

Hervey Bay Special School Mewsletter

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Acting Principal Report

Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to thank our fantastic P&C who give their time to support our school and all the students. They really are a selfless and dedicated group of parents. I would also like to encourage other parents to attend and become a part of this supportive group. The P&C work hard to raise funds so

that our students can experience many different activities throughout the year. As you know the Drumming Circle each Tuesday has been a huge hit with the students. They also support our very dedicated staff to implement great programs and communication tools such as the PODD and resources for vision impaired students to name a few. This and so much more is supported and funded by the P&C. Congratulations to Magenta Ibbeson our new President (check out her introduction on the next page).

The next big fundraiser that our P&C are organising is a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings on Saturday 19th August. You will find a request for help on the day inside this newsletter. I would ask that if you can spare an hour or two of your time to assist with cooking and selling the sausages please complete the form and return to the front office. If you are unable to volunteer make sure you

call in for a sausage or two. We would love to see you and your children

on the day.

This week on parade we had Brenda from Woolworths, Eli Waters to talk about the Earn and Learn stickers that we are collecting. In the previous years we have used these stickers to purchase sporting equipment, books, CDs and so much more. Brenda also brought some fresh apples, bananas and mandarins for the students to enjoy. We have a collection box at school so if you could send your stickers into school that would be very much appreciated. Thank you Brenda and Eli Waters, Woolworths.



We have some fast and talented athletes in our school. Congratulations to Kylie and Lachlan who

have made the Hervey Bay District team to trial at Wide Bay trials in Childers later this month. Next week we have 9 high school students attending the Hervey Bay District trials and we wish them luck.

Our school is lucky to have the support of the Hervey Bay Daylight Lodge, who have kindly donated \$6000 to increase the productivity in our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and Garden Program. The money will be used to upgrade our garden beds so the students can successfully grow and produce herbs and vegetables to use in their cooking. The garden beds will be built at different heights so they are accessible to all students. Have a fantastic week. *Karen Folley*

Edition:

Week 4 Term 3

Date Claimers

Circus Challenge Thursday 10th August

Maths FairFriday 11th
August

Tuesday
29th August 12.30
(followed by shared
afternoon tea and a
friendly chat)

School Assembly

Every Monday at 2.15pm

All welcome

Sausage Sizzle
Sat 19th August
Bunnings





Maths Fair

Friday 11th August HBSS will hold their very first Maths Fair. On the day students will be engaged in a variety of learning

activities around many maths concepts. Students will be cooking monster biscuits, dog biscuits and playdough. They will also be playing and exposed to a variety of games. Ross has been working with me to add shapes, number grids and lines to our outdoor areas. These will be used by all classes throughout the year also. Students will be using this space to demonstrate their maths skills in the area of shape, directions, number, place value, fractions and counting to name a few. Students will be having pizza for lunch on the day and will have to work out how many pieces of pizza they need to cut it into. Please pop in and say hi.

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Attendance Data

Target 95%

| Juncture | % | 00 |
|------------------|-------|----|
| Early Years | 83.7% | |
| Junior | 88.7% | |
| Junior Secondary | 90.4% | |
| Senior Secondary | 87.6% | |
| Whole School | 87.6% | 0 |



P & C

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Magenta Ibbeson and I am the new P & C

President. What I lack in experience I make up for in dedication and I'm determined to do the best job I can for this wonderful school. If you see me around please come and say Hi! I look forward to meeting and working with you to achieve some fantastic things for these amazing kids. The next P&C meeting will be held on the 29th August at 12.30pm and it would be great to see you there!



