



St George School 2018 Newsletter

Diana Murphy, Principal

Issue: 3

Date: 6 March 2018

Key Dates:

Harmony Day
Wednesday 21 March

Easter Show excursion
Secondary
Thursday 22 March

Easter Show excursion
Primary and Middle
Thursday 29 March

Companion Card assessments
Wednesday 28 March

Good Friday
30 March

Easter Monday
2 April

Anzac Day Ceremony
Tuesday 10 April at 11.20pm

Last day of term
Friday 13 April

First day term 2 for students
Tuesday 1 May

Term 2 P&C meeting and
Coffee & Chat
Thursday 17 May

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers

I trust the term is progressing well for your child and yourselves. The beginning of the year is a busy time for setting up classes, establishing class timetables, setting personalised learning plan meetings, re-viewing health care plans and mealtimes procedures and looking at best practice in supporting your child during personal care. Your support and input is sincerely appreciated.

Last year, in fourth term, I continued with a statewide curriculum project that involved my being in the department's state office for one day per week. I have been asked to continue involvement in this program this year for the one day per week. On the days that I am not on site, one of the three executives will be off class to support the smooth operation of the school.



Celebrating Ability...

Student Assembly Awards

Congratulations to our award recipients for the second assembly this year held on Tuesday **27 February 2018**:

Hengkai Ye for play skills: sharing and turn taking

Shafia Diab for great participation in music

George Yu for demonstrating self help physical skills

Ittai Shveibish for great effort in attending to class story

Darcie Glacken-Tonnet for listening and following directions when asked

Matthew Chiotis for appropriate Yes/No responses

Angel-Rose Papapavlos for precision using her hand to select buttons on the ipad.

Luke Hanna for applauding his friends in assembly when they received their awards

Joshua Sale for swimming independently using his arms, legs and pool noodle

George Yu received a sports award for helping to hold the parachute and showing enjoyment by laughing

Dominic Cheuk received a sports award for demonstrating enthusiasm at his first bowling session

Kyah McGroder received a library award for sitting and listening to the story 'Where is the Green Sheep'



Future Events

Anzac Day Combined schools service

On Monday 9 April 2018 a representative group of students will attend the RSL and 'Schools Remember Anzac Day' commemorative service on Monday 9 April in Hyde Park. This is a joint event with other government schools, Catholic and independent schools and the NSW Education Minister's Office.

Companion card Visit

If you would like a companion card for your child, assessment will be undertaken on site on Wednesday 28 March. See letter which accompanies this newsletter.

Save the Date – Sibling workshop

This year we are making the sibling workshop a Friday night family outing. Save the date for an evening sausage sizzle and sibling workshop on Friday 1 June commencing at 6.00pm.

Coffee & Chat

Please Note Date Change:

Thursday 17 May

at 10:15am in the staffroom

This term Dr Karen Crawley will be talking on the role of the carer.



To our March birthdays:

Dean Parratt - 13 years
on 7 March

Anthony Qiu – 8 years
on 13 March

Ben Rein - 12 years
on 16 March

Ashleigh Kelly - 12 years
on 17 March

Ethan Liew – 10 years
on 20 March

Adania Evans – 11 years
on 24 March

Zeinab Saleh – 9 years
on 23 March

Lachlan Guiotto – 14 years
on 26 March

Athan Loucas – 8 years
on 30 March

First term P&C meeting

On Thursday 1 March, we held our first P&C meeting for the year. P&C meetings are held once per term. Fay Chiotis, mother of Matthew, is the President.

The P&C plays a critical role in the operational aspects of St George School as it supports the school's operation of 7 bus runs.

The P&C are enlisting membership for the 2018 school year.

Membership costs \$2 for the year. It is not necessary to attend the meetings to be a member.

Your support of the P&C is appreciated. The application for membership is attached.

It was suggested at the meeting that Coffee & Chat and P&C meetings occur on the same day. We have done this in the past and will re-introduce it again this year. Hence our Coffee & Chat session which was scheduled for 6 April will be held on Thursday 17 May 2018 which is the date for the next P&C meeting. Coffee & Chat will commence at 10.15am and P&C will commence at 11.30am.

Community Notices

1.) The **St George Children with Disabilities Fund** is having three beneficiary meetings to explain the purpose of the Fund and the **Grants for Goods** program.

