

HRCS Happenings



Term 2, Week 5

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Principal's Message

Dear families and friends

Winter is Here! HRCS has been a hive of activity this week, with students engaging in many exciting learning opportunities.

Giraffe Class Excursion: On Wednesday, Giraffe class headed off to Newcastle to visit the museum to learn about objects from the past. They had a wonderful time exploring all the exhibits and investigating the 'hands on' nature of the displays. Well done Giraffe's!

Star Struck Rehearsal: On Thursday morning our group of Star Struck performers headed off to Newcastle to attend another rehearsal. With the extravaganza only 2 weeks away, everyone is getting very excited about the event. Our dancers have been practising during their lunch breaks, and are very keen to perform in front of a big audience. If you have not yet purchased your ticket, please contact Ticketek. The show is always amazing and certainly worth attending. Hope to see you there!

New Faces about School: We are always excited to have new people in our school, especially young people with an interest in Special Education. This week we welcomed Charlotte, a Year 10 work experience student from Dungog High School. Charlotte has spent the week in Giraffe Room and has enjoyed meeting the students and assisting on the Newcastle excursion and Star Struck rehearsal. We hope Charlotte has enjoyed her time at HRCS and that we see her again in the future.

This week we also welcomed Breanne. Breanne is a fourth year pre-service educator from Newcastle University, specialising in Special Education. Breanne is completing her Phase Two placement in Warthog Room, and has spent her first week learning about the students and leading teaching and learning programs throughout the day. We hope Breanne enjoys her time at our school, and we look forward to assisting her finish her teaching degree.

Attendance: Attendance is very important to everyone at HRCS. To celebrate and recognise those young people who strive to maintain excellent attendance rates, we have introduced a Leuca Attendance Award. These awards will be worth 1 Leuca paw, and will be given out during our Friday assembly each week to students who have maintained 100% attendance during that week. Our first Leuca Attendance Award will be presented this week. Great work everyone!

Assessments: Subject assessments have commenced this week. These assessments provide staff with an effective tool to be able to map students' progress in each curriculum area. Letters advising of the subjects being targeted each week will be sent home. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Dates For Diaries

2019

**** Wednesday 5 June ****

Parents Chat @10am

**** Wednesday 5 June ****

P&C Meeting @6.30pm

Friday 7 June

Grandparents Day 210am

Friday 5 July

End of Term 2

Monday 22 July

Staff return for Term 3 2019

Tuesday 23 July

Students return for Term 2 2019

Wednesday 14 September

Year 7 & 10 Vaccinations

Friday 20 September

Footy Colours Day

Friday 27 September

End of Term 3 2019

Monday 14 October

Staff & Students for Term 4 2019

Wednesday 18 December

Last day of Term 4 for Students



Thank you
Charlotte

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.

P&C Meeting: Just a reminder that our P&C meeting that was postponed this week, has been rescheduled for next Wednesday 5 June, commencing at 6:00pm. Our meetings do not run for a long time, so everyone would be home for State of Origin kick off! Hope you are able to join us and have your say into the future pathway for the P&C. See you there!

Parent Chat: Our Term 2 Parent Chat session will be held next Wednesday, 5 June, 2019. The focus of this meeting will be a general discussion on how you cope at home with confronting issues, and Kiley McDonald, our P&C President will be talking about the role of the P&C, and how they support the school. The chat sessions are a wonderful way to make connections with our families and friends, and develop a support network with others who may be travelling along a similar path as yourself. Hope you can make it. If you would like more details, please contact the school.

Grandparents Day: Next Friday we will be celebrating Grandparents Day. This is a day where we acknowledge and celebrate the wonderful contribution our grandparents, and those acting in the grandparent role, play in our lives. We warmly invite all families and friends to join us next Friday for a morning of fun. The schedule of the day is as follows:

- ◆ Primary School session 10:00 – 11:30am
- ◆ Drums Alive demonstration for all parents (both primary & Secondary) @ 11:30am
- ◆ Secondary school activities commence at 12:00 noon

We hope that you can join us. If you require any other information, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Reconciliation Week: This week we acknowledge the importance of National Reconciliation Week. **What is National Reconciliation Week?** National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey— the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The theme of the 2019 campaign is "*Grounded in Truth Walk Together with Courage*". This National Reconciliation Week, we invite Australians from all backgrounds to contribute to our national movement towards a unified future.

