

# Hervey Bay Special School Newsletter

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## Acting Principal Report

Dear Parents / Carers,

It is hard to believe we are in term 3 already. The school has hit the ground running as always. Reno has taken some much needed leave and will return to us in early August. I will be in the Acting Principal role for this time. I am looking forward to continuing the great work that Reno does in leading our school to ensure our Explicit Improvement agenda of 'Great Staff, Great Data and Great Decisions' is moving forward. Belinda McNeill will be acting Deputy Principal, Robyn Hutchinson acting HOC and Jess Roberts will be joining us in the office as acting Key Teacher.

At the end of last term we farewelled Carla Walton who has begun her maternity leave. We wish her and her family all the best at this exciting time. Elena Ward is our new specialist PE teacher on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Dan Lourigan replaces Jess in her class and is already a hit with the students.

Week 1 saw each Juncture have whole planning and professional development days. I had the privilege of sitting in on some of the discussions and was in awe of the professionalism and enthusiasm from the teachers. We really do have an amazing team at Hervey Bay Special School.

This week began with NAIDOC celebrations. The students participated in story telling, song and dance, didgeridoo playing and tasting some 'bush tucker'. Students also placed their handprint on the totem poles at the front of the administration building which will be a lasting reminder of this great day for many years to come. A huge thank you to the volunteers who came and shared their culture with us.

Our school was lucky to be able to offer our staff introductory and level 2 in AUSLAN. A number of staff have taken up this opportunity to complete the 8 week course.

Congratulations this week go to JT Hay and Josh Barker for representing our school as Wide Bay team members at the State Cross Country Championships. What an amazing achievement and effort to get to that level. Well done boys!

The P&C would like to find out what you would like at our school. Please find the flyer inside this newsletter and return to your child's teacher. We look forward to reading your suggestions and ideas. If you can make it we would love to see you at the P&C meeting next Tuesday at 12.30pm.

Have a fantastic week. Karen



*Edition:*

Week 2 Term 3

*Date*

*Claimers*

P&C Meeting

Tuesday 25th  
July

12.30-2pm

*School  
Assembly*

Every Monday at  
2.15pm

All welcome

*Hervey Bay*

*District*

*Athletics Trials*

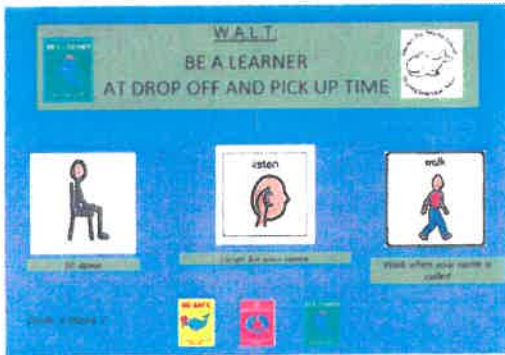
Friday July 28th.



## HOC Report

Welcome back to school for another busy term of learning! This week has been exciting with the NAIDOC activities day on Monday organised by our wonderful Anne Stefan in collaboration with local indigenous community members. The students enjoyed a variety of games, stories, dance and art. On Friday we have a performance being delivered by the Youth Touring Program. This term the performance is called "Dinosaur Time Machine" and uses science, circus and puppetry in a fun and highly visual way to take a look back in time when dinosaurs walked the earth. This performance has a life size baby T-Rex so the students are sure to enjoy this performance! THANKS to the P&C for funding this for all students in our school.