Garry Morris, coordinator, has provided three opportunities for families to meet. Families can select the meeting time that suits. A flyer regarding these meetings was sent out last week and is also included in this newsletter. If you are interested in applying for a grant for your child, Garry has advised that attendance at one of the meetings is necessary.

2.) St Vincent De Paul Society is the **NDIS LAC** partner delivering local area coordination (LAC) services in NSW. Vinnies has dropped in flyers regarding information sessions in this area.

3.) Fay Chiotis has donated two Betachek G5 blood glucose monitoring equipment. If you are interested in having one, please contact the office.

P&C Notice

The next meeting will be
held on Thursday

17 May 2018

Venue: Staffroom

Time: 11.30am

Payment options at St George School

There are various ways families can make payment to the school, as required:

- 1) POP (parent online payment) – on the school website, click on Make a Payment <http://www.stgeorge-s.schools.nsw.edu.au/>
- 2) Eftpos, if visiting the school
- 3) By phone for credit card payment
- 4) Cash
- 5) Cheque.

Direct deposit, electronic funds transfer **is not available** as an option.



The St George Children with Disabilities Fund Inc.

Family Get together



Tuesday 20th March

930am to 1130 am

Wednesday 21st March

1200pm to 230pm

Wednesday 21st March

430pm to 630pm

It is a get together of families to discuss future support and conditions as well as a workshop to develop understanding and the required needs for continued support.

To secure your bookings go to Eventbrite

www.eventbrite.com.au

(Under find your next experience enter Beneficiaries Meeting

In Search select date and time then press register.)

Garry Morris Trustee

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ARE YOU ABOUT TO TRANSITION INTO THE NDIS?

**We're running FREE information sessions about the NDIS
and the role of Local Area Coordinators.**

We will explain:

- What the NDIS is, and how it protects us all.
- What is funded by the NDIS.
- How the NDIS makes our communities more inclusive.
- What happens at the meeting with your Local Area Coordinator.
- What you can do to prepare.
- What happens when you receive your first funded plan.

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28 February 2018	9:30am – 11:00am	Lionel Bowen Library, Level 3, 669/673 Anzac Parade, Maroubra 2035	23 February 2018
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28 March 2018	10:00am – 11:30am	Miranda Community Centre, Wattle Room, 95 Karimbla Road, Miranda 2228	23 March 2018
5 April 2018	10:30am – 12:00pm	Waverley Library, Theatrette, 32-48 Denison Street, Bondi Junction, NSW 2022	2 April 2018

**To reserve your place, please email Schedeen.Snowden@ndis.gov.au
or call 0434 478 305 by the above dates.**

NDIS Participants, carers and family members are welcome.

Service Providers are welcome to attend only if accompanying a Participant.



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Chinese Information Session - Cantonese

Do you need help with the National Disability Insurance Scheme?

**Maybe you've heard about NDIS, maybe not?
Maybe you have an NDIS plan and don't know how to use it?**

St Vincent de Paul Society would like to invite Cantonese speaking people with a disability, their families and carers to an information session to help answer some of these questions!

Topics:

- Understanding your NDIS funding and how to use it
- Increasing your skills, knowledge and confidence
- Your rights under the NDIS
- Learning from, and connecting with others

Date:

- Monday 12th March 2018

Time:

- 4:00 – 7:00pm followed by refreshments

Venue

- Miles Franklin Room - Hurstville Library
12-22 Dora St
Hurstville NSW 2220



Please RSVP by Wednesday 7th March for catering purposes:
Joanne Liu: 0466 005 467 | joanne.liu@ndis.gov.au

A Cantonese interpreter will be available



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DO YOU REQUIRE SUPPORT WITH IMPLEMENTING YOUR PLAN?

You are invited to a FREE information session aimed at helping you to navigate plan implementation.

