

# HRCS Happenings



Term 3, Week 7

6 September 2019

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## Principal's Message

Dear families and friends

I hope everyone has been enjoying the lovely spring weather.

**Farewell Courtney:** Yesterday we attended the service to farewell our dear friend Courtney. It was lovely to hear and see how many lives she had touched and to be a part of the sea of yellow that gathered. Out of the tragedy of her passing is a message for all of us to treasure each moment with our loved ones. R.I.P beautiful girl.

**Sports excursion:** Today a group of very excited Primary students headed off to Newcastle to participate in an Inclusive Sports Day. There were lots of fun activities, specifically designed to engage students in physical activities. Everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed meeting new people and learning new skills. Thank you Tracy P for coordinating the excursion. Well done everyone!

**Archery:** Today a squad of very excited students headed to the archery range! Everyone was very excited to reconnect with this fabulous sport and say "hi" to their favourite coach Peter. There was lots of excitement as scores were tallied and bullseyes were hit! Well done everyone – keep up the fabulous work!

**My Community Grants:** Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote for our My Community Grants Project. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful and our project application will not receive funding. Congratulations to our neighbours Metford Public for their successful bid. Thank you to the P&C executive for all of their hard work in preparing and submitting the application. Better luck next time!

**P&C Raffle:** Thank you to everyone who has already bought tickets in our P&C pamper raffle. If you would like additional books of tickets, or would like to purchase a ticket, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Good luck everyone!

**AECG Awards:** We are very excited to announce that some of our wonderful students have been nominated for recognition at the AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group) Pathways Award Presentation next Wednesday evening. This is the first time we have had students nominated, and we can't wait to see them receive their awards with their peers. The AECG awards recognise and celebrate the outstanding work of young Indigenous students, and we are proud that our students have been included in this prestigious event. The ceremony will be held at Maitland Grossman High School and proceedings will commence at 5:30pm. Well done to all of our nominees!

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

## Dates For Diaries

2019

<b>**Parent Chat**</b> 9 September 2019
<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



**Wellbeing Quote:** "Too often we understand the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around".  
**Leo Buscaglia**

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



## Browny's Blog

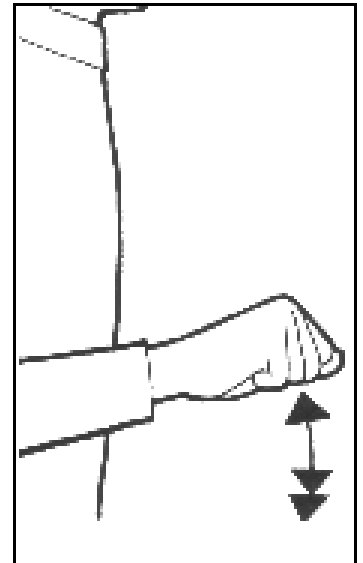
On Monday Charleigh and I were chatting about getting ready for painting. However Charleigh being such a social girl just loved the opinion page. She loved talking about how lovely the day was and how clever and funny she is!!!! Well done Charleigh! Great communicating!



## Sign of the Week

**Word:** Yes

Move right hand fist up and down from the wrist, twice.



## September Birthdays

**Sam K**

4 September

**Dekkard**

7 September

**Jesse K**

17 September

**Dylan**

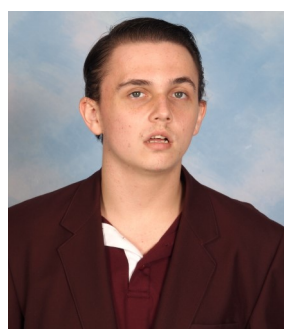
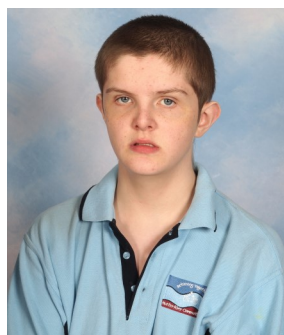
23 September

