

# NOTICEBOARD



## Hamilton South Public School

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Date: 23.11.2020 Term 4 Week 7



Congratulations to the following students who received a *Key to Success* award at last week's school assembly:

Organisation	Confidence	Resilience	Persistence	Getting Along
Zac K Elliot B Chloe H Grayson H Maya T Ella S	Townley D Bentley B Isabel S Misha McK	Will M Eloise D Abigail R Lewis B Violet P Jamain A-W Eva-Grace W Thomas J Elise E	Remy R Madison M Ottoline D Gabby D	Harvey S Milla P Evelyn T Olivia L Luke B Phoebe M

### Leaders' Report – Max B & Rose B

Good afternoon teachers and students. This will be our last assembly for the year, Rose and I are very excited to be presenting this week's leaders report. Last week it was Remembrance Day. This is an important part of Australian history. It is vital that we remember those who sacrificed their lives for our country. We thank our two school captains, Maddy and Rex for saying the Ode over the speaker.

Last week Year 6 did all different activities during their 'Canberra Replacement Week' that were great fun. Some of the activities were high ropes climbing at Tree Tops, visiting Ninja Parc and playing laser tag. We really do thank all the Stage Three teachers. You did such an amazing job to organise all these amazing activities and on behalf of Year Six - we thank you. That same week Year Five were very lucky to have gone to Great Aussie Bush Camp. By the looks of the photos on the newsletter I believe Year Five had an amazing time and did many different activities. From what we hear, the giant swing was once again a popular favourite!

We are now coming to the end of the year and there are still many more important things to come. Presentation Day is coming up very soon and will be held over four days. There will also be a leaders' presentation assembly.

This week we interviewed the amazing Mrs Edwards. We found out many things about her that were very interesting. Mrs Edwards favourite drink is soda water with a slice of lemon and she loves Italian food especially pasta, pizza and gnocchi. The things she loves about teaching is that every day brings something new and she loves to interact and build relationships with the students in her class.

Her dream holiday is to go to the Kimberley in Western Australia. When asked what Mrs Edwards loves about Hamilton South she said the people. It was a tough decision but Mrs Edwards's favourite song is AppleJack by Dolly Parton and she loves Amy Shark. Her favourite hobby is photography. The teachers described her as compassionate, kind and loyal.

Her two favourite subjects to teach are English and History (though we had already guessed that one!). When Mrs Edwards was younger she spent most of her high school time at boarding school. We really enjoyed interviewing Mrs Edwards and I'm sure you guys now know a lot more things about her.

Thank you for listening to our leaders report today.

### **Sport Leaders' Report – Elliott MaC & Benny A**

Good Afternoon Hamilton South Public School, I am Elliott Mac, Gilmore Sports leader, and Benny, the Paterson Sport leader. We are here to give you the sport leaders' report for this fortnight.

Firstly, this week we raised \$1.55 for Keita which equates to 120 Kenyan Shillings, and this week's house token winner was Gilmore. A special thank you to K-2 for their improvement with putting the sports equipment away at the end of the day. Another thank you to some of the Year 4's who helped out the sport leaders do their jobs last week. We appreciate you for stepping in for us.

Please remember to not lean on the volley-ball net, the pressure has been causing the net to curl and if it continues then the volley-ball net will become unusable. Also if you're hiding the crate for the volley-ball net please don't because it makes it harder for the sport leaders to pack it away and put it out.

Congratulations to all Stage 2 and 3 students and good luck for the Endeavour Awards, Mr True will be announcing the winners at today's assembly.

Just a reminder to band people that when you are doing band in the hall please do not leave your instruments right in front of the door way as it makes it really hard to get the ping pong tables in and out of the hall.

A sporting schools bowls program will be starting for the K-2 students in the coming weeks and a Sun and Surf Safety Day for Year 5 and Year 6 which is fast approaching.

We wish you all a safe and fun last four weeks of the year.

## School attendance

Recently a number of students have experienced cold and flu like symptoms, tummy bugs etc. It is important that students do not attend school if they are unwell. Please see a summary of the Dept. of Education advice below:

'In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded **NOT** to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms.

NSW Health has requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics.

Students and staff with flu-like symptoms will need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom-free before being permitted to return to school.

Students who have seasonal allergic rhinitis or another condition that presents similarly to flu-like symptoms are still required to get tested for COVID-19 and return a negative test result.

Schools are not required to conduct widespread temperature screening or mandate the wearing of a mask'.

COVID -19 Updated advice for families can be accessed through this link  
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families#School1>.

