

HRCS Happenings



Term 1, Week 1

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Principal's Message

Dear families and friends

Welcome back to 2019! I hope that everyone enjoyed their holiday season and had a nice break from school routine.

New families: Starting a new school is a big step. This week our new students have jumped that hurdle and started their Hunter River Community School journey.

We are excited to welcome the following students and their families to HRCS.

Breanna has joined us from East Maitland and has moved into Year 5. We look forward to getting to know all the wonderful things about Breanna!

Isaac and Ted are both in Year 1 and have joined us from Rutherford and the Kurri area. We hope that both boys enjoy their HRCS journey!

Alivia and Jack both started Kindy this year and have settled into big school life really well! We are so excited that they have joined us for the start of their school experience!

Welcome everyone and well done on a great first week of school!

New faces around school: This week we have also welcomed several new staff members to HRCS.

Brooke was one of our fabulous interns last year and has joined us as Meerkat classroom teacher.

Cilla, a very experienced Special Education practitioner, has joined us as Toucan classroom teacher for the first half of this term.

Greata, one of our wonderful casual Student Learning Support Officers (SLSO) is working in the Giraffe room this year.

Kerry, another of our very experienced casual SLSO's, will be working in the Elephant class for 2019.

Welcome everyone!

Farewell and good luck: At the end of last year Katey (Relieving Assistant Principal), was successful in obtaining the Assistant Principal position at Metford Public School. Katey had been working with us for 5 terms and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work, commitment and enthusiasm. We would like to wish Katey all the very best for the future! We look forward to talking over the fence!

Back to School Documentation: This week families would have received an envelope containing the back to school documentation package. This information is updated annually to ensure that we have accurate data on file about each student. It is very important that all information is completed and returned to school at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Dates For Diaries

2019

Wednesday 13 February
Year 7 & 10 Vaccinations

Friday 12 April
End of Term 1

Monday 29 April
Staff return for Term 2 2019

Tuesday 14 May
School Photos

Friday 5 July
End of Term 2

Monday 22 July
Staff return for Term 3 2019

Tuesday 23 July
Students return for Term 2 2019

Wednesday 14 September
Year 7 & 10 Vaccinations

Friday 27 September
End of Term 3 2019

Monday 14 October
Staff & Students for Term 4 2019

Wednesday 18 December
Last day of Term 4 for Students



Assisted Travel: Assisted Travel is a fabulous service that supports many of our students. At the beginning of each year it is advisable to review some of the guidelines and responsibilities for successful travel.

Parents have a number of important responsibilities when their child is on assisted school travel, including:

- Be ready 15 minutes before the pick-up and drop-off time.
- Wait at the agreed safe pick-up and drop-off location outside your home to meet the vehicle.
- You must help your child get into the vehicle, ensure your child is safely seated with their seat belt buckled according to the road rules.
- Provide an Australian approved child restraint or booster seat where appropriate (AS/NZS 1754).
- Provide additional equipment, if required, for safe travel such as seat belt buckle covers, specialised transport harnesses, and any medical equipment.
- Assist travel staff in loading and securing your child and their mobility equipment such as wheelchairs and walkers.
- Communicate any additional needs your child might have on transport to the school and travel staff.
- Call the driver and school if your child is going to be absent from school.
- Contact the school if your details or circumstances change such as work commitments, address or phone numbers.
- Speak to the school if your child's health needs change

Supervision (home alone): A driver is not permitted to drop a student at home without the authorised adult being present. If this occurs, ASTP will try to contact parents or other emergency contacts for the student. After discussion with ASTP the driver will be instructed to either return the child to their school, NSW Department of Family and Community Services or the nearest police station.

