



# Bunmurra Byala



*Here, there, everywhere. Blue Tongue Lizard talk*

Dear Families,

Welcome to Week 3 of Term 4 and Wellbeing week!

We've started the week with our teachers dressing 'uniquely' as themselves. Tomorrow, the students are encouraged to dress in their team colours. This could be a uniform or a jersey, anything that represents being part of a team. Wednesday is crazy sock day to express individuality. Thursday everyone is encouraged to wear green to support the environment. Our SRC has requested a gold coin donation to raise money for a new tumbler style compost bin. By Friday, everyone will definitely be ready to come to school in their PJ's as we celebrate the importance of rest, sleep and looking after yourself. We are looking forward to a great week of wellbeing and fun.

Our students looked fantastic on Friday dressed up as their favourite book characters and although we weren't able to hold our annual parade but everyone was still in the spirit and had a great day. Thank you to our wonderful parents and carers who made sure the kids had a costume to wear, it is always appreciated.

A great big thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our survey. Your feedback and input is greatly valued and we will be reporting back to you with the results shortly.

We are currently accepting Kindergarten enrolments for next year. If you have any questions or need assistance with this process please make contact via our front office.

Be Positive, Be Kind, Be Yourself and Have a Wonderful Week!

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

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

## Dates to Remember

### October

**Monday 26th—Friday 30th Oct:** Wellbeing Week.

**Monday 26th Oct:** Year 5 Interrelate

**Tuesday 27th Oct:** Year 6 Interrelate and students wear your team colours, uniforms or Jerseys.

**Wednesday 28th Oct:** Crazy Sock Day

**Thursday 29th Oct:** Wear green and bring a gold coin donation for raising funds for new green team equipment. Basketball Program begins

**Friday 30th Oct:** PJ Day!. Year 5 Mosaic Project

### November

**Monday 2nd November:** Year 5 interrelate

**Tuesday 3rd November:** Year 6 Interrelate

**Thursday 5th Nov:** Public speaking finals. Basketball program

**Thursday 5th —Thursday 12th Nov:** Book Fair

**Friday 6th November:** Cross Country Carnival at Gloria Park

**Monday 9th - Friday 13th Nov:** Naidoc Week

**Thursday 12th November:** basketball program

**Friday 13th November:** Year 5 Mosaic project

**Monday 16th November:** Starting Big School 12.00-2.30

**Wednesday 18th November:** Starting Big School 9.30-12.00

**Thursday 19th November:** Basketball program

**Tuesday 24th November:** Starting Big School 12.00-2.30

**Friday 27th November:** Starting Big School 9.30-12.00. Year 5 Mosaic project

### December

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

## Student Appreciation

Thank you to the following Hazelbrook B bus students who willingly use their waiting time cleaning our school grounds to keep them beautiful. Laith, Saladdin, Amyrah, Natalie, Jennifer, Josh, Charlie, Jacob, Dominic, James, Alicia, William and Fletcher we appreciate your efforts.



How clean is your local playground?

## University of Newcastle research

We are pleased to confirm that our school will be participating in an important research project to investigate whether COVID-19 has had any impact on student learning and teacher morale.

The research is being undertaken by the University of Newcastle in Term 4, 2020.

Some students will also be invited to participate, and information letters will be sent out to relevant classes in due course.

The research will involve the researchers being granted access to some student survey and assessment data, but it will not include the names of any of the students.

Parents who do **not** want the research team to have access to these data, can opt-out on their child's behalf. For further information about the research, please contact the research team's project manager (Wendy Taggart) at [wendy.taggart@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:wendy.taggart@newcastle.edu.au)

## Cross Country Carnival

Last week, all students were given a permission note for the Cross Country carnival which is taking place at Gloria Park on the Friday November 6th. If you have anytime available to help on the day, please complete the form on the back of the permission note. Please note, money and permission notes are due back by Monday November 2nd.



## WELLBEING WEEK TERM 4 WEEK 3

This term during **Week 3** we will be celebrating Wellbeing Week across this school.