## Kindergarten Orientation

Our formal Kindergarten Orientation program has finished for this year. It was so wonderful to see the enthusiasm and confidence of our pre-schoolers as they 'bounded' into school for the start of their visits. 'Bounding in' even turned into 'running in....' At the start of next year there will be more orientation activities to ensure a smooth settling in for our new Kindys. A huge thank you goes to Miss Conry who organised the program, Mrs Miller who was here for the visits to meet the students, Mrs Sumner who has been processing all the required paperwork for our new students, Mrs Reid, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs McGregor and Mrs Marshall who assisted in so many ways with the Kindergarten Orientation. Thank you to Mr Luff and Mrs Rigney who did a great job with the Buddy videos and cards. We are looking forward to seeing our fabulous pre-schoolers back at Hamilton South Public School at the start of 2021.

Mrs Sue Estens  
Principal

## SCHOOL NEWS:



### 2020 DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 26 November – Payment due for Surf Fun Safe

Monday 30 November ~ Year 6 Surf Fun Safe Day

Tuesday 1 December ~ Year 5 Surf Fun Safe Day

Friday 4 December ~ Year 6 Mini Fete

Wednesday 16 December ~ Last day for students

Reminder Stage Levey and Band/Choir fees are due now

### NOTES TO BE RETURNED

•Absence Note – if your child has been absent from school, please either fill out a yellow note, email the school or do an absence note on skoolbag. Departmental requirement states you have seven days to explain your child's absence.

School hours 8:55am-3:00pm

Please note:-

Students need to be in their classroom by 8:55am.

### STAGE ONE HISTORY INCURSION

Last Thursday afternoon 1/2H, 2B, 2K and 2BW students enjoyed an 'incursion' at school. We had a virtual tour of Vaucluse House in Sydney to see what life was like in the past. Over 600 schools and 18,000 students participated in the Zoom event which included live quizzes and polls for us to participate in and question and answer activities. We were shown a variety of household items that the owners of Vaucluse House used in the early 1900's including, meat jelly moulds, drip stone, food safe and the larder. It was interesting to see some of the games children played and we noticed that most of the games played in the past used items made from all natural materials. Carol and Olivia Ferone from the ABC show 'Back In Time For Dinner' were there and they answered questions and told us what it was like to live in the past. It was a great experience and it really connected to our History lessons in class.

Year 2 Teachers

### HSPS BAND PROGRAM 2021

Expressions of interest to join our wonderful HSPS band programs will be coming home this week. Our band programs are ONLY available to students who will be in Years 3-6 in 2021. If your child is interested in joining one of the programs please complete the form and return it to the office. Notes will be handed out to Year 2 students and any primary students in years 3-5 who are interested in being part of our band programs in 2021. Year 2 Students will be coming along to watch our Concert Band rehearsal on Thursday November 26, 2020. The students will be distanced from the band (under the current guidelines) and will get the opportunity to see the instruments that make up our school band programs as well as get an "inside look" at how a band rehearsal works. Expression of Interest notes will need to be returned to Mrs Bell by Friday 4 December 2020. Due to current Covid restrictions there will be no instrument screening this year.

## YEARS 5 AND 6 SURF FUN SAFE DAY

Years 5 and 6 will be participating in the Surf Fun Safe Day program at Nobbys Beach. Year 6 will be attending on Monday 30 November and Year 5 on Tuesday 1 December. Cost is \$25 per student. **Last day to pay is this Thursday, 26 November.**

## PRESENTATION DAY

We are holding four Presentation Days at the end of this term.

If any parents would like to make a monetary donation towards the cost of books for Presentation Day, could you please forward the money to the school admin office or pay online through the Parent Online Payment option. Enter Presentation Day Donation in 'other'. All amounts will be greatly appreciated. If you have a business, please send your business card into the office and we will advertise your business in our Noticeboard. Thank you.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION DAY DONATION

- Sharon Claydon MP
- Tim Crakanthorp MP
- The Olds Family
- Jo Potts
- Adamstown Lions Club
- The Sim Family
- The Manning Family
- The Fry Family
- The Sandoz Family

## SPORT NEWS:

### PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL AWARDS

At last week's online school assembly, the overall winning Athletics Carnival House Team, Primary Year Champions and Endeavour Award recipients were announced. The winning House Team accrued the most points across the Infants and Primary Athletics Carnivals. Year Champion trophies were given to students who accrued the most points over the track and field events. The Endeavour Award recipients were nominated by teachers and House Team Sports Captains. It was great to see a smile on students' faces as they came up to 5TM classroom to receive these prestigious awards.