**Mitchell O**

24 September

**Emilia**

28 September



## Student Leader Awards

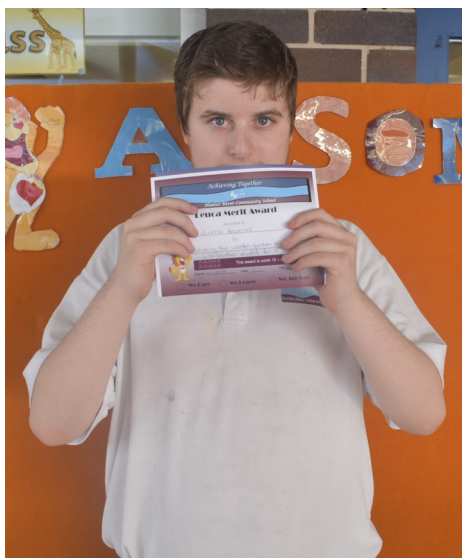
**Captains Awards:** Today's Captain's Award was selected by Jacqueline, and was awarded to Koby W for participating well in school activities.

**House Captain Awards:** Today's House Captain's Award was selected by Brennan and was awarded to Zachary from Hyena Room for great trampolining.

**Prefect Awards:** Our Prefect's Award for this week was selected by Zachary T and was awarded to Dekkard for great class participation.



## PBL Staff Awards Term 3 Week 7



## 'Principal Leuca Awards'

**Charleigh**

**Chris**

**Chloe**

**Sam C**

### Teachers of the Week

Viv  
Gazelle Room



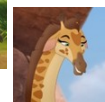
### Non-Teacher of the Week

Greata



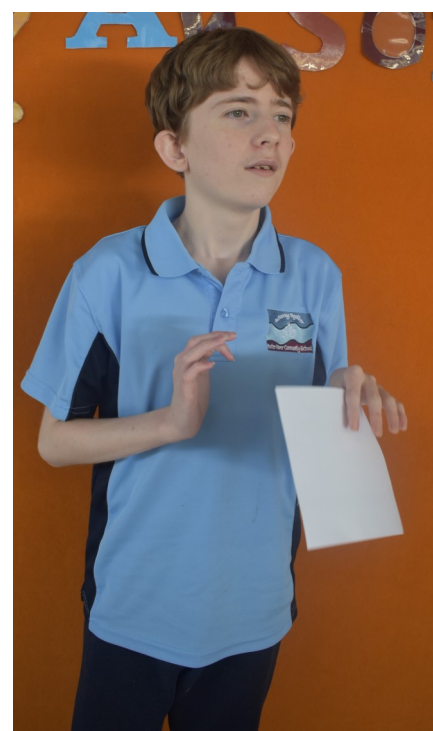
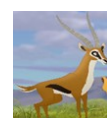
### Top Playground of the Week