Wellbeing Week gives us the opportunity to highlight the importance of **positive wellbeing to learning, work satisfaction and quality of life.**

October is also **National Mental Health Month**, AND Friday October 30<sup>th</sup> is **National Teachers' Day!**

The 3 themes for Wellbeing Week are:

- Be Positive
- Be Kind
- Be Yourself.



We will mark Wellbeing Week at a **whole school, stage and class level**. Here is a snap shot of some of the themes and events, possible class activities and ways families can help students get involved.

**Monday** – Be Kind to Your Mates. Students will discuss friendship and the qualities of a good friend. Teachers will lead the way and launch the week with their individual and unique dress sense.

**Tuesday** - Students wear team colours, uniforms and jerseys to promote and focus on Teamwork. Tuesday will also have a Be Kind to Teachers theme. Thank you to the P and C for their support with this.

**Wednesday** – Students wear Crazy Socks to express their unique individuality. Wednesday will also have a Be Kind to Whoever theme and focus on random acts of kindness.

**Thursday** – Students wear green to show support for caring for the environment. The SRC are coordinating a gold coin donation to raise money for new tumbler compost bins. Students will discuss ways we can continue to Be Kind to the Earth  
**Friday** – Students wear PJs to focus on the importance of rest and downtime. Students will enjoy some wind down activities together – just for fun. Students will discuss taking the kindness home for the weekend with a Be Kind to Your Family Theme.

Other activities may include Mindfulness, Growth Mindset lessons, Bullying No Way lessons, creating a Positive Class Shout Out board. Role playing and poster making, fun fitness, relays and class tournaments and teamwork challenges.

Check the school Facebook page for daily updates.

HAZELBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL

WELLBEING WEEK TERM 4 WEEK 3




Be Positive  
Be Kind  
Be Yourself.

Tuesday – Wear your team colours, uniform or jersey.



Wednesday – Wear crazy socks to express your unique individuality



Thursday – Wear green to support the environment. Bring in a gold coin to raise money for new tumbler style compost bins



Friday – Wear your PJs and celebrate the importance of rest, sleep and down time

Fuchsia Fanciers, Australia & Hazelbrook Public School present



## A Giant Plant Sale

100s of **Fuchsias**, plus succulents & other plants all at bargain prices

Grown by Fuchsia Group and school volunteers

Saturday, 14th November 9am-3pm

4 Allen St, Lawson (Blue Mountains)

In Barbara's lovely Fuchsia & succulent garden

Will be run Covid 19 safe with social distancing, collecting visitors details and hand sanitising, wear masks if you wish, most helpers will



Lucky gate prizes will be drawn from visitors names

## Starting Big School

We are pleased to announce that our Starting Big School program can be held in term 4. The program is yet to be finalised but the following dates have been scheduled:

Monday 16th November: 12.00-2.30

Wednesday 18th November: 9.30-12.00

Tuesday 24th November: 12.00-2.30

Friday 27th November: 9.30-12.00

An information session for parents is yet to be programmed and we will have this information to you as soon as it is available.

♥ Welcome to Kindergarten



Photos for Year 6, Concert band, SRC, Green team, Debating, Leadership Council and Recorder Ensemble are now available.

These can be viewed and ordered online at [www.theschoolphotographer.com.au](http://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au) using the inline code below:

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The photos will be available to view and purchase **ONLINE ONLY**.

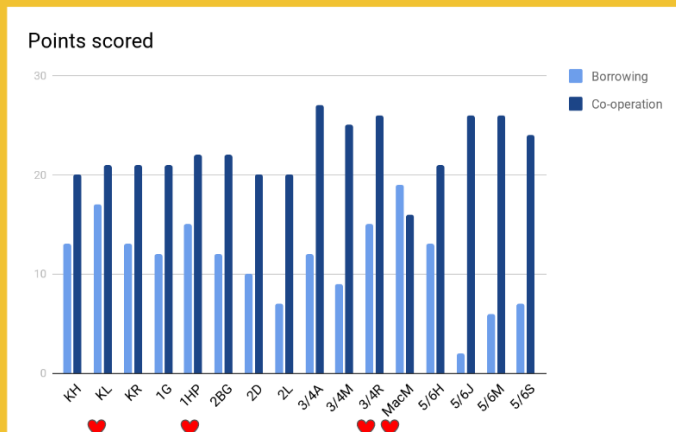


# Library

## BOOK FAIR

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

### Weekly Class Library Points



Amazing work  
KL, 1HP, 3/4R &  
Mac M



astitchahalf.com

### Book Week Celebrations

How wonderful it was to see so many students and staff dress up for the day. With the theme being 'Curious Creatures Wild Minds', there was a great array of costumes and it certainly made for a colourful playground!