Congratulations to the following students:

### Year Champions

Year 3: Neva P & Louis S  
Year 4: Imogen L & Jonah R  
Year 5: Charlotte V E & Darcy G  
Year 6: Eden P & Max V B





## Endeavour Awards

**Gilmore-** Scarlett N  
**Lawson-** Kiara McC  
**Mackellar-** Lachlan M  
**Paterson-** Oscar S

Winning House Team: **Gilmore**



Mr Robby True  
Sports Coordinator

## Hamilton South OOSH Enrolments for 2021

Monday 9 November at 9am

Our existing families may begin submitting their enrolments forms for children who are currently enrolled at Hamilton South OOSH.

Monday 16 November at 9am

Our existing families may begin submitting enrolment forms for siblings who are starting Kindergarten in 2021.

Monday 23 November from 9am

We will begin offering extra days to our existing families who have requested them.

Monday November 30 at 9am

New families may begin submitting their enrolment forms for 2021.

Enrolment Forms can be downloaded from our website or emailed out by calling the centre.

Unfortunately we cannot accept enrolments forms before these dates and times.

## PRIMARY ETHICS VOLUNTEER TEACHERS REQUIRED

Each week the children discuss a topic from the approved Primary Ethics curriculum. Ethics classes are thought-provoking and give children a chance to practise skills like disagreeing respectfully with others. They will be encouraged to try to find answers to the questions posed by giving reasons, finding evidence and building on each other's ideas.

Children discuss topic such as:

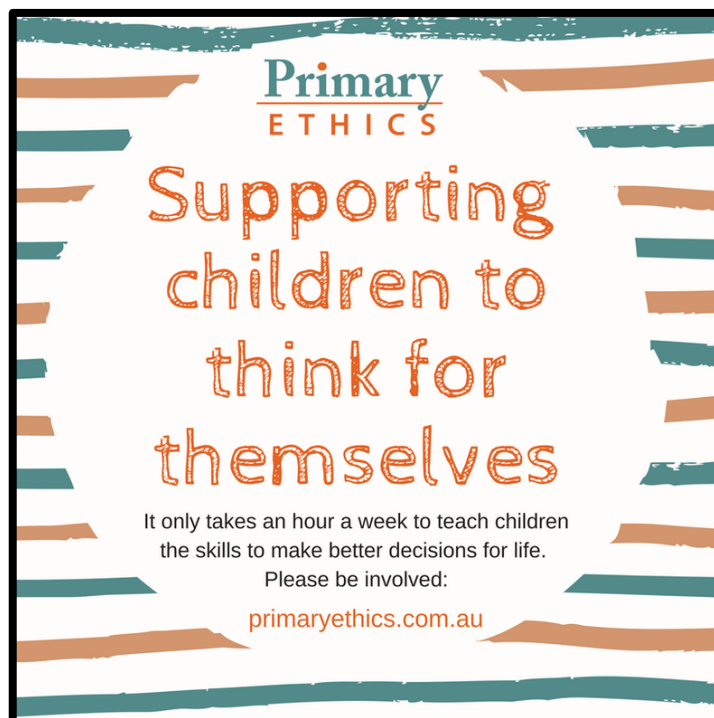
- imagining how others feel
- how do we treat living things?
- what is laziness?
- how do we disagree in a respectful way?
- fairness

Could you be an ethics teacher at Hamilton South Public School?

We are seeking volunteers so that we can provide ethics classes for all the families who have requested it for their children.

Ethics teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the ethics program. Training consists of 5x 2hr online workshops and short online modules. Lesson materials are provided. Suitable volunteers have an interest in children's education and development of critical thinking skills and must be available between 9am and 10am each Wednesday morning.

If you are interested in finding our more information on becoming an Ethics Teacher, or about the Ethics at the school, please visit [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au), or contact Grant Donnelly, on 0437697802 or at [grantd.ethics@gmail.com](mailto:grantd.ethics@gmail.com)



## **MUSIC MESSAGES:**

With the end of the year fast approaching we have decided to hold some extra band rehearsals over the coming weeks to ensure that all our band members are well rehearsed and ready for their upcoming performances.

Unfortunately we won't be able to hold our annual Band Presentation Night. In lieu of this, each band will perform at one of the school presentation days. Band participation certificates and our Concert Band and Training Band Person of the Year will be awarded at these events.

Our training Band will be performing at the Stage 2 Presentation Day in Week 9 and our Concert Band will be performing in Week 10 at the Stage 3 Presentation Day. For a number of our students this will be their first live performance for the year - how exciting! These extra rehearsals will take place during the regular school day and on the same day as their usual morning rehearsals.

