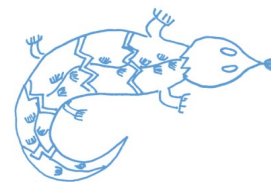




Bunmurra Byala



Here, there, everywhere. Blue Tongue Lizard talk

Dear Families,

Welcome to Week 8 at Hazelbrook Public School! Only a handful of days left for this school year with a very busy calendar.

Teachers have been working hard writing Semester 2 reports which will be sent home on Friday 11th December. The reports will be in a sealed envelope that is to be opened by parents/carers.

Our first group of Year 4 students had a wonderful time on their overnight excursion at zoo snooze last night. Our second group is on their way down now and left school earlier today most excited. We sincerely appreciate the time and effort from all staff who have attended to enable this amazing opportunity for our students.

This is the second week of swim scheme. We've had mixed weather from freezing cold days to extremely hot days but the children have always braved the conditions and are thoroughly enjoying the swimming lessons.

At the end of this year we will farewell Mr Dewhurst and Mrs Rock. We thank them both for all of their hard work this year especially as we navigated new ground together during the challenges of COVID. We wish them the best of luck as they begin new ventures.

Mrs Peen has accepted a twelve month position at another school. We wish her all the best for a new experience and look forward to having her back in 2022.

Our P&C meeting will be held at school on Tuesday 8 December at 7:00pm. This will be our first P&C meeting back on school grounds in accordance with the NSW DoE COVID guidelines.

Our Year 6 students are super excited about their farewell next Wednesday night December 9. Working within our COVID safe guidelines the farewell will be held outdoors in a 'Farewell in the Forest' magical garden theme. We will relocate to the hall, quad and MACM classroom in the unfortunate circumstance of inclement weather.

We are committed to the DEC priorities that every student is known, valued and cared for by recognising every student at our 'Celebration of Learning'. Together with the support and encouragement of their families and teachers, all students at HPS have demonstrated personal growth throughout the year, in a variety of domains inclusive of but not limited to academic, behavioural, social or emotional. This growth is individual to each student and we look forward to presenting them with their awards on Monday. Unfortunately, we are unable to have parents/carers in attendance as we do not have the required amount of space to have both students and parents/cares together per the COVID guidelines for this event. We appreciate your continued support and understanding under the current circumstances.

We are currently finalising staffing and class placements for 2021. At this point in time, we anticipate sending home class placement letters in sealed envelopes during Week 10.

Last day for students this term is Wednesday December 16th. Students return for Term 1, 2021 on Friday 29th January. From Term 1 2021 NSW DoE will now have two SDDs at the start of the year and only one at the end of Term 4.

Kindergarten students will be start school on Thursday 4th January, 2021.

Have a fabulous week!

Warm regards,

Melinda Williams



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 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

Friday 4th December: Coin Snake Day

Monday 7th December: Celebration of learning

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

School Banking

Last day to order rewards for school banking is Tuesday 1st December. Last day for school banking is Tuesday 8th December.

Thank you for all your banking this year and we hope you have a wonderful Christmas and new year.



Coin Snake Day



Bring those unwanted silver coins on Friday December 4th. The class that makes the longest snake and the class with the highest value snake win a class movie and a choc top!

This is a fundraiser organised by Year 6 to help subsidise their Farewell and the gift for the school.





PBL



Week 7 Winners

ES1	Alannah R	KR
S1	Ruby P	2D
S2	Tatiana P	3/4M
S3	Abbie M-S	5/6H

PBL Rule

I am Responsible if I move away from the canteen once served.



PBL



Week 8 Winners

ES1	Wil S	KH
S1	Rowan E	2D
S2	Thomas J	3/4M
S3	Spencer G	5/6H

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Credit Card payments

Please note that all credit card payments can only be processed in person at the Office or via our online Parent Online Payments (POP) option. This can be done via a link on our website www.hazelbrook-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au. Click on the make a payment link and complete all the fields with an asterisk. Please record the receipt number on the permission slip to be returned to the school office as proof of payment before the due date. Thank you for your understanding.

