

HRCS Happenings



Term 3, Week 4

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Principal's Message

Dear families and friends

What a great week of celebrations we have had!

NAIDOC Day: On Wednesday morning families and friends joined us to celebrate NAIDOC Day. NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous Communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community.

The 2019 theme was 'Voice, Treaty and Truth,' with an invitation to walk with all Aboriginal people in a movement of the Australian people for a better future.

The morning's activities commenced with a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem by Metford Public School. The choir sung our national song in Awabakal and English. Congratulations Metford Public, you are amazing!

We were also extremely pleased to welcome our friend Uncle Perry back to HRCS. Uncle Perry entertained the audience through an interactive music and dance show that had everyone up on their feet and joining in. Thank you Uncle Perry, your commitment to our school is very much appreciated.

The next section of our special assembly was dedicated to showcasing the class presentations they have been working on. Each class selected a famous Aboriginal sportsperson, researched their history, their totems and their achievements. Each class also produced a symbol or object that aligned with the goals of their 'person'. It was wonderful to see each class present their project and showcase their work. Well done everyone!

Our celebration then moved into some delicious taste testing. During the week staff had prepared fabulous wattle seed pikelets and lemon myrtle muffins for everyone to taste. With lemon myrtle flavoured cream, both were very popular treats.

After a short break, students had a wonderful time engaging in a tabloid of Aboriginal games.

I would like to thank Uncle Perry and Metford Choir for making our celebrations so special. A special thank you to Jackie and her team for their hard work and commitment towards our NAIDOC celebrations and Aboriginal Education. Great work everyone!



Dates For Diaries

2019

Wednesday 21 August P&C Meeting @6pm
Thursday 22 August K-6 Movie Night
Friday 23 August Education Week—Book Parade & Tabloid Sports Day
Friday 30 August 7-12 Movie Night
Wednesday 4 September Year 7 & 10 Vaccinations
Friday 20 September World—Games Sports Carnival
Friday 27 September Footy Colours Day
Friday 27 September End of Term 3 2019
Monday 14 October Staff & Students for Term 4 2019
Monday 28-Thursday 31 October Senior 4 day Camp
Monday 4 November Halloween Disco
Friday 6 December Year 12 Formal
Wednesday 11 December Presentation Day
Wednesday 18 December Year 12 Day
Wednesday 18 December Last day of Term 4 for Students

P&C Raffle tickets will be forwarded home shortly. Please see details of raffle on page 11.

We are Safe - We Learn - We Care

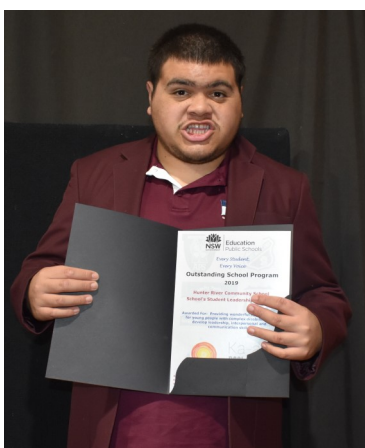


Ka-ai Boolarng Education Week Awards: On Wednesday evening our Ka-ai Boolarng partnering school gathered at Maitland Grossman High School to recognise the wonderful achievements of staff, student, community and school programs.

Members of our Star Struck squad performed a modified version of their dance and delighted the audience with their enthusiasm and joy.

Congratulations to our very deserving award recipients:

Community Member: Caleb Flynn – Outstanding effort in volunteering each week at Hunter River Community School to support students, staff and programs.



Non-teaching staff member: - Suzanne Brown – Amazing dedication and commitment to improving and supporting the opportunities of young people with complex disabilities through innovative communication, Work Placement and Integration Programs.

School Program: -School Student Leadership Program (accepted by Nikkie Fleming, Jacqueline Vidray, Jesse Bailey (absent) – Providing wonderful opportunities for young people with complex disabilities to develop leadership, interpersonal and communication skills.