RockCon will be heading to the Conservatorium to record their performance item. A note outlining the details will be coming home this week.

Choir will also be recording a video over the coming weeks to be played at the Stage 1, 2 & 3 Presentation Days.

As always if you have any questions, queries or comments please feel free to contact me at the email address below.

Mrs Nadine Bell  
nadine.bell6@det.nsw.edu.au  
HSPS Music Coordinator

## **P&C NEWS:**

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP**

If you need to order anything from the uniform shop please email the school and your order will be given to Lauren.

Your order will then be sent home with your child. Payment (in cash) can be sent in with your child to the office.



**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

# Whats on these Holidays



## VACATION CARE

The Service operates 7.30am till 6pm, all meals included. The Hunter Sports Centre has achieved a Meeting National Quality Standards rating under the National Quality Framework

		Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Gen Fun Ball sports Lego Masters Trampoline	Throwing Games Parcour Tumbling and Tramp Dix (Hardcourt)	Ice Game Time (Outdoor) Aerial Madness Tahniks Puppet Performance	Wrest Works Balance Busters Trampoline Quisines Craft & Movie
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec
CLOSED	Ball sports Trampoline Team Challenge Lego Masters	Health, Fitness & Wellbeing Wonderland	Ice Game Time (Outdoor) Tumbling and Tramp General gym Artis: New Year craft

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan
The Ball & Hokey Balance Basics Trampoline Popcorn Construction	Fun Athletics * Even: Cinema Movie General gym	Water Sports Ninja Kids Tumbling and Tramp Ice Game time (Admin)	Gen Fun Throwing Games Lego Masters Trampoline	Carnival Circus Theme Day Activities
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Spies in disguise Theme Day Activities	General gym * Even: Cinema Movie Tumbling and Tramp	Classic Sports Gen Fun Parcour Harry Potter Hoooks	Ice Game Time (Outdoor) Obstacle course Trampoline LVI playground	Throwing Games Lego Masters General Gym Tumbling and Tramp
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan
Throwing Games Ninja Kids Trampoline Ice Game time (Admin)	Going for Gold Olympic Theme Day	Ball sports Team Challenge Tumbling and Tramp Lego Masters	Fun Athletics General Gym Balance Basics Explore Science	Australian open Tahniks Trampoline Aussie in the making - Australia day
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Wrest Works, Lego, Tramp, Free Play Gym, Movie			

## VACATION CARE

THURSDAY 17th DECEMBER — MONDAY 25th JANUARY 2020  
(Closed Friday 25th December, Monday 28th December & Friday 1st January)

7.30am - 6.00pm Meals Included



HunterSports  
Centre

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Contact the Centre  
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[www.hsc.org.au](http://www.hsc.org.au)

# NEWCASTLE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL OOSH – VACATION CARE PROGRAM

For more information contact Tracey on 4929 1550 or email [nepsoosh16@gmail.com](mailto:nepsoosh16@gmail.com)

## NEWCASTLE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL OOSH – VACATION CARE PROGRAM – DECEMBER 2020/ JANUARY 2021 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

