

# Hazelbrook Public School Newsletter

## Term 4 Week 5—11th November, 2019



Dear Families,

Welcome to Week 5 at Hazelbrook!

### Temporarily Ceasing Operations due to Bushfire

*As you may be aware there is currently a catastrophic fire warning in our area.*

*To ensure the safety of staff and students, a decision has been made that our school will **not** be operating on Tuesday November 12, 2019.*

*There will be no staff on site tomorrow. Please ensure that you put supervision arrangements in place for your child/ren tomorrow.*

*The school will recommence operations on Wednesday 13 November, 2019 unless other advice is issued.*

*We will continue to update our school Facebook page and Skoolbag app as required.*

Stage 3 will be heading off on their Canberra excursion on Wednesday morning. I'm sure they will have a fabulous time and we look forward to hearing about the adventures upon their return on Friday afternoon.

Mrs Clift is looking forward to story time in the library for pre-schoolers this Friday morning at 9:00am. 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.

The P&C meeting which was scheduled for tomorrow night Tuesday November 12 at 7:30pm in the staff room has been cancelled.

We are moving into the time of year where we start looking at class placements for 2020. A note has been sent home last week for you to please return to the office if your child/ren will not be attending Hazelbrook Public School in 2020.

When forming classes every effort is made to ensure each child's needs are considered. If you would like to make us aware of particular issues or special needs you feel we should consider when placing your child, please email [hazelbrook-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:hazelbrook-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) with 'Attention Melinda 2020' in the subject line. We will be accepting correspondence until this Friday November 15, 2019. Due to staffing constraints it is not possible for us to consider requests for specific teachers. Please note that all previous year's requests are disregarded. 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.

Have a fabulous week!

Warm regards,

Melinda Williams

LEARN  
something  
NEW  
every day

# Dates to Remember

## November 2019

|                             | Tue                                   | Wed                            | Thu                              | Fri   |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 11<br>Kinder transition 2-3 | 12<br>P&C Meeting 7.30pm<br>cancelled | 13<br>Stage 3 Camp<br>Canberra | 14<br>Stage 3 Camp<br>Canberra   | 15<br>Stage 3 Camp<br>Canberra                              |
| 18                          | 19<br>Calmsley City Farm<br>Excursion | 20<br>Kindy transition 2-3     | 21<br>Evening of<br>Music 7.00pm | 22<br>Volunteers Thank You<br>Morning Tea 10.30-<br>11.30am |
| 25<br>Swim Scheme           | 26<br>Swim Scheme                     | 27<br>Swim Scheme              | 28<br>Swim Scheme                | 29<br>Swim Scheme   |

## December 2019

| Mon              | Tue   | Wed                                  | Thu                 | Fri                         |
|------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2<br>Swim Scheme | 3<br>Swim Scheme<br>Yr 6 to Springwood<br>High School | 4<br>Swim Scheme<br>Presentation Day | 5<br>Swim Scheme    | 6<br>Swim Scheme            |
| 9                | 10<br>Bunmurra Day<br>11.30-1.00                      | 11                                   | 12<br>Yr 6 Farewell | 13<br>Stage 3<br>Graduation |
| 16               | 17  | 18<br>Last Day of Term               | 19                  | 20                          |

## 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.



## ***Crescendo – Music Program Information and Updates***

Band Fee notices have been sent home, thank you to those families you have already paid. Please continue to be prompt in paying for tutorial and band fees so the office staff can process all payments promptly before the end of the year. Just a reminder, this term tutorials and Junior Ensemble will run for 6 weeks. Concert Band will run for the full 9 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. Notes and information have come home 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

Instrumental Music Coordinator

### **STAGE 3 OVERNIGHT EXCURSION TO CANBERRA**

All the best to our staff and students attending the Stage 3 Canberra excursion this week. **Students need to meet at the Big Hall on Wednesday at 5:30am sharp!**

Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Any students not attending are expected to attend school.



## 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.



### 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.



### 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.

The next book club will  
be due back to school by  
Wednesday 29th  
November

# BOOK CLUB

## Year 6 Graduation Bears/Balls

Monies and forms need to be returned to  
the office by Friday 22nd November.



## HAZELBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL

### **VOLUNTEER THANK YOU MORNING TEA**

The Principal and staff of Hazelbrook Public School are very grateful  
for your help in 2019 and we would be delighted if you would  
attend a thank you morning tea where we can show our apprecia-  
tion.

**Date:** Friday 22nd November      **Time:** 10:30 am to 11:30am

**Place:** Our Big Hall      *Please RSVP by 12/11/2019 on 4758 6120*

# P&C NEWS

Our P&C meeting will be on Tuesday 12th November has been cancelled due to the fire danger rating.

