



# Hervey Bay Special School Newsletter

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## Principal Report

It is with great pleasure that we announce to you that our School Patron Mr Ian Dinte was presented with the Hervey Bay Volunteer of the Year Award last Monday afternoon by the Hervey Bay City Council. This award is in recognition of Ian's tireless work in the community supporting and promoting our school. His efforts with fundraising in the community has enabled our school to purchase a number of resources not otherwise possible. In the time that Ian has supported our school as School Patron, our school has increased in enrolments significantly and Ian has 'travelled' with our school on this journey ensuring that he placed the welfare and wellbeing of staff and students before himself. We are all able to proudly state that Hervey Bay Special School plays an important part in the lives of the families of children with disabilities thanks to the efforts of Ian. Acknowledgement for Ian by the Hervey Bay Annual Volunteer Awards is not only appropriate, but also well and truly deserved by Ian whose inspiration to promote our school as a volunteer sets an exemplary example of what one person can do to give back to the people of Hervey Bay. For children of compulsory age of schooling, school attendance is important and the law. **CHILD SAFETY IS VERY IMPORTANT. As Principal, it is my responsibility to ensure both attendance and safety.** Parents will note that if their child is absent from school and have not notified the school, they will receive an SMS message to contact the school. In addition, I will write a letter to these parents requesting information on child absence. I ask parents/carers to please ensure that the school is informed regarding absence from school. **Should phone access be an issue, parents are able to email the school to this address: [studentabsences@hervbayspecs.eq.edu.au](mailto:studentabsences@hervbayspecs.eq.edu.au)** I would like to invite ALL parents/carers to our school assembly for this Monday 15 May 2.15-2.45 pm. At this assembly, we will be formally thanking the Hervey Bay RSL Club, The Sandy Strait Sizzlers and the Mundubbera Burnett Masonic Lodge for their generosity in providing our school with our new shade sail structure in our central courtyard area. The difference and benefits provided by these shade sails is enormous. In addition, we will be presenting our School and Youth (SAY) forum members with their badges. These six students from the Senior Secondary, Junior Secondary and Junior Juncture classes conducted their first meeting this week and have gathered suggestions from peers as to what they would like to see happen in our school. These suggestions are presented at our assembly and also to myself and the P and C President for further consideration. I ask that ALL parents/visitors who visit the school to go to the office FIRST. In addition, for safety reasons I ask that you lock ALL gates and position the PIN in place. This ensures that our students will be safe at all times whilst at school. Please note that due to family issue, I will be absent from school and Belinda McNeill will act as principal from Tuesday 16 May to Thursday 25 May. Yours in education, Reno Tieppo



**Edition:**

Week 4 Term 2

**Date**

**Claimers**

P&C Meeting

Tuesday 30th  
May

12.30-2pm

**School  
Assembly**

Every Monday at  
2.15pm

All welcome

**Fraser Coast  
Show**

Friday 25th May










## HOC Report

Coming up to the halfway point of term 2 already! Over the next couple of weeks teachers will be busy moderating student work folios in preparation for mid year reporting. Moderation is a valuable process which ensures that teachers are making consistent and evidence based judgements for authentic reporting. Teachers view each others student evidence folios to check that student work reflect the achievement level allocated. Don't forget also that on 25th May we will be heading off to the Fraser Coast Show. This is a day full of fun for our students and also the teachers. If your child is unable to attend the Show instruction will occur at school for them. Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful mums, carers and other significant people in our student's lives. Have a relaxing day!

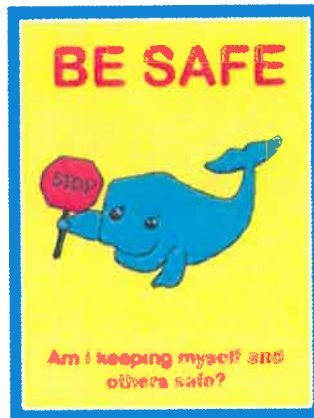
## Attendance Data

Target 95%

Juncture	%	 
Early Years	84.5%	
Junior	87.7%	
Junior Secondary	91.0%	
Senior Secondary	89.7%	
Whole School	89.7%	

## PBL

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## P & C

The P&C would like to extend a warm welcome to all parents and interested members of the community to attend our meetings. Please check newsletters and Facebook for meeting dates. The P&C would like to wish all our mothers a wonderful Mothers Day on Sunday. We hope you are spoilt by your babies and can spend some quality time together.



