HURSTVILLE ADVENTIST SCHOOL

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Term Highlights

End of Term 3, September 2026

Principal's **Message**

Dear Families,

When we reach the end of a term, it is easy to measure it by the events that filled our calendar. Book Week, Father's Day, Maths Cup, Week of Worship and many other moments have certainly made this a busy and memorable term. But when I reflect on the past few weeks, what stands out most isn't simply what we have done, but how we have grown together through it.

We have seen students step outside their comfort zones, celebrate the important people in their lives, discover new strengths, deepen friendships and explore their faith and purpose. We have also been reminded of the strength of community as we welcomed Miss Stewart back and surrounded one another with care and support.

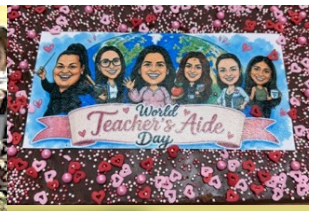
Schools are about so much more than academic learning. They are places where children learn who they are, how to care for others, how to persevere when something is difficult and, importantly for us, that they are deeply known and loved by God.

As we finish another term, I am grateful for the many big and small moments that have helped our students grow. Thank you to our staff, families and wider community for the part you each play in creating a place where our children can learn, belong, grow in faith and discover their God-given purpose.

I pray that the upcoming break provides an opportunity for your family to slow down, reconnect and enjoy time together. We look forward to continuing to grow together next term.

Warm regards,

Mrs Erika Ratu
Principal



Important dates **Term 4**

October 12th - December 10th

12 Oct	Term 4 starts
23 Oct	Grandparents Day morning tea
30 Oct	World Teachers Day
23-26 Nov	Swimming Lessons
27 Nov	Pre K and Kindy graduation
30 Nov-3 Dec	Swimming Lessons continued
4 Dec	Presentation Day
8 Dec	Promotion Day & Year 6 Farewell
10 Dec	Last day of school & Mufti/Pizza day

A Message from **Miss Stewart**

To the beautiful Hurstville Adventist school community, I just want to say a really big thank you for supporting myself and my family the last few months. It's been an intense journey but I have felt so much support throughout it all and it truly has helped in my recovery. I'm very thankful to be home now with my daughter August and I have been making really positive steps in regaining Independence and learning to live with my new normal. I was so unbelievably happy to be able to return to school for the Friday night program and I love to chatting to the students, parents and staff because I honestly treat this school like my family and it was so lovely to come home. Wishing everyone a very safe school holidays and thank you again for your continued prayers and support.

Love, Miss Stewart

Director of Learning & Teaching

Book week, Spelling Bee Competition, & Writing Webinar

What a fantastic and busy term it has been! Our students have embraced so many wonderful learning opportunities, and it has been a pleasure to see their enthusiasm, creativity and growth.

Book Week was a highlight, with this year's theme, Symphony of Stories, bringing stories to life across the school. Mrs Ratu, parents and I enjoyed reading in classrooms, while students showcased their talents through poetry and song competitions celebrating their favourite books. The Book Week performance shared an important message about kindness and acceptance, and the parade gave students a chance to express their creativity and celebrate their love of reading.

Thank you to all the families and community members who supported our Book Fair. Funds raised will help purchase new resources for our school library and continue to foster a love of reading for all students.

Students in Years 3-6 also participated in the Premier's Spelling Bee, tackling challenging words in an online competition. We are proud of all students who took part, with special congratulations to Aarav and Dinudi for progressing to the next round.

Another exciting opportunity was Little Scribe, where students joined live online writing sessions with Australian schools, a range of different authors and the talented illustrator, James Foley. Students explored ways to engage readers, develop creative ideas and create their own comic strips.

It has truly been an amazing term filled with learning, creativity and achievement. We look forward to another exciting term ahead!

Katherine Lu

Director of Teaching and Learning

Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to Carissa for being named a finalist in the Rising Voices Public Speaking Competition! We are so proud of the confidence, courage and passion she showed while representing Hurstville Adventist School. What an incredible achievement!

Counselling **Fathers Day**

This term, as we celebrated Father's Day, we took time to recognise the fathers and father figures who play an important role in the lives of our children. Whether it is a dad, grandfather, uncle, stepfather, mentor or another trusted adult, these caring relationships can contribute greatly to a child's confidence, wellbeing and sense of belonging.

