

# HRCS Happenings



Term 2, Week 10

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## Principal's Message

Dear families and friends

It's hard to believe that the end of term is here! It has been a wonderful term with lots of exciting learning opportunities for everyone!

**Principal Meeting:** Last Friday we were honoured to host the Term 2 Hunter Educational Leadership Meeting (HELM), where we welcomed 22 principals to our school. For some it was their first time in an SSP, and they were very impressed by the work samples that were on display. Jackson and Seth delivered a beautiful Acknowledgment of Country and our short video "A day in our lives at Hunter River Community School" was revealed. A highlight of the morning was our visitors receiving their gift, a beaded lanyard that was made by Mandrill students as a part of our PRIDE Work Skills Program.

I would like to thank our staff for all their hard work in preparing for the event, our School Promotions Team for their efforts in the short film making process and Jackie and Louise for their commitment to the PRIDE Program. Well done everyone.

**School reports:** Semester One school reports will be sent home today. The reports provide a brief snapshot of the work that has been undertaken during the past 2 terms and engagement level and skill development of students. I hope you enjoy reading them as much as I have. Congratulations to all our students on their achievements!

**Farewell:** This week we farewelled one of our long time staff members David Nevins. David has been a classroom teacher for many years, and in more recent times has filled the Support Teacher Transition role. David's extensive knowledge and experience has benefited students and families for decades, and his expertise will be greatly missed. We would like to wish David all the very best for the next exciting stage of his life, and hope that retirement is full of wonderful adventures. Thank you David for all that you have given in the past 40 years as an educator!

**Staff Changes:** At the beginning of term 3 there will be several variations to the staffing roster. Gazelle room will welcome back Amy from maternity leave. Viv and Amy will be sharing the classroom position and we look forward to them working together to create exciting programs for Gazelle students.

With Liz returning to Hyena room, Kristy will replace Leanne on Mondays and Fridays, working in Giraffe and Gazelle classrooms. Brin will be working in the Release from Face to Face position on Cheetah room on a Tuesday.

We are looking forward to a wonderful term!

**SEPLA:** On Monday 22 July (first Monday back at school), all teaching and support staff will be heading to Sydney to attend the special education SEPLA conference. The day will provide an opportunity to engage with several renowned speakers and network with special educators from across Australia. We are looking forward to an informative day.

## Dates For Diaries

2019

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| <b>Monday 22 July</b><br>Staff return for Term 3 2019           |
| <b>Tuesday 23 July</b><br>Students return for Term 3 2019       |
| <b>**Wednesday 7 August**</b><br>Education Week—Sports Day      |
| <b>Wednesday 4 September</b><br>Year 7 & 10 Vaccinations        |
| <b>Friday 20 September</b><br>Footy Colours Day                 |
| <b>**Friday 20 September**</b><br>World—Games Sports Carnival   |
| <b>Friday 27 September</b><br>End of Term 3 2019                |
| <b>Monday 14 October</b><br>Staff & Students for Term 4 2019    |
| <b>Wednesday 18 December</b><br>Last day of Term 4 for Students |



**Conservation of our Devils:** Thank you to everyone who kindly donated coins toward raising funds to feed our local Tasmanian Devils. The project was the end of a unit of study by Cheetah science students who have been studying human impacts upon the environment and technology role in addressing the problems. This project has been extremely engaging for all students and their display of the coins donated will be in the foyer next term. Thank you and well done everyone! Today Cheetah class announced that they had raised \$120 which is the equivalent of feeding 3 devils for a month. Thank you and well done everyone!!

**Thank you:** As Semester one draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families, carers and friends for their continual support of our students, programs and school. Your valued contributions are the cornerstone of everything we do.

I would also like to thank my wonderful and committed staff for their efforts over the past 2 terms. Their positivity and dedication is to be commended and I hope they all have a well-deserved, restful break.

I hope that all of our families and carers enjoy the break from school routine – we look forward to hearing about your holiday adventures when we return!

**Kind Regards - Tracey**

**Wellbeing Quote:** "A holiday is an opportunity to journey within. It is also a chance to chill, to relax. It is when I switch on my rest mode".

