

HRCS Happenings



Term 4, Week 1

18 October 2019

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Principal's Message

Dear families and friends

Welcome back to Term 4! It is hard to believe that the end of the year is nearly upon us! I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday period and break from school routine. All of our wonderful students seemed very happy to return to school!

Year 12 final Term: Our Class of 2019 have eagerly begun their final term of school and are preparing for the transition to post school adult environments. During this term there are numerous events and occasions to celebrate the achievements of these wonderful young people. From next week, we will be showcasing a Year 12 graduate in the newsletter for the remainder of the term. We sincerely hope that our students and their families and friends enjoy this special time.

Assisted Travel: It is that time of year again where Assisted Travel are finalising the details of students who are currently accessing the service. If you are aware of any variations to your current service, that is change of address or change of circumstance, it is advised that you notify the school as soon as possible so that the variation can be processed. Due to 2020 applications being received, approval time maybe lengthy. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Nasty Bug: You would have received notification this week that a nasty gastro bug has impacted on some staff and students. In discussions with Hunter Health this week, they have advised that to minimise the spread of the bug, anyone who has contracted the virus should remain at home 48 hrs after the resolution of symptoms. We understand that in a school it is often difficult to stop the spread of germs, and we certainly appreciate your support in this matter.

Generous donations: At the end of last term and during this week we have some very generous donations from some students and their families. The Twaddell family once again have donated packets of baby wipes for each class and the Longbottom family have purchased a range of Christmas items for the students. We sincerely thank both these families for their ongoing generosity and support.

P&C Raffle: The pamper kit raffle that is on display in the school foyer is a wonderful prize, and to ensure that everyone has had an opportunity to purchase tickets we have extended the sale period of tickets. The basket of goodies will form the major prize for our Christmas Raffle. Tickets are available from the school office. Happy selling!

Oxygen Therapy: At the end of last term two of our highly skilled staff attended in depth training on oxygen therapy. In general terms, this means that the school now has oxygen available to support our young people who may be experiencing an episode of breathing difficulties. We hope that offering this additional support will minimise the distress of the student until emergency services arrive on site. Teachers will be contacting families in the upcoming weeks to talk about this additional layer of support and modifications to health care plans. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Tell Them from Me Survey: There is still time to register your input via the Tell Them from Me Survey. This survey is a tool for schools to gather highly valued information from our school community about school practices and programs. The link to participate is <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/survey/splash/hrcs>

Dates For Diaries

2019

Monday 28-Thursday 31 October Senior 4 day Camp
Monday 4 November Halloween Disco
Friday 6 December Year 12 Formal
Wednesday 11 December Presentation Day
Wednesday 18 December Year 12 Day
Wednesday 18 December Last day of Term 4 for Students

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Barry Jasper Memorial Golf Day: We are certainly looking forward to our Inaugural Barry Jasper Memorial Golf Day this Sunday which is being held at Beresfield Golf Club. The event has received excellent support from our local and wider communities and we have several sponsors and 14 teams nominated. The format of the day will be a breakfast at 7:00am followed by tee off at 8:00am. A BBQ lunch will be available from 11:30am and the presentation will be after the last team has finished their round. There are also several items up for grabs in the silent auction. We would warmly invite any of our families and friends to drop by on Sunday and join us in remembering our dear friend, school supporter and colleague Barry Jasper. In a very generous decision, all money raised from the day is being donated to our school. We sincerely thank the Jasper family for their continued support. Hope to see you on Sunday!

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

Brownny's Blog

Zac has started transition at 'Songbird' every Wednesday! It has been really lovely for Zac, as he has ran into some old friends from school. Zac will be blowing up the big balls for drumming!!

Wellbeing Quote: "Education is improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it".

Marian Wright Edelman



October Birthdays

Claire T 1 October
Charleigh 6 October
Lucas 7 October

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Special Needs Bibs



Some of our families at Hunter River High Community School have found a wonderful site where they are purchasing their special needs bibs. They have some amazing colours and patterns for both girls and boys of all ages. There is a Facebook site - 'Special Kids Australia Buy Swap and Sell' where they can be purchased.