This week at Hunter River Community School, students have been working collaboratively in class to design and make a poster which represents their understanding of the importance of the week. Each class presented their final poster at Friday's assembly. I would like to congratulate each class on their wonderful representations. Thank you to our Aboriginal Education Committee for leading the week's activities.

Friend of the Week: It is always wonderful to see our young people being a good friend to others. To formally recognise this wonderful achievement we have introduced a weekly Leuca "Friend of the Week" award. This award will accumulate 5 Leuca paws and will be awarded during our weekly assembly. Good luck everyone!

Riding for the Disabled: We would to thank everyone's patience regarding the commencement of the Riding for the Disabled Program. The RDA centre is undergoing a personnel restructure, and they have found it extremely difficult to source trained coaches and weekly volunteers. If you, or someone you know would like to volunteer on a Thursday (this is our riding day), please contact the Raymond Terrace Centre. Their details are as follows:

Phone: (02) 4987 1402

Email: raymondterrace@rdansw.org.au

Mailing Address: PO Box 624, Raymond Terrace NSW 2324

Volunteer Coordinator - Judy Edwards - volunteerco.rda@outlook.com

We anticipate that riding for both groups of students will commence next week. We are looking forward to being back in the saddle!

National Volunteer Week: This week we also recognised and celebrated our wonderful volunteers. National Volunteer Week is a time where we recognise our amazing volunteers and their incredible impact on Australian kids and communities. We would like to take this formal occasion to say "thank you" to all of our wonderful volunteers who come along each week to support our students, programs and school. We truly could not offer the wide range of programs and learning opportunities without their dedication and support. This week all of our volunteers received a letter of thanks and a National Volunteer Week Certificate. Thank you volunteers: we deeply value their contribution!

I hope everyone has a wonderful week and stays warm! **Kind Regards - Tracey**

Wellbeing Quote: "Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you". **Princess Diana**

Parents Chat

Our next 'Parent Chat' will be held next Wednesday, 5 June @10:00am. This is a wonderful way to make friends, share experiences, create networks and most importantly get support. A text message was sent out yesterday asking for RSVP's for catering purposes. If you can make it, please reply. A delicious morning tea will be served.

Sign of the Week

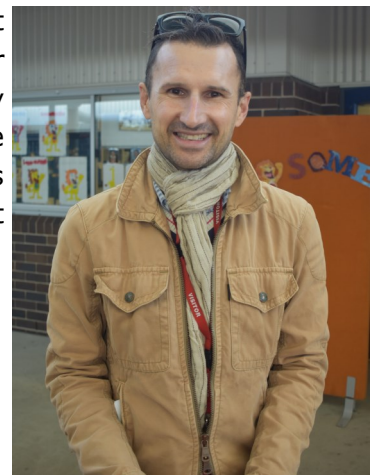
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Place cupped right hand at right ear.



Hyena Room

My name is Brin Dyball and I am the lucky teacher who is encouraging learners in Room 4 on Thursdays and Fridays. I have been welcomed, whole-heartedly, by parents and staff throughout the school. I love teaching at Hunter River Community School because there are always smiles to impart and share.



Browny's Blog

As part of our "Give Them a Voice Program" we do a lot of talking about the PODD books, however it is only one tool in a whole range of communication tools.

As demonstrated in the photos, here with Claire, I'm talking to Claire about "more" using sign and a symbol. Congratulations Claire on a fantastic job!

At the excursion on Wednesday with Giraffe Room, we were just so excited when Isaac grabbed the PODD book to take with him! Here we are chatting about the "old" tram. What a fantastic week!



