# HRCS Happenings

Term 4, Week 7 29 November 2019

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## Principal's Message

Dear families and friends

With only a few weeks left until the end of the 2019 school year, students and staff have been exceptionally busy preparing for Presentation Day and end of year festivities.

**Christmas Items for Sale:** Our P.R.I.D.E. (Personalised Retail Independent Development Experience) work education program has provided a platform for students to produce some fabulous Christmas themed items. Items for sale include some beautiful Christmas Cards @ $5:00 per pack and beaded key rings for $5:00. If you would like to purchase any of these items, please contact the office or complete the attached order form. Happy shopping!

**Formal:** Preparations for our senior formal are well underway with the "party of the year" scheduled for next Friday, 6th December. The formal is always a wonderful occasion for students, families and staff to celebrate wonderful milestones. To assist with catering and seating, it would be greatly appreciated if all invited guests could RSVP as soon as possible. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**Communication Books:** Our communication books provide a wonderful way to exchange information between school and home. At the end of each term these books are collected and retained at school. If you would like a copy of your child's Term 4 book, please advise your classroom teacher. A new book will be issued at the start of 2020.

**Presentation Day:** We are looking forward to our Presentation Day that will be held on Wednesday 11 December. Our Primary Presentation will commence at 9:45am and our Secondary Session at 11:30 am. We hope that you can join us in celebrating the achievements of all of our students.

**NDIS therapy:** It has been a very busy year for students who have engaged with NDIS therapy at school. We have witnessed some great progress and staff have enjoyed the professional relationships that have been formed.

To facilitate end of year activities, the last day for therapy delivery in school will be Friday 13 December 2019.

For 2020, new applications will need to be completed as classes and timetables will vary. Therapy delivery at school will commence in Week 4, starting 17 February 2020. The School Learning Support Team will meet each week before this date to assess and approve applications.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could pass this information onto any therapy staff that are working with your young person.

**Moving into Senior School:** It is always an exciting time when students move from Year 10 into senior school to commence their Higher School Certificate journey. As you may be aware, our senior students wear a white shirt to distinguish them from the rest of the school population. If you are one the excited students moving into Year 11, shirts can be purchased from our uniform shop.

## Dates For Diaries

### 2019

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| **Friday 6 December**<br>Year 12 Formal |
| **Wednesday 11 December**<br>Presentation Day<br>Primary Presentation 9.45am<br>Secondary Presentation 11.30am |
| ****Friday 13 December****<br>Last date for Therapy in 2019 |
| **Wednesday 18 December**<br>Year 12 Day |
| **Wednesday 18 December**<br>Last day of Term 4 for Students |

### 2020

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| **Tuesday 28 January**<br>Staff ONLY returns |
| **Wednesday 29 January**<br>Students return |
| **Thursday 13 February**<br>Round 1 Immunisations |
| **Monday 17 February**<br>Approved Therapy for 2020 commences |
| **Thursday 9 April**<br>Last Day for Term 1 |
| **Friday 10 April**<br>Good Friday |
| **Monday 27 April**<br>Staff ONLY returns |
| **Tuesday 28 April**<br>Students Return |
| **Tuesday 12 May**<br>School Photos |

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Alternatively, a white polo shirt can also be worn. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Good luck in 2020!

**Student Major Works:** Senior students have been very busy this week finishing off their major works for 2019. Their amazing works will be on display during our Presentation Day on December 11. I hope that you enjoy viewing the culmination of 12 months of creative effort. Well done everyone!

**P&C Christmas Raffle:** There is still time to purchase tickets in the P&C's wonderful Christmas raffle. The P&C are still accepting donations of items for hamper prizes, with the raffle being drawn on Presentation Day. Tickets are available from school or books can be sent home. Thank you for your continued support of our P&C and school.

**Generous Donation:** Last week we were notified that a local business had made a generous donation to our school. Today we can reveal that Glencore has kindly donated $2500 to HRCS. This money is to fund the purchase of a 3D printer! We are so excited about the addition of the printer to our STEM program and cannot wait to learn all about the printer and see the wonderful things it can do! Thank you Glencore for your generosity and Stewart McDonald for sourcing the sponsorship and the printer.

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

**Wellbeing Quote:** "We never know which lives we influence, or when, or why." In term of getting the kids working together and motivating them, the teacher is the most important". **Stephen King**

**Captains Award:** Our Captains Award this week was selected by Jacqueline and was awarded to Jesse for great participation in 'Cultural Dance'.

**House Captains Award:** Our House Captain Award this week was selected by Brennan and was awarded to Michael for great team work in cricket.

**Prefect Awards:** Our Prefect's Award for this week was selected by Zach T and was awarded to Jackson for great reading.

