

Hazelbrook Public School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 3—28th October, 2019



Dear Families,

Welcome to another exciting week at Hazelbrook! This Friday is our Teddy Bear's picnic for our students starting Kindergarten next year which is always a fun morning.

Mrs Clift has had a great response to story time in the library for pre-schoolers. It will not go ahead this Friday due to the Teddy Bear's picnic however it will be back on the following Friday at 9:00am in the library. This is a wonderful opportunity for our pre-schoolers to come in and familiarise themselves with our library, get to know our fabulous librarian and listen to a story.

We have been working collaborating with our workplace health and safety consultant updating our Bushfire plan as we move into the bushfire season. Whilst we are not listed on the bushfire register we are in a bushfire prone area. A separate note will be sent home and also attached to this newsletter informing you of the arrangements we have in place should we ever find ourselves in this circumstance.

I would like to congratulate Mr Spinelli who has been offered a position for 2020 at special education school where he will explore different aspects of teaching and continue his career. We are grateful for the time he has spent teaching our wonderful students here at Hazelbrook and wish him all the best for his future endeavours.

We are moving into the time of year where we start looking at class placements for 2020. It would be greatly appreciated if you could please notify our lovely ladies in the office if you are not returning to Hazelbrook in 2020.

We are still taking enrolments for Kindergarten in 2020. Please contact the office for an enrolment pack or if you would like to arrange a school tour. Further information about session dates for Starting Big School is also available through our lovely ladies in the office.

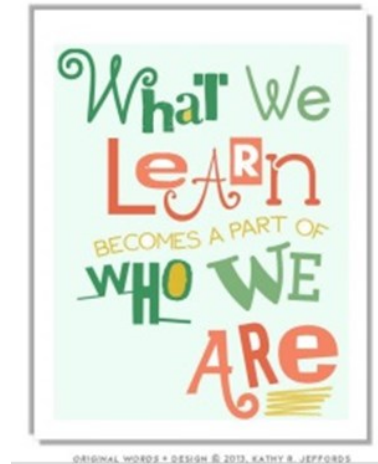
Parent requests: It's that time of year again where we start to look at class structures for next year. Teachers will meet over several Monday afternoon meetings to create the classes. A lot of time and consideration is always given to placing students in classes. Classes are not formed purely based on academic abilities however, all aspects of the child's physical, social, emotional and cognitive needs are addressed. All students are carefully considered and placed in appropriate classes according to the teachers' professional judgement. Whilst I cannot allow for specific teacher requests, you are welcome to email me any additional requests you may have regarding your child's class placement.

Please know that accommodation of requests is not guaranteed although we will endeavour to accommodate requests where appropriate. Please email: hazelbrook-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au With *Attention Melinda 2020* in the subject line.

Have a fabulous week!

Warm regards,

Melinda Williams



BUSH FIRE SEASON

Dear Families,

I am writing to let you know about arrangements for our school for the current bush fire season. Our school has been identified as a school at increased risk if a bush fire were to break out on a day when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is issued for our area.

To ensure the health, safety and welfare of students and staff, the NSW Department of Education has determined that on days when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is issued for our area, the school will temporarily cease operations for the day(s) the rating is current and alternative learning arrangements will be put in place. This is based on information obtained through a bush fire assessment of our school arranged by the department.

A Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is likely to occur on a very small number of days during the bush fire season, if at all. The following arrangement is in place: Temporarily cease operations, where the school will be closed.

The school will only receive notification of a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating after school hours the day before the forecast is issued. To assist me in contacting all parents please ensure that you have provided the school with up-to-date home or after hours contact details.

Information for parents and carers provided by the department about these arrangements is attached. Up to date bush fire information will also be available to you on the department's bush fire safety website. The link for this site is: <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/news-at-det/bushfire-safety>

Please contact the school on 4758 6120 if you would like any further information about this matter.