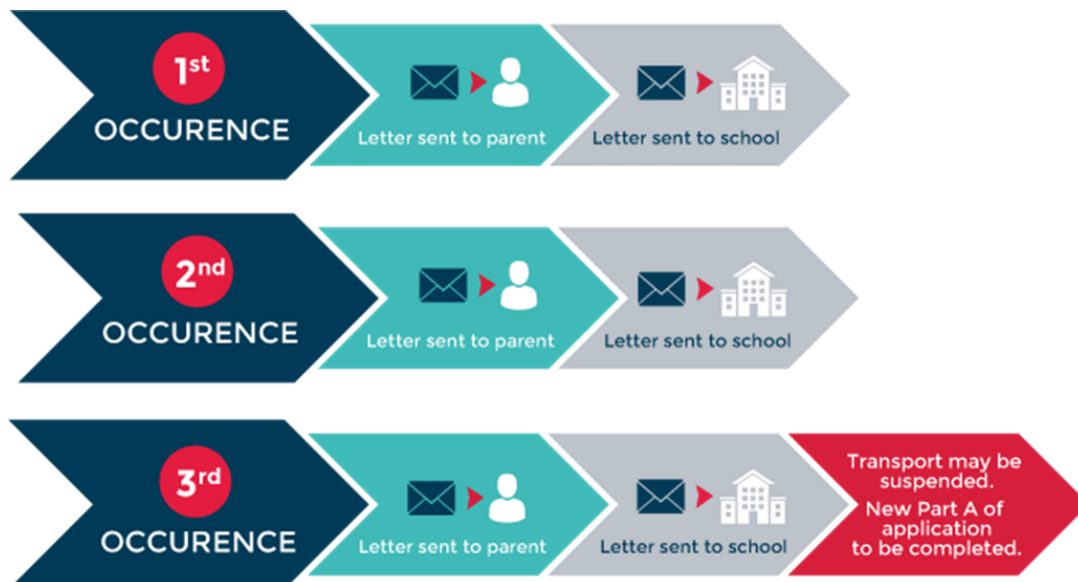
Cheeseburger	\$3.50
Nuggets x 6	\$3.00
Sausage Roll	\$2.50
Salad Wrap	\$4.00
Chicken Salad Wrap	\$5.00
Popper	\$1.00
Jelly Cup	\$1.00
Cheese Slice	\$.30
Milkshake	\$2.50

School Canteen will commence next Wednesday, 6 February.

Lunch orders will be sent home today and will be due back Tuesdays. This is important for shopping purposes.



ASTP will contact both the parent and the school each time a child is returned home without supervision. After the third occurrence a new **Part A** of the [Application for Assisted School Travel \(PDF 889.04KB\)](#) form will need to be completed and transport may be suspended.



Uniform Shop

School Shirts 8-16 \$20 each
School Shirts SML-3XL \$24 each
Senior School Shirts 8-16 (Yrs 11-12) \$16 each
Senior School Shirts SML-3XL (Yrs 11-12) \$20 each
School jackets 4-16 \$23
School jackets SML-3XL \$27.00
School Hats \$12.00

What other things do I need to know?

A driver is not permitted to drop a student at home without the authorised adult being present. If this occurs drivers will be instructed to deliver your child to one of the following locations:

- your child's school
- Family and Community Services office

nearest police station.

If you have concerns about the identity of a driver or ATSO please request photo identification or call the ASTP.

Transport services may be temporarily withdrawn if:

- There is no parent or authorised adult available to meet transport at home each morning and afternoon.

The behaviour of your child causes a safety risk to themselves or other students on transport.

Drivers are not authorised to administer any medication. Drivers cannot transport students to an alternate address or make changes without prior approval from the ASTP.

Food and drink are not allowed in the vehicle unless listed in a travel support plan.

Variations to transport: If there is a change to circumstances, e.g. change of address or change to transport arrangements, please contact the school so a variation form can be submitted to Assisted Travel. It is important to note that it may take up to 3 weeks for a request to be processed and approved – early preparation is the key!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school. Happy travelling!

School Operating hours: Our school office is opened from 8:00am to 4:00pm each day. If you need to contact the school before then, please leave a message on the answering machine and we will contact you as soon as possible. The answering machine will also be activated of a (Monday morning during from 8:20am during our staff communication meeting), and on Wednesday afternoons from 3:00pm during staff meetings.

Our gate open to students from 8:35 am and students begin to leave school at 2:30pm. Any variation to these times will need to be processed as a partial absence by the admin team.

PBL Assembly: Each Friday we have a PBL Assembly at 10am. Families and friends are most welcome.

School Immunisation Program: School Immunisation Programs have been sent home today to students in Year 7 & 10. Please complete the consent forms and return to school at your earliest convenience. If you do not wish to take part in this program at School, your pack needs to be returned to our office for secure disposal.

If you need new uniforms for 2019, please remember to get your orders in before next Wednesday, 19 December. Payment is not required to place your order.

Vale Barry: Our school community was devastated on Boxing Day to receive the unthinkable news that our colleague, friend and long-time supporter of our school, Barry Jasper, had suddenly passed away. Barry had worked in our Admin team for 18 months and always greeted visitors with a smile, g'day mate, and a 'Can do' attitude. Those families with younger siblings might recall that Barry always had a balloon, sticker or stamp for every small visitor that came to the front counter. He has played Santa for the past few years, a role in which he excelled!

In an extremely generous decision, Barry's family decided that they would, in lieu of flowers, set up a Hunter River Community School Barry Jasper Memorial Fund. Donations to the fund can be made via Parents Online Payment (POP) or by calling the school. If you would like to make a donation, please do not hesitate to contact the school for details.

