

# HRCS Happenings



Term 2, Week 6

7 June 2019

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## Principal's Message

Dear families and friends

It has been an exciting busy week at HRCS this week, with students engaging in many exciting learning opportunities.

**Multi Sports Day:** On Thursday, a group of very excited students headed off to Newcastle University to join hundreds of other young people with additional needs, and participate in a Multi- Sports Day. The event was organised by the Department of Education, and was designed to give young people with additional needs an opportunity to participate in individual and team sports. Our participants had a great time, and coped really well with the noise and waiting. It was wonderful to see so many of our students trying new activities and learning new skills. A special thank you to Viv for coordinating the event – we are looking forward to next year's event!

**Riding for the Disabled:** Our 2019 Riding Program commenced this week. Everyone was extremely excited to be back in the saddle, and our new riders were looking forward to a new adventure! RDA is currently transitioning through a restructure period, and are having difficulty locating volunteers. If you, or someone you know, would like to volunteer on a Thursday, please use the following contact details:

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## 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 2 2019
<b>Wednesday 14 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

**Volunteer Coordinator** - Judy Edwards - [volunteerco.rda@outlook.com](mailto:volunteerco.rda@outlook.com)

The Riding for the Disabled is such a wonderful program that has been servicing our area for many years. We hope that it can continue to provide quality learning opportunities for young people.

**Parent Chat:** On Wednesday, we hosted our Parent Chat session. Whilst numbers were small, some very powerful connections were made between families who shared stories about some of their personal struggles. The group discussed NDIS, managing difficult discussions and how having a sympathetic ear was extremely important. The Parent Chat forum is a wonderful opportunity to make those connections and perhaps develop a network of support that may help in times of need. We hope you can join us for our next session.

**Communication Presentation:** We have been fortunate to be invited to present a work shop focusing on alternative ways of communication. Tash, Mandy and Suzanne presented to our Hunter Network Special Education Network last term, and on Wednesday afternoon, they presented to a group of regional preschool teachers in Windale. We hope that by sharing our knowledge, we can improve the skills in educators who are working with young people with additional needs.

**P&C Meeting:** On Wednesday evening the P&C held their Term 2 meeting. Items discussed included future fundraising efforts and upcoming school programs and events. Our P&C is a small, but dedicated group of people who are always looking for ways to assist and support the school. If you would like to

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become a part of our P&C, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We highly value your contributions! The minutes of this week's meeting are attached for your information.

**Staff Carpark:** Just a gentle reminder to families that the staff carpark is not designated as a 'drop off' area. I appreciate that parking can be difficult, however we need to be able ensure that everyone gets to school safely. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

**New faces:** We are excited to welcome several Newcastle University Practicum students to our school. Ashley is working with students and the class team in Mandrill room, Grace is enjoying working with Cheetah students, Giraffe class is enjoying having Bianca in their room, and Andrew is working with Helen in the Elephant class. We hope all of our visitors enjoy their time at HRCS and learn valuable skills that will assist their professional journey. Welcome everyone!

**Semester 1 School Reports:** Teachers are in the process of completing Semester 1 Reports. These documents provide a snapshot of each young person's progress across all curriculum areas for the first half of the year. Reports will go home in the last week of the school term, and we hope that you enjoy reading them.

**Grandparents Day:** Despite the gloomy weather, today it was wonderful to welcome families and friends to our annual Grandparents Day. The day is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate all the amazing contributions that our extended families and friends make in our lives. Today families moved around three stations and engaged in activities that focused on STEM, Aboriginal Culture and Food Technology. Visitors were also entertained by a fabulous performance by 'Drums Alive'. I would like to sincerely thank everyone who came along today to make our Grandparents Day so special.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful long weekend. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.

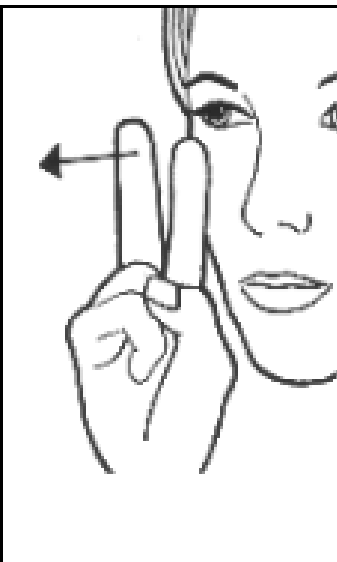
**Kind Regards - Tracey**

**Wellbeing Quote:** "I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination". **Jimmy Dean**

## Sign of the Week

**Word:** Look

Extend right hand index and middle fingers - move index fingertip of formation forward from corner of right eye.



## Brownny's Blog

I've been working in Room 10 with the students doing Intensive Interaction. What a lovely moment captured with the beautiful Claire. Our 'Give them a Voice' Program really values the students.



Emilia was fantastic during Integration at Metford Public School. We joined the Year 2 students for a library session. Today Emilia followed her green choice card beautifully!