Dates to Remember

October 2019

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
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| 28 Yr 6 Interrelate | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |

November 2019

| | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
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| | | | | 1 Kinder Transition/ parents info session 9.30- 11.00 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 Yr 6 Interrelate Healthy Harold | 5 Kinder transition 9.30- 10.30 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 Kinder transition 2-3 | 12 | 13 Stage 3 Camp Canberra | 14 Stage 3 Camp Canberra | 15 Stage 3 Camp Canberra | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 Calmsley City Farm Excursion | 20 Kindy transition 2-3 | 21 Evening of Music | 22 Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Swim Scheme | 26 Swim Scheme | 27 Swim Scheme | 28 Swim Scheme | 29 Swim Scheme | 30 | |



Tale Time Stories

with Mrs C

join her furry friends on fridays for a funtime...
parents, picture books & pre-schoolers

Starting Term 4 Friday 18th October
@ 9-10am



Mrs Rebecca Clift
Teacher Librarian
Hazelbrook Public School Library



December 2019

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
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| 2 Swim Scheme | 3 Swim Scheme Yr 6 to Springwood High School | 4 Swim Scheme Presentation Day | 5 Swim Scheme | 6 Swim Scheme | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 Bunmurra Day 11.30-1.00 | 11 | 12 Yr 6 Farewell | 13 Stage 3 Graduation Assembly | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 Last Day of Term | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

All stage 3 students attending the Canberra excursion from Wednesday 13th November to Friday 15th November, payments are due to the office ASAP. Thank You.

Starting Big School Program 2020

Starting big School is an exciting and important time. Together we will begin the journey to ensure your child's transition into kindergarten is smooth and meaningful.

To begin your child's journey into school we are offering 'Starting Big School' transition sessions to allow your child time to familiarise themselves with the school environment. A schedule has been sent to parents of Kindy 2020. If you are needing any further information, please contact our office on 4758 6120.

Crescendo – Music Program Information and Updates

Welcome back to Term 4! Firstly, thank you to our Senior Recorder players who performed at the Hazelbrook Garden Festival at the end of last term. Your music was greatly appreciated and certainly added to the atmosphere and beautiful experience of visiting Kingscliff garden, well done!

This term tutorials and Junior Ensemble will run for 6 weeks. Concert Band will run for the full 10 weeks of term.

The Evening of Music, which showcases all our music programs will be held on Thursday November 21, in the Big Hall starting at 7pm. Please put this date on your calendar. Notes and information should have come home today and there is additional information in the newsletter.

There will be a limited number of student solos or duet opportunities. Students wishing to perform these items, or assist in announcing items during the concert need to speak to Mrs. Schmidt as soon as possible.

Keep practising, this is our night of nights and promises to be a wonderful concert!

Junior Recorder continues to rehearse on Thursdays at lunchtime.

Our newly formed singing group also gathers on Wednesdays at lunchtime and all are welcome.

Keep up the great work,

Mrs Schmidt

Enrichment and Extension Opportunities at HPS

Hazelbrook Public School is committed to meeting the needs of high performance and gifted students throughout the school. One way we do this is through our multi-aged program, now in its third year. If you would like your child to be considered for this program in 2020, Parent Nomination forms will be available from the front office from this week. Please complete the forms and return them to the office.

Last week MAC M hosted an enrichment day for students from Kindergarten to Year 6. Students were highly engaged and challenged through puzzles, problem solving, games and creative thinking. It was wonderful to see the leadership, enthusiasm and team work of the students.



P&C NEWS

The next P&C parents meeting will be held on Wednesday 30th October at 2.30pm in the Big Hall. This is a different day and time to usual as we would like to move it around to get a chance to talk to those that couldn't make the last meeting. We will have announcements and updates so please come along and join us for 30 minutes before the end of school. As students will be in class there will be tea/coffee and biscuits for parents.

Our next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday 12th November in the staff room. All are welcome.