## Chappy Trina's Report

What a great way to start the School and Youth (S.A.Y) Forum, six great Representatives of the school had gleaned ideas and suggestions from their peers to improve the school from a student's perspective. Our S.A.Y Representatives are: **Junior:** Kylie Jacques and Lachlan O'Brien, **Junior Secondary:** Ashlee White and Alex Simmons, **Senior Secondary:** Zoe Needs and Kyle Clancy. The School and Youth Representatives came to their first meeting very excited about their responsibility of being active leaders and having a voice in school improvement. Assembly on Monday they will be relaying to the school what was spoken about at the meeting and the suggestions put forward. Please come and support the S.A.Y Representatives as they receive their badges on Monday's Assembly. With

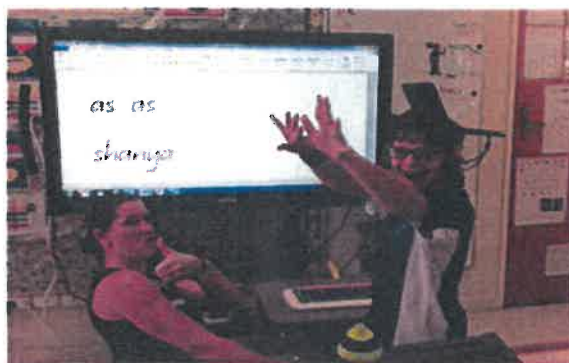


Mother's Day looming we thought that we would make Tulips as part of the Craft Activities which are on every Monday at 1<sup>st</sup> break. The flowers were very simple to create and looked rather stunning when finished. One of the students suggested we plant them in the garden to make the school look beautiful (love that ideal). I have attached the link to the website if you choose to have a crafty day at home and would like to make those extra flowers for the kitchen table or popped in a vase for Mum's special day. <http://iheartcraftythings.com/paper-straw-tulip-craft.html>. HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

## Junior Secondary Juncture Report

Exciting things are happening in our juncture this term. Wednesday afternoon our juncture comes together and plays Indigenous Games. We are learning the history of games and the equipment Indigenous Australians used to engage in play and sport. Miss Jess is spending some time in the office while our Deputy Principal is on holidays and Miss Jean is doing a wonderful job of taking the class in her absence. Students are working hard on their assessment pieces and finishing up projects which demonstrate their skills and knowledge they have gained throughout the term.

**JS1**— Anne & Sam Celebrating Birthdays - a Great way to Learn! The JS1 students are now a very close-knit group with a lot to be happy about. They celebrated Kyle's 14th birthday this month, putting their reading skills to good use while playing pass the parcel, trying to work out whose name was written on each prize. Kyle brought a scrumptious chocolate cake to school which was devoured in no time! All are keeping a close watch on the birthday chart as there are another 6 student birthday parties to look forward to this year.



**JS2** reports that their library visits are a favourite part of the week and students are choosing books for self-selected reading methodically and with patience. Everyone is looking forward to the Show excursion coming up on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> in Maryborough and student's behaviour is reflective of their excitement levels – working hard towards “Gotcha's” and “Star of the Week” awards. Super Achievement: Shanya used a chunky keyboard to INDEPENDENTLY type her name for the very FIRST time!!! As you can see.... Miss Jess and Shanya were extremely excited by this achievement. Awesome work Shanya...keep it up



**JS3** students enjoy doing sensory activities in the classroom. Here the students are working on the letters of the alphabet using coloured pasta.

**JS4** love our literacy sessions. We especially love it when Nicci comes in to visit and plays some fun games with us. We also enjoyed it when Chelsea's mum brought her kittens to school.



## Stars of the Week

Week 3	Josh B	Cassie	Jayden	Levi R	Alex
Dion	Hunter	Levi T			
Week 4	Jack	Reegan	Piper	Harrison	Jayden
Shanya	Isabella K	Chelsea	Ella	Preston	Ryan C
Eligh	Ty	Henri	Izack		



### 2017 Work Experience / Transition Officer Role

Last week Sheenah Heinonen from Disability Services Queensland met with the Year 12 parents for a meeting about funding for next year. This was well-attended and extremely informative not only about future funding but also about what services are available now for families. We hope to have Sheenah out again in the near future to talk with parents of students from other Junctures on what supports are available for the here and now. On the 4th May WIN News Sunshine Coast presented a very exciting news report on a new facility now open for young adults with disabilities. An Australian first 'live-in' college for young people with disabilities has opened its doors in Caloundra. It is expected a similar college will open in Bundaberg in the near future. This provides a new future post-school option for our senior students and we hope to see more of these types of colleges opening in our area.

## NDIS

Workshop will be held on 18th May, from 9:15 to 2:45 at the Hervey Bay Neighbourhood Centre, 22 Charles Street, Pialba. People will have to register online at <http://cru.org.au/event/the-ndis-getting-informed-hervey-bay/> or by calling 3844 2211, before the 14th May.

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