## 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 their ongoing support of our school community.

## Christmas Raffle Tickets

New Christmas raffle tickets were sent home this week. This will include the 'Pamper Pack' but also includes additional Christmas packs and Hams. **If you didn't get your book, please notify the office.** Previous tickets already purchased in the 'Pamper Pack' will still be included in the drawer which will take place at Presentation.

## Year 6 & 12 Shirts—2020

**Have you ordered your Year 6 & 12 Shirts?** If your child will be in Year 6 or Year 12 in 2020, please see the attachments with today's newsletter. Please send in by Monday. Last chance, no money required for your first shirt!

## Year 12 Profiles

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|---|---|
| **Name** | Nikkie Fleming |
| **Nickname** | Nik |
| **Length of time at HRCS** | 5 Years |
| **Leadership Role** | School Captain |
| **Favourite Subject at School** | Creative Arts, Dance & Art |
| **Favourite Staff Member** | Helen, Lou, Alex, John, Liz, Amanda |
| **What I will miss about school** | Performing, washing, deliveries, singing, bowling & integration with Suzanne |
| **Plans for 2020** | Speech & swimming therapies, signing classes with mum, volunteering at Fresh Hope Care |

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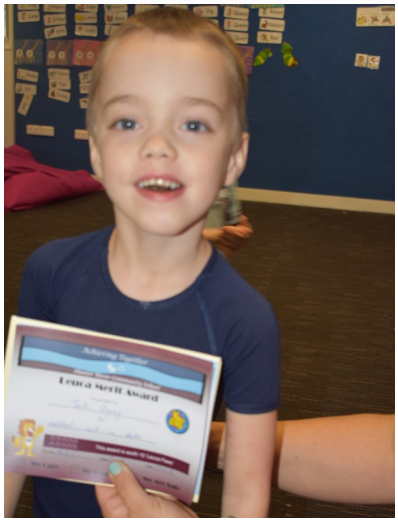
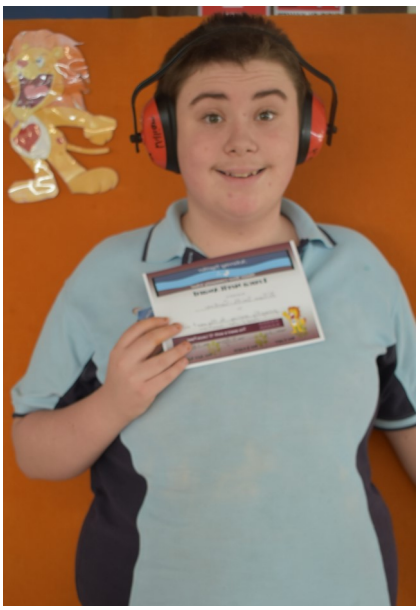
|---|---|
| **Name** | Zachary Smith-Wildey |
| **Nickname** | Zac |
| **Length of time at HRCS** | 7 Years |
| **Leadership Role** | House Captain - Belmore |
| **Favourite Subject at School** | Art and Technology |
| **Favourite Staff Member** | Helen, Liz, Amanda & Suzanne |
| **What I will miss about school** | Using the trampoline at break time, my friends at HRCS, sharing my favourite DVD characters with Liz & Amanda & integration with Suzanne |
| **Plans for 2020** | To meet new people & enjoy their company, access new activities and volunteer work |

## PBL Staff Awards Term 4 - Week 7



**PBL Staff Awards**
**Term 4**
**Week 7**



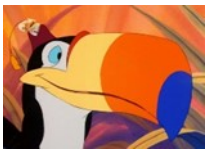
**'Principal Leuca Awards'**

Blake
Dekkard
Emilia
Seth

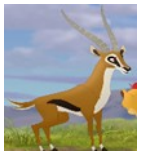
**Teachers of the Week**
Viv
Gazelle Room

**Non-Teacher of the Week**
Mandy H
Toucan Room

**Top Playground of the Week**
Toucan Room



**Bottom Playground of the Week**
Gazelle Room



**100% Attendance**
**22/11/19 - 28/11/19**

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| Jackson |
| Hayden |
| Jesse B |
| Michael |
| Charlotte |
| Mattie |
| Mitchell |
| Chloe |
| Charleigh |
| Sakura |
| Justin H |
| Billy |
| Alivia |
| Isaac |
| Lucas |
| Lochlin |
| Lewis |
| Joshua |
| Jesse |
| Samuel |
| Malakye |
| Emma |
| Emilia |
| Connah |
| Brennan |
| Lillian |
| William |
| Blake |
| Jacqueline |
| Koby W |

## Potato Farmer Blake

Blake from Gazelle Room has been farming potatoes! He has planted, harvested and cooked!

Staff enjoyed their 'potato chips' today.

Good work Blake and Gazelle Room!

## Toucan

Toucan Room have had a busy term!

