



Hervey Bay Special School Newsletter

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Principal Report

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Edition:

Week 6 Term 1

Date

Claimers

P&C Meeting

Friday 31st Mar

9:00—11:00am

School

Assembly

Every Monday at

9am

All welcome

School

Photos

Tuesday

21st March

Dear Parents/Carers,

While Mr Reno has been recovering from the flu for the first part of the week the school has been busy continuing with their great programs and lots of learning. Thursday and Friday Mr Reno is attending the Principal's Conference in Brisbane which is attended by all Principals from around the State.

Thank you to the P&C committee for a highly successful meeting today. The P&C are already working hard to improve our school and provide the best for the students. We invite all parents and carers to be involved with the P&C in supporting our school and each other. Also a big thank you to Chantal Kearns who has applied on behalf of the P&C for shade funding for our school. This is a significant problem and we greatly appreciate the P&C's support in this.

A big thank you to Paula Taylor for stepping in for Nicci while she was absent. Paula has kept the intensive literacy focus running across the whole school.

Our resource allocation for 2017 has been finalised and we are pleased to advise that teachers Kristina Jensen and Kate Fisher will remain for this year on our staff. We currently have 19 classes and a total of 103 students.

Welcome to our school Kate and welcome to Jacqui who is the teacher aide in that new class.

Thank you to the four Brisbane Lions players who visited the school for some AFL coaching sessions. The students had a fantastic time.

Yours in Education

Reno and Karen





HOC Report

FOUR BLOCKS TO LITERACY...

What is the Guided Reading Block?

Our school is super excited to be using the Four Blocks approach to Literacy. The Four Blocks are: Guided Reading, Working With Words/Letters, Writing and Self-selected Reading.

GUIDED READING








Conventional Readers: During Guided Reading students learn that reading involves thinking and making meaning. They learn to become more strategic in their own reading. Teachers set different purposes for reading using a wide variety of printed materials.

Emergent Readers: Emergent literacy intervention involves developing the reading and writing behaviours that precede and develop into conventional literacy. It involves teaching students how to interact around books and aims to have them motivated, interested and involved. Emergent literacy intervention is carried out through *shared reading* experiences. Books are selected by the teacher each week and read repeatedly using a variety of strategies to promote language development and concepts about print. What can YOU do? Reading to and with your child at home and exploring books is one of the most valuable things you can do to assist their reading development.

Happy reading!! Belinda

Attendance Data

Target 95% Weeks 5 & 6

Juncture	%	 
Early Years	86.4%	
Junior	87.64%	
Junior Secondary	90.08%	
Senior Secondary	88.24%	
Whole School	89.71%	

P & C



Fantastic first P&C meeting (not all attendees in photo).

Next Meeting is **Friday 31st March** in Staffroom. See you there.



Chappy Trina's Report

So, this week at Friendship Club we are learning about Respect. Treating people with respect makes your world a better place to live in, whether it's at home, at school, or out in your community. And it's easy - all you should do is treat people the way you like to have them treat you. Here are some ways that students came up with that show respect: -

- Don't make fun of people.
- Listen to others when they speak.
- Value other people's opinions.
- Be considerate of people's likes and dislikes.
- Don't talk about people behind their backs.
- Be sensitive to other people's feelings.
- Don't pressure someone to do something he or she doesn't want to do.

And what we all realised when talking about RESPECT was that it linked in with the school rules: - **Be Respectful, Be a Learner, Be Safe**..... I love it when things click together in students' minds.

It makes for great fun... We're RAPPIN' RESPECT

Cheers Chappy

Junior Secondary Juncture Report

JS1 with Anne and Sam - Learning is Fun!

Junior Secondary 1 are really enjoying their 4 Blocks to Literacy each week, along with all the other stimulating learning in the areas of Cooking, Maths, Health and Physical Fitness, Art and Swimming.



JS2 with Jess and Daylene

JS2 have settled back into the swing of routine and are thoroughly enjoying this semester's programs. Parent interviews will commence next week to discuss student's ISPs and their goals for this semester. Our class is revelling in our new whole school approach to literacy - 4 Blocks to Literacy and some students are already making great progress with reading, spelling and writing. Our Community Based Learning program compliments our literacy program and students are making great learning connections from the classroom to the community.

JS3 with Bono, Carrieann and Maria.

Hi from JS3. JS3 class has now settled into its routine. The Morning Circle is our first task followed by Shared Reading. Everyone in the class is happy and relaxed with our morning routine as evidenced by the photo.



JS4 with Jan and Sheree

Junior Secondary 4 are adjusting well to the new program and work load. We love our book of the week, literacy and writing tasks, and we have produced 2 class books.



Along with all the English and Maths we do we still find time to enjoy gardening and our seedlings are nearly ready for transplanting into the bigger gardens. On Fridays we participate in Community Based Learning activities and enjoy going shopping and borrowing books from the town library. During non-contact time we love to play literacy games with Paula.

That's Junior Secondary Juncture's news snippets. Cheers till next time.

Stars of the Week

<i>Week 4</i>	Jack	Reegan	Piper	Harrison	Jayden
Shanya	Isabella K	Chelsea	Ella	Preston	Ryan
Dion	Eligh	Ty	Henri	Izack	Emily
<i>Week 5</i>	Bethany	Krystal	Madeline	Samantha	Xanthe
Ivana	Kirra	Bradley S	Kristine	River	Kalyssa



Transition / Work Experience Update

Over the next two weeks four of our Year 11 students will sign up with EPIC Opportunities for a school traineeship. A big congratulations goes out to these students.

We also have three students starting at Endeavour Industries on Friday and another starting with Good Games.

Students have also started accessing CPL Woodwork and Rotary Woodwork. Next week will see our first group of students heading out to a dance class offered by the Hervey Bay Dance School. We are very excited about all these wonderful transition and work opportunities.

These advertisers support us, please support them.



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