Jackson Anderson,

Excellence in teaching: - Jo –Anne Rathbone – Outstanding commitment to improving the educational and social outcomes for students with complex disabilities.



Student Achievement: - Jacqueline Vidray – Outstanding citizenship and commitment in all aspects of school life.

Well done everyone, your contributions to our school community is highly valued and appreciated.

HRCS Education Week and Book Week Celebrations:

Everyone is very excited about our upcoming education Week/ Book Week Assembly and tabloid sports day which is being held next Friday. Families, friends, students and staff are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book week character. There will be a special prize for the best dressed family/friend.

After our assembly and a short break, students will move into their school sports houses to participate in a tabloid sports day. The day will conclude with a sausage sizzle lunch. Festivities will kick off at 10:00am and we hope you can join us!

Casual Staff: Currently staff have been significantly impacted by several viruses that are circling. This means that we have had a large percentage of casual staff in each day. Whilst all plans and programs are explicitly communicated, we appreciate your understanding if there has been occasions where regular routines have been modified. We hope to have everyone back on deck as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Movie Night is this month! All students, families and friends are invited to attend. There will be two sessions to watch **"Dumbo"**

K-6: Thursday 29/8/19 @6pm

7-12: Friday 30 August @6pm

Gold coin donation. Please see page 10 for your tear off slip.

Parent Chat: On Monday, we hosted our first Parent Chat for the term. Whilst numbers were down, those who attended spent a lovely morning sharing stories and listening to an inspirational presentation from Kiley McDonald, our P&C President, who outlined her journey as a mum and her transition to P&C President. Thank you Kiley! We are hoping that the topic for the next meeting will revolve around the NDIS and we will have guest speakers. Thank you Tash for organising our Parent Chat sessions.

Assessments: Student subject assessments will commence next week. These assessments provide teachers with a tool to reflect and review on how students are progressing and what they should be working towards. Assessment letter notifications will be sent home each week to inform you of the subject areas that will be targeted each week. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

P&C Meeting: Our Term 3 P&C meeting will be held next Wednesday 21 August. Our meeting will commence at 6:00pm and family, friends and community members are warmly invited to come along, network, and have a voice in future planning initiatives. Hope to see you there!

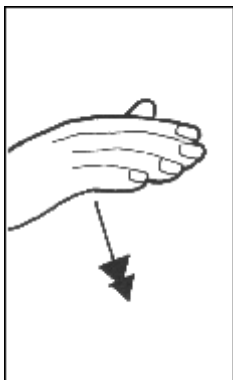
I hope everyone has a wonderful week and I look forward to seeing you all at our Education Week/ Book Week celebrations. **Kind Regards - Tracey**

Wellbeing Quote: "Attitude is a choice. Happiness is a choice. Optimism is a choice. Kindness is a choice. Giving is a choice. Respect is a choice. Whatever choice you make makes you. Choose wisely".
Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart

Sign of the Week

Word: Wait

Wait
Bounce open right hand up and down, twice, in front of right side, keeping palm down.



Message from Meryl Swanson MP:
NDIS Feedback Forum: Hundreds of people who have contacted my office about their experience with the NDIS. Through countless interactions with our community, I understand that the NDIS not been easy for many people. To ensure local residents have an opportunity to share their NDIS experience, I'm inviting residents, community groups and other local organisations who have contacted me about the NDIS to attend an NDIS Feedback Forum with Labor's Shadow Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme, Bill Shorten. This will be an opportunity for people with a disability, their families, carers and community members to share their experiences and shape future policy decisions on the NDIS.

Paterson	NDIS	Feedback	Forum
Date:	Thursday	22nd	August
Time:	12pm	-	1pm
East	Maitland	Bowling	Club
Banks	Street,	East	Maitland

RSVP essential. Please complete the survey below.

