

HRCS Happenings



Term 4, Week 9

9 December 2019

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Principal's Message

Week 9! It's hard to believe that we only have 8 days of school left for 2019! This time of year is a celebration of the school year and the amazing achievements of all of our students.

2020 Classes: We understand and acknowledge that the end of the year can be an anxious time for families as they await to hear who will be working with their young person in the following year. The executive are currently working on a draft class list and notifications will be sent home on Monday next week. Thank you for your patience.

Senior Formal: What an amazing, magical night our students had at the 2019 Senior Formal. Families, friends and students from Years 10, 11 and 12, came together to celebrate the achievements and special milestones of students. Looking extremely beautiful and handsome in their formal wear, students posed for official photos before being presented to the audience and walking the red carpet. Jackson delivered a beautiful Acknowledgement of Country and Mitchell delivered the Year 11 address, thanking Year 12 and wishing them all the very best for the future. Our dedicated P&C President Kiley, responded on behalf of the official guests.

Jacqueline, who has been at HRCS from Kindy to Year 12, delivered the Year 12 address on behalf of her fellow graduates. Jacqueline's mum Tracy, responded on behalf of the families and delivered a heartwarming glimpse into her journey.

Each of our attending students were then presented with a small memento of the occasion.

At the conclusion of the official proceedings, students, families, friends and staff took to the dance floor to dance the night away. There were certainly some amazing dance moves on display! Despite the adverse weather, spirits were high and many stories and memories were recalled. We would like to sincerely thank our families and friends for attending the evening, and for their commitment and support of our school. Each and every attendee looked amazing!

We would also like to sincerely thank our P&C President for all her hard work in, not only making the amazing cake, but for co-ordinating all of the food for the event. We certainly could not organise our formal without her invaluable assistance. We are glad she has no plans to retire from her position!

Thank you to our official guests, Kiley, Sarah, Stewart and Desley McDonald, Deb Twaddell and Mick and Simon Jasper. We really appreciate your continued support of our students and school.

Personally I would like to thank all of my amazing staff, who, as always, went above and beyond to make the night special. To those who assisted to set up, and those who volunteered on their time on the night, thank you!

To all of the staff's family members who 'volunteered', thank you for your continued support of our school.

Special mention must be made of Tash, who once again coordinated a perfect event.

Dates For Diaries

2019

Wednesday 11 December

Presentation Day

Primary Presentation 9.45am

Secondary Presentation 11.30am

Friday 13 December

Last date for Therapy in 2019

Wednesday 18 December

Year 12 Day

Wednesday 18 December

Last day of Term 4 for Students

2020

Tuesday 28 January

Staff ONLY returns

Wednesday 29 January

Students return

Thursday 13 February

Round 1 Immunisations

Monday 17 February

Approved Therapy for
2020 commences

Thursday 9 April

Last Day for Term 1

Friday 10 April

Good Friday

Monday 27 April

Staff ONLY returns

Tuesday 28 April

Students Return

Tuesday 12 May

School Photos

Thursday 29

Halloween Disco

Friday 27 November

Year 12 Formal

We are Safe -



Outstanding work everyone – you should be very proud of your dedication.

I hope that everyone who attended had a wonderful night, I know that we will look back on Friday night fondly!

I have attached a copy of Mitchell and Jacqueline's addresses for your information.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Presentation Day on Wednesday.

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

Wellbeing Quote: "We have to embrace obstacles to reach the next stage of joy" **Goldie Hawn**

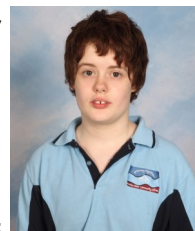


Captain's Award: Our Captain's Award this week was selected by Jesse and was awarded to Shaan for being so clever in all class activities.

House Captain's Award: Our House Captain Award this week was selected by Zach and was awarded to Emma for great participation in 'Cultural Dance'.



Prefect Awards: Our Prefect's Award for this week was selected by Braith and was awarded to Travis for great friendship.



Justin's Favourite Songs

Justin from Cheetah Room was given a special task last week. He had to narrow down his love of music to his top five all time favourite songs. Good work Justin! Great song choice.

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| 1. Chiquitita - Abba | 2. S.O.S.—Abba |
| 3. Mamma Mia - Abba | 4. Super Trooper - Abba |
| 5. Agadoo—Black Lace | |



PRIDE Program

HRCS would like to introduce our '**PRIDE**' Program. You will hear more about the program next year as it takes effect in all classrooms, however for now we'd like to leave you with a sneak preview. **PRIDE stands for Personalised, Retail, Independent, Development, Experience.**

Leading into the Christmas season we would like to offer some of our products for Christmas presents. There is only a limited number available. If you would like to order, please complete the tear off slip (pg. 12) with today's newsletter, or respond via the SMS Message that will be sent out on Monday, or send a message in the communication book. **We have hand made Christmas cards in sets of 4 for \$5, designs chosen randomly and Christmas key rings also for \$5.** These items have been made by all students with assistance of the staff.