Elephant/Giraffe

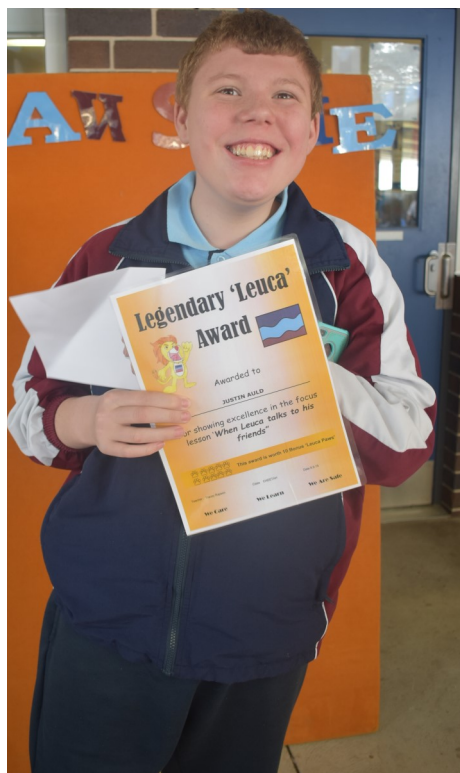
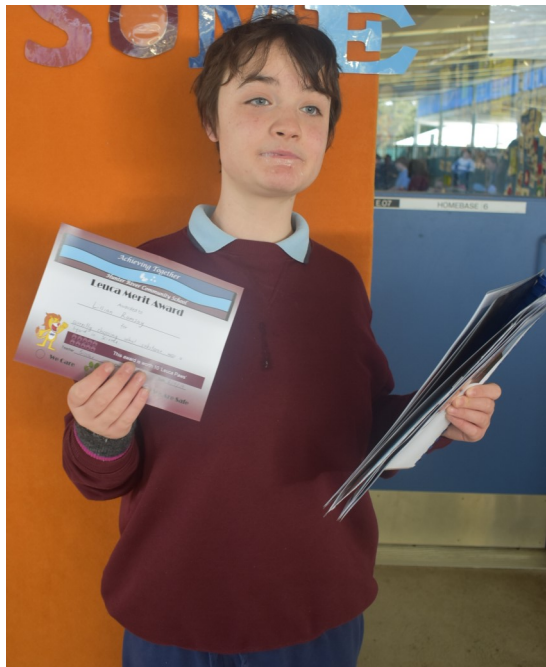


### Bottom Playground of the Week

Gazelle











**100% Attendance  
30 August - 5 September**

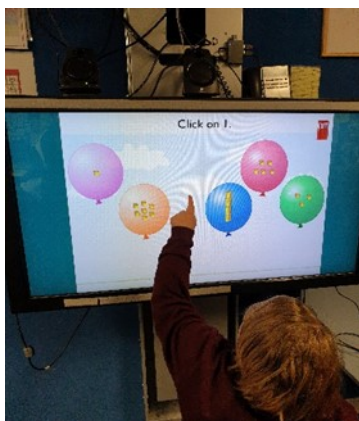
Michael
Christopher
Chloe
Charleigh
Justin
Billy
Alivia
Lochlin
Joshua
Bevan
Jesse
Samuel
Blair
Seth
Emilia
Travis
Ethan
Hayley
Brennan
Lillian
William
Zachary
Elsie
Blake
Brielle
Jacqueline
Braith
Koby W

**Good signing Koby**





## Toucan Room



**Targeting Maths**

Term 3 in the Toucan room has been very busy with lots of interesting and exciting class activities and experiments.

We have been working hard in all Key Learning Areas, and learning so much through hands on experiences.

Enjoy our photographs which have captured just some of the hard work from our Toucan students this term!

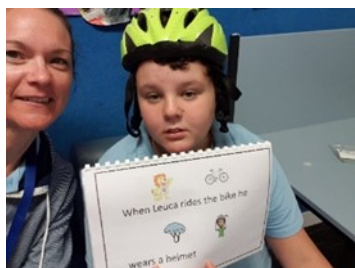
**Teachers:** Tracy & Cilla  
**SLSO's:** Mandy & Michelle



