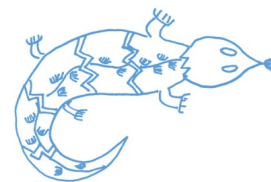




Bunmurra Byala



Here, there, everywhere. Blue Tongue Lizard talk

Dear Families,

Welcome to Week 5 of Term 4!

With thanks to Mrs Jagger, we had another successful Cross-Country at Gloria Park on Friday. Thank you to all of our parents and carers who were able to give up some of their time to help out on the day, it is always appreciated. Congratulations to Zac and Lia who broke records for their age races!

Swim scheme will be going ahead in Week 7 and Week 8 for students in Year 2 and Year 3. Please ensure you have received the note for this that was sent home last week.

We are looking forward to the Year 6 Farwell on Wednesday 9th December. Students will be required to enter the school grounds via Kiss and Drop from 5.00pm. Families are welcome to make their own arrangements to meet before 5pm for photo opportunities prior to arrival at school. We will have a teacher designated to take photographs once on school grounds. More details will be provided 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. An email will be sent home to families of new Kindergarten enrolments detailing key information for starting school along with our orientation video.

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

November

Thursday 5th —Thursday 12th Nov: Book Fair

Wednesday 11th Nov: Basketball program

Monday 9th - Friday 13th Nov: Naidoc Week

Friday 13th November: Year 5 Mosaic project

Monday 16th November: Starting Big School 12.00-2.30 & Stage 3 to Sydney zoo

Wednesday 18th November: Starting Big School 9.30-12.00, Basketball program and Hotdog lunch from P&C

Friday 20th Nov: Stage 3 to Yarramundi

Monday 23rd - Monday 30th November: Year 2 & 3 Swim Scheme

Tuesday 24th November: Starting Big School 12.00-2.30

Wednesday 25th Nov: Basketball program

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

Monday 30th November: Zoo Snooze Group A and Year 2 & 3 Swim Scheme program begins

December

Tuesday December 1st: Zoo Snooze Group B & Year 6 Orientation day to Springwood High School

Tuesday 1st—Friday 4th December: Year 2 & 3 Swim Scheme

Wednesday 9th December: Year 6 Farewell

Friday 11th December: Year 6 Graduation & reports sent home

Monday 14th December: Bunmurra Day

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

January 2021

Friday January 29th: Students return to School



PBL



Week 3 Winners

ES1	Sid S	KL
S1	Lily F	2L
S2	Mike K	Mac M
S3	Fletcher C	Mac M

PBL Rule

I am respectful if I care for everyone at school



PBL



Week 4 Winners

ES1	Annabel L	KL
S1	Ruby P	2D
S2	Ashley D	3/4A
S3	Marlow T	5/6S

PBL Rule

I am respectful if I care for everyone at school



PBL



Week 5 Winners

ES1	Izaak E	KH
S1	Rowan E	2D
S2	Rose H	3/4M
S3	Millie C	5/6S

PBL Rule

I am responsible if I use the toilets for their specific purposes

Keep your eyes open for our new PBL mascot. During Well Being week, all students were asked to submit a new design based on our school totem, the blue tongue lizard.

Some of the submissions have been colourful and creative and we look forward to presenting them to you soon!



Cross Country Carnival

Last Friday, the 6th November was the Hazelbrook PS K-6 Cross Country.

The day started with Stage 3 going to Gloria Park and helping teachers set up. Then the 12-13 year boys' race started. They were fast with Zac breaking the school record! Then the 12-13 year girls' race happened, then it was time for Years 1 and 2.

For the first year in HPS history, Kindies and Year 1 joined the rest of the school to race! They were also actually quite fast! Stage 3 joined them too, as helpers and the kindies really gave Stage 3 a run! They wouldn't stop.

Next up was the 8 and 9 year olds and then finally the 10 year olds.

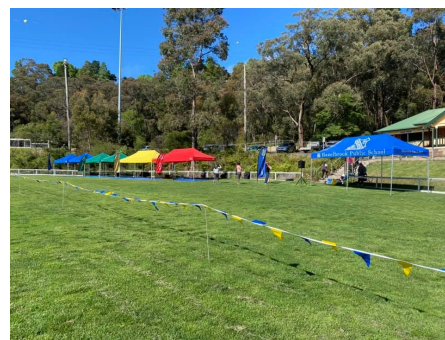
Students travelled with their teachers to and from Gloria Park while Stage 3 and MAC M stayed there all day. It was a long day.

Students cheered for their houses - Macquarie (yellow), Evans (green), Cox (red) and Mitchel (blue) and Miss Hawkes and Ms Williams presented the ribbons.

