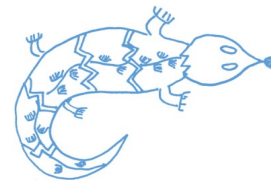




# Bunmurra Byala



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

Dear Families,

Welcome to Week 10 of Term 4.

Yesterday was our celebration of learning. The students were so well behaved in all the assemblies we ran and were a credit to their teachers. Each child received a certificate celebrating their personal achievements throughout the year. For some students, they achieved excellent academic results; for others, it was their exemplary behaviour and social/emotional qualities we recognised, and for many, it was a personal goal they had been working on for the year. Please take the time to read and discuss your child's certificate with them, so they understand the meaning and the sentiment behind the wording.

I am proud to announce that the following students were this year's recipients of our perpetual trophies. These award winners have been selected according to set criteria and are very deserving recipients.

Technology - Deion and Marlow  
 Public Speaking - Charlotte  
 Library - Indigo  
 Year 6 Sportsperson - Ysabel  
 Tim Cole Sporting Participation - Patrick and Harleigh  
 Creative and Performing Arts - Samuel  
 Citizenship— Genevieve and Daniel  
 Kathi Evans 'Grow to Know' Academic Progress - Ethan  
 Academic Achievement - Lucas  
 Principal's Award for Outstanding Service to Hazelbrook - Ruaig

I was honoured to give the opening speech at each of these celebrations and would like to share this with you.

*Welcome to our celebration of learning. Today is a celebration of your learning, your achievements and all that you have done this year. It has been a very difficult year with our large break from school. Some of you stayed home and learnt with your parents, and some of you had to come to school. For those people who stayed home, your Mum and Dad suddenly had to take on the role of being your teacher, and that's tough. Our teachers have trained for many years to do this job, and whilst we were able to help parents, they had to do the hard work. Please make sure you thank them for doing this for you and rising to this challenge, often juggling work, home learning and other children. For those who had to come to school, that was a really difficult time. You didn't have your friends or teachers, and everything was different. We are so proud of you for rising to the challenges presented and making it through these difficult times. A big part of the reason we made it through was because we came together as a team and supported each other – team HAZO! Whilst we couldn't come together physically, we came together in other ways. Through our well-being packs, Zoom sessions, phone calls home, and learning frameworks. Next year we want to see even more of that TEAM Hazo spirit! The teachers have been learning and trialling new things this year, and next year they'll be some new ways of teaching and learning, and we expect everyone to be working their hardest and giving it their all.*

*I also want to thank our amazing and dedicated teaching and SLSO staff. They are so supportive of each other, their students and their families. We saw that during the learning from home period where they spent hours and hours on the phone with families, helping and supporting them. I get to see it every day because I know how many hours they spend doing things for their classes, hours upon hours upon hours. They really do love their students and pour their hearts and souls into them. It has been my absolute pleasure and privilege to be able to lead them over the last six months.*

*Lastly, I want to thank our brilliant office staff. Without these wonderful people, the school's efficient and smooth daily running would not be possible. They take the cranky phone calls, the rude emails and deal with all the parent frustrations. They deserve a medal for some of the things they have to do and I am eternally grateful to have them as part of my team. The policies, procedures and guidelines that we have had to navigate this year due to COVID have been phenomenal, and they have adapted each and every time. Communication has been the biggest challenge for all schools, but our office staff's determination and dedication have meant we have been successful in this area and our families have felt informed and supported.*

*Once again, thank you to all the staff, students and their families. I am so proud of everyone for the vital role they have played in our school community over the past 12 months.*

We have almost finalised class lists for 2022, and these will be handed out to students on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December. I can now announce our staffing for 2022.

KA – Mrs Alyson Hewett  
 KH – Ms Leanne Holder  
 K/1R – Mrs Sheridan Roberts  
 1/2G – Mr Gary Lubimowski  
 1/2P – Mrs Melinda Przydacz  
 1/2F – Mrs Fiona Golder  
 1/2L – Mrs Lesley Lowe (Assistant Principal Early Stage 1 and Stage 1)  
 1/2BG – Mrs Kerri Boyes and Mrs Emma Gosby  
 3/4L – Mrs Debbie Larkin  
 3/4H – Mrs Melissa Harding  
 3/4M – Mr Balyn McDonald  
 4/5H – Mrs Kerrie Holliday (Assistant Principal Stage 3)  
 5/6J – Mrs Janet Jagger  
 5/6S – Mr Benjamin Scott  
 Mac M – Mrs Michelle Schmidt (Assistant Principal Stage 2)

Student reports will be going home early next week, so please keep an eye out for this in your child's bag.

