

Hay Happenings

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Term 4, Week 2

21 October 2020



Principal's Report Book Week

This week we celebrate Book Week with the theme, 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'. Students have been enjoying the shortlisted books in the library and have created some beautiful artwork, that complements the books, during their Friday afternoon creative arts sessions. A colourful display has been constructed in the library to showcase the The Children's Book Council of Australia books. established annual book awards in 1946 to promote children's books of high literary and artistic quality. These awards are now the most influential and highly respected in Australia. The assembly this Friday is dedicated to Book Preparations for Next Year Week where special awards will be presented.

External Validation

This week the school has undergone an external validation that assesses our progress in the areas of teaching, learning and leading. The School Excellence Framework was used to assess our progress and our executive team was required to produce evidence to two representatives from the Department of Education's Leadership team. l will report on the findings in next week's newsletter. I thank Mrs Shea, Mrs Simpson and Mrs Murphy who have all worked hard, as part of our executive team, to showcase the journey and progress of our school over the past few years.

Assessment and Reporting

This term teachers will be conducting final assessments in preparation for the end of year student reports. Students will be assessed against statewide syllabus outcomes and

standards using a five point achievement scale. Students will be assessed as to where they are achieving in relation That is: 'At Expected Level'; 'Above to grade levels. Expected Level'; 'Below Expected Level'; 'Well Above Expected Level'; or 'Well Below Expected Level'. common misconception made by parents is that students are assessed against the other students in their grade at this school and if they are at the top of their grade, they should be assessed as 'Well Above Expected Level'. This is not the case. Students are assessed against statewide syllabus standards, not school standards. Student reports will be sent home on Friday IIth December.

As we look towards 2021, we are starting to prepare for next year. It is important that we know our projected enrolments so that decisions can be made on the formation of classes and the staff allocations that we will require. If you are aware that your children will not be attending Hay Public School in 2021, please let the school know as soon as possible. Also, if parents of Ready, Set, Kinder students could make their intentions known to Mrs Houston regarding the attendance of their child in Kindergarten in 2021, that would be much appreciated. We understand that some students may not be starting due to their age or that parents may choose another school for their child to attend. It is important that you communicate your intentions as soon as possible.

Have a great week!

Carol Oataway Principal

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SPORTS NEWS

Sports Rotations

Last week we commenced our Term 4 sporting rotations. Once again, we are very lucky to be able to access some of our local facilities and offer extra sporting activities for our students. This term our rotations include; tennis, bowls, lacrosse, volleyball, cricket and softball. Many thanks to the Hay Tennis Club, Hay Bowling and Golf Club as well as the Hay Shire Council for allowing us to use your wonderful facilities.

Woolworths Cricket Blast

All stage 2 and 3 students will be participating in the Woolworths T20 Cricket Big Blast at Hay's Number One Oval tomorrow, 22nd October. This is a fun day where local students from HPS, St Marys, Booligal, Carrathool and SOTA compete against each other while developing their cricket skills.

Students will need to bring a broad brimmed hat, sunscreen, lunch and recess as well as a water bottle or two! (NB. There will be no canteen available). Students can also bring their own bat if they wish to use it.

Thank you for Kelly Meddings and Cricket Australia for coordinating this event.

K-2 SPORTSPEOPLE OF THE WEEK

Week I Sports Stars of the Week were:

Kinder – Biankah-Leigh Coleman & Esther Green

Year I – Ruby Plant & Maeve Harrison

- 2 Red Xavier Tarsoly & Rhyla Bunyan
- 2 Blue—Braxton Hodge & Aneeqa Ali





100% ATTENDANCE

DONATIONS NEEDED

Our canteen is seeking donations of fruit for students participating in our Sporting Schools and Homework Club afternoon activities.

Donations can be dropped off at the front office and are gratefully appreciated.





This term the Sporting Schools program involves cricket skills. It is open to girls and boys and will run over two days. **Years 3-6 group** will run on Monday afternoons from 3:15 – 4:30 and the **K-2 group** will run on Wednes-day afternoons from 3:15 - 4:15.

The program will run for 6 weeks, starting in Week 2. Places are limited - students that bring their notes back first will be added to the group. If your child wishes to attend, please collect a permission note from your classroom teacher.

