

HRCS Happenings



Term 3, Week 1

26 July 2019

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Principal's Message

Dear families and friends

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope that everyone had a good holiday and enjoyed the break from school routine!

Welcome back Amy: We are pleased to welcome Amy back to HRCS. Amy has been on maternity leave for the first half of the year and is returning 5 days per fortnight in Gazelle Room. We look forward to seeing all of the wonderful things Amy and Viv have planned for their students.

Change of Details: We know that holiday times can often be a great opportunity to move houses or change phone numbers. To assist us maintain accurate records at school, it would be greatly appreciated if any change of detail information could be passed on. To assist with this, a change of detail form is attached.

If your child has had a change in medication that is administered at home or at school, could you please complete the attached medication update form and return at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Respite Advice: It is wonderful that some of our families are being provided with the opportunity to access respite services. To assist us in managing variations to transport and student pick up, it would be greatly appreciated if families and carers would complete a respite advice each time a student is accessing respite care to and from school.

Thank you for assisting us in this matter.

SEPLA: On Monday, teachers and support staff had a very early start as we travelled to Sydney to participate in the 2019 SEPLA Conference. This year the event was held at Rosehill Racecourse and over 1400 delegates attended a day packed with keynote speakers and presentations. The conference provides Professional Learning for staff in all aspects of Special Education. A highlight of the day was listening to Dr Kathryn Berkett from New Zealand talk about working with young people who are over sensitised, and having the opportunity to listen to motivational speaker Lorin Nicholson.

Thank you everyone for attending and a special well done to Shelly who drove the school bus and navigated peak hour Sydney traffic. We cannot wait until next year!

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program: Thank you to everyone who donated their Woolworth earn and Learn stickers. This week Cheetah class volunteered to collate and count all of the stickers. Everyone in class did an amazing job, and the stickers were all aligned beautifully on the cards. We look forward to collecting our prizes in the upcoming weeks. Well done Cheetahs!

Programs: Several of our programs commenced this week, with students engaging in activities on and off site.

We are extremely fortunate to have developed such wonderful networks and relationships with our local school. This week Emilia and Blake commenced their Term 3 Supported Integration program at Metford Public School, and Haysam engaged in his sessions at Maitland Christian School.

Dates For Diaries

2019

Wednesday 7 August Education Week—Sports Day
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
Thursday 7 November Halloween Disco
Wednesday 11 December Presentation Day
Wednesday 18 December Year 12 Day
Wednesday 18 December Last day of Term 4 for Students

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Our Supported Work Placements Programs also commenced for Semester 2. Nikkie has commenced a placement Fresh Hope Care Greenhills. Well done Nikkie! Billy is enjoying assisting at Tilly's Day Care Centre at Rutherford. Excellent work Billy. We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our local businesses for hosting the placements and for their ongoing support of our school.

Year 12 Students: Congratulations to all of our Year 12 students who have entered in to their final semester of school. This week families and friends were invited to attend the Disability Expo to meet and research many of the Disability Services that operate in our local area.

We look forward to working with our families to ensure that all of our Year 12 students successfully transition to life after HRCS. If you would like to discuss transition from school in greater detail, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Book Week: Everyone at Hunter River Community School is very excited about celebrating Book Week 2019. Students and staff are invited to come dressed as your favourite character from your favourite book! More details will be sent home in the coming days. Happy researching and creating!

Work Wanted: Do you know anyone who may want pamphlets folded or delivered? Our senior work program is looking for opportunities to engage in work activities. Some of our students excel in folding, sticking, stamping and delivering and are very keen to develop wonderful work skills. If you know anyone who might be interested in taking up this free opportunity, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Any information would be greatly appreciated.

Connah's Fundraising Day: As many of you might be aware, our friend Connah has recently had a new diagnosis of Jordan's Syndrome, which is a rare genetic disorder. To raise awareness and to fundraise for continued research into Jordan's syndrome, Connah and his wonderful family are hosting a day of fun and excitement this Sunday. The extravaganza will be held at Maitland Park Bowling Club, with festivities kicking off at 10:00am. There will be a wide range of activities including face painting, stalls, balloon animal making and a sausage sizzle. There is a wonderful raffle with many fabulous prizes including a holiday, Jimmy Barnes tickets and tickets to Taronga Zoo. Tickets can be purchased on the day or from school, with the raffle being drawn on 11 August 2019. If you would like to support Connah, please pop over to Maitland Park Bowling club on Sunday for a day of wonderful family fun. Good luck Connah! (Facebook Link) <https://www.facebook.com/helpconnahfindhisvoice/>

My Community Project: The My Community Project is all about local ideas, local projects and local decisions. Our P&C have submitted a proposal to fund an electronic noticeboard at the front of the school. We need your help as the success of our project depends on the number of votes we receive.