**Sensory Play**



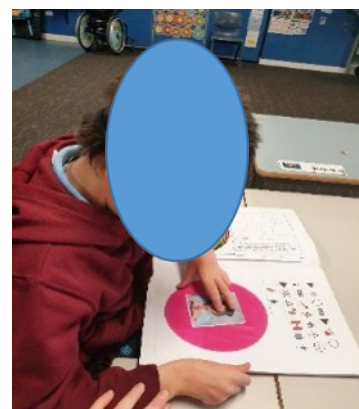
**NAIDOC Week Activity**



**Literacy Activity**



**PBL Lessons**



**Circles Program**



**Interactive Story Time**



**Measurement in Maths**



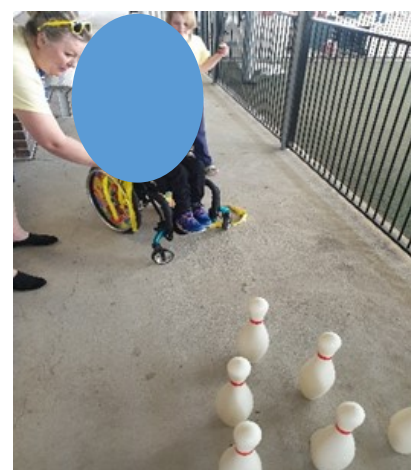
**PDHPE Lessons**



**Winter Painting in Art**



**Communication Tool**



**Sports Day**





# Parent Chat

## Week 8



**Date:** 9/9/19

**Time:** 11.30am

**Venue:** Hunter River Community  
School

**RSVP:** 6/9/19 (to the school office 49335844)

This Parent Chat will be providing parents and caregivers an opportunity to talk to some post-school options service providers. This will be an opportunity for parents to ask questions and be provided with relevant information.

Please feel free to come along and have a coffee/tea and something to eat and network with some local service providers.



**THE Mai-Wei GROUP**

Delivering excellence, equality and inclusion by enhancing the lives of people with a disability, young people and the Hunter community.  
Lifestyle & Leisure | Living Options | Working Life



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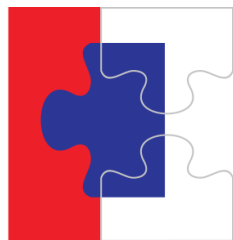
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# Strive

For Autism Inc.

Families Supporting Families Coping with Autism

## SEMINAR

### Autism - Exploring the Possibilities

featuring

**Tim Sharp & Judy Sharp**

Laser Beak Man

Tim Sharp is a young man on the spectrum who is an artist, animator and the creator of Laser Beak Man. He and his mother; Judy Sharp; a passionate speaker and strong Autism advocates, travel the world sharing their story and the pathways that lead to Tim finding his passion and how they continue to raise Autism awareness and share his talent with the world.

**Dr Lee Sturgeon**

Consultant Senior Clinical & Development Psychologist

D. Psyc(Clinical), M.A.P.S., M.C.C.Ps

Lee specialises in the assessment and treatment of children and adolescents with Autism disorders (ASD) and development disorders for over 25 years.

#### Providing you with a unique insight into the world of Autism

With Tim & Judy Sharp's personal perspectives and firsthand experience coping with Autism and our proud Ambassador for Strive For Autism; Dr Lee Sturgeon's wealth of experience gained over years of operating a professional practice. The "Autism - Exploring the possibilities" seminar will provide you with an unique insight into the world of Autism and is tailored for GP's, Specialist, Nurses, Principals, Teachers, SLCO, Parents, Carers & Community Members alike.

**When:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**Time:** 6:00pm - 9.00pm

**Venue:** Cessnock Performing Arts Centre  
198 Vincent Street, Cessnock

**Cost:** \$25.00

**Tickets By:** 198 Vincent Street, Cessnock 02 4990 7134  
Box office [www.cessnockperformingartscentre.com.au](http://www.cessnockperformingartscentre.com.au)

**Entertainment:** Sophie Kerslake

**For further information:** Contact Maxine Baird - President on 0419 913 033



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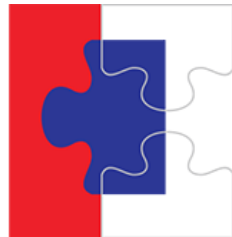
**Autism - Exploring the Possibilities will contribute 2 hours of QTC Registered PD addressing 6.2.2 from the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers towards maintaining Proficient Teacher Accreditation in NSW.**

[info@striveforautism.org.au](mailto:info@striveforautism.org.au) [www.striveforautism.org.au](http://www.striveforautism.org.au)

Postal Address: 101 Vincent St, Cessnock NSW 2325







# Strive

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## Tim & Judy Sharp

The internationally recognised artist and animator; Tim Sharp, and his mother; Judy Sharp, join us to share their inspiring family story, encapsulating Judy's incredible experiences escaping from a domestic abuse situation to go on to raise her two wonderful sons; Tim and Sam, and Tim's journey on the spectrum and his many achievements to date.

