

HRCS Happenings



Term 1, Week 11

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Principal's Message

Dear families and friends

The end of Term 1 is here! Students and staff have been working very hard this week to wrap up the term and prepare for Easter celebrations.

Easter Raffle: What wonderful Easter prizes we have had this year! Thank you to everyone who kindly donated items for the raffle, your generosity is amazing! Thank you to the P&C who have made up all the prizes and coordinated the raffle. We appreciate everyone who has sold tickets and promoted the P&C Raffle. Congratulations to everyone who won prizes. Happy Easter!!

Easter Parade and Celebrations: What creative families and friends we have in our school! The primary school Easter hats for the parade all looked amazing and students enjoyed showcasing them during the parade. Well done families and friends!

We were honoured to have our friends from Metford Public School join us for the parade. We have very strong links with our neighbouring school, and we were glad that they could celebrate with us.

The Easter art work that was on display was also of a very high standard. Congratulations to everyone who received prizes, it was a very difficult task to judge. Great work!

As usual, the Easter egg hunt was extremely popular, with students, families and friends looking very intently for the eggs that had been carefully hidden in the bottom playground. It was very pleasing to see everyone sharing the eggs at the end of the hunt.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Easter activities, we hope that you had a lovely morning. A special thank you to Tash and Helen, who coordinated the celebrations. Great work everyone!

Communication Books: Our communication books are a very effective tool in supporting our young people between school and home. During this week, Term 1 books have been collected by staff and filed at school. As a school, we are required to securely store the books for several years. If you would like a copy of this terms book, please do not hesitate to contact the school. A new book will be issued next term. If you still have your book at home, it would be greatly appreciated if you could send it in next term.

Therapy dogs in school: There is growing research and anecdotal evidence regarding the positive effects of therapy dogs working with students who are experiencing anxiety or stress in school. They can be used to support students with ASD or simply to encourage sensible behaviour around animals by teaching children how to approach and care for dogs safely.

We are in the very early stage of considering all the information about the Therapy Dog Program and enquiring if our school would be a suitable placement.

Dates For Diaries

2019

Monday 29 April Staff return for Term 2 2019
Tuesday 14 May School Photos
Friday 7 June Grandparents Day 210am
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 20 September Footy Colours Day
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



A key feature of the early investigation stage, is to communicate with our families and friends about the program and gather information about their feelings on moving forward with the project. It would be appreciated if you could complete the attached quick survey and return to school early next term. If you would like further information about this initiative, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Wonderful Donations: We have been extremely fortunate to receive two very generous donations from local businesses this week. Newcastle Steel Frames and Trusses have kindly pledged \$1000 and Sydney Company GEM Frames and Trusses have donated \$2000. We are very grateful for their sponsorship of our students and programs. A very special thank you to the Bright family for facilitating the donations.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2019: Woolworths Earn & Learn is back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable equipment for our school. It's simple to participate. From Wednesday 1 May to Tuesday 25 June 2019 or while stock lasts, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator, via team members at the self-service checkout or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There will be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at our school or at your local Woolworths. We can then redeem your Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers for valuable education equipment for our school.

Thank You: As Term 1 draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of our families, friends, volunteers, and staff for their support and commitment this term. Your combined dedication makes Hunter River Community School a wonderful place to be! Thank you!

I hope that everyone has a wonderful holiday and spends the holiday season with loved ones. If travelling, please take care and arrive safely to your destination. School will resume for staff on Monday 29 April and students first day back for Term 2 will be April 30.

Kind Regards - Tracey

Wellbeing Quote: "Be thankful for a breath of fresh air to be alive and well. Allow love and happiness to penetrate throughout your mind and soul. Take time to relax and live in the moment, the now, the present. Enjoy today". **Amaka Imani Nkosazana**

Canteen

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

Lunch orders will be sent home Thursday's and will be due back **Friday/Monday**. This is important for shopping purposes.

Sign of the Week

Word: Drink

Shape right hand as for holding a glass - tilt to mouth as for drinking.



April Birthdays

Chris 22 April
Catherine 28 April

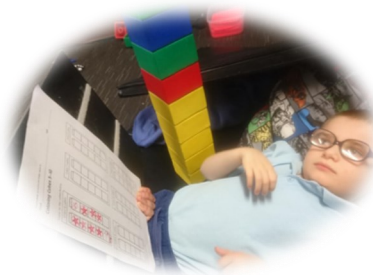


Literacy & Numeracy



My name is Christina Szerenga. I have recently retrained to be a teacher of special and inclusive education. This has been my first school term working with students from Hunter River Community School. On Wednesdays I rotate teaching literacy and numeracy skills to the students of rooms Elephant, Warthog and Mandrill.

I have been observing individual and group participation, interest and engagement during a variety of literacy and numeracy activities. This included sequencing numbers and letters using tactile and interactive strategies. Students were also supported in learning to identify vowels and vowel sounds, in addition to making words using a variety of strategies.