For your convenience we have included the below link, where you can see many different styles and images.

<https://www.bing.com/images/search?q=Special+Needs+Bibs&FORM=IRIBIP>

Barry Jasper Memorial Golf Day - Sunday 20 October 2019

Thank You to the following wonderful sponsors



Suncoast Bathroom Renovations
Heritage Holden Maitland



AV Chartered Accountants
A & T Saide Mechanical



Town & Country
Heritage Poultry

Silent Auction Items up for grabs on Sunday

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2 Night Stay at Paterson CBC	2 Night Stay at Pokolbin Crown Plaza	Chivas Regal Scotch Whisky
Santorini Mini Diamond Hair Straighten	Intune Massage—Adamstown	Mackee Chiropractic 60 Minute Massage
Mackee Chiropractic 60 Minute Massage	Paterson Butchery—\$50 Voucher (expires 17/11/2019)	

Lunch Menu for Sunday

We will be hosting a BBQ lunch on Sunday from 11:30am. You are invited to Beresfield Golf Club to share in a delicious lunch, honouring 'Barry'.



2019 Barry Jasper Memorial Golf Day Canteen Price List

Complimentary Breakfast:
Bacon & Egg Sandwich

Sausage Sandwich (double)	\$4.00
Works Sandwich (sausage, onion, bacon, egg)	\$7.00
Bacon & Egg Sandwich	\$5.00
Chicken Kebabs	\$3.00
Cans of Drink	\$2.50
Water	\$2.00
Beer/Wine	\$3.00

Salads: Coleslaw is available for sandwiches

PBL Staff Awards Term 4 Week 1



'Principal Leuca Awards'

Charlotte

Jack

Nikkie

Charles

Teachers of the Week

Jo
Hornbill Room



Non-Teacher of the Week

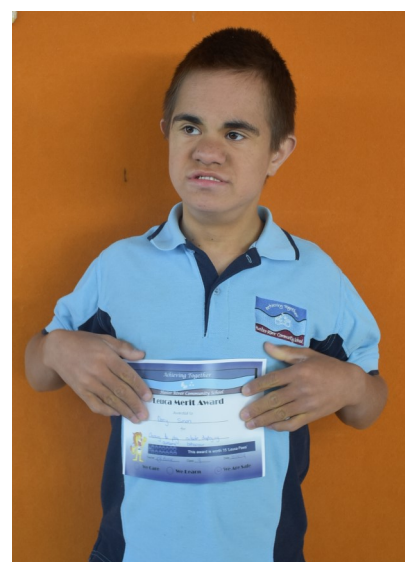
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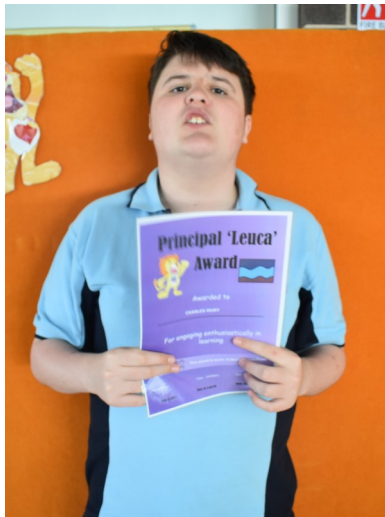
Giraffe/
Warthog Room