The everyday moments often matter most. Spending time together, listening, offering encouragement, sharing experiences and simply being present can help children feel known, valued and supported.

We also recognise that Father's Day can bring mixed emotions for some children and families. Within our school community, we want to acknowledge and support all those who provide love, guidance, encouragement and care to the young people in our lives.

As a Christian school, we are also reminded that our children have a Heavenly Father whose love is constant and unconditional. Whatever our family circumstances may look like, God knows each child personally, walks alongside them and reminds them that they are deeply loved and never alone.

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!"

1 John 3:1

Mr Anthony Khoo
School Counsellor

Chaplaincy **Week of Worship**

What an amazing Week of Worship here at Hurstville Adventist School!

Our theme: ***Passport to Purpose***

This week we wanted every student to know that God has a purpose for their life.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11

A big thank you to our families for your generosity with food donations for ADRA Blacktown. Your kindness will make a real difference

Miss Cassie
Chaplain

Newcombe Ball

On Thursday the 3rd of September, the Year 3 & 4 Newcombe Ball team went to Hills Adventist College to play in the tournament against other Adventist schools. We played Wahroonga, Macarthur, Hills, Mountain View and Auburn, and we ended up coming 4th overall! Even though we both already know how to play Newcombe Ball, we learnt how to play as a team and how to strategise and work together. Some of the teams were really good, so we were a little bit nervous but our coach Mr Wong spoke to us and encouraged us to try our best and never give up. We would love to play again next year and aim for the top 3!

Katherine (Year 3),
Emma N (Year 3)

Chess Competition

Our First Chess Competition!

Eight of our Stage 2 and Stage 3 students recently represented our school at the Chess Competition at Smithfield Public School. Competing across seven rounds, they showed great resilience, sportsmanship, and teamwork throughout the day. We're proud to share that one of our teams placed 5th overall, and a special congratulations goes to Samuel, who won all seven of his games. Well done to all our students for representing our school with pride and making the most of this exciting challenge!

"I felt nervous and excited because we were competing against lots of other students, including students who were older than us. I was really proud of how I went, with around four wins and two draws. As I continued to play, I felt less nervous and became more confident. My teammate also did a great job at avoiding checkmate!"

– Ethan W, Year 3

"I felt nervous and excited on the bus because it was my first time competing against other students in chess. There were lots of strong chess players who didn't give up and showed great sportsmanship. I was very proud to win all seven of my rounds, and our team came 5th overall! I had lots of fun and would definitely like to compete again next year."

– Samuel, Year 4

Maths cup

Check out our Maths Cup team!

Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 students who were selected to represent Hurstville Adventist School at the Maths Cup Competition at Amity College. We are proud of your hard work and mathematical thinking. Well done, team!

Maths Cup was an enjoyable event at Amity College, Prestons on the 2nd of September. We enjoyed it because we got to experience the joy of competing with schools across NSW. We got to compete in different challenges such as fun puzzles, six number challenges, and a maths quiz. This helped us to challenge our knowledges to the best of our ability. Although we didn't win, we still had fun competing with many schools. – Rohan (Year 6) and Yvonne (Year 6)

Year 2 Shoe lace

Year 2 has officially completed the Shoelace Tying Challenge!

We are so proud to share that every student has learned how to tie their own shoelaces. Through practice, patience and perseverance, they kept trying until they mastered this important life skill.

Well done, Year 2 – challenge completed!

~ Ms Reffer

Robo Cup Competition

Our Year 3 Robo Cup Junior team, Ethan, Leo and Baron, proudly showcased their self-designed and coded project, Dancing Zoo, at the NSW Competition.

After 18 weeks of engineering, coding and problem-solving, the boys demonstrated incredible creativity, resilience and teamwork. We are so proud of their hard work and passion for STEM. Well done, boys!

Home & School

Hurstville Adventist School Spring Fair

Get ready for one of our biggest community events of the year!

Whether you're coming for the delicious food, exciting games, mechanical pony rides, the thrilling 9D Cinema, giant inflatables, or simply to spend time with family and friends, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

Sunday 25 October 11:00am - 3:00pm

Bring your neighbours, invite your friends, and join us for a day filled with laughter, fun and community spirit. We look forward to welcoming you!