

# HRCS Happenings



Term 2, Week 8

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## Principal's Message

Dear families and friends

The end of the term is rapidly approaching, but there is still lots of fun and exciting things happening in and around HRCS!

**Strictly Ballroom:** On Friday a group of very excited young people headed off to the Civic Theatre to watch the St Phillip Christian College presentation of Baz Luhrmann's Strictly Ballroom. The musical was full of bright lights, colourful costumes and wonderful music, and all of our students thoroughly enjoyed their experiences. Well done everyone and thank you Jackie for coordinating the excursion!

**Aussie's Ark:** Students in Cheetah Room are very excited about their next exciting venture. Cheetah science students have been studying human impacts upon the environment and technology's role in addressing the problems. After studying the impact of plastic in the sea, and the loss of rain forests, they are now focusing on ways to save nearly extinct species. The class is focusing on Tasmania Devils, and have been investigating the wonderful work that is being undertaken in the Barrington tops in the Aussie's Ark settlement.

Cheetah class is asking for your assistance. They are seeking to raise enough money through silver coin donations to be able to feed a Tasmanian Devil. This week your child will be bringing home an envelope asking for a collection of 5 or 10 cent pieces. This money is to support the great work in our own backyard – Aussie Ark (formally Devil's Ark).

We hope that you are able to assist with this class project and sponsor a Tasmanian Devil. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact the school!

**Star Struck:** Another year of Star Struck has finished, and all of our performers did an amazing job on and off stage. Their attention when performing was wonderful to watch and everyone certainly enjoyed the experience immensely! We are so very proud of each and every one of you!

Once again I would like to thank all of our volunteers, staff and families and friends who worked extremely hard to support our wonderful students! Thank you Tash for all your hard work and attention to detail! Everyone's commitment is outstanding!

**Donations:** East Maitland Bowling, Golf & Leisure Clubs have always been extremely generous supporters of our school. On Tuesday evening, P&C President Kiley McDonald and I attended the Club Grants evening at the bowling club. During the evening, the club donated an incredible \$240 000 to over 100 various charities and organisations within our local area. We were extremely honoured and thankful to receive a donation of \$20 000! This money is tagged to keep our two buses on the road, and to support our young people in their Community Access Programs.

We are extremely grateful for the club's ongoing support of our school, students and programs! I would strongly encourage all of our school community to take the time to visit either the bowling or golf club and express your gratitude for their commitment and dedication to HRCS. We are extremely fortunate to have such a wonderful community partner!

## Dates For Diaries 2019

<b>Friday 5 July</b> End of Term 2
<b>Monday 22 July</b> Staff return for Term 3 2019
<b>Tuesday 23 July</b> Students return for Term 3 2019
<b>Wednesday 4 September</b> Year 7 & 10 Vaccinations
<b>Friday 20 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>Wednesday 18 December</b> Last day of Term 4 for Students