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This months P&C meeting is being held at school in the staff room Tuesday 8th at 7pm.

All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you!

As the school year comes to an end, the P&C run canteen needs to clear its freezers. Please help by purchasing a meal or frozen treat. Your child may be asked to substitute as stock runs out.

With the weather warming up, the Canteen has some cold treats! Quelch ice blocks (60c), Frozen orange slices (20c), Frozen juice cups (\$1), Jellies (60c) and custard cups (\$1).





Stage 3 Camp Yarramundi

On Friday I had such a fun day with Alex and all my friends went to the top of the giant swing just like me. It was really fun but I pulled a muscle going down it. Then we went to alpine rescue and it was really fun. We had to bring a patient (barrel) across an obstacle course and also we had to bring a plank so we could get across the stations like the tunnel, cement tires and the swing at the end. Then we went rock climbing. We had to help people going up the wall and then I went on. I nearly made it to the top but didn't then everybody else had a go then we left and I felt bus sick then we got to school and I rode home.

Riley O - 5/6S



On Friday the 20th of November 2020, Stage 3 went on an excursion to **YMCA Yarramundi**. We had to be at school at 8:00 am because we had to depart from school at 8:20 am so we could be at **Yarramundi** at 9:00 am.

When we got there we found out who our instructors were for the day. My group's instructor was **Jasper**. After we found out who our instructor was, we went to our first activity. My group's first activity was the **Giant Swing**, it was so fun but scary when you first pulled the rope. After the **Giant Swing** we went to **Orienteering**, it was also fun because we got to pretty much explore. Then we went back to the place where we started and had lunch.

After lunch we went to our final activity which was the **Flying Fox**, on the **Flying Fox** we all got two turns. After we had our two turns **Miss Hawkes** had a go, everyone cheered her on. After the **Flying fox** we went to the bus to go home. Overall it was so fun and I had the best time ever.

Thankyou Mr Scott and YMCA!

Amyrah 5/6S

FRENCH CREPES WEEK

During all of week 7, stages 2 and 3 made traditional crepes in French class. Due to Covid-19 we sadly couldn't make our own batter, but it was still fun pouring and flipping our crepes. When you made your crepes you could choose your topping. Ms Chamberlain provided lemon juice and sugar, or you could bring your own. Some of the choices included: strawberries, chocolate sauce, maple syrup, berries and many more. A crepe is a type of pancake which is almost as thin as a piece of paper! The smell of a crepe being freshly cooked smells like heaven. The satisfaction of watching the batter ooze from side to side on the pan was beyond compare as well as the slight sizzling of the crepe being cooked. The taste of the crepe itself is like a fresh cake. C'est delicieux!

By Mikayla.M 5-6H



December Vacation Care 17/12/2020-22/12/2020

Thursday 17/12	Friday 18/12	Monday 21/12	Tuesday 22/12
<p>Christmas cooking</p>  <p>-Ginger bread decorating -Shortbread cookies</p>	<p>Christmas themed activities</p>  <p>-Card making -Christmas Playdough -Christmas decorations</p>	<p>Christmas Build a Bear</p>  <p>Join us in creating our own Christmas stuffers, the children will all make and create their own 30 plush toy to take home, they can choose from: Glitter Santa, Elf Bear, Ginger Bread Bear or a Reindeer</p>	<p>Christmas Ornament making</p>  <p>We have a range of Christmas ornaments for children to create and take home, including Lego ornaments and photo baubles.</p>
Cost before CCS \$55	Cost before CCS \$55	Cost before CCS \$67	Cost before CCS \$60
<p>To make a booking please contact MMOOSH on 02 4758 8751 or email us at MMOOSH@bigond.net.au ~Open hours 7am-6pm~ Children need to bring along all food and drink for the day, as well as sun safe clothing and a hat.</p>			