We are starting to look at Fundraisers for 2020! What would you like to see at Hazelbrook Public School?

- Trivia Night
- Family Halloween/Fright Night market stall
- Outdoor movie night/fete
- Spring Fair
- Chocolate Drive
- Colour Run
- Or do you have a brilliant idea?

Any feedback or suggestions can be sent to [hazopandc@gmail.com](mailto:hazopandc@gmail.com)

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

## 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:

|     |           |      |
|-----|-----------|------|
| ES1 | Alicia T  | KL   |
| S1  | Phoenix T | 1/2G |
| S2  | Angus F   | 3/4S |
| S3  | Lara S    | 5/6S |

### PBL RULE OF THE WEEK:

**I am responsible if I move away from the Canteen once I have been served**

## Junior Drama Club

Junior Drama Club is presenting their play on Friday 15th November at the Primary Assembly from 12.30 pm—1.20 pm.

Please join us to celebrate in the hard work of the ensemble.



## 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.





# 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.



## 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

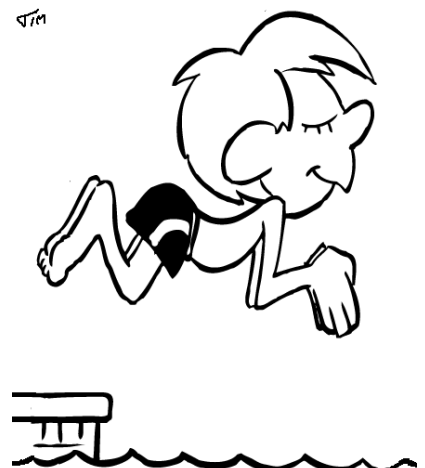
This Weeks theme:

**Garden**



## 2020 Hazelbrook Public School Swimming Carnival

Ready, set, go! Our 2020 Swimming has been booked for Monday 3rd February! We look forward to an action packed day. Don't forget your sunscreen.

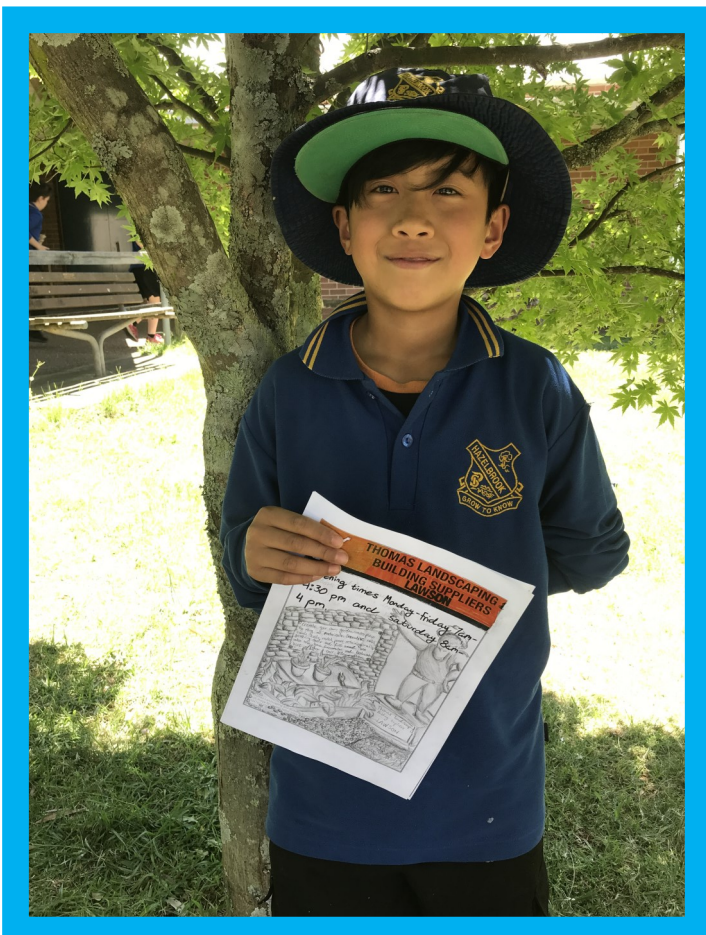


# Superstars of the Week!

Congratulations to Noah C from 5/6J who was the over all Primary School winner of the Blue Mountain Gazette Design and Ad Competition. Noah created a wonderful design which promoted the Blue Mountains Councils new composting initiative. Noah's prize will be presented to him at the end of November.



Congratulations also to Aiden B from 5/6S whose design for a Blue Mountains landscaping business was also selected for publication.







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 10<sup>th</sup> December from 11.30-1.00pm**

# **BUNMARRA BYALA**

*Here, there, everywhere  
Blue Tongue Lizard Talk*

