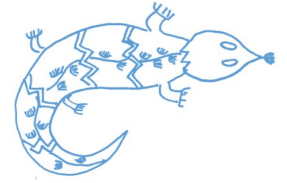




# Bunmurra Byala



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

Dear Families,

Welcome to Week 6 of Term 4! With the end of the year fast approaching we have a very busy schedule.

Stage Three students thoroughly enjoyed their day out at Sydney Zoo despite the hot weather. They are looking forward to their next day out this Friday for some fun and adventure at Yarramundi YMCA. We are grateful that these activities were able to go ahead and thank our wonderful teachers for going the extra mile to ensure our students were given these opportunities.

Year 6 students are thoroughly enjoying taking part in the creation of our Blue Tongue lizard Mosaic and we are super excited about seeing the end product and unveiling it later this term.

We held our first Kindergarten orientation 'Starting Big School' session on Monday. The children very quickly settled in and had a fabulous time making new friends and getting to know the Kindergarten teachers. Our SRC did a great job helping out and making sure everybody got to the right places. Thank you to our P&C for all of their help and support with our first session.

Swim scheme for students in Year 2 and Year 3 starts Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Each child will need to bring a swimming costume, towel, shirt, hat, rash shirts and sunscreen. If it is a cool day they will need to bring along some warmer clothing.

Our P&C raised \$3500 at the Fuschia and plant sale over the weekend. Their continued support of our school and community is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Book Fair this term. Mrs Clift was very pleased that \$4500 was raised which enables our library to purchase another \$1760 worth of quality books to join our library.

Mr McDonald has organised an Orienteering program for students in Years 3-6 which commences this week. We were fortunate to be able to partake in this exciting program through the Sport in Schools Grant.

A friendly reminder that this Wednesday is Hot Dog day. With thanks to our P&C each student will be given a hot dog and a drink for lunch.

The Department of Education has released a mental health hub. We have included information on this in the newsletter. It may be a useful link for students, staff and our community.

Semester Two reports will be sent home to parents/carers in a sealed envelope with students on Friday December 11.

Have a great 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

**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



## 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.

The Fuschia and plant sale held last weekend was the only P&C fundraiser for 2020. We raised a massive \$3500!

Thanks to the always amazing green house ladies headed up by Elissa and Liz. Your tireless work propagating plants is unbelievable. Thanks to all the volunteers on the day. Erin, Cathy, Liz, Elissa, Vanessa and Katrina, we are extremely grateful. Thank you to Carolyn for all your behind the scenes work.

Special thanks to Barbara, Norma and Carmen for your continued support to Hazelbrook Public School P&C.


We still have some organic seeds and succulents available. Please email hazopandc@gmail to order.

If you are interested in helping in the green house or veggie patches please email hazopandc@gamil.com.



This Wednesday 18th November is a special hotdog lunch day for all students. Please note the canteen is open at recess and lunch times but there will be no lunch options other than the hotdog. Quickcliq will be unavailable. Any queries, please ring the office.





## SPRINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL


### Year 7, Orientation Day

### Tuesday 1st December, 2020

Please join us at 8.45 am for a 9am start on Tuesday the 1st of December for an Orientation Day experience. Meet your Year Adviser, Mrs Sheree Sollazzo, School Leaders and make some new friends. You will be welcomed by our Principal (Rel.), Mr Stuart Harvie, experience a variety of mini lessons and lunch catered by our HSC Hospitality team prior to being collected by your parents at 12pm.

As this is a COVID safe event, only students are able to attend. Please adhere to drop-off and pick-up points for individual schools located on Grose Rd.

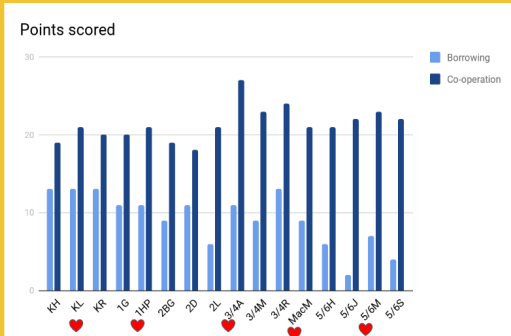
A parent information session will be available at 6.30pm on 1st December. We will send the invite via the email address supplied on your student's enrolment form.





# Library

## Weekly Class Library Points



**Week 5 Library Winners**  
**KL, 1HP, 3/4A, Mac M & 5/6M**

## Book Fair!!

The Book Fair raised just under \$4,500 in total sales and we get 40% on rewards worth \$1,760 in books for our library. A huge "Thank You" to everyone who supported our Book Fair! Thank you to the Hughes and Wardle families for donating books from the Book Fair to our school library.

Congratulations to the raffle winners....Jayde KR. Jarli 1G. Thomas 3/4M and Dylan 5/6M.



## Library Borrowing!

This week is the last week for students to borrow books from our library. During borrowing time in Week 7 and 8 they will have time allocated during their lesson for reading. Please check at home and return all school library books by the end of Week 8. The first class on each stage to return all their books will receive an ice-block as a thank you from Mrs Clift

## Dates to Remember

- 18/11—Money and permission note for Stage 3 YMCA 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](http://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](mailto:hazelbrook-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au).





## This week's bell song: 'Shiny Happy People' by R.E.M. feat. Kate Pierson



This week's bell song is 'Shiny Happy People' by R.E.M. (feat. Kate Pierson)

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

**In anticipation and hopeful celebration of the deciding NRL State of Origin (Wednesday, November 18):** Pitted as the game that puts, 'mate vs mate, state vs state', many people from New South Wales and Queensland, both NRL and non-NRL enthusiasts, will make the effort to watch the final, deciding State of Origin this Wednesday night. Having been dominated by Queensland for the majority of the last 2 decades, Blues supporters will be hoping that NSW can make it 3 series wins in a row. If they can, we will certainly be 'happy people'.

**REM** were an American alternative rock band who formed in 1980. Throughout their career they released 15 studio albums. REM broke up in 2011 having sold more than 85 million albums worldwide and becoming one of the world's best-selling music artists. Their many awards are too extensive to list but include, 'World's Best Rock Artist' (World Music Awards: 2008) and 'Best Act in the World' (Q Awards: 1991, 1994 & 1995)

**Shiny Happy People** appeared on REM's 1991 album, *Out of Time*. The song features guest vocals by Kate Pierson of the B-52's, who also appears in the music video. It peaked at No. 10 on the Billboard Hot 100, No. 6 on the UK Singles Chart, No. 2 in Ireland and No. 10 in Germany.

I hope you enjoy the song.

Yours in music appreciation,

Mr Dewhurst