As a young boy, Tim was unable to communicate and seemed isolated in his own world. Judy, wanting the best for her son, expresses their struggle and her desire to connect. Depicting how their lives changed for the better, the day Tim picked up a pencil and began to draw.

Through Judy's immense love and dedication - "where there is a will, there IS a way" we see the amazing outcomes of focussing on Tim's abilities opposed to disabilities. Judy shares how they discovered Tim's love of drawing and incredible talents as an Artist, with his super hero creation "Laser Beak Man"; a cartoon character from his imagination.

Tim began to share his creation and artworks with the world in 1991. His work was recognised with a nomination for Young Australian of the Year in 2005 and in 2010, "Laser Beak Man" was made into an animated series which has been seen in Australia and overseas, with many of Tim's artworks selling worldwide.

Well known for their work in helping to advance people's understanding of the lives of those on the Spectrum, and having spoken at numerous conferences including twice at the Sydney Opera House. Tim and Judy's talk will provide real life examples of the difficulties faced by those on the Autism Spectrum and the importance of using individual strengths, tailored strategies to achieve life goals and exploring the possibilities.



## Dr Lee Sturgeon

Dr Lee Sturgeon is a Consultant Senior Clinical and Developmental Psychologist. He has specialized in the assessment and treatment of children, adolescents and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and other developmental disorders for over 25 years. He has reviewed approximately 2300 clients and their families over this time.

Lee has completed a doctorate in Clinical Psychology. He has a private practice for 15 years with a focus on ASD and developmental disorders in children and adolescents. Prior to this he worked for Hunter New England Health Service in a similar capacity.

Lee is a proud Ambassador for Strive for Autism and lectures widely across Australia and conducts regular educational seminars specialising in the provision of practical behavioural interventions. His extensive experience in working with individuals on the Spectrum has lead him to develop some keen insights into the challenges these individuals may face in navigating and interacting with the world. Lee's presentation will focus on understanding what Autism is and identifying the main issues associated with it. He will also provide some guidance on the strategies that can be used to address these issues and to capitalize on the strengths that are often found associated with Autism.

**"Pun for Fun"**  
Art Competition!



Great prizes to be won sponsored by 'The Sensory Clinic Maitland'  
Refer to website for more details [www.striveforautism.org.au](http://www.striveforautism.org.au)  
Artwork will be on display at the seminar and winners will be announced

# From Diagnosis to O A M

A Personal Autism Journey

## Hunter Valley

Thursday 31 October 2019

**Afternoon session:** 12:30-2:30pm

**Evening session:** 6:30-9pm (includes sibling perspective)

**Daniel and Daryl will discuss Daniel's journey from diagnosis to present day** giving an insight from Daniel's personal perspective of living day-to-day as a person on the Autism Spectrum.

Topics explored include diagnosis, school journey, independent living, employment and strategies used to achieve the best outcomes.

There will also be an opportunity for question time.

## Presented by

**Daniel Giles O A M**

Autism Self-Advocate

**Daryl Giles**

Parent Perspective

**Special Guest (evening session only)**

**Leash Giles:** Sibling perspective

(more on next page)



## Venue

Metford Community Baptist Church Auditorium  
83-85 Chelmsford Drive, Metford

## Tickets

Individuals on the spectrum, family members & carers: \$25

Professionals: \$50

[www.trybooking.com/BEETI](http://www.trybooking.com/BEETI)

## Contact

email: [admin@speakinginsights.com.au](mailto:admin@speakinginsights.com.au)

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## **Barry Jasper Memorial Charity Golf Day**

28 August 2019

Last year we were devastated to lose our dear friend, colleague and community member, Barry Jasper.

Barry gave so much to those around him and was always the very first person to help others—always with a smile and “How are you doing mate?”

Hunter River Community School has been very fortunate to have Barry and his wonderful family as integral members of our school community. Even during the family’s darkest days, they put Barry’s love for our students, families and school as a priority, asking for donations to our school in Barry’s memory.