100% Attendance 24-30 May 2019

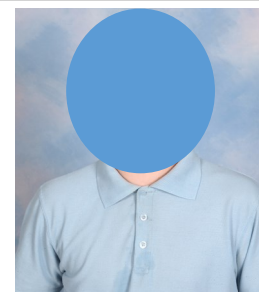
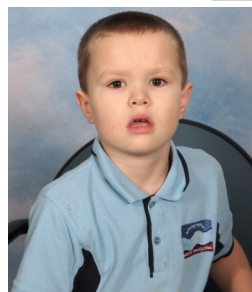
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Charleigh Hayes
Adam Hoare
Billy Hutcheon
Lochlin Johnson
Lewis Kennedy
Jesse King
Blair Lockley
Charles Mury
Jonathon New
Hayley Payne
Brennan Plooy
Lillian Ramsay
William Smith-Gardiner
Zachary Smith-Willey
Blake Twaddell
Jacqueline Vidray
Braith Wall
Koby Willis

Student Leader Awards

Captains Awards: Today's Captain's Award was selected by Nikkie and was awarded to Charlotte from Toucan Room for doing such a great job collecting scraps for our chickens.

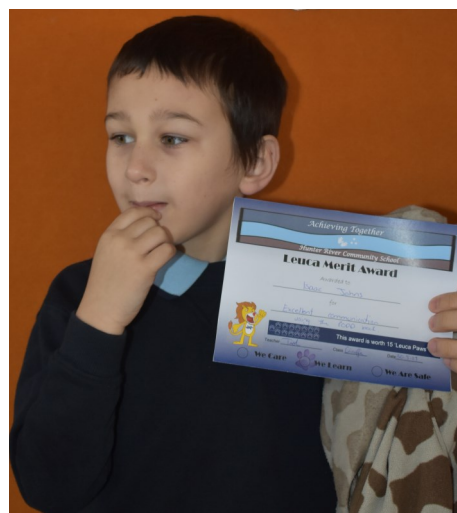
House Captain Awards: Today's House Captain's Award was selected by Brennan and was awarded to Lewis for great hide and seek skills.

Prefect Awards: Our Prefect's Award for this week was selected by Mitchell F and was awarded to Luke for great work colouring skills.



Grandparents Day: Our Grandparents day will be taking place next Friday 7 June from 10am. All family and friends are welcome to attend.

**PBL Awards
Term 2
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**PBL Staff Awards
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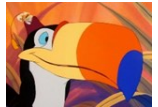
**Teacher
of the Week**
Jackie—Mandrill



**Non-Teacher
of the Week**
Suzanne



**Top Playground
of the Week**
Toucan



**Bottom Playground
of the Week**
Mandrill



'Principal Leuca Awards'

Adam

Braith

Catherine

Emma



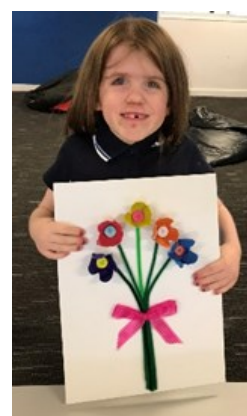






Elephant

The Elephant Room absolutely loved making gifts for their amazing mums!





Grandparents Day

Friday 7 June 2019

Program

10:00am	Welcome
10:00am - 11:30am:	Junior School - grandparents
11:30am - 12:00pm:	'Drums Alive Exhibition' grandparents can watch in the top playground
12:00pm	Welcome
12:00pm - 1:30pm:	Senior School - grandparents

All family and friends welcome to attend

Activities will be held in the hall
and will be interactive

RSVP no later than 3 June 2019
by one of the following methods of communication

- ♦ Text message that will be sent out
- ♦ Call our office
- ♦ Via the communication book



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KIWANIS CLUB OF EAST MAITLAND
DISTRICT OF AUSTRALIA
Andrew Swanson 0409 122 177



Proceeds will go towards projects at local schools

Come along to the annual East Maitland Kiwanis Club trivia night. Original questions are aimed at all abilities and types of knowledge. All are welcome!

Notes: Tables generally consist of 8 members (maximum 10 per team - if there are 12, make 2 teams of 6). We can still organise a team for you on the night if you don't have a full team. You may bring snacks to place on your table, but will have to purchase all drinks.

Great Prizes! Good Fun! Support a local charity!



I Knew That !



Date: Saturday, 15 June 2019 Time: 7:00 pm for 7:30 pm start

**Venue: East's Sports and Leisure Club (Maitland Golf Club)
Tenambit St, East Maitland**

Cost: \$15 per head

Advance notice of attendance will be helpful to allow for setting up room and securing your team a table (phone 0409 122 177). Suggest you come along and have dinner in the bistro at the club beforehand to support the club that is supporting us! Bookings for the restaurant are recommended.