<p>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p><b>Excursion</b> Revolution</p>  <p>Closed in Shoes, Hats and Water are a Priority</p> <p>Leaving centre at 9.30am</p>	<p>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p><b>Excursion</b> Movies TBA</p>  <p>Followed by Xmas party Christmas Lunch at 1pm</p>	<p><b>NEPSOOSH will return on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b></p> <p>Please always send your child wearing closed in shoes, with a drink bottle, hat and a towel for water play</p>		
<p><b>Arts and Craft</b> Colour your own Xmas Stocking</p>	<p><b>Arts and Craft</b> Rocky Road Christmas Tree</p>			
<p>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January</p> <p><b>Excursion</b> Stockton pool</p>  <p>Swimmers, Rashies, Closed in Shoes, Hats and Drinking Water are a Priority</p> <p>Leaving centre at 9.15am</p>	<p>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January</p> <p><b>Excursion</b> Ninja Park</p>  <p>Closed in Shoes, Hats and Water are a Priority</p> <p>Leaving centre at 9.30am</p>	<p>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January</p> <p><b>Excursion</b> The Base Make, create, perform</p>  <p>Closed in Shoes, Hats and Water are a Priority</p> <p>Leaving centre at 9.30am</p>	<p>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January</p> <p><b>Inursion</b> Teddy Bears Picnic King Edward Park Prizes Galore</p>  <p>Closed in Shoes, Hats and Water are a Priority</p> <p>Leaving centre at 10am</p>	<p>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January</p> <p><b>Excursion</b> Newcastle Baths</p>  <p>Swimmers, Rashies, Closed in Shoes, Hats and Drinking Water are a Priority</p> <p>Leaving centre at 9.30am</p>
<p><b>Arts and Craft</b> Floating fish in slime</p>	<p><b>Arts and Craft</b> Acrobat man</p>	<p><b>Arts and Craft</b> Unicorn dream catcher</p>	<p><b>Arts and Craft</b> Paint your own Sun Hut</p>	<p><b>Arts and Craft</b> Pool noodle sea monsters</p>
<p>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January</p> <p><b>Inursion</b> Bop till you Drop Disco</p>  <p>Disco 10am to 12pm Make your own pizza</p>	<p>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January</p> <p><b>Excursion</b> Oak Vale Farm</p>  <p>Closed in Shoes, Hats and Water are a Priority</p> <p>Leaving centre at 9am</p>	<p>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January</p> <p><b>Excursion</b> Tree Tops Network</p>  <p>Closed in Shoes, Hats and Water are a Priority</p> <p>Leaving centre at 9am</p>	<p>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January</p> <p><b>Super Camps Outdoors</b> Wet and Wild</p>  <p>10am to 12pm</p> <p>Closed in Shoes and Hats are a Priority</p>	<p>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</p> <p><b>Excursion</b> Movies Croods 2</p>  <p>Leaving centre at 9am</p>
<p><b>Arts and Craft</b> Glowing firefly</p>	<p><b>Arts and Craft</b> Dancing Emu's</p>	<p><b>Arts and Craft</b> Ball creatures</p>	<p><b>Arts and Craft</b> Bubbles makers</p>	<p><b>Arts and Craft</b> Clay stone tooth necklace</p>
<p>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January</p> <p><b>Excursion</b> Black Smiths Granny pool</p>  <p>Swimmers, Rashies, Closed in Shoes, Hat and Drinking Water are a Priority</p> <p>Leaving centre at 9am</p>	<p><b>Public Holiday</b></p>		<p>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January</p> <p><b>Excursion</b> Dolphin Cruise</p>  <p>Swimmers, Rashies, Closed in Shoes, Hat and Drinking Water are a Priority</p> <p>Leaving centre at 9am</p>	<p>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January</p> <p><b>Excursion</b> Wetlands</p>  <p>Closed in Shoes, Hats and Water are a Priority</p> <p>Leaving centre at 9.15am</p>
<p><b>Arts and Craft</b> Mermaid hair clips</p>			<p><b>Arts and Craft</b> Dolphin money boxes</p>	<p><b>Arts and Craft</b> Felt frog toy</p>
<p><b>Back to School</b></p>				

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# Good for Kids good for life

## NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT

The days are getting longer and it's a great chance to get outdoors with the family.

Have fun finding as many things as you can in this scavenger hunt, or create your own.

You could go for a walk in your local area, or even just your backyard.

Encourage children not to touch or collect the items, but record them on their hunt sheet.

For an example downloadable list, visit: [natureplayqld.org.au/nature-play-scavenger-hunt](http://natureplayqld.org.au/nature-play-scavenger-hunt)

Acknowledgement: Northern Sydney LHD

- An animal's footprint
- A bird's nest
- A clover (find a 4 leaf clover for an extra 10 points!)
- The Southern Cross
- Paper bark
- A native Australian animal
- A mushroom or fungus
- Spot a creature that lives underwater
- A large feather
- A sunrise or sunset over the horizon
- A lilly pillly tree
- A gumnut
- A waterfall
- A heart-shaped stone
- A farm animal
- Spot a witchetty grub
- A herb garden
- Nature pushing through concrete



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<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

# Good for Kids good for life



Our school is part of the Crunch&Sip® program, also known as 'Fruit break'. Crunch&Sip® is a set time during the day to eat vegetables and fruit and drink water.

Below are some examples of what students are allowed to bring for Crunch&Sip®:

- All fresh vegetables and fruit such as carrot sticks or grapes
- Dried fruit or tinned fruit in juice, but only sometimes
- Plain water



Some tips to increase vegie intake for Crunch&Sip® include:

- Start with vegetables your children are familiar with
- Allow children to choose their Crunch&Sip® vegetables
- Try sweeter vegetables like cherry tomatoes or carrots
- Use a variety of colours to make it more appealing
- Let kids pick out a special Crunch&Sip® container from the supermarket
- Get kids involved in cooking vegetables at home

Source: Crunch&Sip® [www.crunchandsip.com.au](http://www.crunchandsip.com.au)



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