Lucas has been exploring heavy and light objects during our maths lessons.

Zac has been dividing things into sections. The chocolate cake was a fabulous stimulus!

Jack is displaying our class Christmas tree, created by everyone's hands, and our plum puddings.

Ethan helped fingerpaint our didgeridoo for our Aboriginal musical items.

Christopher really loves our Friday afternoon disco parties!

Charlotte has been improving her communication using her PODD Book and visuals.

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# NATION DANCE CORROBOREE

## Maitland Art Gallery

Sunday, 1.12.19, 11:30am - 130pm

| Name | | | | | | Room | | | |
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| Contact telephone number | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 16 | Total $ |
| School Shirts (child sizes) | $20 | | | | | | | | |
| | | Sml | Med | Lge | XL | 2XL | 3XL | | |
| Blue School Shirts (adult sizes) | $24 | | | | | | | | |
| | | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 16 | |
| Snr White Shirts Yr 11-12 (child sizes) | $16 | | | | | | | | |
| | | Sml | Med | Lge | XL | 2XL | 3XL | | |
| Snr White Shirts Yr 11-12 (adult sizes) | $20 | | | | | | | | |
| | | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 16 | |
| Maroon Winter Jackets (child sizes) | $23 | | | | | | | | |
| | | Sml | Med | Lge | XL | 2XL | 3XL | | |
| Maroon Winter Jackets (adult sizes) | $27 | | | | | | | | |
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| Hat Sizes (One size - adjustable) | $12 | | | | | | | | |

**Uniform Orders 2019**

**Cheque payments payable to HRCS**

**UNIFORMS CAN BE PAID ON P.O.P.**

**Please see school Webpage**

**Paid per cash/cheque**

**Paid on P.O.P.**

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15 November 2019

Dear Families and Agencies

**RE: Year 12 Shirts**

It is that time again where we will be ordering Year 12 Shirts for our students of Hunter River Community School for 2020.

The P&C has very generously volunteered to pay half the cost for each student to purchase a shirt, with the school conducting fundraising events to pay the other half.

If families and agencies would like to order more than one shirt (as students can wear them every day), the cost of additional shirts will be $28.00

The shirts will be maroon and will have their first name on the front of the shirt with 'Leuca' - Class of 2020 being on the back and maroon shirt.

- Orders need to be returned by 29 November 2019
- Sizing is the same as current school shirts

Looking forward to seeing our Year 12 students in their shirts for their final year at Hunter River Community School.

Thank you.

Tracey Rapson

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**Principal**

| Size | 8 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 16 | S | M | L | 2XL | 5XL |
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# Year 12 Shirts 2020

I have checked _____ size and would like to order size, _____ .
Name of Student

I would like to order ____ **additional** shirts in size _____ and have paid the $28 each **per additional shirt:** (1 shirt $28, 2 shirts $56, 3 shirts $84, 4 shirts $112)

☐ I have enclosed $_____ cash/cheque ☐ I have paid $_____ on P.O.P.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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The P&C has very generously volunteered to pay half the cost for each student to purchase a shirt, with the school conducting fundraising events to pay the other half.

If families and agencies would like to order more than one shirt (as students can wear them every day), the cost of additional shirts will be $28.00

The shirts will be blue and will have their first name on the front of the shirt with 'Onwards & Upwards Y7 Here I come'.

- Orders need to be returned by 29 November 2019
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Looking forward to seeing our Year 6 students in their shirts for their final year at Hunter River Community School.

Thank you.

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# Hunter River Community School

## Primary Presentation Day

### For Classes

**Elephant - 5, Giraffe - 6, Toucan - 7, Warthog—Room 8**

On

**Wednesday 11 December 2019**

At

**9.45am**

Please meet in the Administration foyer at 9.30am

RSVP number of guests to HRCS by 27 November 2019 on 4933 5844 or by emailing hunterrivc-s.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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

# Hunter River Community School

## Secondary Presentation Day

### For Classes

**Hornbill - 1, Meerkat - 3, Hyena - 4, Gazelle - 9, Mandrill - 10, Cheetah - 11**

On

**Wednesday 11 December 2019**

At

**11.30 am**

Please meet in the Administration foyer at 11.15 am

RSVP number of guests to HRCS by 27 November 2019 on 4933 5844 or by emailing hunterrivc-s.school@det.nsw.edu.au

You are welcome to attend the Junior Presentation which commences at 9.45am

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If you would like to order some of our 'PRIDE Program' Christmas items, please complete the below and send back to school. Payments can be made per cash, cheque or on P.O.P. Please indicate in the box how many Christmas Cards/Keyrings you would like.

Name: _____ Room: _____

☐ Christmas Cards - Sets of 4—$5.00

☐ Key Rings—$5

☐ $_____ enclosed

☐ $_____ paid on P.O.P.