



Hawker School

Parents and Citizens Association

President: Lisa Elliston

Week 1, Term 1 - Tuesday, 2nd February 2021

Canteen: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday— **all orders to be made online**

Uniform shop: Wednesday afternoons

Useful contacts:-

P&C general: hawker-pandc@air.net.au

Canteen: hawker-canteen@air.net.au

Chess: ian_stace@hotmail.com

Music/Drama Scheme: HawkerMusicScheme@gmail.com

Further details: http://www.hawkerps.act.edu.au/our_community/p_and_c

Welcome to 2021

Happy new year to all and a very special welcome to those families who are new to the Hawker School community this year. The Hawker School Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association is the focal point for parent involvement at the school and provides a place for parents to discuss matters of interest relating to the school and community. Together (and COVID-19 permitting) we also run many events and provide several services for students and families. These include:

- **School Canteen** (open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday)
- A **uniform shop**, which includes a **second-hand uniform pool**
- Hawker School **Music and Drama** Scheme
- Hawker School **Chess**
- Events such as **discos**
- The school **fete**
- **Mother's Day** and **Father's Day** stalls
- **BBQs**
- **Book Club**
- **Fundraising** to provide improvements to the school and new resources for students
- **Input into ACT school policies** via the ACT Council of P&C Associations

The P&C values the rich diversity of skills and experiences that each family brings to the school. We appreciate any help that families can offer. When you participate, you benefit by:

- **meeting other parents** in the community
- understanding more about **what happens at school**
- getting to **know the teachers** better
- **sharing your skills** with other parents/teachers and learning new ones
- helping out sets a good example for your children

Read on to learn more about what's on offer this year and for ways to connect and be involved. Please also join us for the **P&C Annual General Meeting** coming up in Week 3.

Cheers,
Lisa
P&C President

Notice of AGM

The annual general meeting of the P&C will be held :

Week 3, Thursday 18th February at 7.30pm in the school staffroom.

All positions are declared vacant on the day so give some thought to whether you might like to be involved more formally this year. There are a number of positions to suit different skills and strengths with varying time commitments. Some roles only taking up an hour or so a term. You are also most welcome if you would just like to come and listen and listen to the various reports, including one from our Principal Kim, President Lisa Elliston and Treasurer Kelly McMahon.



CHESS at Hawker Starts on Wednesday

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Hawker School (ACT) is held on:

Intermediate: Wednesdays from 7:50am to 9:00am in the Hall, starting 3rd February 2021

Beginner/Rookie: Wednesdays from 7:50am to 9:00am in the Library, starting 3rd February 2021

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus and is also a great source of enjoyment.

Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, please see the enrolment form on the last page of this newsletter or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

New Parent Coordinator Needed

HELP needed: The chess program is run by the Canberra Academy of Chess. A parent helper is needed to act as a contact for the Academy as well as the local Chess Junior Chess Leagues. There is very minimal work or contact required. The parent is just needed to be the contact and pass on information between the various Chess bodies, the school and students, as well as occasionally checking on wear and tear on the chess equipment at the school.

If you are able to help out, please email ian_stace@hotmail.com. It is really important to have a contact person to keep the program running so if you can help out please get in touch ASAP.

Ian Stace-Winkles - P&C Chess Contact



Enrich your child's learning – without leaving the school grounds

Music and Drama Scheme 2021



The Hawker School P&C Music and Drama Scheme is a practical way to build your child's skills and confidence with school-based tuition in piano, violin, guitar, drama and choir.

The scheme is open to students enrolled at Hawker School (generally from Year 2 and above) and aims to make extracurricular arts education affordable and easy for families. Individual music lessons and group guitar lessons are held during school times, in close consultation with the school.

The Drama program is run on Tuesday afternoons between 3-4pm and the Choir (Hawker Harmonists) is a non-auditioned choir for students from Years 3-6 held on Friday mornings between 8-8:45am.