## PBL: Be a Learner



## Chappy Trina's Report








It is now Term 3, how fast was that? There is so much happening this term:

**Drumbeat-** is on Tuesdays at lunchtime in the undercover area. A great program that encourages students to connect with others through the use of music. It helps to improve both personal and social confidence and develop social skills. There is a great expectancy of participation in the program and we are so excited to have Drumbeat in the school. **S.A.Y Forum-** new student leaders have been elected for term 3. The S.A.Y Student Leaders speak to their peers about how the school could be better, what is working well and suggestions for the principle, teachers and parents. Congratulations to the new S.A.Y Leaders for Term 3. They are: - **Seniors-** Krystal McKeen and Jack Leech, **Junior Secondary-** Chelsea Sanderson and Michael Jacques and **Junior -** Preston O'Brien and Kristine Still. **Breakfast Club** is still on Fridays and volunteers for the program are still needed. If you are interested in providing some time one day a week for half an hour (8-8.30am) please contact the school, we would love to have you onboard during breakfast. Looking forward to talking again soon.

Cheers! Chappy Trina

## Attendance Data

Target 95%

Juncture	%	 
Early Years	83.8%	
Junior	88.6%	
Junior Secondary	90.8%	
Senior Secondary	87.4%	
Whole School	87.66%	



## 2017 Work Experience / Transition Officer News

As most of our Year 10 students and families have now participated in their P.A.T.H meetings it is time to establish their Senior Education and Training Plans (SET Plan.) This is the plan that will follow them to the end of their schooling and coordinates their curriculum goals as well as transition planning. All Year 12 student work that supports their end of year QCIA certificate is now ready to go to external verification to be moderated by teachers from different schools in our district. This is an important step in ensuring quality of teaching and learning.



## Senior Secondary Juncture Report

SS1 We have had a great start to term 3. This week students enjoyed a day exploring the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. NAIDOC week falls in the school holidays so we had our own celebration with wonderful volunteer local indigenous community members. Our favourite activities were playing the didgeridoo (which only boys are allowed to play) and indigenous games. The bush tucker was enjoyed by all!

SS2 has had a great start to Term 3, with seedlings being planted and new projects beginning.  
Kathleen and Norma



### SS3

This term is exciting for us as we begin our adventures out into the community. Last week we visited the Fraser Coast Library and Pialba Place. Jay loved finally being able to visit Big W to show us all the wonderful things he loves. Maddie B. was in her element in the library, looking carefully through all the DVD's while Micheala and Brodee enjoyed the displays outside the library of Australian wildlife and Roy discovered the iPad station. We will continue going to Music Therapy each fortnight with CPL and we are looking forward to many more opportunities to explore our fabulous community.

SS4 We are well underway with our new semester timetable. Some of our students will be out on travel training using the community bus service to visit various places in the community. Students have swapped around in work programs on Friday to gain different experience. Tuesday's NAIDOC celebration day was a



huge success with our seniors who experienced boomerang throwing, playing the didgeridoo, storytelling and putting their handprints on the totem poles.

### SS5

Term 3 is off with a 'BANG'. We recommenced our volunteering with 'Meals on Wheels' and also accessed 'Food 4 Seasons' where we practised our dining etiquette as well as participated as volunteers to help Janet pack up the tables, chairs, and fold the tablecloths. All students showed off their ability to use their initiative to help and all staff were very impressed by not only their leadership but also their politeness. Well done Year 12's!!!! As part of our theory for Citizenship the Year 12's have decided to plan and run the school "Clean Up Australia Day". They hope to have this day organised before the weather gets too hot.



# NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS Anne Stefan

Thanks to the generosity of devoted volunteers, NAIDOC celebrations took place all day on 17<sup>th</sup> July at Hervey Bay Special School with the painting of totem poles, boomerang throwing, dancing, bush tucker, didgeridoo playing and story telling. It was an action-packed day with a wealth of cultural learning and loads of fun activities.



## THANK YOU!!

Shout out to Michael Stevens who donated a HUGE box of Lego to our school this week!!



## Where are they Now?

Congratulations to one of our ex-students Connor who gained his Learners Licence last week. He demonstrated an amazing amount of perseverance by having 5 attempts at the test before he was successful. The first thing that he said after passing the test was "See! I have autism but I can still drive". He wanted to let everyone know at school that you just have to keep trying and not get disappointed if you don't succeed.

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