We are holding ‘Barry Jasper Memorial Golf Day’ on Sunday 20 October 2019 at Beresfield Golf Club. The day will be in the Ambrose Competition format, with teams of 4 invited to come along for a day of fun and laughter. Tee off at 8am after a delicious breakfast.

We are looking for sponsors to support our Inaugural ‘Barry Jasper Memorial Golf Day’.

Your assistance and support would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

*Tracey Rapson*

Tracey Rapson  
**Principal**







# **Barry Jasper Memorial Charity Golf Day—20 October 2019**

**Tee Off at 8am  
@Beresfield Golf Club**

**Become a Sponsor**  
All proceeds to  
Hunter River Community School

**Gold Sponsor: Major - \$500**  
**Silver Sponsor: Silver - \$250**  
**Bronze Sponsor: Bronze - \$150**

## **Gold Sponsor**

- . Team entry on the day (4 players)
- . Advertising banners on first hole tee-off and another hole of your choice
- . An opportunity to hand out any promotional merchandise for your company (brochures, etc.)
- . A special mention in our weekly school newsletter





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## **Silver Sponsor**

- Advertising banners on any hole between holes 2-6
- An opportunity to hand out any promotional merchandise for your company (brochures, etc.)
- A special mention in our weekly school newsletter

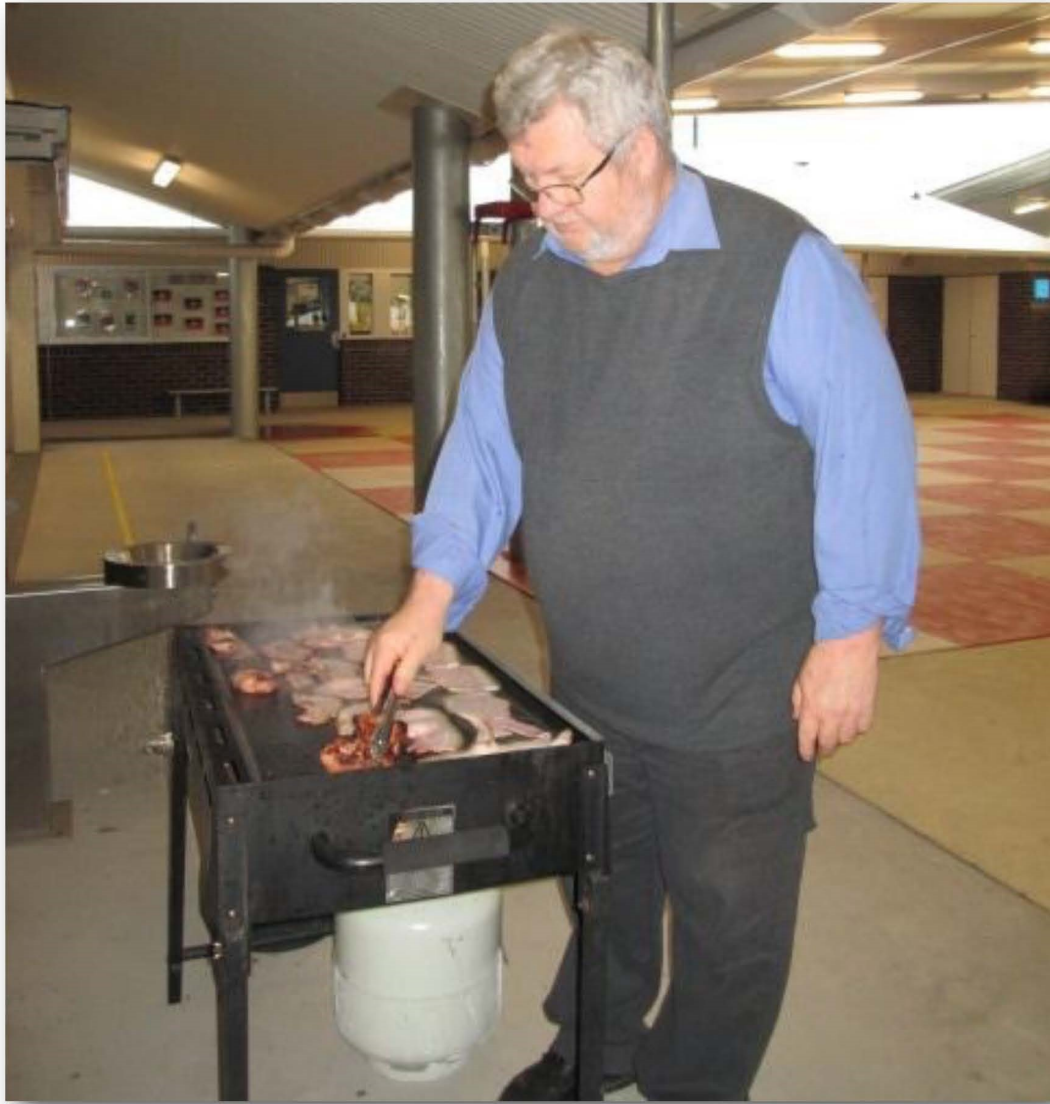


## **Bronze Sponsor**

- Advertising banners along the last holes
- An opportunity to hand out any promotional merchandise for your company (brochures, etc)
- A special mention in our weekly school newsletter







**Sponsorship Donations:** Donations can be donated by the following methods:

- ♦ Hunter River Community School per cash/cheque - cheques can be mailed to Hunter River Community School at 17 Melaleuca Drive Metford NSW 2323
- ♦ Via our online payment system at - <http://www.hunterrivc-s.schools.nsw.edu.au/> - or call our office for an over the phone payment
- ♦ Please go to the \$make a payment tab
- ♦ Enter your Name and DOB
- ♦ Select next section
- ♦ Enter your contact details
- ♦ Select next section
- ♦ Payment type—other — Barry Jasper Memorial Golf Day—Sponsorship (enter your company name/name), put in your sponsorship amount