Enrolment

New students can enrol for 2021 through [MusicBiz registration online](#). (Please note there is a waitlist for some disciplines). Questions can be directed to the Music & Drama Scheme Registrar at HawkerMusicScheme@gmail.com.

Further details are in the information booklet on the [Hawker School website](#).

Drama

With tutor and actor Ruth Pieloop, Drama students learn Improv skills, Drama games, acting exercises, rehearsal techniques and basic stage-craft. Participants develop self-confidence in a safe, fun and supportive environment that builds empathy, strengthens social connections, encourages collaboration, enables group discussion, develops collective problem-solving skills, and exercises the imagination.

Choir

Veronica Thwaites-Brown conducts the Hawker Harmonists choir and is a professional music teacher, choir conductor and classical soloist. The choir is a creative environment where kids feel welcomed and empowered through fun songs, vocal exercises, musicianship and friendship.

Guitar

Individual lessons are provided by passionate and experienced guitar teachers from Mojo Guitar, focusing on a fun, motivating musical experience for students.

Group guitar classes with experienced musician and teacher Marciano Telese encourage students to experience the joy of music and work together with others in a group environment.

Piano and Violin

Piano and Violin lessons aim to inspire students with a love of music and strong technical foundation.

Experienced piano teachers Bethany Roberts, Geoffrey Warren and Arianne Tan are all passionate about sharing their knowledge and love of music with Hawker School students. Arianne Tan is also the violin teacher and as a passionate music educator collaborates with many schools across the ACT.

Book Club



We are looking forward to another great year of the Scholastic Book Club. Book Club provides a fun and convenient way of bringing the best in children's literature into your home. It's packed full of exciting books from best-selling authors, popular titles and series that kids love, as well as products and books that make perfect gifts for family and friends.

It is a very popular program amongst students and parents alike. Over \$6000 worth of items were ordered in 2020, which earnt our school library an amazing \$1250 reward dollars to spend. Supporting this program not only helps your child's reading but contributes to re-sourcing the library and classrooms.

Ordering is easy with an Online system called "LOOP" found at <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/parent/login.aspx>. Using this system eliminates the need to return anything to school. Over 80% of our school orders are now being done online which is fantastic, but cash orders are always welcome too!

Remember that if you make a payment by *phone* or are *paying by cash* you need to return your paper order form with either the payment receipt number or cash to the school.

Online ordering of Gifts - If your order is a gift, please tick the "**gift**" option when ordering through LOOP, or write "**OFFICE**" as the class on paper forms. This way your order will not get bundled with your child's class and spoil the surprise. Our lovely office ladies Linda, Renai and Lisa will contact you to come and collect it from the office.

Looking forward to a fantastic year "*getting more kids reading and kids reading more!*"

Sara Reid
Parent Book Club Coordinator

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How to connect with the P&C

To find out more about your P&C, visit the P&C section of the School's web site:
http://www.hawkerps.act.edu.au/our_community/p_and_c

Or email: hawker-pandc@air.net.au

The P&C also has an email distribution list which we use to send information and occasional calls for help. To join the list, send a request to the P&C email hawker-pandc@air.net.au

More information about what P&Cs do can also be found from the ACT Council of P&C Associations (the peak body of P&Cs in the ACT) or see www.actparents.org.au.



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----- 2021 Belsouth Grading Update -----

Grading session dates are:

Saturday 6th, Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th February 2021

Location: [Murranji Street Hawker](#)

Belsouth is conducting grading sessions for all players interested in playing for Belsouth in the u10s to u18s age groups in the 2021 winter season. The grading sessions, plus information provided by coaches at the end of the 2020 season (through Player Assessment Sheets), will inform the formation of teams for the 2021 season.

Players in the u7, u8 and u9 age groups for 2021 **do not** grade. Players in these age groups will be coordinated into teams according to the school and friendship groups nominated at the time of registration.

Please click on the link below for important details.

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