St Vincent de Paul Society's Local Area Coordination Program are trialing weekly Plan Implementation sessions for NDIS Participants, their carers and family members. Each session will include two different types of support, and Participants may attend both depending on availability:

Option 1: Plan Implementation presentation:

- 1:00-3:00pm

In the presentations, we will explain:

- What happens at the meeting with your LAC, and what you can do to prepare
- How to set up your MyGov Account
- How to find and work with Service Providers
- Service Agreement and make Service Bookings

Option 2: One on one Q & A session with an LAC at a pre-booked time slot (bookings essential):

- 1:00-1:30pm
- 1:30-2:00pm
- 2:00-2:30pm
- 2:30-3:00pm

These sessions are for St Vincent de Paul's Society Participants who:

- Have had their First Plan Meeting; or
- Have had their Plan Implementation meeting but would like further information

Session details:

Address: St Vincent de Paul Society's LAC office, Suite 2, Level 2, 34 Macmahon Street, Hurstville NSW 2220

Dates:

- Wednesday 7th March 2018
- Wednesday 14th March 2018
- Wednesday 21st March 2018
- Wednesday 28th March 2018
- Wednesday 4th April 2018
- Wednesday 11th April 2018

To reserve your place, please speak to your LAC, indicating the date and location you would like to attend.

To register using an interpreter:

- 1) Phone TIS on: 131 450
- 2) Ask for an interpreter
- 3) Ask the operator to call Schedeen Snowden from St Vincent de Paul Society on 0434 478 305 to register for the NDIS information session
- 4) Stay on the line and the operator will connect you to Schedeen so you can in your language

PLEASE NOTE: These sessions are designed to explain the Local Area Coordination transition process to NDIS Participants, their family members and carers. They are not for general discussion about the NDIS, specific funding questions or provider-related concerns.



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MAKING THE MOST OF MY PLAN PAID SUPPORTS

St Vincent de Paul Society 'taster' workshops for Participants, families and carers

The sessions, run by Vinnie's LAC team, will focus on:

- Understanding your funding and getting the most out of your paid supports
- Increasing your skills, knowledge and confidence
- Your rights under the NDIS
- Learning from, and connecting with others

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22 March 2018	10:00am – 1:00pm	Hurstville Library Miles Franklin Room 12-22 Dora Street, Hurstville 2220	15 March 2018
27 March 2018	10:00am – 1:00pm	Sutherland Multi-Purpose Centre Meeting Room 123 Flora Street, Sutherland 2232	20 March 2018
6 April 2018	1:00pm – 4:00pm	Lionel Bowen Library Level 3, 669/673 Anzac Parade Maroubra 2035	30 March 2018

Please RSVP by the above dates for catering purposes
Schedeen.Snowden@ndis.gov.au or 0434 478 305

Participants, family members and carers are welcome,
and light refreshments will be served.

Service Providers are welcome to attend only if supporting a Participant to attend.



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中文資訊介紹會（廣東話）

您需要關於全國殘障保險計劃方面的協助嗎？

您聽說過全國殘障保險計劃（National Disability Insurance Scheme，

簡稱：NDIS）嗎？或許您從未聽說過？

或許您已經有一份 NDIS 計劃但是不知道如何利用它？

聖雲先修會（St Vincent de Paul Society）邀請講廣東話的
殘障人士、他們的家人與照顧人來參加我們的資訊介紹會。

我們屆時能夠為您解答這些疑問！

內容：

- 理解 NDIS 撥款以及您可以如何使用這些經費
- 提高您的技能、知識和信心
- 瞭解 NDIS 賦予您的權利
- 向其他人學習，與其他人聯繫

日期：

- 2018 年 3 月 12 日，星期一

時間：

- 下午 4:00 至晚上 7:00（略備茶點招待）

地點：

- Hurstville 圖書館內的 Miles Franklin 會議廳
12-22 Dora St
Hurstville NSW 2220



敬請於 3 月 7 日之前回覆，以便安排茶點。

聯絡人：Joanne Liu，電話：0466 005 467，電郵：joanne.liu@ndis.gov.au



屆時有廣東話傳譯員協助



Quick Member Info

MEMBERSHIP INTEREST FORM

The **St George School** P&C Association is a not-for-profit Organisation which is established to promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation and to assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and in promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the school.

Membership of the **St George School** P&C Association is open to all parents and guardians of pupils attending the school and to all citizens. **St George School** P&C Association is always keen to welcome new members.

Meetings are held every **term**. Annual membership is **\$2.00** and entitles you to be involved in the decision making of **St George School** P&C Association even if you are unable to attend meetings. When you become a financial member you agree to follow the Constitution, by-laws, Code of Conduct and sub-committee rules as adopted by the **St George School** P&C Association.

