



HORNBY ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Thursday, September 11, 2025

Monday, April 14	Tuesday, April 15	Wednesday, April 16	Thursday, April 17
<p>Preschool Gym (3-5 years) 10:30-11:30am</p> <p>Claire Braunberger (Music & Art Teacher)</p>	<p>Preschool Story Time (Library) 11am</p> <p>Claire Braunberger (Music & Art Teacher)- AM half day</p>	<p>Infant Toddler Gym (1-3 years) 10:30 – 11:30am</p> <p>Kenton Falls (Counsellor)-Alt Wednesdays Cinta Alberti (Learning Support Teacher) *Starting September 24. Megan Fletcher (Teacher Librarian)</p>	<p>Preschool Gym (3-5 years) 10:30-11:30am</p> <p>Kaila Storing (Indigenous Support Worker)</p>

Welcome back and for our new families – we are thrilled to have you join us at HICS!

It was wonderful to see so many of you out on Thursday afternoon for our Sports Day Afternoon. We had so much fun on the softball pitch, playing in the playground, making ginormous bubbles and, of course, jumping in the bouncy castle. It was lovely to have the chance to chat with a lot of you (in between playing softball and serving hotdogs and popsicles). There were a lot of requests to hold more of these events and we are all in! I even had two parents offer to run an “old fashioned” sports day in June with all the games that we played when we were kids (egg and spoon, etc.). I’m already looking forward to it! If you have ideas for community/school events that we can hold during the school year, please get in touch.

On Sunday, the school will be marching in the Fall Faire Parade. We will also be singing the Am'lala sa K̓umux̓se' song to open the Faire. We would love your support. If you know the song, please join us on Sunday morning. Bring a drum if you have one. The more the merrier! We will be meeting our students between 10:15 – 10:30 outside Pam Gordon’s driveway.

A few housekeeping reminders to start the year:

- Please remember that the school parking lot is not available for dropping off and picking up students between 8:20 and 8:45 and 3:30 and 3:45. Please use the drop off area at front of the school grounds and walk in using the path between the trees.
- If you are wanting to volunteer this year, please ensure that you have a current criminal record check. Jade will be able to let you know if your criminal record check is valid or if you need to renew it. All parents need criminal record checks in order to take students in their vehicles and to volunteer within the school. Driver Abstracts need to be renewed every year so please email Jade at jade.wilson@sd71.bc.ca and she will send you the paperwork.

- Should you have any concerns about anything you see at school, please come and see me straight away. My door is usually open and I'm at school every morning by 7. I do teach Tuesdays and Wednesdays and have administration days on Mondays and Thursdays.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Lisa

Hiking Club is Back!

Wednesdays 3:45 - 5:15 (ish)

with Ms. Malones.

Parents welcome 😊



Photos from Thursday Afternoon





Please remember to return your Childs back to school packages paperwork into the office! We need the forms returned so classrooms can adventure off school grounds with walking field trips, and so we can share photos of students work with all of you!!!

Thank you

Class Updates

Kindergarten/Grade 1 Update:

Our first week and a half in Kindergarten and Grade One with Teacher Miranda and Ms. Malones has been full of creativity, discovery, and fun! Our days began with play-based mornings where we built shelters, crafted sea creatures, and explored roles like veterinarians and bankers. In literacy, we learned about the magic "C," how to hold our pencils properly, and even started writing our own stories. The students have really enjoyed Math. Miranda taught a math magic trick, while Ms. Malones shared captivating real life math stories . Everything we've done has been hands-on, with science, ADST, and career education woven into our daily adventures. In PE, we played colour-matching games, tried out hula hoop tricks, and had a blast with the team building parachute. We feel especially lucky to have taken part in an Eye Spy activity in our beautiful new Arts Centre. Next Tuesday the 16th, at 11am, our class will walk to the community Library for a story and to explore the forest. What a wonderful start to our year!

Grade 1-3 Update:

This week has been full of fall fair planning, science and lots of play! We have been working hard on creating slogans and signs for the fall fair parade - look for us marching with our hand made signs! We did a neat science experiment about soil using different natural materials and water. We learned about the scientific method and how scientists ask and answer questions. We did lots of learning through play and learning about our classroom routines. We are finding our rhythm and getting to know each other better. We are excited for the fall fair and next week learning together!