## Paws

### 25 Paws

Billy  
Luke

### 50 Paws

Koby A  
Adam  
Ethan

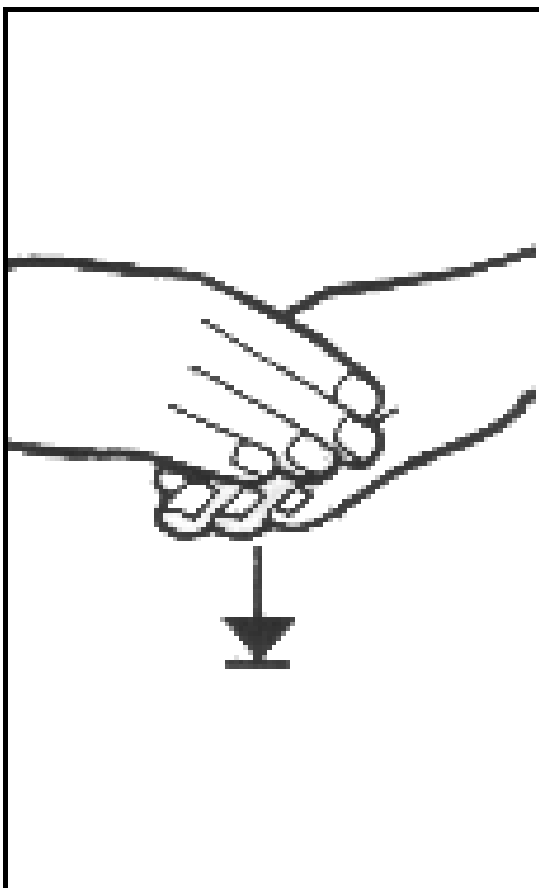
### 75 Paws

Jesse B  
Michael  
Jonathon  
Blake

## Sign of the Week

**Word:** Sit

Place open right hand on back of open left hand and move formation down, slightly.



## Brownny's Blog

Charlotte loves visiting the rooms in the afternoon collecting chook scraps. Billy and I were telling her what a great job she's doing!



In Elephant Room, Shaan has been working really well using Teach Box. His fine motor skills are fantastic! Helen has been encouraging Shaan to use his own finger to point to the symbols in the PODD Book. Great work Shaan!!



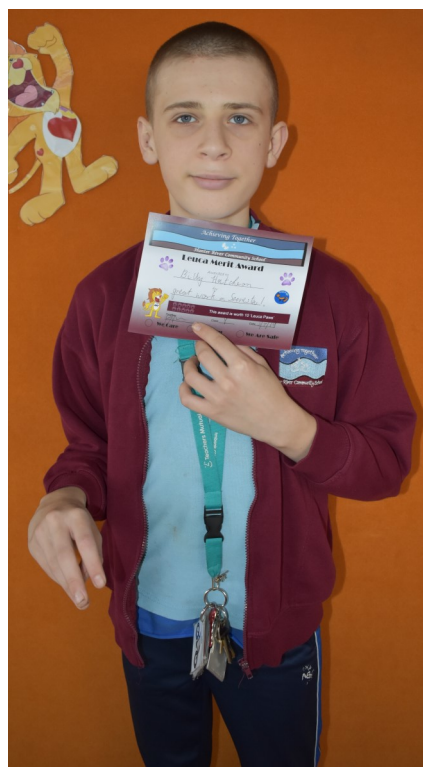
**PBL Awards  
Term 2  
Week 10**



**100% Attendance  
28 June - 4 July 2019**

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| Koby A      |
| Jesse B     |
| Claire C    |
| Breanne     |
| Charlotte   |
| Mattie      |
| Jack        |
| Mitchell    |
| Charleigh   |
| Adam        |
| Justin H    |
| Billy       |
| Alivia      |
| Lochlin     |
| Lewis       |
| Samuel      |
| Jesse K     |
| Blaire      |
| Emma        |
| Seth        |
| Emilia      |
| Hayley      |
| Brennan     |
| Haysam      |
| Zachary S-W |
| Zachary T   |
| Blake       |
| Jacqueline  |
| Koby        |





## 'Principal Leuca Awards'

**Charlotte**

**Chloe**

**Hayden**

**Jesse K**

## PBL Staff Awards Term 2 Week 10

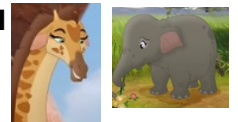
**Teachers  
of the Week**  
Tash—Giraffe



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



**Top Playground  
of the Week**  
Giraffe/Elephant



**Bottom Playground  
of the Week**  
Cheetah







## July Birthdays

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| <b>Travis</b><br>14 July  |
| <b>Billy</b><br>19 July   |
| <b>Brielle</b><br>11 July |
| <b>Charles</b><br>19 July |
| <b>Elsie</b><br>27 July   |
| <b>Hayden</b><br>30 July  |









## Mandrill Room



## Great Work Mandrill Room

