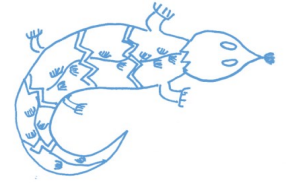




Bunmurra Byala



Here, there, everywhere. Blue Tongue Lizard talk

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 4! We are very much looking forward to a smooth term with many events and activities to be enjoyed. We welcome our new families who have started at HPS this term to our school community.

While most of the COVID guidelines remain the same as last term there have been a few positive changes.

Excursions and camps are able to go ahead as long as the participating venue has a COVID safe plan and we also work within the DEC guidelines. This is exciting for Year 4 who will be able to attend Zoo Snooze later this term.

Kindergarten will be heading off to Calmsley Hill Farm this Friday for their excursion.

Also, this Friday morning, author Steven Herrick will be visiting to talk to students in Stage two and Stage three.

The Year 6 Farewell and graduation ceremony will be able to go ahead under strict guidelines. The department has released a virtual streaming toolkit to schools so that we can live-stream these events for parents and carers to view at home. There are still some end of year activities that remain under review until further notice from the department.

There are no exemptions for reports and Semester 2 reports will be provided until the full A-E reporting guidelines.

We are currently looking at dates for Kindergarten orientation days to take place and will release this information in the near future when it is confirmed.

School photos will be going home today so please check school bags to ensure you have received them.

Our monthly P&C meeting is tomorrow night. At this point in time P&C meetings are to remain online.

Our timetable for Wellbeing week is being finalised and sent home later this week.

We wish Bernadette who worked as a School Learning Support Officer, the best of luck as she starts a full-time position at another school.

We welcome back Mrs Singh who is returning for Term 4 after her maternity leave, one day per week in a learning and support role.

It's that time of year where we start to look at classes for next year. The class structure along with teachers is not yet confirmed. However, if you have any considerations about your child that you like us to take into account when forming classes I encourage you to put this in an email and sent it to hazelbrook-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au no later than Friday 23rd October, 2020. In the subject line please write: Attention Melinda 2021. No guarantees can be made although we will take your requests into consideration carefully.

As part of our whole school situational analysis evaluative practices we would appreciate if you could please take a few minutes to complete the following survey by clicking on the hyperlink. This survey focuses on evaluating our RFF programs.

Every full-time teacher is entitled to 2 hours per week of Release from Face to Face (RFF) teaching. During this time, teachers engage in preparation, planning, professional learning and communication with families. As a school we have invested in a third hour of RFF, this enables teachers to participate in Stage based collaboration with their supervisor and colleagues. Students attend 'RFF' programs during this time and during 2020, we have implemented Library, French and digital technology programs. We are seeking your feedback on these programs as we plan for 2021. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HL36MCC>

Warm regards,

Melinda



COVID

The NSW Department of Education and NSW Health have implemented the following procedures that must be followed regarding school attendance.

Students should be at school unless:

- they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe
- they are currently unwell.

In accordance with advice from [NSW Health](#), parents and carers are reminded **NOT** to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms.

NSW Health have requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the [COVID-19 clinics](#).

Students and staff with flu-like symptoms will need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom free before being permitted to return to school.

The following is the most recent updated version from the NSW Department of Education with regards to COVID-19.

Students who do not undertake a COVID-19 test result will not be permitted to return to school for a 10 day period. Additionally, they must be symptom free for at least 3 days prior to returning to school.

Students who have seasonal allergic rhinitis or another condition that presents similarly to flu-like symptoms are still required to get tested for COVID-19 and return a negative test result. Where their symptoms continue beyond 10 days, students should provide documentation from their GP confirming their symptoms are typical for their condition. If the student develops new or changed symptoms, they should get tested for COVID-19. More information can be found on the NSW Health [website](#).

COVID-19 testing for students with complex health or disability may be challenging. In these situations, schools will ask the parent/carer to have their child assessed by their medical practitioner. Where a medical practitioner determines that a COVID-19 test is not required, documentation must be provided to the school to confirm that the student does not have symptoms that warrant a COVID-19 test. The certificate must also indicate that the student is able to return to school.

Schools are not required to conduct widespread temperature screening or mandate the wearing of a mask. All schools will be vigilant when implementing infection control, physical distancing and personal hygiene protocols to protect the health and safety of students and staff. Schools will promote the need to follow good hygiene practices such as:

- regularly washing hands
- avoiding sharing drinks or food
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately

filling water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly.

All students and staff who reside in or have visited Victoria must have a permit to enter NSW and are required to comply with health restrictions relevant to their permit which may include the need to complete the 14 day self-isolation period commencing the last day they were in Victoria.