Grade 4-6 Update:

Welcome back with a bang! Our class is small but mighty and we have enjoyed our first few days of school figuring out our rhythms and routines and getting to know each other and how we like to learn. We had a blast at sports day last week! Thank you to Ms. Malones and all the staff that helped make it happen and Casey for the bouncy castle! We have jumped right into the fall fair theme and are learning about dirt and soil, making soil art and we have a couple cool science experiments coming up. Our class also loves playing Kahoot online - this week we completed two about soil and every student chose to be named "Bob" in the game which was hilarious. We look forward to the parade, the community, and having tons of fun at the fall fair this Sunday. Our class is practicing our cross country running for upcoming races in town (and burning some of our endless energy!)... stay tuned for some pictures of happy, sweaty Hornby Ravens runners soon.

We are developing our math and literacy routines and having lots of outside time as the weather is still on our side. We have an upcoming survival day field trip and have Comox Valley search and Rescue visiting soon too!

Grade 7-9 Update: Xplore at Room to Grow

Our September Start

All humans need a sense of belonging for our well-being and with this in mind we begin the year with ensuring a sense of belonging in the class, the school, the community and on the land. We have started the year by understanding our personal values, our greatest learning moments so far, as well as how we learn best. We capture this through giving meaning to the beads and leather we string in a specific way that represents a commitment to our learning. We call them commitment strings, an experience shared by Elders that has been adapted with permission to share with my students. Our commitment strings represent the unique ways we arrive to our learning, and how we can uphold our individuality and yet find common values that we equally commit to respect as a group. Another way we are building belonging, and community is to take time to situate ourselves on the land. We will be camping next week at Elkhaven on Denman Island. It is a special place, accessible to all and we can practice team building through camping skills, menu planning and cooking, learning through experience and play, Pentlatch and K'òmoks stories of place, geological history and timespan. It will be fun for sure!



What's Coming Up

September 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No School

October 13 – Thanksgiving Day – No School

October 24 – Professional Development Day – Staff Only

November 11 – Remembrance Day – No School

December 19 - January 2 – Winter Break

January 4 – School Starts Back

Fall Faire this Sunday! September 14th.

All HICS students and families are invited to join in the parade and walk behind the HICS school banner. Students have been busy building signs and learning about soil and are excited to participate in the parade. Please meet for the parade in front of Pam Gordon's driveway 10:15-10:30am. Please see Lisa's notes about the *Am'lala sa K'umuxse'* song and we hope you all join in.

The pre school will be joining the parade as well and there will be a large truck for the preschool kids only. HICS students/families are to walk behind the school banner.

PAC News:

ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS please join us for our PAC AGM!

We need you and your input.

Monday September 22, 2025, 3:45-5pm @ The Ravens room in the school.

Childcare is available.

Community Notices:

HIES

Hello Families,

September is Literacy Month, please check out the attached poster with fun ideas about how to build literacy into our daily lives!

Jennivieve McRae-King

Literacy Outreach Coordinator

Afterschool Programs are in the works. Stay tuned around the end of the month!

hies.childyouth@gmail.com

<https://hornbyeducation.com/after-school-programs/>

Hornby Recreation

www.hornbyrecreation.ca

You are invited to join the Youth/Parent Running Group!

Come and run with us and get in shape for the Terry Fox Run and the Cross Country races in town.

You are welcome to run with the group if you are not planning to race.

Parents are encouraged to run too!

We meet for 1 hour, do a warm up, a 2-4km run with lots of breaks, and a cool down.

Tuesdays 4:15 - 5:15pm - Coach Pete Koltronis - meet at the school field - starts Tuesday Sept 16

Saturdays 11am-12pm - Parent coaches - meet at various locations - starts Saturday Sept 20 at Tribune Bay (Shields Road entrance)

For more information about the Running Group, contact:

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Or Jade Wilson hornbyrecreation@gmail.com

An online waiver form will need to be filled out ahead of time.

- The school Terry Fox Run will take place in October, watch for details.
The SD71 cross country races are Wednesday afternoons in the Comox Valley, starting late September and going until the end of October (5 weeks of races).
All students in the Grade 4-6 class will attend the cross country races.
Students in Grade 3 and 7 are welcome to participate in the cross country races as well. Parent drivers will be needed.

For more information about the Terry Fox Run or SD71 Cross Country races, contact your child's teacher.