Easter Art

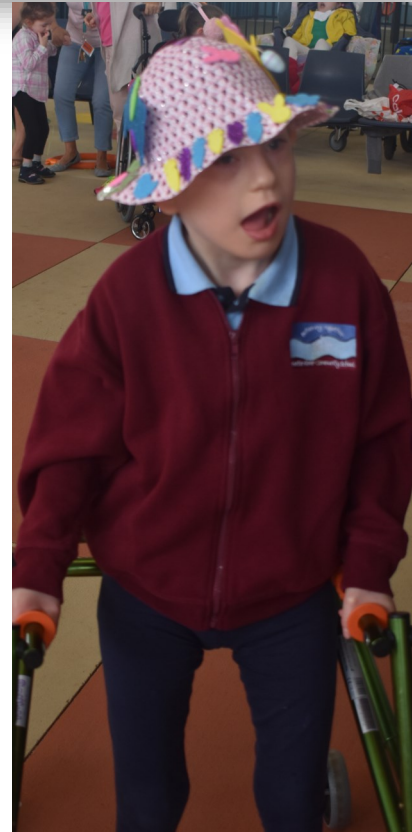
1st	Shaan	Brielle	Jackson
2nd	Charlotte	Blake	Adam
3rd	Isaac	Darcy	Haysam
Highly Commended	Koby A	Liam	Mandrill Room
Principal's Award	Jack B	Michael	Samantha
	Jack D	William	Luke
	Dekkard	Elsie	

Brownny's Blog

Lewis was having so much fun with the shaving cream. We were using the Podd Book to talk about how it feels! Bailey was so engaged during a session of Intensive Interaction, he just loves to chat. I've enjoyed so much working on communication skills with the students this term. Looking forward to Term Two. Have a great holiday everyone enjoy your beautiful children.

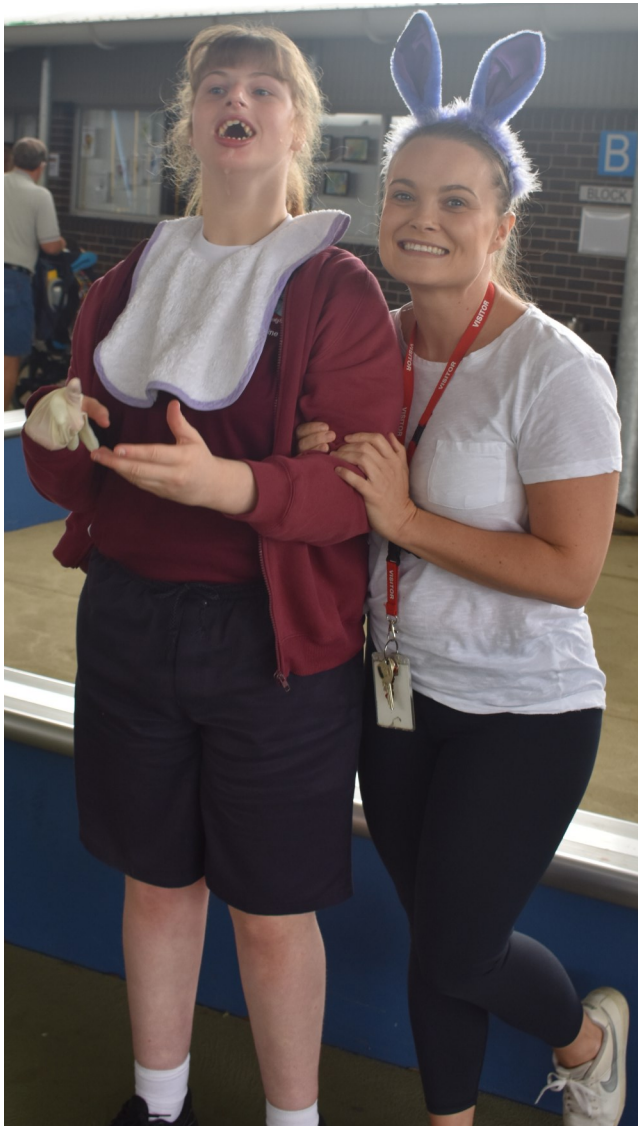


Easter Hat Parade









**PBL Awards
Term 1
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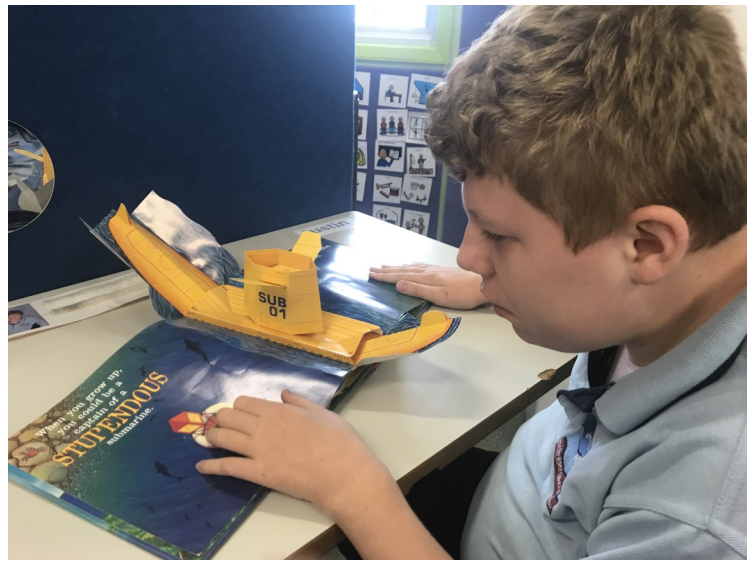


Congratulations to all of our 'Pawsome Students on their Term 1 achievements!




Save the Date—Grandparents Day: Hunter River Community School will be hosting 'Grandparents Day' on Friday 7 June 2019. More details will be available in the coming weeks.

Cheetah



Therapy Dog Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete this short survey. Please  to indicate your response

Name: _____

Student: _____

1. I have heard of the Therapy Dog Program

Yes	No	Not sure
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2. I think students at HRCS would benefit from being involved in a Therapy Dog Program

Yes	No	Not sure	Would need to be individual
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3. My child has interacted with animals safely in the past

Yes	No	Not sure	With supervision
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4. I would want my child to be a part of the Therapy Dog Program

Yes	No	Not sure	With supervision
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5. I would be interested in attending a session to learn more about the program

Yes	No	Not sure
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Thank you for participating

Tracey