If you are interested in becoming a member please complete the form below and return to school. The **St George School** P&C Association thanks you for your interest.

Fay Chiotis
President
fayintimo@gmail.com

NAME: _____ (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

PARENT / CITIZEN (CIRCLE AS APPROPRIATE)

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: _____

I include a payment of **\$2.00** to become a financial member of the **St George School** P&C Association.

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____



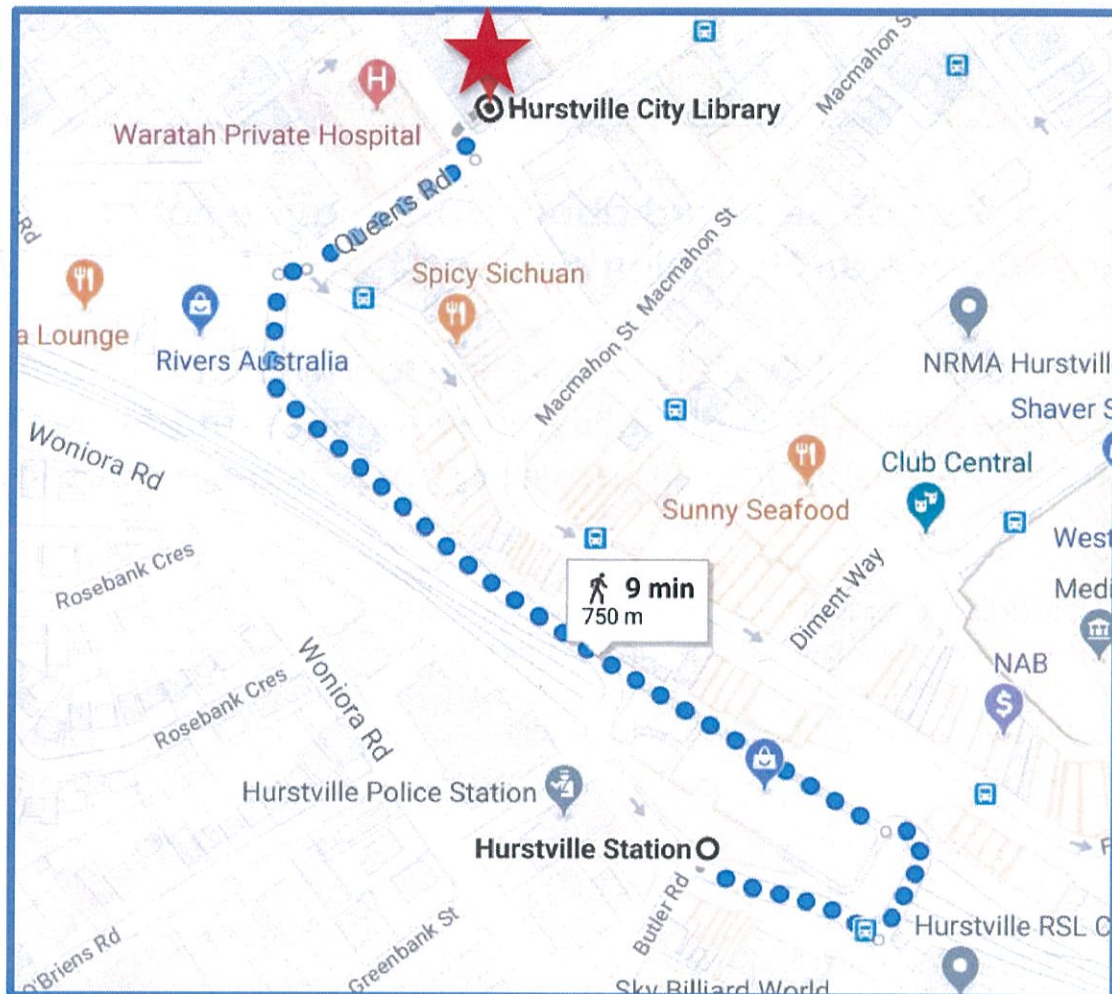
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How to get to the venue:



Hurstville Library – 12-22 Dora Street, Hurstville NSW 2220



By Train: Hurstville Train Station is 8 minutes' walk to the Hurstville Library

By Bus: Buses 455, 490, 491, M41 stop at Queens Road opposite Patrick Street

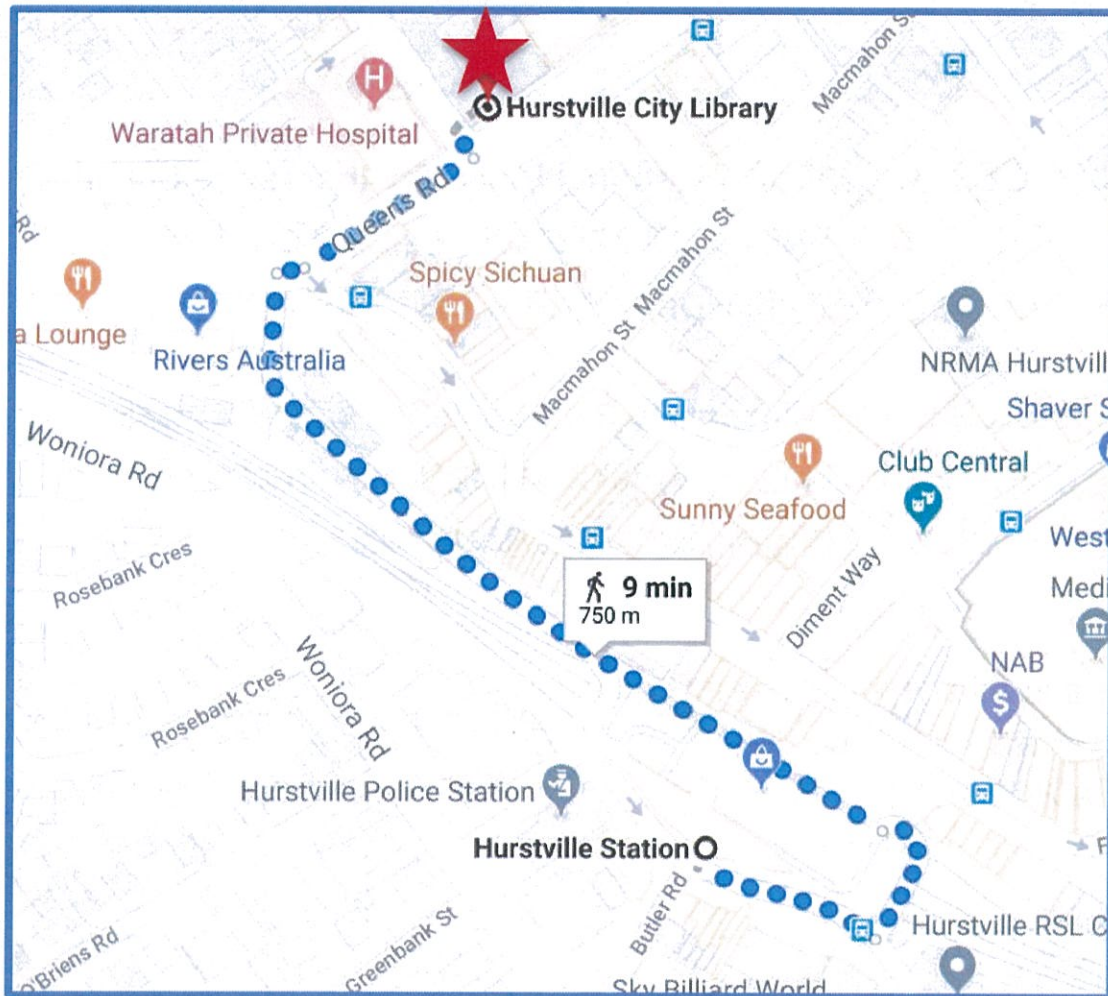
By Car: There is limited three hour car parking in Hurstville. For parking options see:

<http://www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/Services/Parking-and-Traffic>

如何前往：



Hurstville 圖書館地址：12-22 Dora Street, Hurstville NSW 2220



火車：從 Hurstville 火車站步行約 8 分鐘即可抵達圖書館。

巴士：455 路、490 路、491 路與 M41 路巴士在 Patrick 街對面的 Queens 路停站。

駕車：Hurstville 有三小時限時泊車，車位有限，詳情可查看：

<http://www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/Services/Parking-and-Traffic>