Unfortunately we were not able to hold our parade but we have included a number of photos overleaf for you to enjoy!

Book Week 2021 theme has been announced.

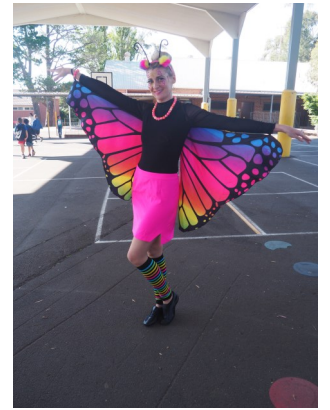
**OLD WORLDS**

**NEW WORLDS**

**OTHER WORLDS**

What an exciting theme that surely will lead to the use of imagination young and old!





## Basketball



Last week Mr McDonald sent off all of the student results for this year's Premier's Sporting Challenge. The challenge is a 10 week promotion of positive and active lifestyle choices, with students achieving either encouragement, bronze, silver, gold, or diamond awards for their average active minutes per week. Students will receive their certificates in a few weeks.

As a reward for our participation, the school will receive a grant that can be used to update some of our school sports equipment. Mrs Jagger and Mr M are very excited to spend the money!

Speaking of grants, our basketball program is finally about to begin! The fully funded program was organised through our successful application for a Federal Sporting Schools grant in Term 1. Unfortunately, due to covid-19 restrictions, the program had to be delayed until this term.

This Thursday, all students will begin a 4-week basketball coaching program run by basketball NSW accredited coaches. The program will then continue on Wednesdays from next week.

Students do not need to bring any money or equipment, but should wear appropriate shoes and come ready to dribble, pass and shoot on Thursday.

## Student Excellence

Thanks to the generosity of one of our parents, Vicky Critchley, 3/4M were entered as a class into the annual Orang-Artan Competition. The competition is an art prize run by the Oragnutan Project charity organisation and open to students aged 8-11.

Each student created a few artworks each and then selected the one work that they wished to enter into the competition.

The school has just received notification that Isobel from 3/4M has been shortlisted as one of the finalists with her artwork, which is pictured below. Isobel's piece was chosen from over 430 entries from schools around the world.

Hazelbrook PS would like to wish her a massive congratulations as well as our best wishes for the final selection process. We would also like to thank Vicky for the opportunity to be a part of the competition, which helps raise the issues surrounding Orangutan threats and recovery programs.

The winner will be announced on November 12<sup>th</sup>.





## Year 5 Mosaic Project

This term Year 5 students will be participating in a series of 3 mosaic workshops with local artist, Caitlin Hughes. These workshops will culminate in the installation of a Blue Tongue Lizard mosaic at the Beechmont Ave entrance to the school.

The workshop dates will be as follows:

Friday October 30

Friday 13th November

Friday 27th November

Students will work on sections sticking pieces directly to fibreglass mesh with cement based adhesive. These sections fit together a little like a large jigsaw puzzle.

We will work with predominantly exterior ceramic tile and some inclusions such as stones, Italian glass, smalti pebbles, glass pebbles etc.

**Students must have hair back, closed shoes, and safety glasses on at all times.**

All safety precautions including the wearing of safety glasses will be taken, however, small cuts to the fingers are possible from handling cut pieces of tile and glass.

**Please note, the first workshop also coincides with the Wellbeing Week PJ Day. Please send covered shoes and a t-shirt / shorts with students. Onesies, slippers or ugg boots will not meet safety requirements.**

We thank the P and C for funding this exciting project and look forward to seeing the results of the students' wonderful work.