If you fancy yourself a green thumb or love to propagate plants, head to our school Green House every Wednesday morning. Come and check out the amazing artwork created by bottle tops on the side of the Green House

Please contact Mark Archer on 0405 087 106 if you have any questions related to the meeting.

Swim Scheme

Students from Year 2-5 wishing to attend Swim Scheme need to return permission notes and monies to the office ASAP to ensure your child has a place.



PBL



Positive Behaviour for Learning

Each week a student or teacher is recognised for being a respectful, responsible learner.

When students or teachers receive a 'PBL Bee' they put their Bee into the hive.

On Monday mornings the hive is raided and a winner is drawn.

This Weeks winners:

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| ES1 | Harrison R | K/1-R |
| S1 | Bryn J | 1HJ |
| S2 | Lucas A | Mac M |
| S3 | Lyla D | 5/6J |

PBL RULE OF THE WEEK:

I am respectful if I use appropriate language when I am communicating with others.

When is Book Club due?

Friday 1st November!

Money and order forms can be handed in at the office or online. Scholastic.com.au/LOOP

OR

Download the App.

News Off The Shelf!



You can access our library webpage by scanning the QR code or the URL

<http://hazopslibrary.weebly.com/>

The Library webpage provides information on the Library Program, organisation and useful links for students, staff and parents. You can see What's New, Upcoming events and more...

Pre-School Storytime

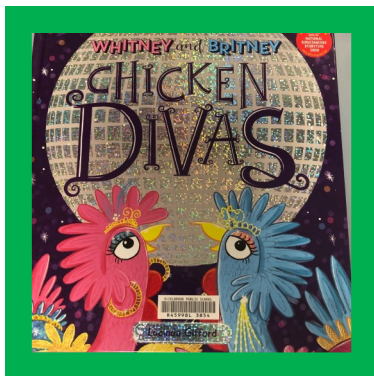
The storytime hour provides an opportunity for our new kindergarten students and parents for 2020 to come together as a community to meet and greet one another before the start of the new school year.

During the hour, the pre-schoolers will listen to stories and immerse in drama activities around a weekly theme to develop a love of books and become familiar with the library environment.

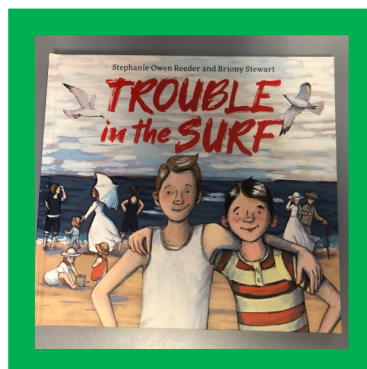
It also provides the opportunity for you to visit our fabulous school library and meet Mrs Clift, the Teacher-Librarian.

What's new in the Library?

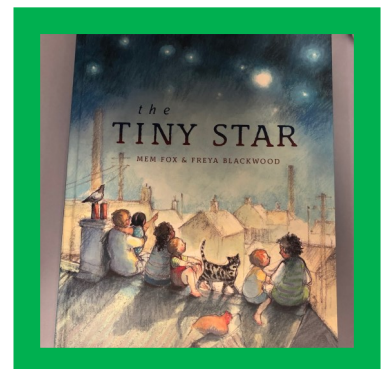
If you wish to reserve books from the library, you can at anytime! Log onto your student portal to access Oliver Library. Click on the **NEW** button in Orbit to reserve your book today.



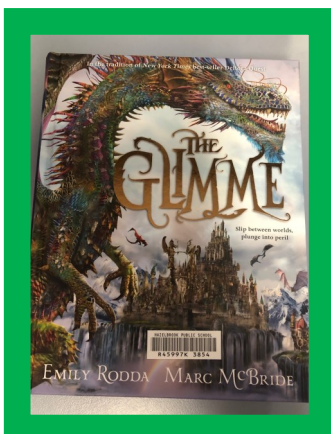
NSS 2020 Picture Book



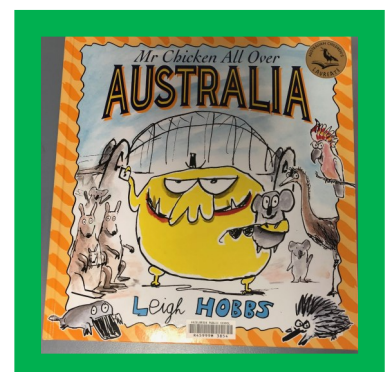
A book about Charles Kingsford Smith nearly drowning as a young boy at Bondi in 1907.