January Vacation Care 07/01/2021- 27/01/2021

<u>Monday 04/01</u> MMOOSH CLOSED	<u>Tuesday 05/01</u> MMOOSH CLOSED	<u>Wednesday 06/01</u> MMOOSH CLOSED	<u>Thursday 07/01</u> MMOOSH DAY Open pending numbers MMOOSH Based activities Cost before CCS \$55	<u>Friday 08/01</u> MMOOSH DAY Open pending numbers MMOOSH Based activities Cost before CCS \$55
<u>Monday 11/01</u> Incursion Build a Mind incursion  The team from build a mind will be coming for some Lego robotics fun Cost before CCS \$75	<u>Tuesday 12/01</u> Our Year ahead  Make a calendar for 2021 Cost before CCS \$55	<u>Wednesday 13/01</u> Excursion Mount Tomah Botanical Gardens  We are heading off to Mount Tomah for an excursion to explore their water ways Arrive by 8:30am Cost before CCS \$85	<u>Thursday 14/01</u> Science Fun  MMOOSH will be overrun by mad scientist for today, join us for some crazy science fun! Cost before CCS \$55	<u>Friday 15/01</u> Tie Die Fun  Bring along anything white, we will be spending the day tie dying Cost before CCS \$55
<u>Monday 18/01</u> Incursion Walk about Reptile Show  Steve from walk about reptiles will be visiting this morning with his scaly friends Cost before CCS \$66	<u>Tuesday 19/01</u> Incursion Dance incursion No limits sport's  Bring your dancing shoes for some dancing fun today Cost before CCS \$65	<u>Wednesday 20/01</u> Excursion Mount Vic Flicks  Movie TBA We're off to Mount Vic Flicks to see one of the latest films! Arrive by 9:00am Cost before CCS \$75	<u>Thursday 21/01</u> Artist retreat  Today we will be expressing our creativity with a range of artistic activities. Cost before CCS \$55	<u>Friday 22/01</u> Excursion Fruit Picking excursion  We're off to Pinecrest Orchids today to pick some seasonal fruit! Arrive by 8:30am Cost before CCS \$85
<u>Monday 25/01</u> Bush Fire Safety Day  We are talking all things fire safety today and preparing ourselves for the remainder of summer. Cost before CCS \$55	<u>Tuesday 26/01</u> MMOOSH CLOSED	<u>Wednesday 27/01</u> <u>Pupil Free Day</u> MMOOSH DAY with MMOOSH Based activities Cost before CCS \$55	<u>Thursday 28/01</u> <u>Pupil Free Day</u> MMOOSH DAY with MMOOSH Based activities Cost before CCS \$55	<u>Friday 29/01</u> <u>School returns. Before and After school care resumes</u>
To make a booking please contact MMOOSH on 02 4758 8751 or email us at MMOOSH@bigond.net.au ~Open hours 7am-6pm~ Children need to bring along all food and drink for the day, as well as sun safe clothing and a hat. All Fees are listed as Early Bird Fees, an additional \$5 fee will be charged/day for all bookings made after 11/12/2020				



This week's bell song: 'Better Than' By John Butler Trio.



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

Appreciation: Better Than is a song that emphasises the need to appreciate what you have. As the school year comes to an end, it is a good reminder for us all to reflect on the year that we have had, and to appreciate what we have each experienced and achieved. From the classroom, to the playground and beyond the school gates, 2020 has offered another unique year in our lives and it's worth taking some time to reflect and appreciate the times we have had both individually and collectively.

The John Butler Trio are an Australian roots/rock band led by guitarist and vocalist John Butler, an APRA and ARIA-award-winning musician. They formed in Fremantle in 1998. To date, the band has released 7 studio albums and 4 live albums. They have won 6 ARIA awards and 5 APRA awards

Better Than was released in 2007 and appears on the band's fourth studio album, Grand National. The song debuted at number sixteen in the ARIA Singles Chart and was voted in at #4 on the 2007 Triple J Hottest 100.

I hope you enjoy the song.

Yours in music appreciation,

Mr Dewhurst