We sincerely appreciate your continued support in this matter assisting to keep everyone safe.



2020 Term Dates



Term 4

Staff and students return—Monday 12th October 2020

Last day of term 4— Wednesday 16th December 2020 for the students

Dates to Remember

October

Monday 12th Oct: Staff and students return to school

Friday 16th Oct- Kindy excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm

Friday 16th Oct- Steven Herrick author visit Stage 2 and Stage 3

Monday 19th—Friday 23rd Oct: Book Week

Monday 19th Oct: Year 5 Interrelate

Tuesday 20th Oct: Year 6 Interrelate

Monday 26th—Friday 30th Oct— Wellbeing Week

Monday 26th Oct: Year 5 Interrelate

Tuesday 27th Oct: Year 6 Interrelate

Friday 23rd Oct: Come dressed as your favourite book character

November

Monday 2nd November: Year 5 interrelate

Tuesday 3rd November: Year 6 Interrelate

Thursday 5th Nov— Public speaking finals

Thursday 5th —Thursday 12th November: Book Fair

Monday 9th - Friday 13th Nov: Naidoc Week

December

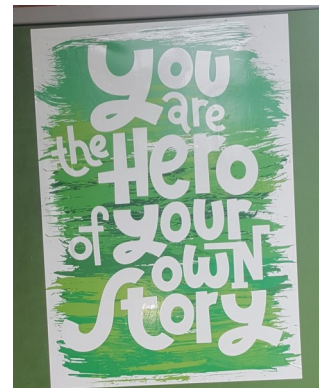
Wednesday 16th Dec-: Last day of Term 4 for the students



A little something special for the kids to come back to from the P&C. Thanks to Jasmine, Ann, Mark and Katrina for the install with a little help from the leadership team. Thank you to the ever amazing Brian!

Thanks you to everyone who helped in the 2019 fundraising as the money raised last year was used for this project.

P&C meeting this Tuesday via Zoom. Please email hazopandc@gmail.com for the link. All are welcome



PBL



Week 1 Winners

ES1	Jack F	KR
S1	Lily N	2D
S2	Alicia H	3/4M
S3	Annie O	Mac M

PBL Rule

I am a learner if I always do my best

Reminders from the Office

- ♦ **Wednesday 14th October**—Signed permission note and money for the Calmsley Hill City Farm excursion
- ♦ **Thursday 15th October**- -return Tell Them From Me student survey if not wanting to participate. This is only for Years 4-6.
- ♦ **Friday 16th October**—Signed permission note and money for Year 5 & Year 6 Interrelate event

Please contact the office if you have any further enquiries

The current Multi-Aged Class (or MAC) structure was established in 2017 as a measure to provide appropriate extension and enrichment learning for high performing / gifted and talented students. It continues to build on Hazelbrook Public School's deep commitment to meeting the needs of all learners and our history of supporting high achieving students, which goes back to when the first multi-aged class was formed in 2007.

The Department of Education has released a new policy and we now use the terms *High Potential and Gifted Education*.

The guiding principles of the policy are as follows:

- All students, regardless of background or personal circumstances, require access to learning programs that meet their learning needs and support to aspire to, and achieve, personal excellence.
- Our commitment to high expectations for all students includes high potential and gifted students.
- Achieving excellence for high potential and gifted students is underpinned by effective school environments including quality teaching, learning and leadership.
- Potential exists along a continuum, where differing degrees of potential require differing approaches and levels of adjustment and intervention.



Further information regarding this policy and its implementation can be found here:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/high-potential-and-gifted-education>

Staff have received initial professional learning on the key concepts of this policy and further learning will occur as the policy is implemented.

The MAC program has included students from Year 2-6 in 2017 and 2018 and students from 3-6 in 2019 and 2020. The class provides extension and enrichment through curriculum compaction, adjusted learning experiences that are faster paced, involve less repetition and practice, are self directed, collaborative across ages and stages, open ended, focus on higher order thinking, real world problem solving and participation in broader programs such as the Tournament of Minds (2017), Maths Cup (2017), Waterbug Blitz (2019), the Maker Space Tour at WSU (2019) Lachlan Macquarie Maths Competition (2019) and the Australian Maths Competition (2019).

Students can be nominated for the class by teachers, parents, or they can self-nominate. The nomination process involves completing surveys and questionnaires and this is compiled with standardised and non-standardised assessments and student work samples. Students in the current MAC program have the opportunity to retain their place in the class. New places are made available by Year 6 students graduating to high school and any students who choose to return to the mixed ability setting. This year we will also be creating a waiting list as places may become available during the year.

If you wish to nominate your child to be considered for the MAC program, please call the office and we will have the parent questionnaire sent home with your child.