**Our PBL Assembly will be held on Wednesday of next week - 26 June 2019**

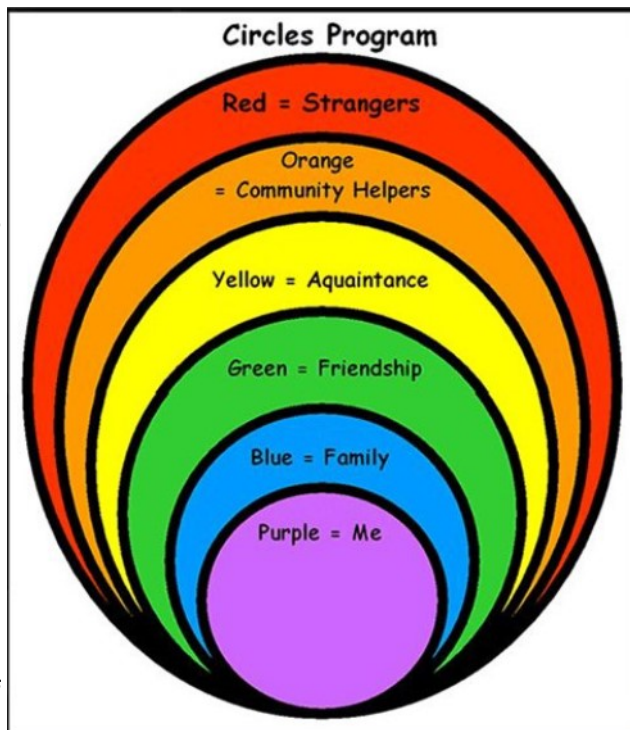
**We are Safe - We Learn - We Care**



**Woolworths Earn & Learn 2019:** There is still time to participate in the Woolworths Earn & Learn Program. 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. Happy shopping!

**Circles Program:** This term every class will be introducing and working on the Circles Social Skills Program. This is a visual program which aims to provide a guide on Social skills, personal safety and appropriate boundaries. This is an example of what a generic program will look like. At HRCS, we tend to add photos to each circle to facilitate greater understanding. If you would like a copy of the program for home, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.



**NDIS Therapy Requests:** Thank you to those families who have submitted a NDIS therapy request for review. The Learning and Support Team that review each request, try to accommodate most applications that can be aligned to students Personalised Learning and Support Plan. The times allocated for therapy delivery are balanced with the classroom teacher's timetable, and are not able to be varied. To assist us with this process, can you please indicate on your NDIS application if the therapy staff you are working with only work certain days. This will avoid the situation of therapy staff not being able to adhere to allocated times. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to discuss this matter in greater detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

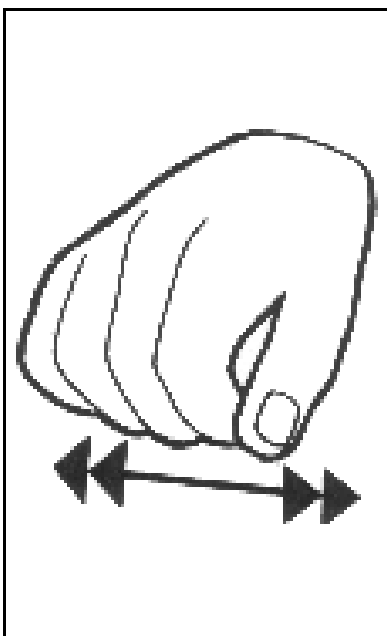
I hope that everyone has a wonderful week! **Kind Regards - Tracey**

**Wellbeing Quote:** "More compassionate mind, more sense of concern for other's well-being, is source of happiness" **Dalai Lama**

### Sign of the Week

**Word:** No

Make a relaxed fist with the right hand—shake formation sideways in front of body.



### PBL Assembly—Week 9

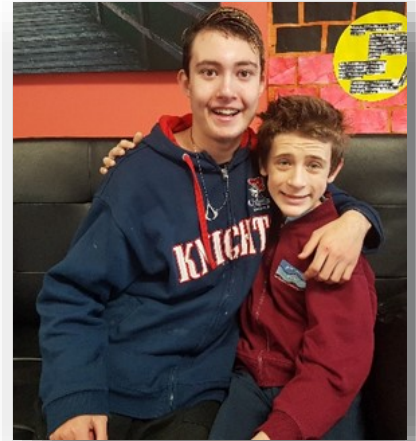
Due to a staff and hall commitment next week, our weekly PBL assembly will take place on Wednesday, 26 June @10:00am.

## Browny's Blog

I loved bowling this week. On the way to bowling, Breanne and I enjoyed a chat. There were lots of things to chat about on the bus.

Billy and Hase scrubbed up alright after all the gel they put in their hair before going to Greenhills shopping!

In Elephant room, Helen has been working with Claire on independently opening her lunch box! Yay you did it Claire.. well done!!



## Eggcitement

We had extreme eggcitement from 'Toucan' Room yesterday. Toucan Room feeds our chickens every afternoon and have been looking for that elusive egg. Yesterday was the day where Charlotte could collect the eggs.

Well done to Toucan Room for collecting our food scraps and feeding our chickens. Your delightful eggcitement was contagious.