This Friday, students will watch the recorded Bunmarra Day ceremony, with filming occurring on Wednesday for each cohort. This is a new experience for us, but we have been committed to ensuring that wherever and whenever we can, we have provided these experiences and events for our students. It has been a very challenging year for this, and we understand how disappointed our students and families are at missing out on some important events and celebrations. Please know we have done everything in our power, whilst still following departmental guidelines, to provide as much as we can.

Please take care, look after your health and well-being, and remember we are only a phone call away and are happy to assist in whatever way we can.

Lesley Lowe  
 Relieving Principal

## December 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
6 Celebration of Learning	7	8	9 Year 6 Farewell	10 Bunmurra Day
13	14	15 K-6 Class Parties	16 Last day for students	17 Last day for staff

\* As per Covid guidelines, at this stage no family members are permitted on site. If this changes, we will notify families.

## 2021 Term Dates

### Term 4

**Thursday 16th December**—Last day of Term 4

## 2022 Term Dates

### Term 1

**Tuesday 1st February:** Years 1-6 Students return to School

**Thursday 10th February:** Kindergarten starts school

**Friday 8th April:** Last day of term

### Term 2

**Wednesday 27th April:** Students return to school

**Friday 1st July:** Last day of term

### Term 3

**Tuesday 19th July:** Students return to school

**Friday 23rd September:** Last day of term

### Term 4

**Monday 10th October:** Students return to school

**Monday 19th December:** Last day of term



Class	Appreciation Award	Achievement Award
KH	Logan M	Tadhg C
KL	Madeleine T	Ruby C
KR	Cohan E	Zeike H
1/2BG	Bonnie S	Noah S
1/2L	Annabel L	Alahnee W
1/2HS	Tabitha T-L	Amy P
1/2PJ	Mikayla C	Hayden S
1/2G	Izzy M	Rose H
3/4A	Kailo R	Sianna A
3/4H	Shauria V	Reuben B
3/4I	Georgia G	Felix M
3/4M	Miya L	Ruby T
5/6H	Ella N	Abbey J
5/6S	Deklan M	Rose F
5/6J	Ysabel G	Jacob C
MAC M	Ben A	Elsie H-C





## PBL



### Week 10

<b>ES1</b>	Elizabeth	KH
	Max	KH
	Lily	KL
	Emma	KH
<b>S1</b>	Mei	1/2PJ
	Matias	1/2L
	Maddison	1/2PJ
	Ayla	1/2PJ
	Skyla	1/2PJ
<b>S2</b>	Penny	3/4A
	Lennon	3/4A
	Wyatt	3/4A
	Liam	3/4H
<b>S3</b>	Gideon	5/6H
	Sarah	5/6H
	Abbey	5/6H
	Addison	5/6H

### PBL Rule

**I am a learner if I fuel my body with nutritious food and water so my brain can work well.**



## Staff Blueys



### Week 10

#### Mrs Vella

Working calmly under immense pressure

#### Mrs Lowe

Always making herself available to help others

## Christmas at H.P.S

The tree is up and the kids are busy enjoying some Christmas craft . It is lovely to watch our office tree become more festive when the children add decorations. If your child would love to make some decorations for the tree, they are welcome to bring them to the office to add to the tree.



# Hazelbrook PS P&C News

STAY IN TOUCH WITH US

Email us: [hazopandc@gmail.com](mailto:hazopandc@gmail.com)

Follow us on facebook: [@hazelbrookpublicschoolPC](https://www.facebook.com/hazelbrookpublicschoolPC)

## 2021 WRAP UP

It wasn't the 2021 we were hoping for thanks to COVID, but your P&C has worked hard throughout the year to continue to support & improve our school.

Some of our contributions in 2021:

- \$5000 for year 4 art project
- Purchase of start & finish flags and replacement marquees for carnivals
- Contribution to e-book subscriptions
- Book vouchers for citizenship awards

The canteen continues to be run by the P&C through our employed staff & the assistance of volunteers. Thank you to Bec & Jen for all your work & delicious food this year.

Our major fundraiser was the plant sale, held on Saturday. It wouldn't have been the success it was without the help of many to set everything up & run the sale on the day. Thank you all. Special thanks to Vanessa for her determination & hard work to see this event go ahead. We also can't thank Norma & Andrew enough for hosting the event in their garden. Thank you to Barbara & the fuchsia group for their wonderful plants & amazing generosity. Thanks also to Graham for all his work in the greenhouse & more.

We also had generous support and donations from Oasis Nursery, Bunnings, Mitre 10, Katoomba Wildplant Nursery, 20 Mile Hollow & Hominy Bakery.