- ♦ Next section - enter your payment details and proceed to confirmation



# Barry Jasper Memorial Charity Golf Day—20 October 2019

## Tee Off at 8am

## Registration Form

Hunter River Community School prides itself as a model of best practice in the **Education of Students with Special Needs**. Our professional, highly skilled staff are committed to achieving the best outcomes for students in a safe nurturing environment. Please join us for the Inaugural Barry Jasper Memorial Golf Fundraiser for Hunter River Community School.

**Entry is \$50 per person** which will pay for your game, breakfast and entry into the lucky dip raffle.

All funds raised will go to Hunter River Community School for purchases of special needs supplies for our students.



4 Person Ambrose played over 11 holes

**Date:** Sunday 20 October 2019

**Venue:** Beresfield Golf Course, Anderson Drive Beresfield

**Tee Off:** Meet from 7.00am for breakfast cooked by staff of Hunter River Community School  
Tee off from 8am - All tee times drawn the week before

**Entry:** \$50 per person - All funds raised go to Hunter River Community School for purchase of special needs supplies for students

**Contact:** Tracey Rapson  
Principal  
4933 5844  
hunterrivc-s.school@det.nsw.edu.au





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## 20 October 2019

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The day will be in the Ambrose Competition format,  
with teams of 4 invited to come along for a day of fun and laughter.

Team Name	Team Members	Team Manager Name	Team Manager Email & Mobile

**Please email Team Registration Form to: [hunterrvc-s.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:hunterrvc-s.school@det.nsw.edu.au)**

- ☐ \$50 individual team members will pay Cash/Cheque
 ☐ \$200 full team entry will pay Cash/Cheque  
☐ \$50 individual team members will pay P.O.P.
 ☐ \$200 full team entry will pay via P.O.P.

#### Payments: Payments to be made by the following methods:

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**Please do not hesitate to contact our office  
if further payment details or information is required**

	
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# 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**