



Hervey Bay Special School Newsletter

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Principal Report

Again I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families and also to our returning families. I am pleased to report that significant progress on upgrades to our facilities have commenced.

The land near our school on Frangipanni Avenue designated for our use has been finally cleared. An initial plan is that the land will be grassed and firmed for several months in preparation for construction of student transport reception and departure zone. Thank you for your patience to our parents/carers who use the current drop off and pick up zone. Our Senior Secondary programs will be boosted greatly with our coffee shop near to commencing operations with remaining minor changes in the old tuckshop and fencing around the perimeter. Further planning for our Trade Training Centre is also shaping up well.

Several of our curriculum activities have commenced this week with the Music Therapy program and our Golf Clinic where our students have enjoyed specific skill development opportunities. Equally important, our students have commenced their learning programs conducted in classrooms in English, Maths and Science with our Explicit Improvement Agenda being 'Reading and Data' and our main strategy described as 'Great Staff, Great Data, Great Decisions.'

Could I ask that the pins in our gate system be positioned in place when entering and exiting our school? This ensures student safety at all times.

Thank you also for your support with early pick up and late arrivals to school. Your child's safety and wellbeing is our first priority and should a parent/carer wish to collect their child before 2.50 pm, a **Parent Early Release Slip** must be obtained from the office administration and be presented to the class teacher. Children arriving to school after 9.00 am must also obtain a **Late Slip** from the office to present to the teacher.

A reminder that you are welcome to join the school's Parents and Citizen's Association next meeting scheduled for Monday 05 February 2-3 pm in the school's Conference Meeting Room.

Yours in education, Reno Tieppo

Edition:

Term 1 Week 2

Date

Claimers

P&C Meeting

MONDAY

5th February

2pm

School Assembly

Every Friday at
9am

All welcome

Tuckshop

Prepared and
delivered by the
senior students
and staff:

**Every
Wednesday**

Please submit
your order and
money
BEFORE the
day.





HOC Report

Welcome back to school! It is wonderful to see all our students back and busy on their 2018 learning journey. This semester our Early Years students are completing work based around the context of "Me". Junior students are exploring a unit of work about "activities in the school environment" and Junior Secondary students are completing their work around "activities in the community." Senior Secondary students are also off to a great start with work programs about to begin, some about to begin certificate courses, some signed up for traineeships with EPIC and others beginning ASDAN. This year we also have specialist teachers undertaking Science, Art, and Health. It is promising to be a productive year and we look forward to seeing the fabulous achievements our students make throughout the year.

Attendance Data

Target 95%

Juncture	%		
Early Years	88.64%		
Junior	91.54%		
Junior Secondary	95.5%		
Senior Secondary	89.88%		
Whole School	92.29%		



P & C President Report

Welcome back to a new school year. I would like to welcome all the new students and families to our wonderful school. I look forward to seeing many new faces at our P&C meetings which will be held on the first Monday of each month at 2pm in the conference room at the main office.

SAFETY IN SCHOOL GROUNDS

Everyone's safety is very important to us in school grounds so please....

- 1) Observe the speed limits throughout the school (10km / hour)
- 2) Remember it is against the law to use a mobile phone whilst in control of a vehicle
- 3) Sign in and out of the office when dropping off or picking up students during school hours.



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HERVEY BAY SPECIAL SCHOOL GROUNDS

FEBRUARY 10TH 2018 10AM-2PM

Early Years Juncture Report



Welcome to Early Years 1: Oscar, Blake, Izack, Henri, Alex and their families.

What an awesome start to 2018 Early Years 1 has had. The boys are eager to get into the curriculum and are loving the Four Blocks to Literacy



and early Maths programs. Let's go for a fantastic year ahead!



Sharaya and Nicole would like to welcome Shanice, Abe, Nathan, and Harley and their families to Early Years 2. We are very excited for a great year ahead. On Tuesday this week the Music Therapist Lucia sung and played music with the students which they thoroughly loved. Harley used foam and beads as a sensory intensive interaction activity with Nicole. Additionally, our class is focusing on the letter 'A' this week as



part of our 4 Blocks phonological awareness. The classroom teacher, Sharaya is also learning quite a lot about using AAC communication devices such as the switch device and PODD to ensure her students are learning and understanding to the best of their ability as well as giving each student the best opportunity to interact with the rest of the class.



Early Years 3

We have hit the ground running in Early Years 3 ...what an amazing start to Week 2 enjoying Music Therapy with Lucia.



A big THANK YOU to -

Jason and Bridget from 24hr Gym for their kind donation of school resources.

Margaret and John Wood for their wonderful donations towards our prize box and school resources.

Ian Dinte, our School Patron, for \$1,000 towards school projects.

We are very fortunate to have such generous people in our school community.



Work Experience / Transition Officer

Welcome back. We are kick starting another fantastic year with a workshop being run by staff from My Future My Life. All families of students in Years 10-12 are invited to a workshop next Thursday in the Multipurpose Block where the topic of My Future My Life funding will be explained as well as a way of planning for the future using the "Discovery Model of Planning". This will be a great asset especially in the lead up to NDIS plan development. This will be the last opportunity for students to attain funding through My Future My Life as this funding will cease come June. Stay tuned to our Facebook page as all NDIS workshops will be advertised on it – being informed is the best way to ensure you are ready for your planning meeting.



CONGRATULATIONS to our four Year 11 students who have officially been accepted by EPIC Assist to undertake a School-Based Traineeship. Kimberly and Cassandra will move into the retail field, Jeremiah will follow his dream and work within the hospitality field and Jack will pursue a traineeship in business. We wish all four students all the best for this next step in their transition journey

These advertisers support us, please support them.

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