A beautiful and touching story about the journey of life. Gorgeous illustrations by Freya Blackwood



Emily Rodda's latest book.



A great book about Australian geography and our many amazing places!



BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS



Please save your bread tags—they will be recycled to fund wheelchairs in South Africa. Bread tags for Wheelchairs has been recycling bread tags in South Africa since 2006. They currently collect about 500kg a month which funds 2-3 wheelchairs.

Now we are collecting at school! Ask your family, friends and local café's and then drop them off to the Canteen. We appreciate your support.



Lost Property

Could all students please check lost property there is an abundance of clothes in the boxes at the moment. We have also been notified that there may be some extra warm jackets that may be from the recent excursions there too.

So please check so your clothing isn't lost forever.



Senior Drama Club

Senior Drama Club is presenting their play on Wednesday 6th November at the Primary Assembly from 12.30 pm—1.20 pm. Please join us to celebrate in the hard work of the ensemble.



Spotlight on K/1R

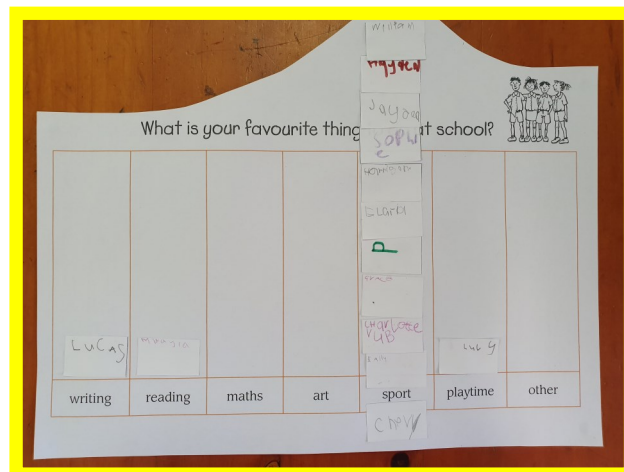
We are always learning in K/1R!

We love our Literacy and Maths rotations but our favourite time of the day is Sport time.

We have learnt so much this year and have made some lovely friends.

Our Kindies are very excited to be going to Healthy Harold next week and Calmsley Hill City Farm in November.

WE LOVE SCHOOL!!





Spring has sprung and our Blue-tongue lizards are out and about enjoying the warmth. Please be mindful of these unique lizards and keep them safe in their natural environment.

"Bunmurra"

*Basking in the warm summer sun
Foraging for food and a mate
In leaf litter crackle, crumble
Under rocks and logs I rumble*

*Insects, snails and greens I eat
Strong jaws and large, sharp teeth
Crushing shells, crunch, crunch
Munching on my yummy lunch*

*When scared I'll flatten myself
Fierce, BIG, blue tongue flickering
Hissing, hissing, predators about
Biting, scratching, give me an out*

*On four legs I scuttle along
Crawling on my pale belly
Tippity-tap on my toes
Scurrying away from fearful foes*

*From the Dharug and Gundungurra elders
We are the custodians of the blue tongue lizard
Our role is to educate and protect their home
Giving them a safe and healthy place to roam*

Written in collaboration by Stage 2 students 2018



**Our Celebration Day for Bunmurra, the Blue-tongue lizard will be on
Tuesday 10th December from 11.30-1.00pm**

BUNMARRA BYALA

*Here, there, everywhere
Blue Tongue Lizard Talk*