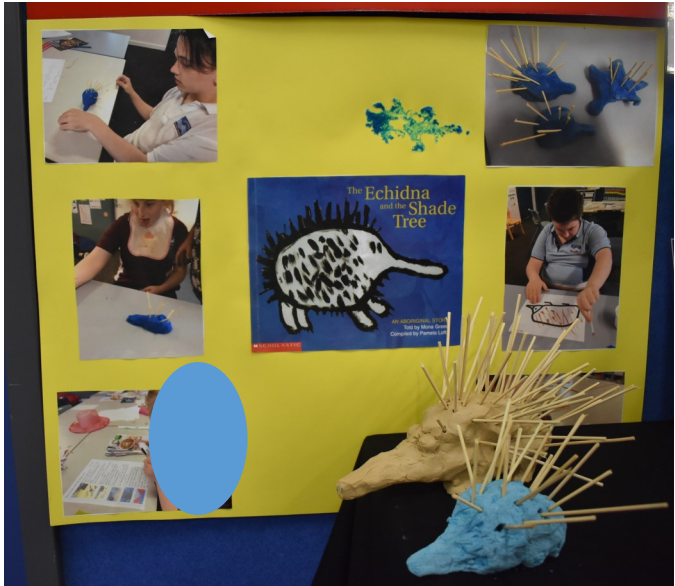


Bottom Playground of the Week

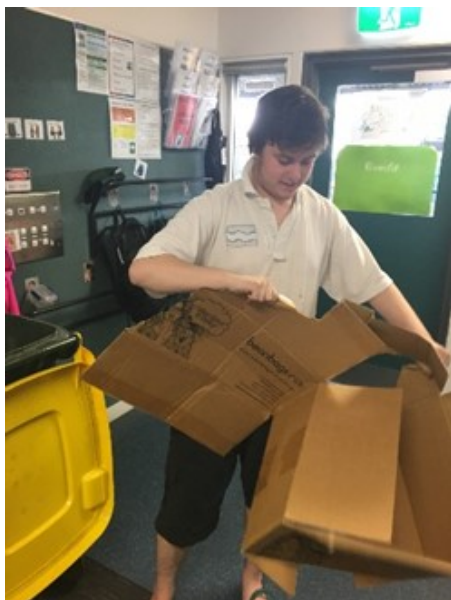
Hornbill Room







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Recycling Program

**Letter sent home to students today about our upcoming
'Cultural Dancing & Drama Classes'**



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Dear Families & Carers

Re: Cultural Dancing & Drama Classes

We are very excited to inform our families that we will be hosting 'Cultural Dancing & Drama Classes' as part of our CAPA Program during Term 4 for all students at Hunter River Community School.

We are very fortunate to have a local Aboriginal community member that will be running the program, alongside school staff each Tuesday morning with no cost to families.

When: Tuesday mornings (hoping to commence next Tuesday, Week 2)

Cost: Nil

What to Wear: Full school uniform

If you don't wish for your child to participate in this program, please complete the below tear off slip. Please feel free to contact the school if you wish to discuss this further.

Tracey Rapson

Tracey Rapson
Principal

Jackie Bright

Jackie Bright
Classroom Teacher

Withdrawal from Cultural Dancing & Drama Classes

Please withdraw my child: _____ Room: _____
from the 'Cultural Dancing & Drama Classes', Tuesday mornings.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Puberty, Sexuality and Relationships:

A workshop for parents and carers of people with intellectual disability and autism spectrum disorders

Find out how to support your family member's personal development and sexuality in a positive way!



Come join the team at Family Planning NSW and special guest Liz Dore (Relationships & Private Stuff) for an interactive workshop that will cover issues across the lifespan including:

- Disability and sexuality
- Preparing for puberty
- Decision making and safety
- Taking care of health and hygiene
- Supporting friendship and relationship development
- Supporting positive and safe sexual expression
- Tips for talking about sex and answering tricky questions

Parents, foster parents, relatives and other unpaid carers of people with intellectual disability and autism spectrum disorders of all ages are welcome.

Unfortunately we are unable to accept registrations from professionals for this event.

This forum is not suitable for children. We regret we are unable to provide respite/childcare.

Date:

Saturday 9th November 2019

Time:

10:30am – 2:00pm
(light lunch provided)

Venue:

Merewether Bowling Club
23 Caldwell Street
Merewether NSW 2291

[Click here to register](#)

Cost:

This workshop is fully funded by



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