K-2 Sports Fun Day

Our K-2 Sports day was a great day. We were lucky that the weather was perfect for the whole event. The day started with running races, egg and spoon races and a big variety of other fun activities. After all the students hard work, a well deserved icy pole was waiting for everyone. Thank you for our wonderful teachers and sports leaders for such a fun and eventful day.



Brewongle Environmental Education Centre

The weather was amazing and it was an early start. We couldn't wait to board the buses and head off to Brewongle. A range of fun and engaging lessons were waiting for us. We had a great day, however many of us were very tired at the end.



Some great outdoor learning spaces



We learnt about micro habitats and all the tiny animals that live and feed off the trees.

Make a Wish Foundation



Last term, SRC Team 2020 spearheaded a fundraising activity for make a Wish Foundation. Students and teachers dressed up for a gold coin donation. Students dressed up in any different costumes and the teachers from Stage 1 looked amazing with their colourful bee inspired costumes. As a school we raised \$784.00. The event was a huge success and the best way to end Term 3!

It was indeed a meaningful, and inspiring activity knowing that as a school, we have done something remarkable in our own little way to grant a wish for the eligible recipients and their families at a time when they need it most.

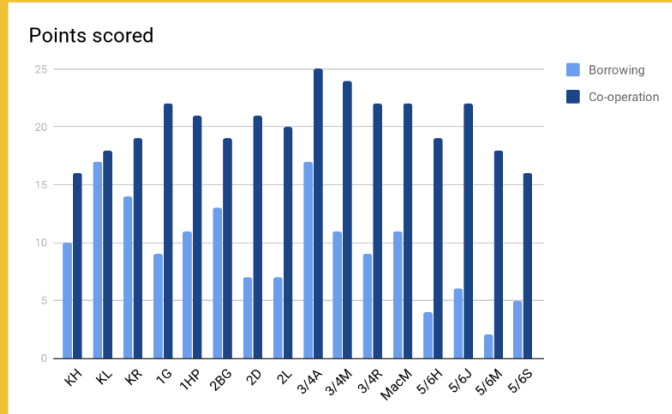
Layla A (SRC 3/4A)





Library

Weekly Class Library Points



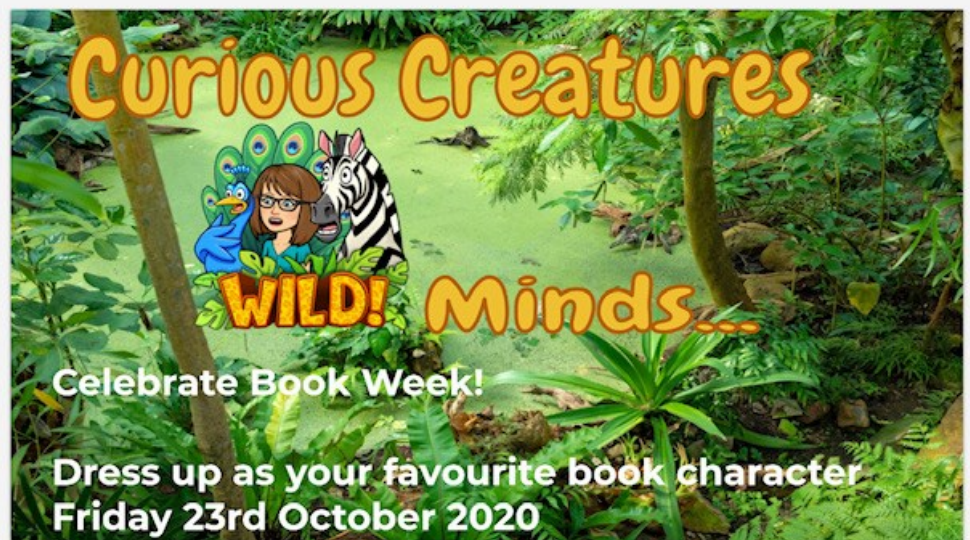
Congratulations to the following classes for a great effort Term 3 Week 10:

KL, 1HP & 2BG, 3/4A and MAC M

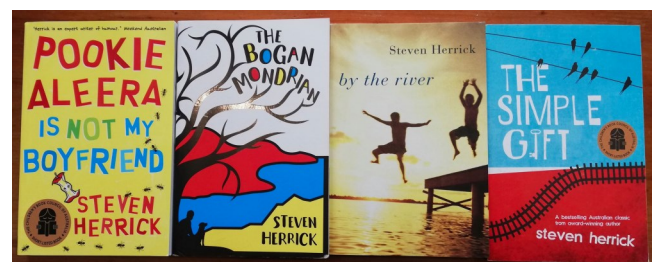
Book Week next Week. Dress as your favourite book character or to the theme Curious Creatures, Wild Minds on Friday 23rd October.