How do I vote for projects in my area?

You'll be able to vote online or at your nearest Service NSW Centre.

To vote, you'll need:



a [MyServiceNSW Account\(external link\)](#) – if you do not have an account, [sign up on the Service NSW website\(external link\)](#), call 13 77 88 or visit a [Service](#)



your Medicare card to verify your name and age



your NSW residential address to identify your electorate

You'll need to pick between three and five projects in your electorate, arrange them in order of your preference, then submit your vote. Each person can vote only once.

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. Happy voting!

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

Wellbeing Quote: "Seek opportunities to show you care. The smallest gestures often make the biggest difference".
John Wooden

Student Leader Awards

Captains Awards: Today's Captain's Award was selected by Nikkie and was awarded to 'Cheetah' Room for collating all the Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers.

House Captain Awards: Today's House Captain's Award was selected by Brennan and was awarded to Hayden from Elephant Room for great riding skills at RDA.

Prefect Awards: Our Prefect's Award for this week was selected by Zach T and was awarded to Nikkie and Billy for being so excited about work placement.



Cheetah Room



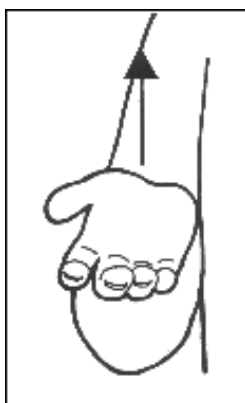
It's been just amazing supporting Blake at Metford PS. He just loves his cricket and has found it a challenge to move over to football! Once again the boys have been just so encouraging and inclusive. Blake just loves playing footy now!!! Well done Blake! Well done Metford boys!

Brownny's Blog



Sign of the Week

Word: Stand Up



Stand

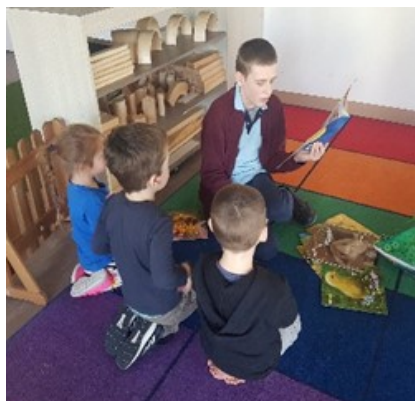
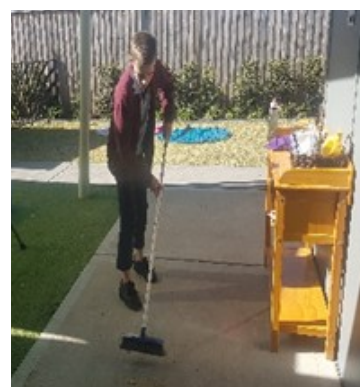
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Up

Move open right hand upwards.

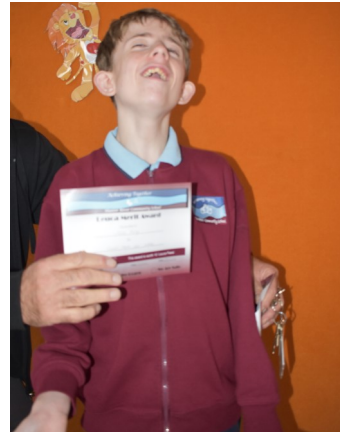
I'm very excitedThis week a year 12 student has started Work Experience at Fresh Hope Care Greenhills. This is a first with this company. They were very supportive and would love to have an ongoing relationship with our school.

Billy has started work experience at Tilly's. He had a fantastic first day! Helping the littlies in the Monkey Room pack up after lunch, then moving into the Tiger Room, spending quiet time with the older children. They loved Billy reading stories and a special visit from the chicks was a highlight!! Well done Billy!