## Grandparents Day



## 100% Attendance 31 May - 6 June 2019

Hayden Armstrong

Catherine Awraham

Jack Bajric

Mattie Davies

Christopher Densley

Mitchell Fenning

Chloe Hancock

Billy Hancock

Lochlin Johnson

Lewis Kennedy

Joshua Khalifa

Jesse King

Seth McLoughlin

Emilia Moya

Ethan Parkinson

Brennan Plooy

Lillian Ramsay

Haysam Sheldon

Blake Twaddell

Jacqueline Vidray

Koby Willis















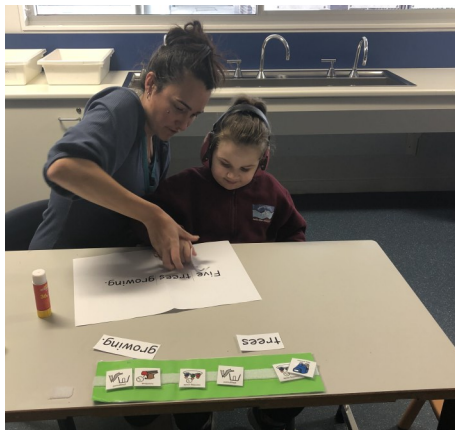
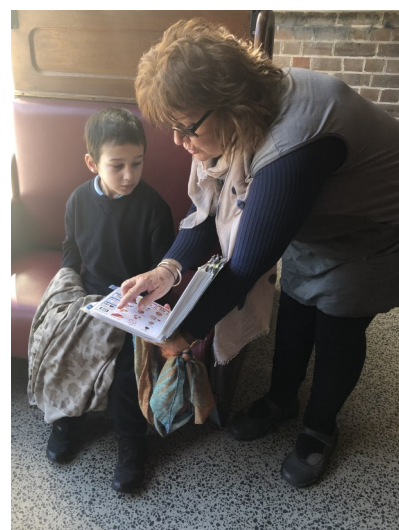
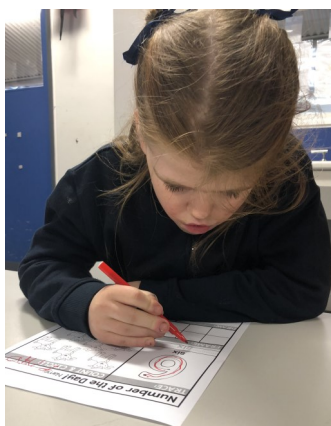
## Giraffe Room



### The Giraffe Room have had an amazing Term 2

We all had the opportunity to go the Newcastle Museum and have a look around at all the PAST artefacts, which linked with our History unit. This was an AMAZING excursion.

We have also been continuing to build on our Literacy and Numeracy skills, which has been fantastic.







**President:** Kiley McDonald

**Secretary:** Stewart McDonald

**Treasurer:** Desley McDonald

### P&C Meeting Minutes

**Date** 5 June 2019

**Meeting Opened** 6.30 pm

**Present:** Tracey, Kylie, Desley, Stewart, Simon, Cassandra, Tanya, Debbie, Tash, Bernadette

**Apologies:** John

**Moved:** Simon **Seconded:** Cassandra

That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted - Carried

#### Principal Report:

- ◆ Tracey welcomed everyone here to Term 2.
- ◆ Shirt for Starstruck purchased by P&C were shown to the meeting, and a big thankyou from Tash.
- ◆ Communication Presentation – An alternative way of communication was presented to a Pre School in Windale, this showed how to improve skills within educators. Irrawang Pre School has implemented the program. We hope that by sharing our knowledge, we can improve the skills of educators who are working with young people with additional needs.
- ◆ New Student – We will be having a new student joining us in the Meerkat Room. We welcome Samuel.
- ◆ Grandparents Day – Will be held this Friday, 7 June, 2019, everybody most welcome and a demonstration of Drums Alive will be held during, the course of the morning.
- ◆ Drums Alive Program – will be offered to students. The program will be a “pay as you go”.
- ◆ P&C BBQ – At the recent election which had a great outcome we raised \$ 2478.50 well done everyone. Total Profit \$1600.92.
- ◆ External Validation – HRCS has been ‘selected’ to participate in the external validation. This is a process of review and reflection, where we present evidence of how the school is meeting the needs of all students.
- ◆ Support Teacher Transition – At the end of this term we say goodbye to David Nevins, as David will be taking some well-earned leave, and then will be retiring. We wish David well in his retirement.
- ◆ Solar Panels - The school was selected to participate in a Energy Review process earlier this year. As a result, we are now awaiting the installation of our new Solar Panels, hopefully this will reduce of electricity accounts.
- ◆ Staff Development Day - On 22 July, 2019 staff will be undertaking professional learning. Our staff will be travelling to Sydney to participate in the SELPA conference. Our Administration Team will be on site, completing their own professional development for that day.
- ◆ Combined Sports Carnival – This will take place at the Hockey Stadium Maitland during Term 4
- ◆ Newcastle University Students – We have 5 University Student doing their practicum during Term 2 & 3. We welcome these students HRCS.
- ◆ Principal Meeting – On 28 June, 2019 HRCS will be hosting 25 Principals on site, from a various number of local mainstream schools. Discussions on the new Disability Strategy, PBL update and how to work with young people with sexualised and problematic behaviours.







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## **P&C Meeting Minutes Cont.**

### **General Business:**

- 1) Discussions on the extra assistance when P&C are trying to fundraise. A request was made that it not be left to the same parents all the time, and that the assistance of all parents within the school community try to give at least a small amount of time to assist with the running of cakes stalls or BBQ either at Bunnings or other functions.
- 2) The P&C are trying to arrange a Pamper Raffle ticket will go on sale shortly.
- 3) The funds from the 'pamper raffle' will assist in purchasing the ingredients to create wonderful yummys for our next Cake Stall.
- 4) P&C also discussed the Christmas Raffle. The suggestion of a Family Holiday or a 2 night Getaway and Cheer.
- 5) Also, discussion was had on the inclusion of the Barry Jasper Memorial Golf Day. A committee will consist of Tracey, Andrew Said, Bernadette & Simon and any additional members wishing to assist.

**Meeting Closed 7.38 pm**



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