



Hervey Bay Special School Newsletter

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Principal Report

The countdown is certainly on for our wonderful Year 12 students. This Thursday night on the 8th November, at the Hervey Bay Boat Club, we will be celebrating a great group of students completing 12 years of schooling. We will be presenting them with their Graduation Certificates and acknowledging their achievements. This is always a fantastic night and we really look forward to it. These students will then have a full week of events and celebrations as they wind down to the last official day of attendance on Friday 16th of November. Last week our students were involved in a Maths Fiesta! Lots of engaging, hands-on activities have been happening within the junctures with our Master Teacher, Miss Shellie, preparing and coordinating the Fiesta. I was so pleased to see the problem solving and the high levels of engagement happening during these activities. Grandparents Day was celebrated on Friday with about 50 family members attending. It was wonderful to see so many visitors to our school and students were so excited to share activities. Many of our visitors were able to stay for a complimentary morning tea from Coffee@Hervey's courtesy of our awesome P&C. Our Coffee@Hervey's team were absolutely wonderful – thanks to Jess and her team of willing workers for providing the coffees and cake! Thank you so much to those who were able to visit with us and a huge thank you to our P&C for providing the funding for this event.

Yours in education,
Sarah Lester

Edition:

Term 4 Week 5

**Date
Claimers**

P&C Meeting

**Friday
16th November**

10.00am

**Administration
Conference
Room**

Enjoy a coffee and
cake from
Coffee@Hervey's
during the meeting

**School
Parade**

**Every Friday at
9am**

All welcome

GRADUATION

**Thursday
8th November**

Boat Club

**Students arriving
at 6pm**



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HOC REPORT

Last week students had hands-on fun with Maths participating in “**Maths Fiesta**” days on Tuesday and Thursday. Maths Fiesta teaches Maths concepts in a fun, hands-on and engaging way by providing a variety of games, challenges and activities to get the students thinking and learning away from desks and pencil/paper work.

BIG thanks to Miss Shellie our Master Teacher and Maths enthusiast who organised all the Maths Fiesta activities for the 2 days.

On Friday we welcomed Grandparents and Special Friends to our school to join in activities in their special person’s classroom...we were excited to showcase our school and share our learning with you!

Attendance Data

Target 95%

...Because every day counts!

Juncture	%		
Early Years	80.35%		
Junior	88.3%		
Junior Secondary	92.22%		
Senior Secondary	86.41%		
Whole School	89.81%		

P & C President Report



Wow, what a great turn out we had for Grandparents/Special Friends Day. It was wonderful to see so many attending and enjoying themselves.

Just a friendly reminder that our P&C Christmas Raffle is happening again this year and we are seeking donations of non-perishable items. If you are able to donate, please send items to Tracey in the office.

PBL Focus

W.A.L.T.

BE A LEARNER IN ALL AREAS
ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT OTHERS

Clap and cheer for your friends

Use kind and happy words

Help your friends

Term 4 Week 4

W.A.L.T.

BE RESPECTFUL IN ALL AREAS
RESPECT PERSONAL SPACE

Keep your distance

Keep your hands to yourself, no touching

Ask before touching someone

Term 4 Week 5

Junior Juncture

J3

Don't Touch the Joey!

By Ella Baker

It was a sunny day at the farm. Mum was cooking in the kitchen. Michelle was planting seeds in the garden. A kangaroo came out of the bush onto the grassy area. Michelle noticed the kangaroo had a joey.

Michelle crept up behind the kangaroo. She wanted to steal the joey from the mother's pouch.

Kangaroos have good hearing and good senses. She used her back legs to stand up then hopped around and punched Michelle in the face.

Michelle ran back to the house to tell Mum. Mum said, "That will teach you a lesson!"

The End






J4 has been very busy with various activities.

This semester we were learning about Australia. We made our stories on an iPad app called Book Creator. We even read the text, recorded it and imported it into our story.

In **Junior 5** the students have continued to role play the book of the week and use their alternative pencils to write during Four Blocks sessions. The students have done a fantastic job using the PODD to make choices and they all love their daily gross motor programs!



STARS OF THE WEEK...Week 4

Blayke	Jay	Shanya		Kate	Samantha
Jazzmin	Lilly	Kylie		Blake	Rose
Erin	Isabella	Alex		Henri	Izack
Harley					

Transition Officer: Roz Barker



Last Monday we ran our third NDIS Information Session focused on pre-planning and what to do once you have your plan approved. Jess Lane from CLA did another wonderful job explaining this somewhat confusing process so that families can receive the best support possible for their person with a disability.

I have met with Choice Life Passion who are very interested in starting up a 'Social Squad' for after-school care as well as holiday programs. This group will be divided into activities for 7-12 year olds and 13-17 year olds. Information will be sent home soon about this to gauge need for such a program and further ideas for activity choice. We are always very enthusiastic to work with agencies in our Hervey Bay area to help establish worthwhile programs for our students outside school hours.

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