Stay tuned for more news and products within this exciting new whole School Program.

Thanks everyone for your ongoing support of our school community.



Year 12 Profiles

Name	Jacqueline Vidray
Nickname	
Length of time at HRCS	13 Years—From K-12
Leadership Role	School Vice Captain
Favourite Subject at School	Art & Science
Favourite Staff Member	Liz, Amanda, Tash & Kristy
What I will miss about school	Having laughs and sharing fun times with my friends at HRCS and going to Camp
Plans for 2020	Attending day programs at Connect Ability & enjoying some new friends, and experiencing lots of new



Browny's Blog

This week at bowling, I was doing some signing with Zac. We are teaching 'more'. Zac is continuing to use both the visual symbol and the sign. It is great to use both. Well done Zac!



In room 10, I've been using our intensive Interaction Communication system with Trav. He thinks it's quite funny when I get up close! I love how he reacts when we have this one on one time!! Great job Trav!

December Birthdays

Breanne
14 December

Emma
28 December

Primary Presentation Day

On
Tomorrow - 11 December 2019
At
9.45am

Please meet in the
Administration foyer
at 9.30am

You are welcome to attend the
Senior Presentation which
commences at 11.30am

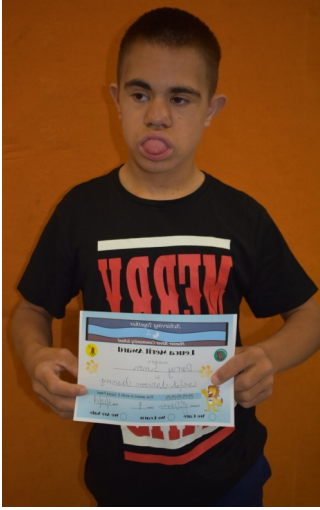
Secondary Presentation Day

On
Tomorrow
Wednesday 11 December
2019
At
11.30am

Please meet in the Administration
foyer at 11.15am

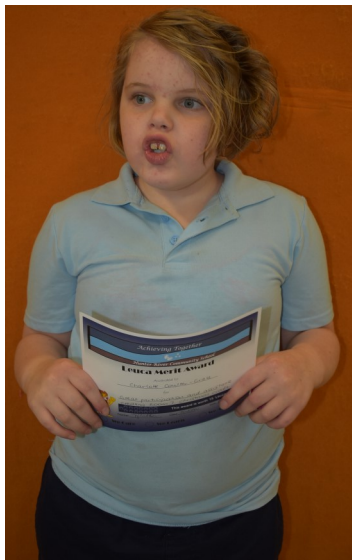
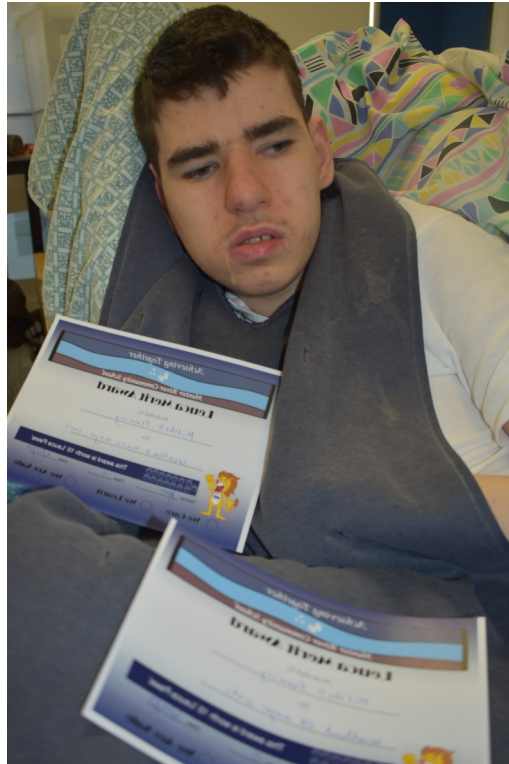
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Junior Presentation which
commences at 9.45am