## Term 4 Band Program

I regret to inform you that we will be unable to resume Concert Band and Instrument Tutorials for woodwind and brass this term.

While restrictions regarding blowing instruments have been lifted, the distancing restrictions (5 metres between Band conductor / tutor and band, 3 metres distancing in the airflow direction of flutes and 1.5 metre distancing for all other instruments) and the requirement regarding large, well ventilated rehearsal spaces do make it unworkable for band and tutorials to recommence.

Guitar tutorials will continue.

Could all students who have a school instrument, please return it to Mrs. Schmidt this week.

Standards of Excellence (red books) need to be returned to the library and ALL Concert Band Music must be returned by Year 6 students, in accordance with copyright compliance laws.

Please settle all band fees with the school office.

Payment reminder notices will be sent home shortly if you are unsure of monies owed / credited from Term 3.

Thank you for your patience in what has been a challenging year for the performing arts.

Mrs Schmidt

## K-6 Enrichment

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in our 3 Enrichment Sessions, held last week. With so many teacher nominations an enrichment session for K-1, 3-6 and Year 2 were held.

Students in K-1 enjoyed sharing in vocabulary tasks, creative drawing games and maths challenges. Year 2 completed a collaborative, creative problem solving task, designing a new type of shoe for teachers, with specific features. They then had to sell their design to the shoe company executives (aka Eden and Olivia from MAC M). Shoe features included massage pads, inbuilt speakers, high heel to sport shoe converters and jet boosters to allow teachers to put work up on the walls and move swiftly among students. Stage 2 and 3 and our current MAC M students battled out a team challenge with 4 rounds, including team Pictionary, analysing figurative language in poetry, a presentation exploring a quote from Albert Einstein and a number puzzle round.

Students showed great enthusiasm, creativity, engagement and collaboration in all sessions.

**Friends****By 6J and 6M**

***Friends are kind and loyal,  
 Friends make you happy,  
 Friends will make you laugh,  
 Friends you can trust,  
 Friends are supportive,  
 Friends are easy to talk to,  
 Friends you look forward to seeing,  
 Friends you enjoy hanging out with,  
 Friends you play footy with,  
 Friends you get the bus with,  
 Friends you ride bikes with,  
 Friends make you cry because you care,  
 Friends are annoying but in a good way.  
 Friends are friends till the end.***

**Uniform Shop**

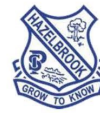
The uniform shop will be closed on Tuesday 3/11 and 10/11. Any orders sent through will be completed the following week. If any uniform items are urgent, please contact the Office and we will do our best to fill your order. Thank you for your patience.

**A poem by Lauryn B 5/6J**

Friends are people who care...  
 Friends support you...  
 Friends are life long buddies...  
 Friends help and look after you...  
 Friends will always be there for you...  
 Friends are crazy...

Support your friends today

#Wellbeing Week



This week's bell song:  
**'With a Little Help from My Friends'**  
 By Joe Cocker.



This week's bell song is 'With a Little Help from My Friends' by Joe Cocker

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

In recognition and celebration of 'HPS Wellbeing Week' (October 26 - 30): This week, Hazelbrook Public School is celebrating Wellbeing Week. 'Wellbeing Week gives us the opportunity to highlight the importance of positive wellbeing to learning, work satisfaction and quality of life. The 3 themes for Wellbeing Week are: Be Positive, Be Kind, Be Yourself.' (Mrs Schmidt) There are a range of events for both students and staff to enjoy as part of the school's encouragement of every individual to 'be themselves and take pride in who you are.'

John Robert "Joe" Cocker OBE (20 May 1944 – 22 December 2014) was an English singer known for his gritty voice. In a career that spanned over 6 decades, Cocker released 22 studio albums.

'With a Little Help from My Friends' was written by John Lennon and Paul McCartney in 1967 and first appeared on the Beatles' album, Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club. Joe Cocker's version of the song reached number one on the UK Singles Chart in 1968.

I hope you enjoy the song.

Yours in music appreciation,

Mr Dewhurst