**PBL Awards
Term 3
Week 1**

**100% Attendance
5 July - 25 July 2019**



Jackson
Hayden
Jesse B
Jack B
Michael
Charlotte
Christopher
Jack D
Chloe
Charleigh
Justin H
Billy
Alivia
Lochlin
Lewis
Samuel
Jesse
Emma
Charles
Jonathon
Travis
Ethan
Brennan
Lillian
Haysam
Darcy
William
Zachary S-W
Zachary T
Elsie
Blake
Koby W



'Principal Leuca Awards'

Brielle

Jack D

Liam

Seth

PBL Staff Awards Term 3 Week 1

Teachers of the Week

Brooke
Meerkat Room



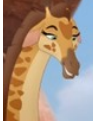
Non-Teacher of the Week

Greata
Giraffe Room



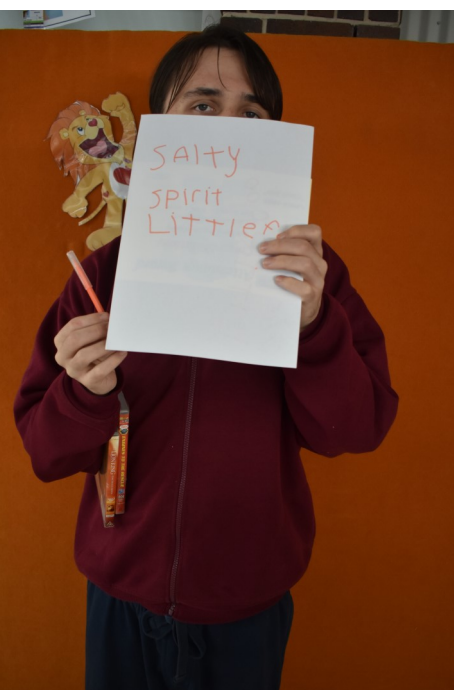
Top Playground of the Week

Giraffe



Bottom Playground of the Week

Meerkat

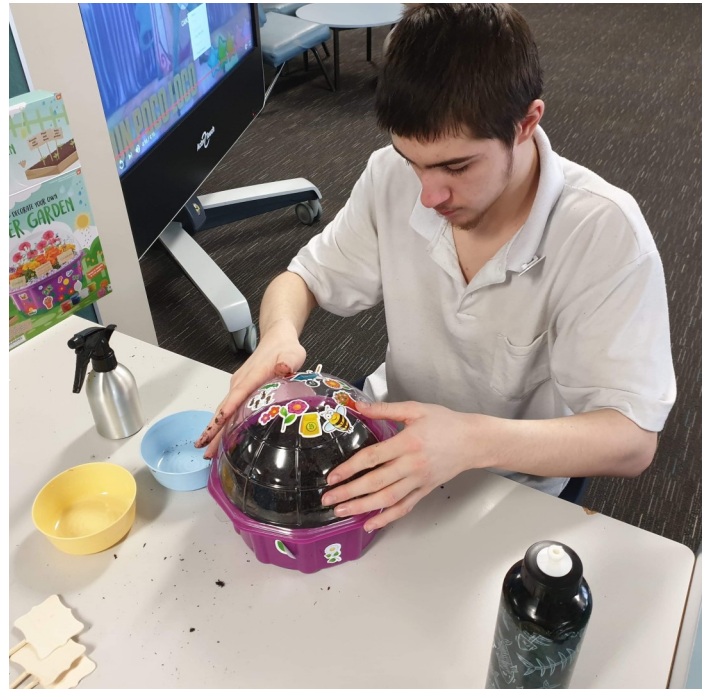


Hornbill Room



Hornbill Room is always learning and having fun. From cooking, gardening, sport, technology and with lots of English and Mathematics our days go very fast.

We are looking forward to a productive Term 3.