**PBL Staff Awards
Term 4
Week 8**



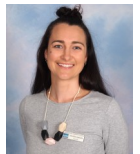
**'Principal
Leuca
Awards'**

Hayden
Jesse B
Samantha
Christopher
Chloe



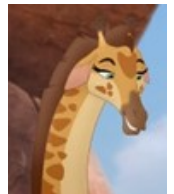
**Teachers
of the Week**

Tash
Giraffe Room



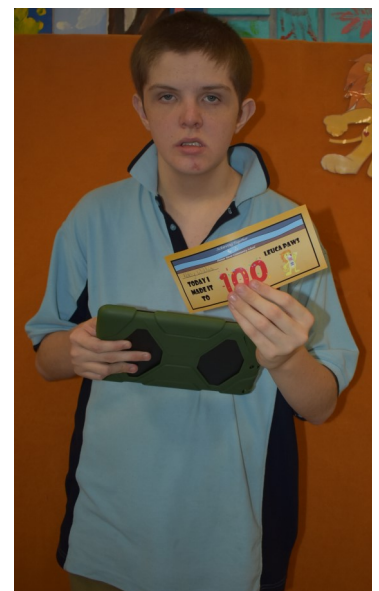
**Top Playground
of the Week**

Giraffe Room



**Bottom Playground
of the Week**

Meerkat Room



100% Attendance
29/11/19 - 4/12/19

Koby A

Jackson

Jesse B

Mattie

Jack D

Mitchell F

Sakura

Billy

Alivia

Isaac

Lucas

Lochlin

Lewis

Joshua

Jesse K

Samuel

Malakye

Blair

Emma

Connah

Kody O

Travis

Ethan

Brennan

Lillian

Darcy

William

Elsie

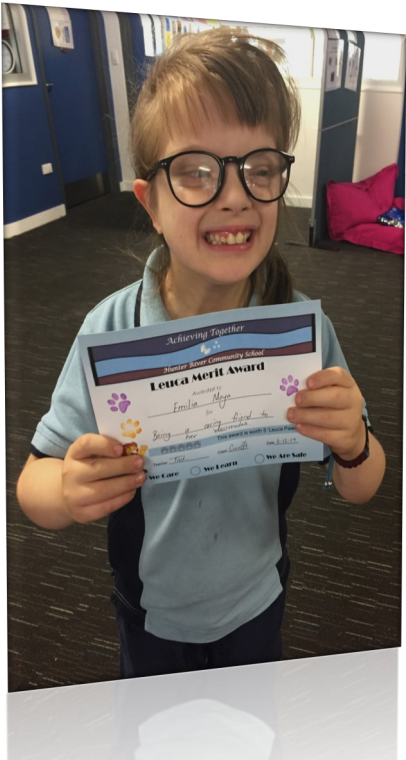
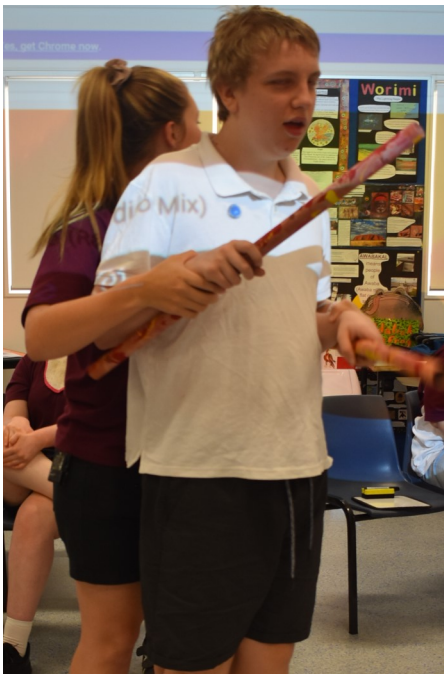
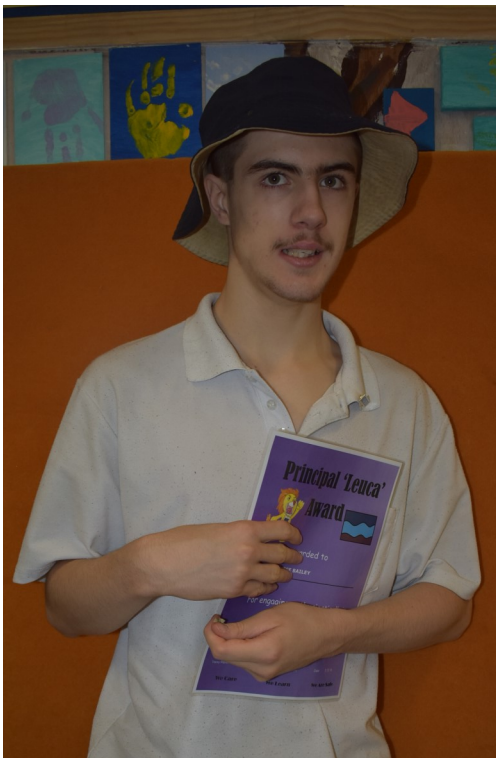
Blake

