

# HRCS Happenings



Term 3, Week 5

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## Principal's Message

Dear families and friends

Week 5 has been a very exciting and busy week!

**P&C Meeting:** On Wednesday evening our dedicated P&C met for the Term 3 meeting. Items discussed included upcoming school events, P&C expenditure and fundraising activities. Thank you to Tanya Longbottom who kindly bought along a snack tray for everyone to enjoy! Minutes of the meeting will be distributed in the coming weeks.

**P&C Raffle:** This week family and friends would have received a P&C raffle book. These tickets are for the pamper raffle that has some fabulous prizes! Happy selling and good luck!

**Maitland Christian School:** We are extremely fortunate to have a wonderful service learning relationship with Maitland Christian School. This week is their Mission Week, and as a part of that program, we have had the pleasure of hosting a group of staff and students this week. Students have been assisting with students in classrooms, and have been working with small groups of students to create a large piece of art. We have enjoyed providing the opportunity for young people to learn about disabilities and to continue to break down the barriers. Thank you Maitland Christian School for your commitment to our school.

**New faces:** This week we have also welcomed Mackenzie, an intern from Newcastle University, to our school. Mackenzie is working in Giraffe Room and has spent the week getting to know the students and teaching some innovative and exciting lessons. We hope that Mackenzie enjoys her time at HRCS, and we wish her all the very best in her future career.

**NDIS Feedback Session:** On Thursday I attended the NDIS Feedback Session at East Maitland Bowling Club. It was an opportunity to talk about issues, highlight areas that need 'fixing' to have a voice. I would strongly urge any of our families that have experienced difficulties with the NDIS review process to contact relevant Government Department to register your dissatisfaction.

**Father's Day:** Thank you to everyone who has donated items for our upcoming Father's Day stall. We are still looking for gifts, and any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Our Father's Day Breakfast will be held on Thursday 29 August from 8:00am, and all dads, grandfather's uncles, carers, mums and friends are warmly invited to join us.

Our Father's Day Stall will be held on Friday 30 August. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation for pick of the table. Hope to see you there!

**Work Education Program – Recipe Book:** One of our Senior Work Education Programs for the latter half of this year is to produce a Hunter River Community School Recipe Book. We are looking for your assistance to provide 'favourite recipes' in a variety of categories including:

## Dates For Diaries

2019

<b>**Thursday 29 August **</b> K-6 Movie Night
<b>**Thursday 29 August **</b> Father's Day Breakfast @8am
<b>**Friday 30 August**</b> 7-12 Movie Night
<b>**Friday 30 August**</b> Father's Day Stall
<b>Wednesday 4 September</b> Year 7 & 10 Vaccinations
<b>**Friday 20 September **</b> World—Games Sports Carnival
<b>** Friday 27 September **</b> Footy Colours Day
<b>Friday 27 September</b> End of Term 3 2019
<b>Monday 14 October</b> Staff & Students for Term 4 2019
<b>Monday 28-Thursday 31 October</b> Senior 4 day Camp
<b>**Monday 4 November**</b> Halloween Disco
<b>Friday 6 December</b> Year 12 Formal
<b>Wednesday 11 December</b> Presentation Day
<b>Wednesday 18 December</b> Year 12 Day
<b>Wednesday 18 December</b> Last day of Term 4 for Students

**We are Safe - We Learn - We Care**



- ◆ Starter
- ◆ Main
- ◆ Desserts
- ◆ Vegan
- ◆ Gluten Free
- ◆ Fussy/finicky Eaters

If you have a recipe that you would like to contribute, please send in. We would like your recipes to have the following features:

- ◆ Typed or clearly handwritten - there is a big difference between a tablespoon (tbsp) and a teaspoon (tsp)

Recipes can be sent by the following:

- ◆ Email: [hunterrivc-s.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:hunterrivc-s.school@det.nsw.edu.au)
- ◆ Faxed to 4933 5557
- ◆ Sent via the communication book (on a separate piece of paper)

We look forward to all of your wonderful contributions. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

**Open Day:** Today we held our 2019 Education Week Open Day. The activities commenced with an assembly where we recognised the wonderful achievements of all our students and the dedication of the fabulous staff who work with them every day.

This week is also Book Week, a week where the spotlight is focused on the importance of literacy and reading. This year's theme is "Reading is a Superpower", and at HRCS we certainly want to promote a love of reading and literacy.

Our Book Week Parade was a source of colour and joy as students paraded and showcased their favourite Book Week Character. I would like to thank all of our families and carers for the amazing effort that was put into creating the fabulous costumes. Well done! Congratulations to our visitors who were awarded a best dressed prize!

