosted a tour for prospective Kindergarten 2023 students and families. These tours take place each fortnight on Friday mornings from 9:30-10:30am and are a great opportunity for families to gain some insight into our school's facilities and programs, including a visit to Kindergarten classes.

If you have a child turning 5 by 31st July 2023 please enrol as soon as possible.

Procedures on how to enrol:

Go to our School website: https://sanssouci-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/

Click on the Enrolment tab - Apply online and fill out all relevant details and attach all necessary documents

If you have a sibling wishing to enrol and you live out of our local area you will need to complete the out of area enrolment section as if you try to enrol through local enrolments it will not let you proceed once you enter your address.

Siblings of current SSPS students will be accepted into Sans Souci Public School even if you reside outside of the school's enrolment catchment area.

Should you require any assistance please ring or email the school at sanssoucip.school@det.nsw.edu.au and attention: Maria Michael



School Uniform Standards

Sans Souci PS has a fine reputation within the community for the high standard of school uniform. The vast majority of students come to school on a daily basis proudly wearing full school uniform. It is vital that parents and carers support the school's efforts to maintain this standard by ensuring that all students are wearing the approved winter or sport uniforms on any given day. At this time of year full winter uniform is to be worn, including black school shoes. On specified days involving sport or PE activities students are permitted to wear sports shoes instead of black school shoes. Students are required to wear a school hat for all outside activities, including lunch and fruit break. Non-school coloured hats, jackets and other garments are not permitted. Parents are reminded that clean/washed second hand uniform spares are available from the canteen for \$2 per item. I trust all families will do their best to ensure the high standard of school uniform continues at Sans Souci! If you have any questions about school uniforms, please don't hesitate in contacting me.

Respectful interactions within the school community

Sans Souci Public School encourages respectful relationships in all interactions that take place within the school community. We welcome visitors to our school and endeavour to ensure that the school remains a safe place for pupils, staff, volunteers and members of our community. If parents or carers have concerns we will always seek to listen to and address them. However disrespectful, abusive or threatening behaviour will not be tolerated. It is never appropriate for parents to approach students from other families at school to try and resolve issues of concern. Please contact the school office to make an appointment if you have any concerns you would like to discuss.

PSSA Wet Weather Update

It was fantastic that PSSA sport finally recommenced today after 3 consecutive weeks of wet weather cancellations. Please understand that the decision to cancel PSSA is made by the Botany Bay PSSA executive, informed by the local council that decides if fields are unplayable in periods of wet weather. It is expected that there will be a few cancellations each season but if we have further cancellations, the school will consider a partial rebate of the fees in the form of fees in advance for other school activities.



Appointments During School Time

I remind parents and carers that wherever possible, medical appointments should be made outside of school hours as it is detrimental to students missing out on learning time. In extraordinary circumstances where a child needs to be picked up prior to 3:15pm, families should notify the school via email no later than 10am to allow time for the arrangement to be communicated to the appropriate staff member.

Principal's Gold Awards at Assembly









Quality Learning K-6

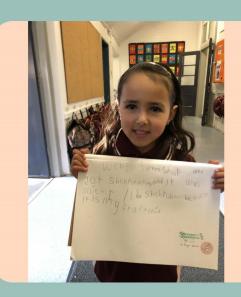
ES1 students are participating in a series of unplugged coding lessons this term with Mrs Williamson. The students are learning about coding concepts such as sequencing, looping and algorithms. Below are images of students in KL demonstrating their understanding of looping a colour pattern x 3.

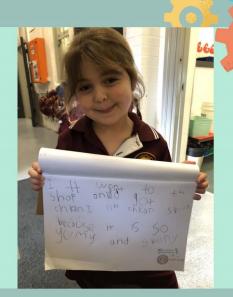


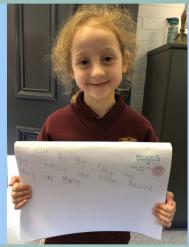




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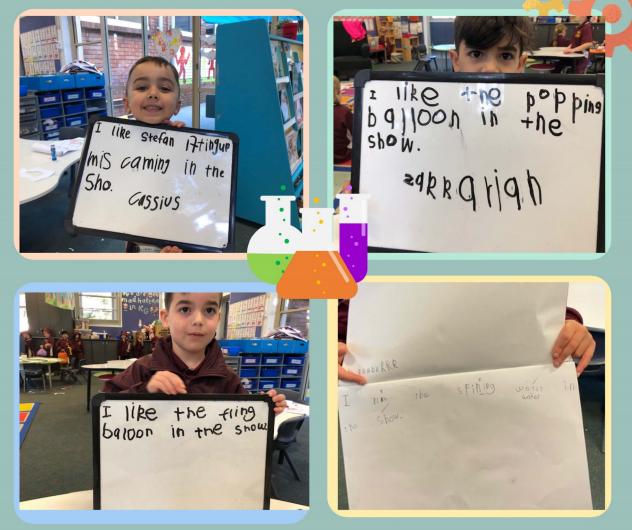


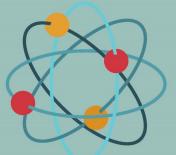




WE ARE WRITING OUR OWN SENTENCES!

WE WROTE ABOUT THE FORCES AND MOVEMENT SCIENCE INCURSION!







1K

During Mathematics lessons 1K have been using their knowledge of place value to represent a range of numbers. They have also enjoyed using technology to identify and label 2D shapes.