Brielle

Jacqueline

Koby W

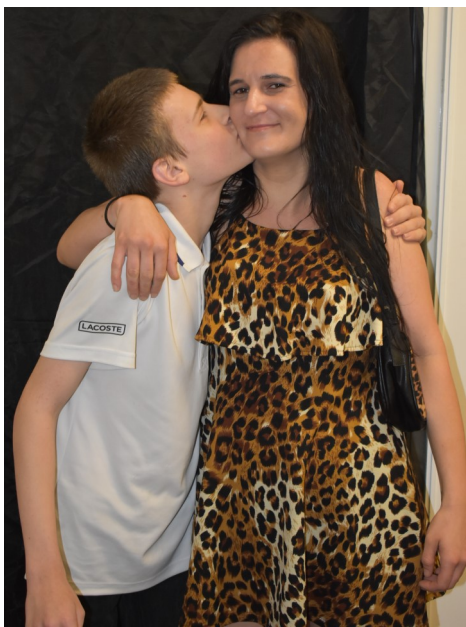




**Year 12
Formal
2019**



Absent: Zachary Smith-Willey



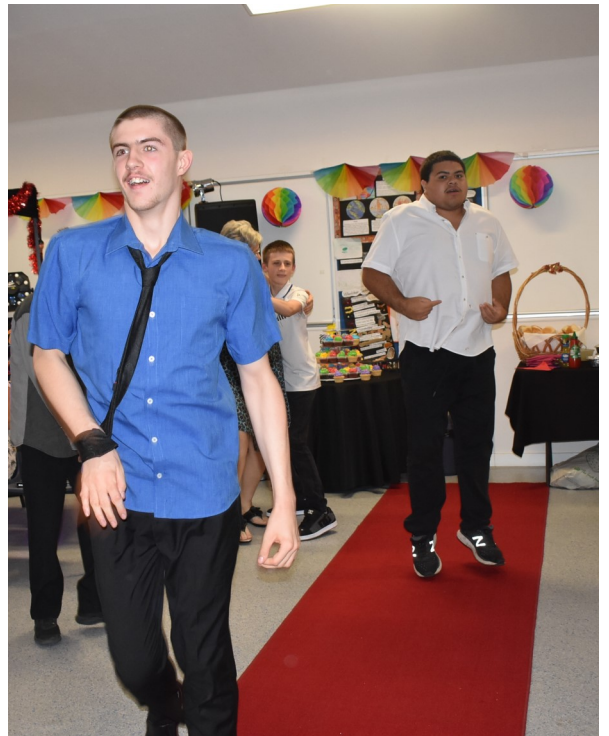






It is time to
DANCE!

Jesse,
Jackson,
Jacqueline
& Nikkie
danced the
night
away!!









Warthog Room



We chose the seedlings.



We dug some holes and planted the seedlings.



We watered our seedlings and they grew and grew and grew and grew.



Gazelle Room



As part of our STEM program in Room 9 we have been coding; using a Bee-Bot. We coded to find Christmas images on a grid. We used counting skills and our knowledge of 'left' and 'right' to program a sequence for the Bee-Bot to travel along.



Jacqueline Vidray
Year 12 Formal Speech
6/12/2019

Good Evening everyone. My name is Jaqueline and I am honoured to give the Year 12 address. Having spent my whole life at HRCS, I am in a unique position to talk about life at school. My life, and I am sure lives of all of my fellow graduates have been certainly enhanced by attending this school.

All of the wonderful staff have made it possible for us to experience everything that our mainstream peers have. At HRCS we have never been made to feel different, or too much trouble, despite us often being very mischievous and independent. In fact, many of us have refined the term rule breaking. But no matter what, we come back to school and the staff are always there, smiling, accepting and welcoming. We, and our families, are extremely lucky.

I love that our adventures at school are captured by photos. I know that I have developed outstanding skills in hacking my parents Facebook pages to look at the photos on our school Facebook page. In fact, I have developed the ability to comment. For me, I love the fact that we go on wonderful excursions like going to Canberra, Dubbo, Coffs Harbor and Sydney. Our time at Parliament House was amazing.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our lovely families for all that they have done for us. They have been our advocates and have paved the way for our success. Thank you to all of our friends at school who have made our journeys a shared experience. We will miss you all.

Once again thank you to the wonderful staff. Thank you for accepting us, for valuing us and respecting our unique skills and abilities.

Can I ask you to raise your glass to the HRCS staff, our families and friends.

Mitchell Fenning
6/12/2019
Year 11 Formal Speech

Good Evening everyone. My name is Mitchell and I am in Year 11. It is my honour tonight to wish all of our wonderful graduates all the best for the future. It has been amazing to have gone through school with these amazing group of young adults. Over the years we have learnt so much together and have had many experiences and adventures. I know that all HRCS will be very sad to see our friends leave school, but we know that they will all be totally amazing. As I and my other Year 11 students, step up into the year 12 role, we will use our year 12 2019 example, as one we will aspire to.

All the very best Year 12, I hope you remember your time with us fondly, you will be shining lights.

Can I ask everyone to please raise your glasses and raise a toast to Year 12.