After a short break, we moved into the Tabloid Sports section of our day. Students and staff, in their Sporting House Colours, participated in a March Past that highlighted the friendly rivalry between Belmore and Morpeth. Students then moved into rotation of several activities. Everyone competed with great sportsmanship and had a wonderful time. Well done everyone!

The very busy day concluded with a sausage sizzle lunch. My sincere thanks to all of the staff who worked tirelessly to organise today. Your dedication and commitment is to be commended. Thank you to all of our families and friends who joined us for today's activities.

I hope everyone has a great week! **Kind Regards - Tracey**

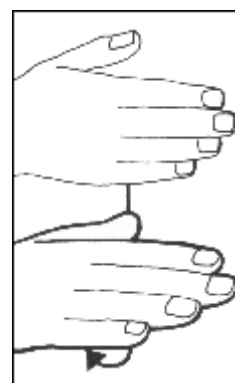
**Wellbeing Quote:** "Never underestimate the power of a few little unexpected kind deeds you do for others along the way. These may be your seeds of greatness".

## Sign of the Week

**Word:** Want

### Want

Move heel of open right hand down side of chest and turn to palm down.



**Fathers Day Breakfast:** We will be hosting our annual Father's Day Breakfast next Thursday 29 August @8am. Text message has been sent home today for RSVP's. Everyone welcome. Please RSVP to the text message if you can make it for catering purposes.

**Father's Day Stall:** Our father's day stall will take place next Friday, 30 August 2019. All gifts will be a gold coin donation.

P&C Raffle tickets were forwarded home yesterday with students. Raffle on display in school office. A great pamper raffle! See page 11 for more details.



## Brownny's Blog

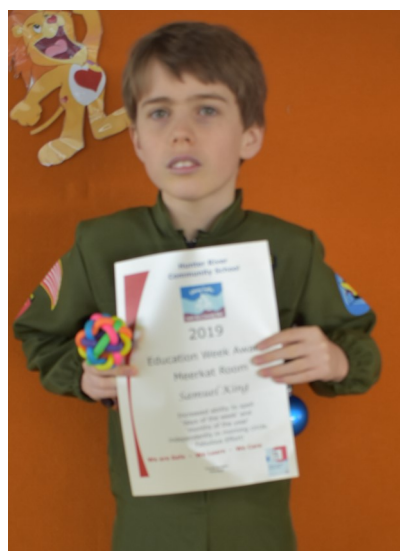
Last week Blake asked his classmate Billy to come over to Metford PS for a play, It was fantastic to see Blake introducing Billy to his new friends. Billy also ran into some old friends. Integration between our two schools at its best!! Well done boys!!



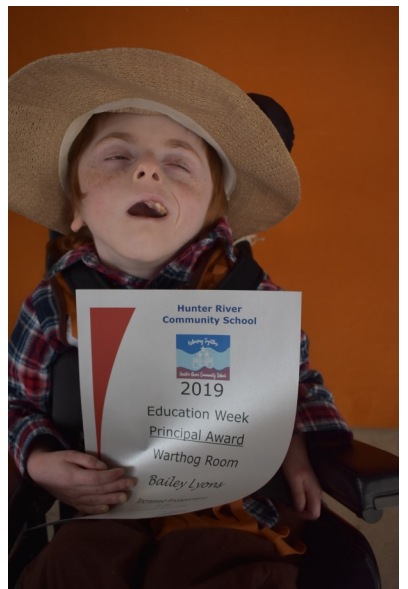
## Education Week Awards

Room	Student Education Week Awards	Award For
Hornbill Room	Jesse Bailey	Exceptional engagement & participation in visual arts
	Adam Hoare	Outstanding progress using sign language & Boardmaker visuals to communicate needs and wants
Principal's Award	Charles Mury	Excellent engagement in all class activities
Meerkat Room	Samuel King	Increased ability to spell 'days of the week' & 'months of the year' independently in morning circle. Fabulous effort!
	Hayley Payne	Corresponding the start of a letter to another word for the whole alphabet independently. Fantastic work Hayley!
Principal's Award	Emma Longbottom	Enthusiastic approach to all learning opportunities
Hyena Room	Haysam Sheldon	Consistently engaging in positive choice making & attentiveness to classwork
	William Smith-Gardiner	Increased engagement in classroom activities & verbal skills
Principal's Award	Nikkie Fleming	Outstanding participation in Work Placement Program
Elephant Room	Hayden Armstrong	Amazing progress with communication device
	Claire Turnbull	Wonderful progress towards PLP Goals
Principal's Award	Shaan Bhatia	Enthusiastic engagement in all learning
Giraffe Room	Jack Digney	Increased engagement when completing all learning tasks
	Isaac Johns	Increased engagement when interacting with his PODD Book
Principal's Award	Emilia Moya	Making outstanding green choices when engaging in Supported Integration Programs