## Circus Quirkus

**100% Attendance**  
**14 June - 20 June 2019**

We have once again been given complimentary tickets for the upcoming 'Circus Quirkus' in the school holidays. We have tickets available for both day and night time sessions. If you would like to take advantage of this wonderful offer and take your family, please contact our office for tickets on 4933 5844.

**When:** Wednesday 10 July

**Time:** 11.30am & 6.00pm

**Where:** Wests City - Cnr King & Union Streets Newcastle - please see attachment with newsletter for more information

**What is Circus Quirkus:** **Circus Quirkus** is an animal-free contemporary take on your favourite, traditional circuses of ages past. It is an eclectic and entertaining mix of Circus acts brought to you from all over the world. Internationally renowned Clowns, Jugglers, Acrobats, and more deliver funny, hugely engaging and sometimes death-defying acts of unbelievable skill. Circus Quirkus is **suitable for audiences of all ages**. For further information please visit the website... [www.circusquirkus.com.au](http://www.circusquirkus.com.au)

We would like to thank the 'CIRCUS QUIRKUS' and their amazing team for hosting this show. Thank you also the wonderful local businesses who made our complimentary tickets possible.

Jackson Anderson

Catherine Awraham

Jesse Bailey

Mattie Davies

Jack Digney

Mitchell Fenning

Chloe Hancock

Charleigh Hayes

Adam Hoare

Justin Hosking

Billy Hutcheon

Alivia Iriarte

Lochlin Johnson

Lewis Kennedy

Joshua Khalifia

Samuel King

Kody O'Brien

Ethan Parkinson

Hayley Payne

Brennan Plooy

Haysam Sheldon

William Smith-Gardiner

Zachary Thompson

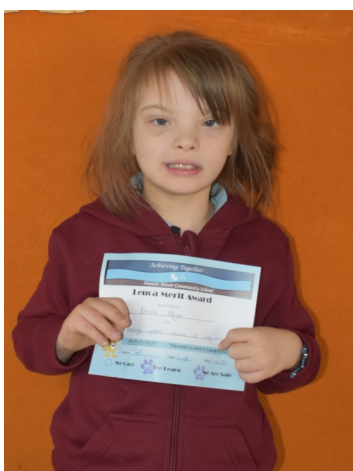
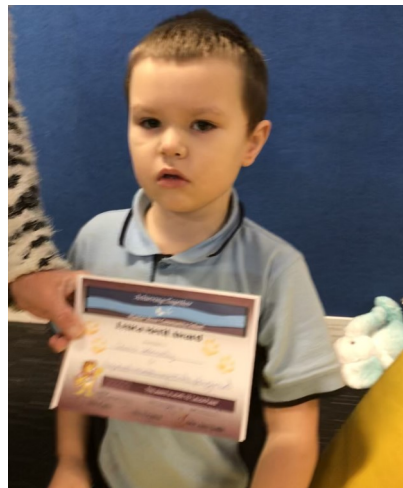
Elsie Tolhurst

Blake Twaddell

Jacqueline Vidray

Koby Willis

### PBL Awards Term 2 Week 8







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**Teacher  
of the Week**  
Viv—Gazelle



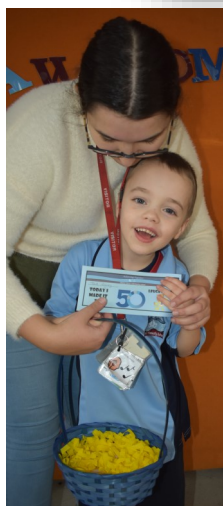
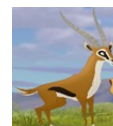
**Non-Teacher  
of the Week**  
Shelly—Cheetah



**Top Playground  
of the Week**  
Giraffe



**Bottom Playground  
of the Week**  
Gazelle



## 'Principal Leuca Awards'

**Adam**

**Sam**

**Shaan**

**William**



We had a chicken style  
PBL Assembly today with  
a fantastic item by  
'Toucan' Room.





## Warthog Room News

This term, we have been lucky enough to have Bree Gee in our room, completing her internship.