Special thanks to Mrs Jagger for organising a great day and to the P & C for the juice and lollies after we raced.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it!

Ruby and Mike (MAC M)



P&C

This month's P&C meeting has been cancelled but we will be back face to face for December. We look forward to seeing you all there. Any new faces are welcome!

Next Wednesday 18th November is a special hotdog lunch day for all students. A note was sent home last week if you wished to opt out of this lunch provided by the P&C. If you wish to opt out, please let the canteen know. The same if your child has any dietary requirements.



Fuchsia Fanciers, Australia & Hazelbrook Public School present

You MUST BOOK your 20min session text 0405 500 957

A Giant Plant Sale

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

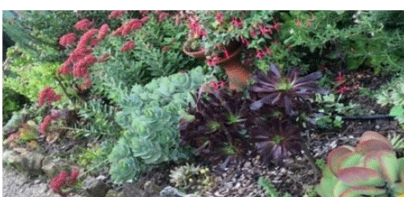
Grown by Fuchsia Group and school volunteers

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 visitors booked in social distancing, collecting visitors details and hand sanitising, wear masks if you wish. helpers will.



For More info text or ring 0405 500 957

Starting Big School

We are pleased to announce that our Starting Big School program can be held in term 4.

An email and introductory video has been emailed to all 2021 Kindy families. 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 unavailable due to Covid restrictions but a PowerPoint will be emailed soon with all relevant information for our excited parents. Thank you for your patience, and we look forward to meeting all our gorgeous new Kindy kids.

Dates to Remember

- 11/11– Money and permission notes due for Stage 3 Sydney Zoo due
- 18/11– Money and permission note for Stage 3 TMCA Sport and recreation camp due
- 19/11– Money and permission note for Year 2 & 3 Swim Scheme due
- 23/11– Money and permission notes for Year 4 Zoo Snooze due
- 25/11– Graduation Bear money and order form due

Please note credit card payments have changed to online only via our school website hazelbrook-p.schools.nsw.gov.au. Payments can also be made with the Office by phone. Thank you for your patience with this change. If you need any financial assistance, please put your request in writing to the Office or via the school email hazelbrook-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

2L Written Recounts

Brewongle Environmental Education Centre
Jacob 2L

On the 23/9/20 Stage 1 went to Brewongle EEC for an excursion. We went there for a day and we got there by bus. When we got there the staff introduced themselves.

Then all the classes went with one of the Brewongle staff. After that we went with one of the staff. Next we hid little and big bugs with a partner. When we were hiding the big bugs we got a spider which I am terrified of!

After hiding the bugs we got some paper and a crayon. We put the paper on a tree and rub the crayon on the paper. After we went to find real bugs. Other people used a white sheet. You put the sheet under a tree and shake the tree then see if any bugs fall. But I did digging with a spade.

Then we went into a class room. We looked through microscopes to look at bugs closer. There was a scorpion but I didn't get to see it. Then we went and got a pair of binoculars. When we went and got a pair of binoculars. We went into the bush silently so we didn't scare the birds. We found two birds but I only one.

After looking for birds we put our binoculars back where we found them. Next our staff who was teaching us told us a dreamtime story. The story was about a blue hen who wanted to fly above the rainforest.

After we used ochre to paint on our bodies. Lastly we went into their veggie garden and we got to have some snap peas straight from the plant. Back where we started we ate our lunch and then we ate our cookies!

2L has been producing amazing written recounts about their day at the Brewongle Environmental Education Centre.

They have focused on sentence structure, spelling and editing of their own work. While the whole class has done an amazing job, please enjoy a small selection.

Keep up the good work 2L!!!

Olivia 2L

Brewongle Environmental Education Centre

On the 23rd of the 9th Stage 1 went on an excursion to Brewongle. At Brewongle 2L which is my class hid little and big bugs to camouflage them. My friend had to find the bug that I hid then I had to find the bug that she hid. After 2L hid the little and big bugs I learnt how to camouflage.

Next 2L had to do digging and shaking so we could find bugs. We were shaking the trees so a bug could fall out of the tree. But I did not find a bug. After that I learnt how to look for bugs.

After that 2L put ochre on our bodies which was fun. I put the ochre on my arms. I learnt how to put ochre on probably.

Next 2L ate snap peas in the veggie garden and the other classes did not get to. Then the blue hen dreamtime story.

Olivia S 2L

Jacob B 2L

2L Written Recounts

Lewis 2L

Brewongle Environmental
Education centre.