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Toucan Room	Jack Bajric	Consistent and cooperative behaviour this semester
	Breanne Cook	Big improvement in responding to communication symbols
Principal's Award	Ethan Parkinson	Enthusiastic approach to all learning opportunities
Warthog Room	Mattie Davies	Excellent progress in self-care. Independently holds his drink bottle
	Joshua Khalifa	Outstanding progress in communication skills
Principal's Award	Bailey Lyons	Increased engagement in all curriculum activities
Gazelle Room	Billy Hutcheon	Working hard across all key learning areas, especially in Mathematics
	Lochlin Johnson	Improved engagement & participation in all work tasks. Always listening & following directions
Principal's Award	Darcy Simon	Excellent advancements in communicating
Mandrill Room	Jonathon New	Huge improvement with his mobility, eating program & increased participating in all class activities
	Catherine Awraham	Increased & improved alertness, awareness & willingness to communicate & respond with/to staff
Principal's Award	Travis O'Connell	Increased engagement in all learning opportunities
Cheetah Room	Jackson Anderson	Being an excellent class member and school leader
	Seth McLouglin	Outstanding work in all academic tasks
Principal's Award	Liam Brazier	Increased engagement & enthusiasm for all curriculum activities











# 100% Attendance 16 August - 22 August

Jack B
Samantha
Charlotte
Chloe
Charleigh
Justin H
Billy
Alivia
Lochlin
Lewis
Joshua
Bevan
Jesse
Samuel
Blair
Luke
Emma
Emilia
Charles
Kody
Travis
Ethan
Hayley
Brennan
Darcy
William S-G
Zachary
Blake
Jacqueline
Koby W







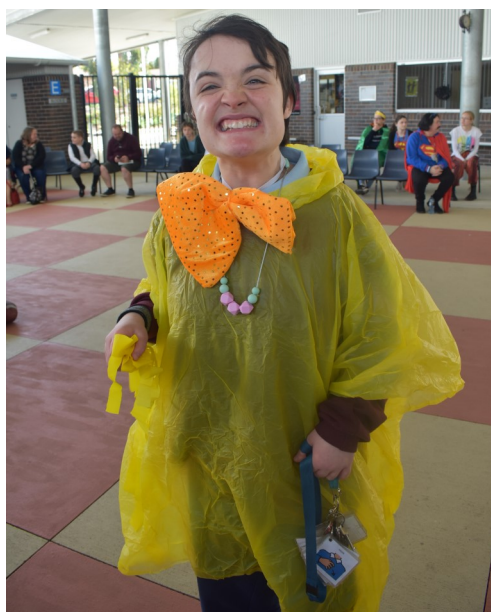
**Welcome Mackenzie:** This week we welcomed Mackenzie to Giraffe Room. McKenzie is completing her four week teaching internship with HRCS.



### Tabloid Sports—Education Week







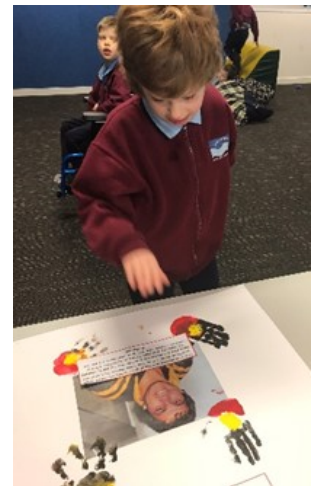






## Elephant Room

Elephant Room have enjoyed participating in Indigenous Cultural activities during Term 3. They learnt about a famous Indigenous football player, Arthur Beetson, they played some Indigenous games and tasted some Indigenous food. They have also loved having visitors this week from Maitland Christian School assist them in completing literacy and numeracy tasks.







HRCS is having a

## Family Movie Night

All students and their Families are invited to attend.

There will be two sessions:

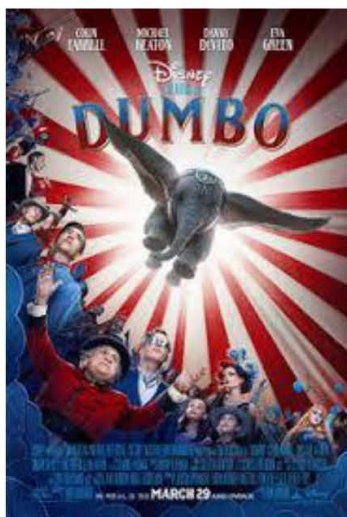
**K-6- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August at 6.00pm**

**7-12 – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 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**