Here are some of the fabulous things Bree has done in Warthog Room.



Joshua is making a pattern.



Braith is adding painted dots to our class poster.



Mattie is pressing the BIGMack to say hello.



Dekkard is feeling a rock, as part of learning about Aboriginal dwellings.



Bailey is feeling grass as part of learning about Aboriginal dwellings.



# Special event



**Cheetah science students have been studying human impacts upon the environment and technology's role in addressing the problems.**

**Following on from looking at plastic** in the sea and the loss of rainforests in Australia. We have a BIG favour to ask of our school community!

- ♦ Today your child will be bringing home an envelope asking for a collection of 5 or 10 cent pieces. This money is to support the great work in our own backyard – Aussie Ark (formally Devil's Ark)
- ♦ We are learning about the power of crowd funding, to help a good cause.
- ♦ On the final day of school we would like to invite students to dress like a devil; black, red or white, for a gold coin donation. We will see our donations displayed in the form of a giant Tassie devil, with a full belly.

## Hunter River Community School

\$60 to feed a devil



\$1 from each student will feed a devil.







*Thanks to all of our 2019 Sponsors, IDFA are proud to present  
'CIRCUS QUIRKUS'. We hope you enjoy a wonderful day out,  
with world class entertainment to remember!*



### When & Where

- **DATE:** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019      **TIMES:** 11.30am & 6.00pm (show start times)
- **WESTS CITY (Auditorium) – Corner King & Union Streets, Newcastle, NSW**
- The show runs for approx. 90 minutes including an interval.
- Please ensure that you use your tickets for the show time they are intended for.

### Parking & Transport

- **Parking:** Wests City now operates a paid car park for everyone coming into the venue. Parking is available on-site with 140 spaces including disabled parking.  
There are two car parks located on site:
  1. The King Street underground car park is located underneath the Wests City Club. Entrance is via King Street. Flat fee of \$3.00 per hour.
  2. The Bull Street hanger parking is located to the side of Wests City. Entrance is via Bull Street. Daily fee of \$2.00 per hour.

Please visit the Wests City website for further information...

<https://www.westsnewcastle.com.au/promotions/parking-at-wests-city>

- **Buses:** There are a number of bus routes that stop outside the venue:  
King Street (Ravenshaw St. Stop) – Bus Routes 104 / 111 / 201 / 224 / 235 / 349  
Union Street (Laman St. Stop) – Bus Routes 138 / 225

Please visit the Transport NSW Bus website for timetables, & to determine your best travel route...

<http://www.newcastlebuses.info/routes>

- **Train:** If travelling by train please visit the Sydney Trains website for all timetable information, including the Hunter Line... <http://www.sydneytrains.info/timetables/#landingPoint>
- **Taxis:** Newcastle Taxis provides a reliable, 24 hours taxi services for the Hunter Region. Taxis can be booked by calling (02) 4979-3000 or 13 1008.

### Accessibility

- Please advise staff upon arrival if wheelchair or accessible seating is required.  
Please arrive 30 minutes before show time to ensure that staff can assist with seating & the integration of carers & family members.
- This event accepts companion cards.

### What You Will See

- **Circus Quirkus** is an animal-free contemporary take on your favourite, traditional circuses of ages past. It is an eclectic and entertaining mix of Circus acts brought to you from all over the world. Internationally renowned Clowns, Jugglers, Acrobats, and more deliver funny, hugely engaging and sometimes death-defying acts of unbelievable skill. Circus Quirkus is **suitable for audiences of all ages**.

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### Who You Should Thank

- Please visit the "CIRCUS QUIRKUS" Facebook page to thank the amazing team that put this show on, and to leave any feedback or comments you have on the show.  
<https://www.facebook.com/Circus-Quirkus-84240073079/>
- It would be gratefully appreciated if you could please thank the wonderful local businesses who sponsored your tickets – please ask the organisation/ school from whom you received the tickets, for the list of your ticket sponsors. Businesses love knowing that their contributions are supporting local kids, & it helps us bring this great show to the region every year. **THANK YOU!! ☺**