Achieving Together



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Change of Details

Date: _____ Student Name/s: _____

Address: _____

Home/Mobile Number: _____

Medical update: _____

Mum/Dad/Carer/Caseworker

Name: _____
Mum/Dad/Carer/Caseworker (please circle)
Mobile: _____
Work Number: _____
Email: _____

Mum/Dad/Carer/Caseworker

Name: _____
Mum/Dad/Carer/Caseworker (please circle)
Mobile: _____
Work Number: _____
Email: _____

Emergency Contact Details

1. Name: _____
Relationship: _____
Contact Details: _____
Email: _____

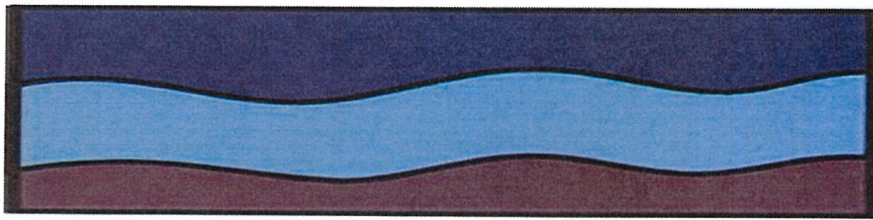
Emergency Contact Details

1. Name: _____
Relationship: _____
Contact Details: _____
Email: _____

Further details, comments and information: _____



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Request for children requiring administration of prescribed medication at school

(Note: if your child is to take more than one prescribed medication, please attach a separate request for each medication.)

Please complete this form on the basis of information provided by your medical practitioner and/or pharmacist and return it to the school. The school will then contact you again to confirm arrangements.

Please advise the school principal at any time if there are changes in the information about your child's health care needs.

Name of child:

Roll Class: .

Scholastic Year: .

Name of prescribed medication: _____

Prescribed for (name of medical condition):

Prescribed dosage:

What are you requesting the school to do?

Medication

Special storage requirements if any e.g. in refrigerator:

Special instructions for administering the prescribed medication/s e.g. must be taken with food or with a glass of water:

Through information you have from your doctor or acquired yourself, are you aware of any likely side effects from the prescribed medication?

Yes ☐

No ☐

If Yes, Please provide more information:

If your child administers his or her own medication at home, do you request that he or she self-administers this medication at school? (Note: The Principal needs to approve a decision for a student to

self-administer).

Yes ☐

No ☐

If your child self-administers the medication at home, what level of support do you provide?(Please describe):

Name of person who will carry the medication to school: _____

Medical Practitioner Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Parent or carer signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name: _____



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MEDICATION UPDATE 2019

Please complete the form below to enable us to update our records. If your child is not on any regular medication please return the form marked NIL RETURN.

NAME OF STUDENT: _____

MEDICAL CONDITION: _____

Name of Medication	Dosage	Time Administered	
		At Home	At School

Doctor's Signature or Parent's/Caregiver's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please send all medications in a "Webster Pack" or the original prescription packaging showing patient's name and dosage information.

Thank you

Tracey Rapson

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Principal



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Dear Families and Carers

RE: Respite Advice Forms

We request that parents and carers inform the school when their child is attending Respite. To ensure a duty of care is provided for all children and rectify problems we have been having not knowing where the students are going from school and who will be picking them up, we ask that the following procedures are adhered to.

1. All respite bags are to be clearly labelled with your child's name on the **OUTSIDE**
2. This form is to be sent into school **FULLY COMPLETED** prior to your child attending respite.

If **FULL INFORMATION** is not provided to Hunter River Community School, your child maybe inadvertently sent home on their regular transport.

Thank you.

Tracey Rapson

Tracey Rapson
Principal

Respite Advice Form

Student's Name: _____

Medication: Yes/No

Date for Respite: _____ **Morning/Afternoon:** _____

Commencing Date: _____

Concluding Date: _____ **Morning/Afternoon:** _____

Name of Respite Provider: _____

Transport Provided By: _____

Parents/Caregiver's Signature: _____

Date: _____



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Fact sheet for voters

My Community Project is a NSW Government program that provides funding for community projects, which are decided using a public vote. The program is made possible by the NSW Generations Fund.

Key dates

End of June

Voting opens in Myall Lakes and Camden electorates

15 July

Voting opens in remaining electorates

15 August

Voting closes in all electorates

September

Successful projects announced

Am I eligible to vote?

If you are aged 16 years or over and have a valid Medicare card, you can vote for projects in your NSW state electorate.

To vote, you will need to log in to a MyServiceNSW Account – if you do not have an account, sign up on the [Service NSW website](https://www.service.nsw.gov.au), call 13 77 88 or visit your nearest Service NSW Centre.