**Notes to be returned to the front office.

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Weekly Attendance Rates Week Ending: 16th October 2020

I	4B	97.89%
2	3J	97.00%
3	4/5S	96.36%
4	5D	95.24%
5	2Z	93.29%
6	IR	93.00%
7	6SC	89.63%
8	KC	81.67%
Week I Attendance		92.75%
2020 Attendance		91.76%

* Is your child missing too much school? Students have a greater chance of achieving their learning benchmarks by attending school regularly.

Attendance Facts

- Well done to 4B for their excellent attendance last week;
- Well done to all classes who achieved over 90% attendance last week;
- Children are required to attend school every day unless sick;
- A medical certificate is required for illnesses over 3 days;
- Children who attend school regularly are prepared for success in school and in life;
- Children who attend school regularly are more engaged in their learning;
- Children who attend school regularly develop healthy life habits;
- Children who attend school regularly feel more connected to their community and develop important social skills and friendships; and
- Students who attend school regularly are set up for a strong future.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just	that equals	which is	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is	This means that the best your child can achieve is
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4
Give your child every chance to succeed				

BOOK WEEK



This year, due to COVID19, Book Week was postponed. We are pleased to announce however that the 2020 Book Week will be celebrated during **Week 2 Term 4** from 17 October to the 23 October. This year's theme is 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'.

Most children's books house a curious creature or two, and the best curious creatures require a wild mind to write them into existence. Book Week is about encouraging students to read; to learn about new books; to share favourite writers and illustrators; to look at old favourites in a different way and just read.

Students are invited to come dressed either as their favourite book character or, in accordance with the theme on **Friday 23 October**. Whilst we are restricted in regards to holding a book parade, students will participate in a Reading Roundabout and Zoom Assembly. Two students from each class will be awarded with a Book Week prize for best dressed.

Get curious, get creative, be wild!

Mrs Suzanne Murphy

Deputy Principal



YEAR 6 FAREWELL

In preparation for our Year 6 Farewell could Year 6 students who did not attend HPS in Kindergarten please bring in a photo from their first year at school.

Anyone in Year 6 that would also like to bring in some baby photos or photos of when they were little would be great.

Please bring your photo's into the front office to be scanned.



Issue 7 - Orders Due

Friday 30 October

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TERM 4	2020	
19 - 23 Oct	Book Week	
22 Oct	Cricket Blast	
23 Oct	Book Week Assembly	
30 Oct	Day for Daniel	
6 Nov	NAIDOC Day Assembly	
11 Nov	No Greenslip Class Reward	
12 Nov	P&C Meeting - ZOOM	
25 Nov	Ready Set Kinder - Last Session	
27 Nov	Crazy Hair Day	
30 Nov - 11 Dec	Swim School	
10 Dec	Year 6 Farewell	
10 Dec	P&C Meeting - ZOOM	
I4 Dec	K-6 Pool Party	
15 Dec	Presentation Day	
16 Dec	Last day for 2020	
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Bible Study and Games: We start th evening off by studying a part of God's Word, followed by a light supper and games. Skills Night: Two nights per term. We start off with Bible Study, then we will get a guest in to teach us a life skill, which can include skills such as cooking, outdoor skills, self-defence, mower and bicycle maintenance, etc.

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Friday, 23 October - Bible St + Games Friday, 30 October - Bible St + Games Friday, 6 November - Movie Night Friday, 13 November - Bible St + Games Friday, 20 November - Bible St + Games Friday, 27 November - Movie Night Friday, 4 December - Bible St + Games Friday, 11 December - Bible St + Games

Time: 7pm-9:30pmLight supper provided Youth will be dropped off back at their homes. Contact: Rob (Moses) : 0400 021 240

Hay Baptist Youth Group starts on Friday night 23 October 2020. Starting time is 7pm to 9.30pm. It is for Year 5 and above. We have a supper provided with no charge, we do a study and games. Children will be taken home after, if needed.

Please contact Moses on 0400 021 240 for more information.



PARENT ONLINE PAYMENT (POP) FOR SCHOOL FEES, EXCURSIONS

Did you know that you can make payments to your child's school online?

We have launched a new online payment portal linked to your school's website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac which enables parents to pay online by using either VISA, MasterCard or debit card..

What expenses can be paid online?

Hay Public School

- Voluntary School Contributions
- **Subject Contributions**
- Excursions
- Sport
- **Creative and Practical Arts**
- Sales to Students
- Other (e.g canteen)

When?

This payment method is available now.

How?

Log onto School site at www.hay-p.schools.nsw.edu.au Click on "Make a Payment" and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.