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This fortnight, 1S have really enjoyed participating in a variety of hands-on maths activities. We loved using paddle pop sticks and unifix cubes to help us with collect and represent Data! 



2R have been enjoying having Gymnastics for Sport. They are learning skills such as balancing, rolling, coordination and jumping.



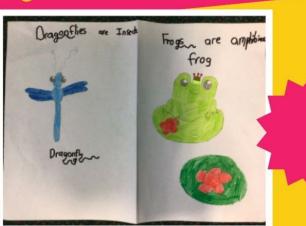
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2T have been working well in Reading Groups, with some students learning how to use dictionaries to clarify word meanings. In Science, we have been learning how technology can help us to learn about animals by using the Shark Tracker app.

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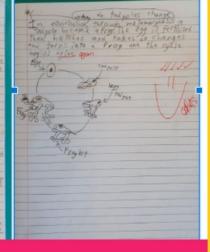
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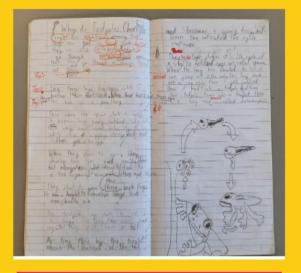
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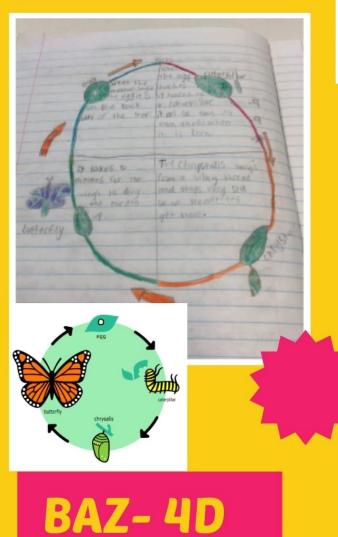
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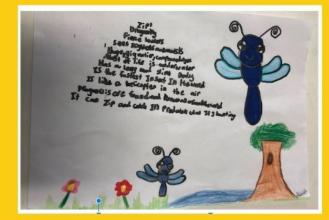


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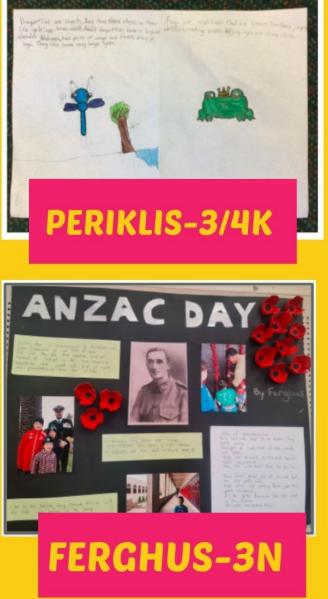
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Compulsory school attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- · Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)



Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

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What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school. Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

 Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

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Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



More information

Further Information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's Policy Library AND The Department's Attendance Matters Website

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's Wellbeing and Learning website

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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.

FIND OUT MORE



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.



LINKED-IN LEARNING

Access thousands of online courses from real world industry experts including photography, graphic design, web development and project management. You can learn at your own pace and for free with your library membership.

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PRIDE MONTH SKATEBOARD WORKSHOPS

<u>Beginner Class - Wednesday 1 June 2022, 3.30pm-4.45pm</u> <u>Intermediate Class - Wednesday 8 June 2022, 3.30pm-4.45pm</u> 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.



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 anguages.

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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Be a Brand Designer

<u>Tuesday 12 July 2022,10.30am-12.30pm,</u> <u>12-15yo,</u> \$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

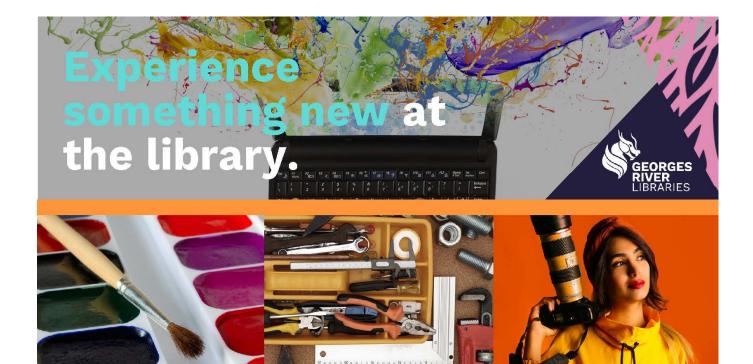
<u>Wednesday 6 July 2022,</u> 10.30am-12.30pm, 8-12yo, Free <u>Wednesday 13 July 2022,</u> 10.30am-12.30pm, 8-12yo, Free Clive James Library Kogarah

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 <u>South Hurstville Library</u> Monday 11 July 2022, 11.30am-12.30pm <u>Penshurst Library</u> Thursday 14 July 2022, 11.30am-12.30pm <u>Oatley Library</u>

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.



GET CRAFTY

Visible Mending

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

Mindful Watercolour Painting

Wednesday 27 July 202 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.

EIND OUT MORE

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



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

GEORGES RIVER LIBRARIES

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 Carss Park. Bookings essential.

Hurstville Museum & Gallery, 14 MacMahon Street, Hurstville Phone: (02) 9330 6444 Email: 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 <u>www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/OJOS</u>

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 pace or person, or find out more about getting involved in our programs, please contact:

LocalStudies@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au

Image: Picnic at Carrs Bush Park, Carrs Park, Date Unknown, Georges River Libraries, Local Studies.



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