You can find information on creating a MyServiceNSW Account at [service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/sign-myservicnsw-account](https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/sign-myservicnsw-account)

You will also need to provide your NSW residential address to confirm your NSW state electorate.

How does it work?

Step 1: Projects were nominated

Between April and May 2019, people and organisations within your community put forward project ideas for funding between \$20,000 and \$200,000.

Step 2: Vote for your favourite project

This is your chance to help decide the projects in your electorate that get funding. Statewide voting goes live on **15 July** and is open to anyone aged 16 years or over. You can only vote once and within your electorate. Voting closes on **15 August 2019**.

Step 3: Find out about successful projects

Successful projects will be announced in **September 2019** on the [My Community Project web page](#). Successful projects that receive funding will be completed within 12 months.



What sort of projects can I vote for?

You can vote for any project in your electorate published on the voting website.

Each project will be sponsored and delivered by a community-focused organisation currently active in your electorate.

You will need to choose between three and five projects in your preferred order. For more information on how votes are counted, refer to the **How is my vote counted?** section on page 3.

Eligible projects align with one or more of the six program categories

Accessible communities:

Make everyday life more inclusive to all community members.

Cultural communities:

Add to the cultural and artistic life of the community.

Healthy communities:

Support physical and mental wellbeing.

Liveable communities:

Improve local amenity and environment.

Revitalising communities:

Foster stronger community bonds, and encourage social engagement and participation in public programs.

Safe communities:

Promote a safe and secure community where people can participate and enjoy the benefits of community life.

Where do I vote?

Projects will be published online at mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au

You will be able to see projects across NSW, but you can only vote for projects in your electorate. Each project is presented with an image, title and short summary. If you want to know more, click the summary and you will be taken to a page with detailed information about the project.

When you are ready to vote, you can log in and confirm your eligibility.

Statewide voting will be open from **15 July 2019 to 15 August 2019**.

Late votes will not be accepted.

I don't have internet access. What can I do?

If you don't have internet access, or need help navigating the system, you can visit any of the Service NSW Centres across the state for assistance. You can find your closest Service NSW Centre at service.nsw.gov.au/service-centre or by calling Service NSW on 13 77 88.

How do I vote?

Once you have logged in to your **MyServiceNSW Account** and provided your Medicare card details and your residential address, you are ready to vote. For results to best reflect your community's preferences, you must include at least three, and up to five, projects in your preferred order.

To vote, first add your favourite projects to your shortlist. Once you have shortlisted your projects you can remove or add projects and change their order. You can shortlist as many projects as you want, but you can only include between three and five projects in your vote.

You can only vote once and only for projects in your NSW state electorate. You cannot change your vote after it is submitted.

Why do I need a MyServiceNSW Account and my Medicare card to vote?

Using your MyServiceNSW Account and Medicare card ensures each person only votes once.

The MyServiceNSW Account also allows us to conduct voting online. Many people already have a MyServiceNSW Account, but if you don't, you can go to service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/sign-myservicensw-account to sign up online.

Your Medicare card will also help us identify that you're over 16 years of age and are eligible to vote for My Community Project.

Why can I only vote online?

To maintain the security of your vote, you are only able to vote online. However, if you would like assistance, you can visit your nearest Service NSW Centre or call 13 77 88 for assistance.

How is my vote counted?

My Community Project uses a preferential voting system. This vote counting system gives points for each of your preferences. Points are awarded as shown below (1st = most preferred).

At the end of voting, projects will be ranked based on each project's total number of points.

POSITION	POINTS
1st	10
2nd	5
3rd	3
4th (optional)	2
5th (optional)	1

How will the successful projects be decided?

Projects with the highest number of points in each electorate will be funded. Funding of around \$260,000 is available for each electorate.

If there is a tie in total points for two or more projects, the project with the lowest cost will be funded first. If tied projects seek exactly the same amount of funding, the Premier will decide which of these two projects is funded.

How can I find out the results?

You will be able to find out the results online after voting closes and the results have been finalised. Published information will include the projects that will receive funding, the amount of each grant and the number of points each project received.

For more information

e: mycommunityproject@dpc.nsw.gov.au

p: 13 77 88

nsw.gov.au/mycommunityproject