Numbers for this event are strictly limited, so I encourage you to register your attendance as soon as possible. Unfortunately, we may not be able to accommodate to anyone who does not RSVP. <https://merylswanson.com.au/get-involved/ndis-feedback-forum/>

Student Leader Awards

Captains Awards: Today's Captain's Award was selected by Jesse B and was awarded to Justin H for great behaviour when visiting the office.

House Captain Awards: Today's House Captain's Award was selected by Zachary and was awarded to Justin A for great participation in sports activities.

Prefect Awards: Our Prefect's Award for this week was selected by Justin H and was awarded to Charlotte for great egg collecting with her new egg apron.



NAIDOC Day



August Birthdays

Jesse B
2 August

Seth
7 August

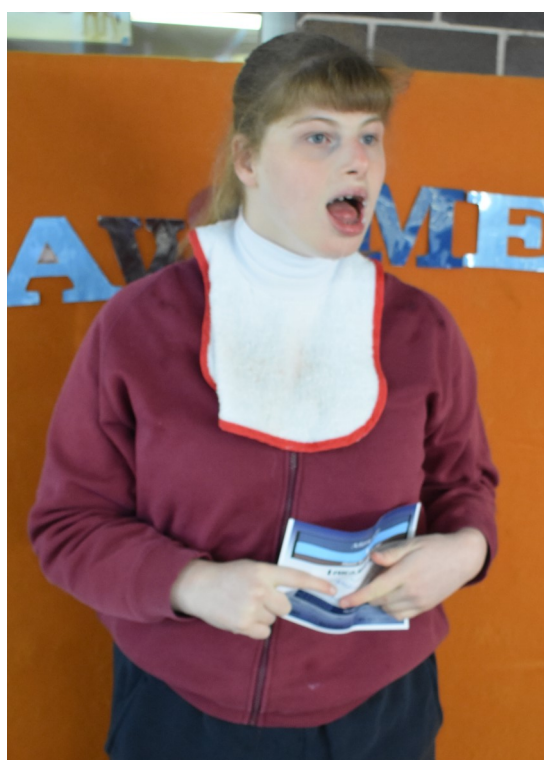
Zac S-W
19 August

Jonathon
25 August





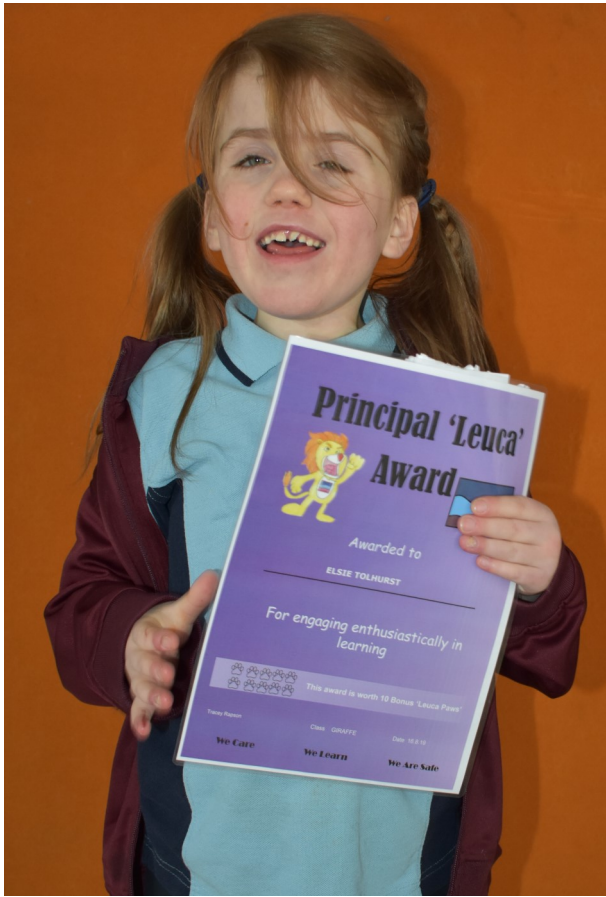
**PBL Awards
Term 3
Week 4**



**100% Attendance
9 August - 15 August**

Jackson
Michael
Samantha
Chloe
Charleigh
Justin H
Billy
Lochlin
Lewis
Samuel
Jesse K
Emma
Luke
Emilia
Charles
Ethan
Hayley
Brennan
William
Zachary
Brielle
Jacqueline
Koby