We all have goals and dreams, but it can be difficult to stick with them. We're past the half way point of the year, and it becomes a push to the end and reach those goals that were set at the beginning of the year. I often hear from people who say things like, "I start with good motives, but I can't seem to maintain my consistency for a long period of time." Don't worry. I'm just as

guilty of this as anyone else. I'll start one project, work on it for a little bit, then lose focus and try something else. Then I'll lose focus on my new goal and try something else. And on and on. In the end I've stopped and started so many times that I never really made much progress, I've become bored... (hands up those that feel this way too). Most of the time people talk about getting motivated and "amped up" to work on their goals and you will hear people say things like, "it all comes down to having enough passion." As a result, I think many people get depressed when they lose focus because they think that successful people have some unstoppable passion and willpower that they seem to be missing. But that's exactly the opposite of what is true. Really successful people feel the same boredom and the lack of motivation that everyone else feels. They don't have a magic pill that makes them feel ready and inspired every day. The difference is that the people who stick with their goals don't let their emotions determine their actions. Top performers find a way to show up, work through boredom, and to embrace the daily practice that is required to achieve their goals. Can I encourage you to keep working toward your goals, fall in love with boredom. Fall in love with the repetition of building the identity of someone who does the work. Fall in love with the process of what you do and let the results take care of themselves.

Hervey Bay Special School P & C are holding a Sausage Sizzle!



| Do you love the smell of snags & onions cooking on the BBQ? |
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| Do you go to Bunnings just for the sausage sizzle? |
| Can you spare an hour or two? ◀ |
| If you answered yes then we NEED YOU! |
| When: 19th August 2017 |
| Where: Bunnings Warehouse Hervey Bay |
| NAME: |
| Yes I can help, my preferred times are |
| No sorry I can't help, but I'll come and buy a snag! |
| Please return this form to your class teacher |

Report Junior Secondary Juncture

JS1 - Anne & Sam

Gymzoonasium

JS1 students have enjoyed high-powered learning this month with their friends from JS2, JS3 and JS4, joining together for team literacy challenges, movie making and sports. They also had a wonderful time recently, revising their Gymzoonasium skills with specialist instructor, Leanne Cordoro. These enthusiastic students are

always in the middle of all the action!



JS2 welcomes Mr Dan to our class for 4 weeks while Miss Jess is supporting the Admin team in Reno's absence. Our class has begun Term 3 with enthusiasm and keen interest for our new learning topics. English and Maths units are based on the topic "Calculate the Impact" which focuses on advertising, number, place value, fractions and decimals. In Science we are exploring natural phenomena. Parent meetings to discuss students

Individual Curriculum Plans will be occurring in the next few weeks – keep an eye out for notes coming home in the communication books to request times.

Students in JS3 have been busy focusing on Four Blocks activities. Most of our alphabet letter work is hands on using sensory objects. Photos below show students engaging in different sensory activities that focus on the alphabet.









JS4 students have had an exciting start to the term with 3 birthdays. Happy birthday to Jeffrey, Mani and Xanthe. An awesome day was had by everyone during the NAIDOC activities. Xanthe and Alex proved they were quite good at boomerang throwing. We are currently working in groups to design Maths Fair posters for Robyn.







Stars of the Week

Weeks 2 and 3 Cassie

Murrandah

Maddie B

Corben

Kylie

Tylah

Ashlee

Liam

Izack

Harrison

Isabella

Xanthe

Delys

Levi

Scout Kylie



2017 Work Experience / Transition Officer



NDIS Pre-planning Meetings

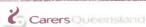
Did you know Autism Queensland can provide registered clients and their families a free pre-planning meeting so that when the National Disability Insurance Agency does make contact, you can feel more prepared and aware of the supports you might like to request for yourself/your family members with ASD. Please email admin@autismqld.com.au if you are interested in taking up this offer.

...CRCUS CHALLENGE!!



Huge shout out to our fabulous P&C who have paid for all students to participate in Circus Challenge next Thursday 10th August. Circus Challenge is not a traditional circus and does not have clowns or animals but gets students involved...students become the circus troupe rather than just watching. The day begins with a whole school performance at 10.00 followed by a series of half hour workshops where students participate in circus skills workshops. This will be a day of hands-on learning fun where our students become the stars of the show!! This was a huge hit last time it was held at school so we can't wait for the show to begin!

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