BOOK FAIR

Book Fair arrives Thursday 5th—Thursday 12th November. More information will be available in the coming weeks.



Friday 16th October we will be hosting Katoomba author Steven Herrick to our school to have a chat with our stage 2 and Stage 3 students. What a wonderful opportunity for us all.



Gateway Family Services

Term 4, 2020



ONLINE Parenting Programs Summary

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will be offering the following ONLINE programs.

To register please phone: 1300 316 746 or 4720 6504.

**** RESTRICTED PARTICIPANT NUMBERS****

Program	Date & Time	Registration
Tuning In To Kids <i>Emotionally Intelligent Parenting</i> <i>Learn to better talk & understand your child to help manage your child's emotions & behaviour.</i> <i>Suitable for parents with 2-8 year olds.</i>	Every Tuesday 27th Oct - 1st Dec 7:30pm - 9:00pm NO Childcare	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call) Or 4720 6504
1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching <i>Learn how to understand & manage your child's difficult behaviour.</i> <i>Suitable for parents with 2-12 year olds.</i>	Every Wednesday 11th Nov - 2nd Dec 10:00am - 11:30am NO Childcare	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call) Or 4720 6504
1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching <i>Learn how to understand & manage your child's difficult behaviour.</i> <i>Suitable for parents with 2-12 year olds.</i>	Every Thursday 29th Oct - 19th Nov 10:00am - 11:30am NO Childcare	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call) Or 4720 6504
Circle of Security <i>Learn how to be a strong, wiser & kinder parent with your kids. Suitable for parents of 0-12 year old.</i>	Every Thursday 22nd Oct - 10th Dec 7:30pm - 9:00pm NO Childcare	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call) Or 4720 6504

For more information and Individual Flyers go to:

www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au or www.facebook.com/GatewayFS

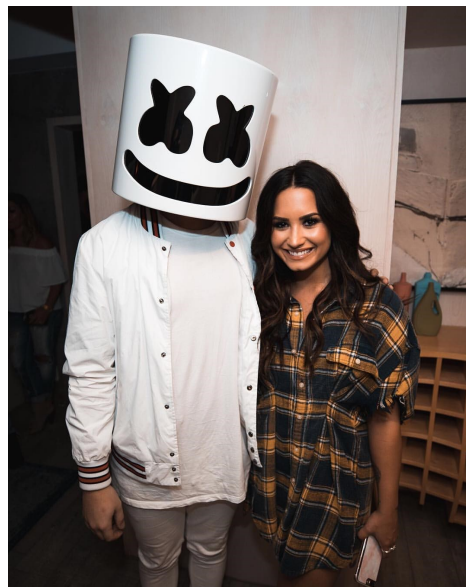
Gateway Family Services parenting programs are funded by DSS and DCJ.

Gateway works collaboratively with community partners to bring parent programs to communities from St Marys to Blackheath.

Gateway encourages, supports & respects diversity in families & communities. Our Programs are open to everyone.



Bell Music



This week's bell song is 'OK Not To Be OK' by Marshmello and Demi Lovato

The reason why this song was chosen to be this week's bell song:

In recognition of 'World Mental Health Day 2020' (October 10): World Mental Health Day occurred on Saturday. It's fair to say that with the year we have had that each and all of us have had our mental health challenged. In Australia, 'this year's Mental Health Day campaign has been developed with the aim of challenging negative perceptions around mental illness and encouraging people to take a more positive view of mental illness.'

Marshmello (Christopher Comstock) is an American electronic music producer and DJ. Born in 1992, his career commenced in 2016. His most popular songs "Silence", "Wolves", "Friends", "Happier", and "Alone" have been certified multi-platinum hits in several countries throughout the world. **Demetria Lovato** (born August 20, 1992) is an American singer, songwriter, and actress. As of 2017, Billboard reported that Lovato has sold over two million albums and 20 million singles in the US. She has received various awards, including an MTV Video Music Award, 14 Teen Choice Awards, five People's Choice Awards, two Latin American Music Awards, and one Guinness World Record.

OK Not To Be OK was released on September 10, 2020. To date its peak position on the Australian ARIA chart is 47. It reached #4 in New Zealand and #3 in Belgium.

I hope you enjoy the song.



Learn more about understanding the meaning of your child's behaviour and how to be the best parent you can be.

ONLINE PROGRAM VIA ZOOM
Wednesdays, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
from November 4th to December 9th 2020
 Contact Kylie on 4782 1555 or kylie@thriveservices.org.au
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