



Hervey Bay Special School Newsletter

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Principal Report



This term has commenced really well with the new shade structure in our central courtyard area that has already proved to be beneficial to all members of the school community with lunch breaks and events such as our ANZAC Day ceremony last Monday afternoon. As Monday mornings are important times for learning, we have decided to change the school assembly to Monday afternoons from 2.15 to 2.45 pm. This will be a good decision as our School Performance goals target specific student outcomes such as 100% of students engaged with our Four Blocks to Literacy approach. Our current enrolment number is 105 students with two students to enrol in the near future. The curriculum focus of this term with the whole school approach to literacy, the Four Blocks, is Guided Reading and Comprehension. Use of PODD (Pragmatic Organisational Dynamic Display) throughout the school is gaining momentum as a strategy to enhance students' communication skills. We are excited as the Riding for Disabled through the Hervey Bay Club commenced this week and we know that students thoroughly enjoy this activity. We have scheduled Wednesday 21 June for our Annual Sports day and Carla and Tim have already commenced planning for this event.

Our ANZAC Day ceremony conducted at school and at Freedom Park was well attended and very respectful. Thank you to the families who were able to join us for the ANZAC march on Tuesday.

We now have a quote for a DRUMBEAT PROGRAM and exploring how we can commence implementing this program throughout the school.

Staff Movements:

Deputy Principal Karen commences four weeks of long service leave next week. Teacher Jess Roberts will move into the acting Head of Curriculum position and will be replaced by Jean Healey who has taught at this school. Milanka is currently on long service leave and is replaced by David McLeod and Ros Sharp.

Parent And Community Engagement Framework (PACE) 2017:

I have presented this plan to our P and C as a strategy of building highly positive and productive relationships with school and school community. Further information will be provided.

The Fraser Coast Show Day this year is Thursday 25 May and our school offers to take students to the Show. If you would like your son/daughter to attend, a letter requesting your permission and payment for entry and bus will be sent to you shortly.

I ask that ALL parents and carers who move through the school to please lock ALL gates and position the PIN in place. This ensures that our students will be safe at all times whilst at school.

Yours in education, Reno Tieppo

Edition:

Week 2 Term 2

Date

Claimers

P&C Meeting

Friday 28th April

9:00—11:00am

All Welcome

School

Assembly

Every Monday at

2.15pm

All welcome





Deputy Principal Report

Welcome back to term 2. I am very fortunate to be able to take some much needed time to travel overseas this term. Belinda will be stepping up in the Deputy Role and I am sure she will do an amazing job. Senior Secondary is continuing to surge forward with more students than ever engaging in different work experience programs both at school and in the community. The most recent of these is the Meals on Wheels program which sees our SS students delivering meals to the elderly members of our community, which both enjoy immensely. Keep up the amazing work staff and students.



HOC Report

FOUR BLOCKS TO LITERACY...The Writing Block and alternative pencils

At Hervey Bay Special School every student has an opportunity to write...every day. Without writing, reading development will be limited. However without a "pencil" writing doesn't improve.... **EVERY STUDENT needs a "pencil"** If a student doesn't have a "pencil" we need to find one! Four Blocks advocates the use of "alternative pencils" for students who are unable to write using the traditional pen and paper approach. **What are "alternative pencils?"** In our classrooms you will see students using Flip charts, eye-gaze charts, alphabet charts, keyboards, PODD books, Proloquo2Go, iPad apps and pens and pencils to write. Providing students with the right "pencil" allows them to focus on the cognitive aspects of writing. It is fantastic to see how proud our students are of their writing. Over the next few weeks our foyer display will have photographs of our writers using their "pencils" and will also showcase their work...check it out.



Chappy Trina's Report

Welcome Back to school everyone for Term 2... I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and have come back to school refreshed and ready to learn...

So, this term Chaplaincy will start with a bang -

We are having Superhero day Friday the 28th April. Because of Cyclone Debbie we couldn't have this much fun at the end of last term, so let's have it at the beginning of Term 2. Remember there are lots of prizes up for grabs.

The S.A.Y (School and Youth) Forum will commence Tuesday Week 4. The school Captains from Senior Secondary, and two students each from Junior Secondary and Junior Classes will participate and meet with the School Chaplain fortnightly. In this meeting, the designated leaders will be able to voice what their peers think about how the school could be better, what is working well and raise suggestions of school improvement to the principal, teachers and parents for further consideration. What a great way for students to have a voice in the school and to grow the current and future leaders.

The Body Awareness Program for Junior Secondary will also start Mondays in Week 4, straight after 2nd break. Esme, the Guidance Officer, and myself will be presenting this program over the term. There will be many things about the body that we will be talking about with students to ensure that they are safe. Also keep an eye out for the upcoming parent information session. Once again, if you at any stage want to talk with the School Chaplain, just give the school a call for an appointment. I would love to chat and learn more about your beautiful family.
Cheers, Chappy Trina



Attendance Data Target 95% Weeks 7 & 8

Juncture	%		
Early Years	85.49%		
Junior	87.74%		
Junior Secondary	91.23%		
Senior Secondary	88.42%		
Whole School	89.79%		

P & C

Please join us at our P&C meeting on Friday 28th April. All are welcome.

Thank you to everyone who supported our school in the ANZAC parade march. Our school was well represented.



Senior Secondary Juncture Report



SS2

The students of SS2 learned about the history of ANZAC Day and discussed a variety of roles in the Navy. Jeremiah took part in the ANZAC Day ceremony wearing his cadet uniform. Kathleen and Norma

SS3 have been busy being crafty for ANZAC Day and Mother's Day. We will be looking closely at personal hygiene in Term 2. Sensory stories are a popular activity as we learn actions to match our stories. We have been "Going on a Bear Hunt" this week but soon we'll be going on a "Germ Hunt"! Fran

SS4

Our term has started well. We have commenced new Health, Citizenship and English topics and are learning about becoming a teenager, our consumer rights and road warning signs. We created a lovely wreath for our ANZAC Day Assembly and our students respectfully placed on our school memorial during the ceremony.

Sue Thompson and Sue Cook



SS5

Last week the year 12 students started their volunteering with Meals on Wheels. Students collected, sorted and distributed meals to members of our community. Everyone enjoyed themselves and BT stood out as a super food sorter! Meals on Wheels volunteering will occur each Thursday and is a wonderful opportunity for students to give back to their community. We are very proud of all our Year 12 students – well done!



Stars of the Week

Due to public holidays on a Monday for the first 3 weeks of this term we have not had stars of the week. Stay tuned for a huge list in the next newsletter.



Transition / Work Experience Update

Year 10 Parents/Carers: PATH Meetings

This term Year 10 students and families will be invited to participate in P.A.T.H planning (Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope), this planning will help determine the Learning/Work or Lifestyle path students will continue on in their Senior Schooling and will impact directly on their Senior Education and Transition Planning. Please keep an eye out mid-term for your invitation to this essential meeting.

Year 12 Parents/Carers: Funding 4 School Leavers Information Session

Due to the cyclone, this information session was cancelled last term. An alternative session has been booked for next Wednesday (3rd May) at 9:15pm in the staffroom. If you have a student exiting senior this year it is essential you attend this meeting to gain vital information about funding from DSQ for next year.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Left to Right:

Brandon Bugler - graduated in 2016

Daniel Nickols- graduated in 2014

Jason Bugler - graduated in 2012

These three boys have all graduated from our school and are now working full time at Endeavour Sawmill in Maryborough. They all enjoy their work and the different challenges in their jobs especially getting their pay packet at the end of each week. Please support them.



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