At the Brewongle Environmental
Education centre we did
lots of fun stuff. But first
we hid small and big
bugs in a forest... well
sort of

Next we dug holes to
look for real life bugs. After
that we looked in
microscopes... there was bugs
in them they looked
really cool but my eyes
hurt after it. Then we
did rubbings on trees/bark/
rocks. I didn't know how
to do it because I wasn't
listening... sorry

Next we went on a bush
walk and we were

trying to find birds
with binoculars as
well. We didn't find any
birds but we found a
termites nest. Then we
ate snap peas I didn't like
them because of my
bad taste buds.

After that we put ochre
on our bodies. It was very
cold but I could
handle it. Then we listened
to a live wren dreamtime
story. It was a good
story. Finally we had
chocolate chip cookies
they were really good
cookies.

Lewis B 2L

Phoenix 2L

Brewongle Environmental Education center

On the last Wednesday of term 3 stage
I went to the Brewongle Environmental
Education center.

We got told we were going to Perth
we also got told that we were going
to MARS we just went to the
Brewongle Environmental Education center.

When we got there we went to sit
on a tarp. They introduced us to them
and we went to the toilet. We ate a snack
and left for our first activity.

Our first activity was to camouflage plastic
bugs such as spiders. We chose a partner
one person closed their eyes the other
person hid the bug. After they hid the
bug the other person found them.

Next we found bugs in different ways

we dug we looked and we put
sheets under trees and shook it we found a
lot of ants.

After that we put ochre painting on our bodies
some of us looked like we went to a party.
I did I had it on my face
and arms.

Next we went to the brewongle classroom
and looked at some of the bugs we
found earlier on the big screen. We also
looked at other bugs through microscopes.

Next we did rubbings on trees/bark/ants with
craons my ones did not work. After that we
grabbed a pair of binoculars and went on a
bush walk. And went to do bird watching
we found I.

We saw a termites nest though next
ate some delicious snap peas. After that we
listened to a dreamtime story. We finally
went back to school.

Phoenix 2L



Library

Our Book Fair is ready!!

Check out the books available.....



Simply fill in your payment slip and return to the school by Wednesday 11th November. Your books will be sent home the same day. Some popular titles may go quickly but can be re-ordered. Students will go in a draw to win a \$15 prize from the Book Fair, with every book purchased. Our raffle will be drawn on Wednesday afternoon.

The Book Fair will be open to students Monday-Wednesday morning and lunchtime. The books range in price from \$5-\$30 and there is also a range of posters and stationary from \$1-\$6.

Thanks again for supporting our school and library.

Well done to our current leaders. KL, 2BG, 3/4R, 5/6H and 5/6S thank you for your wonderful contribution to the library

Futsal Competition

From next week, Mr McDonald and Mr Scott will be holding a round-robin style Futsal competition. Students from years 3-6 will be invited to form mixed teams of 5 players to see if they can go all the way and lift the (virtual) trophy at the end of the year.

Games will be held on MPC during recess and lunch breaks and will be 10 minutes in length. Spectators are welcome to come along and see their heroes in action.

Futsal is a modified version of soccer that is usually played on a smaller court with only 5 players. Mr M and Mr Scott will run a few instructional sessions before the competition to familiarise students with the rules and gameplay.

All students from 3-6 are welcome to form a team and enter. See you on the court!



POP ART!

As a part of our poetry unit, 3/4M have been looking at different types of poetic language.

We decided to explore the use of onomatopoeia by creating our own comic book artworks. We think they really POP!



Mental health and wellbeing

The Department of Education has launched a Mental Health Hub that is available to all students, staff and community. It is very useful with an immediate support request button in red for all students. The Hub can be accessed via <https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/counselling-and-psychology-services>. Discover ways to help yourself and others to strengthen your mental health, and get help both in and outside of school.

Mental health and wellbeing

I want help now

Having a tough time and need support right now? Help is available.

24/7 support
services



This week's bell song:
'First Nation' by Midnight Oil
 feat. Jessica Mauboy & Tasman Keith



This week's bell song is 'First Nation' by Midnight Oil (feat. Jessica Mauboy & Tasman Keith)

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

In recognition and celebration of NAIDOC Week (November 8 - 15): 'NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. This year's theme, *Always Was, Always Will Be*, recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.' (naidoc.org.au)

Midnight Oil are an Australian rock band who formed in Sydney in 1972. Throughout their career they have released 12 studio albums, most of which were top 10 albums on the Australian charts. Among their many accolades, The Oils have won 11 Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) Awards and were inducted into the ARIA Hall of Fame in 2006.

First Nation appears on the band's 12th studio album, *The Makarrata Project*, released on 30 October 2020. The album is the first new material from the band since 2002 and their first studio album to hit #1 on the ARIA Charts since *Blue Sky Mining* (1990).

I hope you enjoy the song.

Yours in music appreciation,

Mr Dewhurst