'Principal Leuca Awards'

Bevan

Claire

Darcy

Elsie

PBL Staff Awards Term 3 Week 4

**Teachers
of the Week**
Jackie



**Non-Teacher
of the Week**
Greata
Giraffe Room



**Top Playground
of the Week**
Warthog



**Bottom Playground
of the Week**
Mandrill



Hyena Room

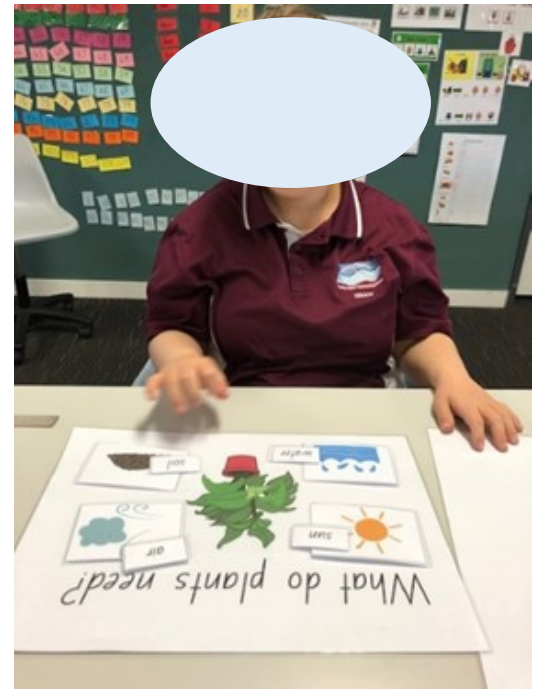


NAIDOC Celebrations: Students in Hyena Room chose to look at the life of Kevin Coombs who was the first indigenous person to represent Australia in the Paralympic games. Kevin played wheelchair basketball and is an elder of the Wotjobaluck tribe in country Victoria.

Hyena students designed a wheelchair spoke guard



Hyena Room also examined the elements that are needed for plants to grow.





HRCS is having a

Family Movie Night

All students and their Families are invited to attend.

There will be two sessions:

K-6- Thursday 29th August at 6.00pm

7-12 – Friday 30th August at 6.00pm

The chosen movie will be.....

**Gold Coin
Donation**

Which will be donated
to help support
Homeless Youth



**BYO
Chair/Beanbag
PLEASE**

Snacks Order Form

Name _____

Class _____

Popcorn ☐ \$2

Milkshake \$2 ☐

Bag Lollies \$

Chocolate
Caramel
Strawberry

Total Amount _____

Hunter River Community School P&C Association

**Getaway/Pamper Pack
Raffle**

Please Support
Our Raffle

**Prize Value:
\$1500.00 plus**

- **2 night getaway at THE LANDMARK, NELSON BAY**
(Self-Contained One Bedroom Apartment)
Generously Donated by the Longbottom Family
- **\$150.00 Spa Voucher: MP Spa & Beauty**
Maitland and Greenhills
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- **\$100.00 Hair Voucher: Hermosa—Greenhills**
- **2 \$30.00 Vouchers: Barber Industries—Greenhills**
- **\$100.00 Voucher: Timezone—Greenhills**
- **2 Movie Vouchers: Hoyts—Greenhills**
- **\$20 Meal Voucher: The Greenroom-Greenhills**
- **\$50.00 Voucher: McDonalds**
- **\$350.00 Bath and Beauty Products**
also Chocolates and Wine

TICKETS: \$2.00ea or 3 for \$5.00
Drawn Approx. 27th September, 2019