The event has raised more than \$5,800.

## THANK YOU

None of what we do is possible without our volunteers. Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way this year.

P&C members & meeting attendees – it was wonderful to see some new faces this year!

Canteen volunteers – thank you to everyone who helped out, but a special thanks to our regulars Chris, Jan, Sasha & Ruby.

Thank you to all helpers involved in the Garden Festival, greenhouse & the plant sale.

We thank our teachers, SLSOs & staff at HPS. We appreciate everything you do.

Well done to all the HPS students for everything they have achieved this year.

We wish our year 6 students all the very best for their high school years. Thank you for the part you have played in the HPS community! For any families leaving our school, we wish you all the best for your next adventures.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2022

The P&C recently held a planning session for 2022 & our key goals for the year are:

- Offering more opportunities for events & connection within our school community (covid permitting)
- Working to obtain permission & funding for a shelter at kiss and drop
- Working to address the lack of a barrier on the highway near Crecy.

We also hope to run the Garden Festival & some fun events such as a colour run for the students and more.

None of our events or projects can occur without volunteers, so we'd love to see more of our community involved in 2022.

We look forward to welcoming lots of new students and families and also working with our new Principal in 2022.

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Have a wonderful & safe school holidays! See you in 2022 for a brighter year ahead.



### Library News Term 4 Week 9-10!

A massive thanks to our school community, from our staff & students for supporting our term 4 book fair. We raised over \$5,500 and the school library receives 35% in scholastic books and rewards. That's a whopping \$2,000!

# GRATEFUL

# YOU ROCK



Thank you Brian and our parent volunteers, who were able to help out at the book fair! Kate Penson, Susan Wardle, Bronwyn O'Callaghan, Catherine Svec, Sarah & Rita Holland, Wei Clerkin and Melanie Dighton.



Stay updated with all things Library by following us on instagram hps\_library



### Library News Term 4 Week 9-10!

Congratulations to our Book Fair raffle winners! Quinn KL, Jarli 1/2L, Tatiana 3/4A and Ysabel 5/6J



Over the next two weeks students can keep their eyes peeled for our Library Elf on the Shelf and Bella the Reindeer...



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### Library Incentives

Students and classes will be rewarded for their borrowing habits throughout the year and returning of overdue books.

This week is the last chance for students to borrow books from the library. All books need to be returned by the end of week 9.



Last Library lesson!  
We need your books....

Monday: KR, 1/2L, 1/2PJ and 1/2G

Tuesday: 3/4M

Wednesday: KH, 1/2HS, 5/6H

Thursday: MacM, 1/2BG, 5/6J and KL

Friday: 3/4I, 3/4H, 3/4A and 5/6S



Get ready to be rewarded, week 10 and 11!

- Students who have 20 or more Dojo points will go into a draw for a book prize. There will be 3 draws for each stage!
- The first class on each stage to return all their books will get an ice-block
- Students in years 3-6 will have their free time rewarded on their last library lesson with quiet activities in the library, including lego and board games.



### Approaching the school

CONCERN	APPROPRIATE ACTION	WHO
The academic progress of your own child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directly contact the child's teacher either by note, by phone or at an appropriate time to discuss any issues.</li> </ul>	Classroom Teacher
The welfare of your own child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For minor issues directly contact your child's teacher to clarify information.</li> </ul>	Classroom Teacher
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For more serious concerns, contact office. State nature of concern and arrange a suitable time to talk with class teacher or appropriate staff member.</li> </ul>	School Office 4758 6120
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To convey information about change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details, health issues etc. Please contact the office.</li> </ul>	School Office 4758 6120
Actions of other students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact the class teacher for a classroom problem.</li> </ul>	Classroom Teacher
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact the Assistant Principal for your child's stage.</li> </ul>	AP ES1 & S1 = Lesley Lowe AP S2 = Michelle Schmidt AP S3 = Kerrie Hawkes
School policy or practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact office. State nature of concern and make an appointment to see the appropriate member of staff or assistant principal.</li> </ul>	School Office to make an appointment
Actions of a staff member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact the teacher directly or their supervising Assistant Principal for an appointment.</li> </ul>	Classroom Teacher or the appropriate Stage Assistant Principal
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact Principal if matter relates to an Assistant Principal's actions</li> </ul>	Melinda Williams, Principal





# School Community Charter

**Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

### What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022.



### Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- To be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- Communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- Professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- To be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

We treat each other with respect

We prioritise the wellbeing of all students and staff

Unsafe behaviour is not acceptable in our schools

We work together with the school

Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.