We would like to thank the Jasper family for their incredible generosity and extend our deepest sympathy for their loss. Barry will always hold a very special spot in our hearts.

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend.

Kind Regards - Tracey

NSW School Vaccination Program: Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2019 the following vaccines will be offered:

YEARS	VACCINE	NUMBER OF DOSES
Year 7	Human papillomavirus (HPV9) vaccine	2-doses at least 6 months apart
	Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine	Single dose
Years 10	Meningococcal ACWY vaccine	Single dose

Parent Information Kits that include an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- ♦ read all the information provided
- ♦ complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- ♦ return the completed consent form to their child's school
- ♦ ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Please note that students who commence HPV vaccination in school clinics in Year 7 but do not complete the course during the school year may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8.

Students who have any dose of HPV at their GP will be advised to complete the course with their GP.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/withdraw_consent.aspx

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic as a physical card. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

2019 Teaching/School Learning Support Staff

Class: Hornbill
Teacher: Joanne Rathbone
SLSO: Aaron Smith



Class: Meerkat
Teacher: Brooke Prior
SLSO: Karen Willis



Class: Hyena
Teacher: Liz Jones
SLSO: Amanda Abra



Class: Elephant
Teacher: Helen Clarkson
SLSO: Kerry Brown



Class: Giraffe
Teacher: Natasha Brown/
 Leanne Woods (Fri)
SLSO: Greata Pollard



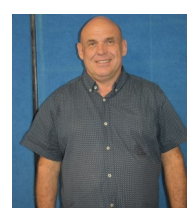
Class: Toucan
Teacher: Cilla Quirk
SLSO: Mandy Heaton



Class: Warthog
Teacher: Mandy Worton
SLSO: Vicky Fisher



Class: Gazelle
Teacher: Viv Davies
SLSO: Amanda Straker



Class: Mandrill
Teacher: Jackie Bright
SLSO: Louise Turnbull



Class: Cheetah
Teacher: John Winters
SLSO: Shelly Rush-Nichols
 Lisa Patfield



Class: RFF Teachers
Teachers: Jenene Wenban/Leanne Woods/Kylie Webb



Communication School Learning Support Officer: Suzanne Brown

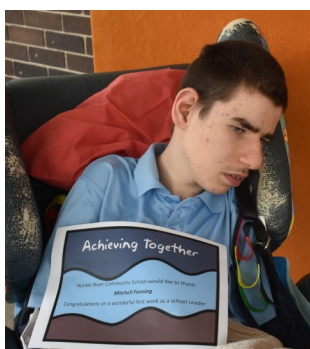
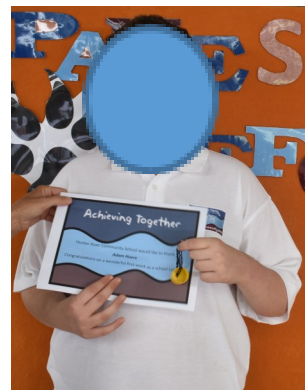


Welcome to HRCS



Absent:
Ted Currie
Breanne Cook

HRCS School Leaders



REQUEST FOR NDIS SERVICE PROVISION TO BE CONDUCTED DURING SCHOOL HOURS

This form is to be completed by parents or carers in advance of any NDIS Service provision commencing in school. Information should be completed after reading the Newcastle School—Guideline for the Provision of Therapy Services in school document. One form maybe used for multiple service requests.

Student Name:		Class Teacher:	
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Service Provision Requested:	Organisation Delivering Service:
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Speech Therapy	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Occupational Therapy	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Physio Therapy	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hydro Therapy	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	

Expected outcome or goal of therapy service.

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Frequency of Service	Session Time	Duration of Service
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> 30 Minutes	<input type="checkbox"/> Term One
<input type="checkbox"/> Fortnightly	<input type="checkbox"/> 60 Minutes	<input type="checkbox"/> Term Two
<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Term Three
<input type="checkbox"/> Once or twice per term		<input type="checkbox"/> Term Four

Will there be a clear link between the therapy service goal and ☐ YES ☐ NO

Will the therapist be available to attend a Learning Support Team ☐ YES ☐ NO

<input type="checkbox"/> I understand that a decision will be made regarding the provision of therapy services during school hours after a Learning and Support Team Meeting for my child. I understand that should no suitable times or learning spaces be available in my child's class the service cannot commence. The request will be placed "on hold" and reviewed at the end of each semester.	Parent Signature: <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/>
	Date: <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/>

<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Declined	<input type="checkbox"/> On Hold/Review	Parent Signature/Date: <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/>
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