© NSW Department of Education



We create collaborative learning environments

We all play our part

We work in partnership to promote student learning

### Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process: [education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students](http://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students).

### Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.

### Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



**Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

School Community Charter  
[education.nsw.gov.au](http://education.nsw.gov.au)



## Things to do in the School Holidays

Come and join the fun with NPWS ranger-guided activities for kids, teens and families. Discover, create, imagine and explore!

Summer 2022



## Claustral Canyon Virtual Reality

Experience one of the world's most spectacular canyons – Claustral canyon in the World Heritage Listed Greater Blue Mountains Area – using Oculus Quest VR.

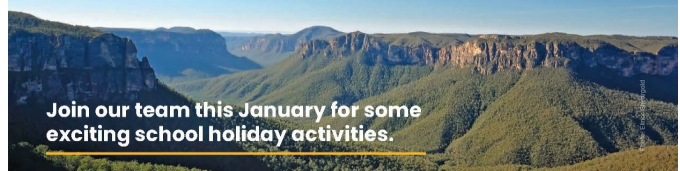
## NPWS Blue Mountains Heritage Centre

Looking for a unique gift or experience these school holidays? Choose from a great range of gifts including Blue Mountains locally-made MTNS Made products, Australian made, and Australian designed products.

We also offer gift vouchers for your friends and family to experience the famous Claustral canyon located in the Blue Mountains with a virtual reality experience (\$10.00 per person)



End of Govetts Leap Road Blackheath NSW 2785 T 02 4787 8877



Join our team this January for some exciting school holiday activities.

**S** For the Small and Curious **L** Living Country **B** Bush Alive **J** Junior Rangers

<b>B</b> 7-11yrs <b>The Buzz on Bees</b> 4 January • Blackheath	<b>J</b> 11-14yrs <b>Essential Bush Skills</b> 5 January • Blackheath	<b>S</b> 4-7yrs <b>Safety and Culture</b> 5 January • Blackheath	<b>B</b> 8-12yrs <b>Animal Signs, Bones and Tracks</b> 6 January • Blackheath
<b>L</b> 7-11yrs <b>Aboriginal Games for Kids</b> 7 January • Blackheath	<b>J</b> 10-14yrs <b>Navigation, Mapping and Orienteering</b> 10 January • Blackheath	<b>L</b> 6-10yrs <b>Cultural Art for Kids</b> 11 January • Blackheath	<b>B</b> 6-10yrs <b>Leaping Lizards</b> 12 January • Blackheath
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**School Holiday Program** T 02 4784 7301 E [BlueMtns.Education@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:BlueMtns.Education@environment.nsw.gov.au)

Holiday activities \$20 per person. All activities are from 10am-12pm onsite at Blackheath or Glenbrook. For more information and bookings visit [www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/wilderquest/kids-and-family-activities](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/wilderquest/kids-and-family-activities)





Please join us  
for a Free!  
community run



# Christmas Day Lunch



Saturday 25th December  
at Kihilla House Queens Rd, Lawson

arrival at 10:30 for morning tea with Lunch to follow  
Enjoy good food and company, everyone is Welcome!  
and there is no cost.



Run by community volunteers, for more details Contact Chris on 0433 334 166  
with special thanks to Bendigo Bank and Kihilla House



## Summer Reading Challenge

**Choose your adventure and win great prizes!**

**1 December 2021 - 31 January 2022**

Every summer Blue Mountains Library's Summer Reading Challenge encourages school children of all ages to read and log their achievements. This helps maintain reading skills across the long school break, earns rewards and it's fun!

**How to Join and Log Your Reading**

You must be a Library member to participate. Joining is easy – just call us or ask how in a branch. Read items from our collection, anything counts; books, picture books, magazines, eBooks, eAudiobooks, Audiobooks and graphic novels.

Download digital logsheets and activity sheets from our website [library.bmcc.nsw.gov.au](http://library.bmcc.nsw.gov.au) or visit one of our branches to collect.

Send completed logsheets and activities via email to [src@bmcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:src@bmcc.nsw.gov.au) or hand in to staff at one of our open branches by 31 January 2022.

**Prizes**

Each completed logsheet earns you a \$5 book voucher to be redeemed at either The Turning Page or Megalong Books! (limit of 4).

Earned all 4 vouchers? Keep reading and returning logsheets to earn collectable postcards. Show your postcards at a branch by 12 February 2022 to get a token prize or badge!

**Special Prize Draw Activities**

Each completed activity sheet that is returned by 31 January 2022 goes into the lucky dip draw to win a major prize of a \$50 book voucher. There are three major prizes to be won.

