



"Flourish to the end"

# Hay Happenings

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### SCHOOL RULES

*I can do my best.  
I can respect all  
people.  
I can respect all  
property.  
I can be in the  
right place.*

### Protect yourself from viruses

- Clean** your hands with soap and water, or hand sanitiser.
- Cover** your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.
- Avoid** close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.
- Stay home** if you are sick.

Find the facts  
[health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus](http://health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus)

### Principal's Report

#### Schools Remain Open

The health advice on schools remains unchanged. Our Chief Medical Officers indicate that our schools should remain open for education provision at this time.

The Government and Department are encouraging you to keep your child at home from Tuesday 24 March to contribute to supporting the community response to COVID-19. The school's doors will remain open for those students whose parents are in the essential services or who are vulnerable.

As updated expert information comes to the Department, who are in constant liaison with NSW Health we will keep you informed of any impact on school operations.

#### Supporting Learning at Home

Our staff have been working hard to develop a suite of learning resources and options for students to undertake from home. The Department has developed and will continue to develop resources and offer professional learning to help teachers with this task.

Whether your child is at school or at home, the aim is for all students to access the consistent learning content provided by our school. Teachers have prepared work packs that will be posted out by the end of this week.

#### Support for Students at Home

I encourage you to access the [Learning from](#)

[Home](#) resource which provides practical advice to parents and carers on how to best create and support a productive learning environment in the home.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home/advice-to-parents-and-carers>

#### NAPLAN 2020

Education Ministers met last week and decided that NAPLAN will not proceed in 2020. The NAPLAN test window was scheduled to be held from 12 to 22 May. The decision to not proceed with NAPLAN in 2020 has been taken to assist school leaders, teachers and support staff to focus on the wellbeing of students and continuity of education, including potential online and remote learning. Further, the impact of responses to the COVID-19 virus may affect the delivery of NAPLAN testing, including the operation of centralised marking centres and the implications for nationally comparable data if an insufficient number of students are available to do the test.

#### Attendance

Students whose parents are choosing to keep them at home are doing so at the Premier's request. This will not impact on the students' attendance data as they are learning in an alternative environment (home).

Keep well, keep safe and look after each other.

Carol Oataway  
Principal

Quality education in a caring environment

## CAPTAINS SPEECH

Good afternoon Mrs Oatway, teachers and students. This is the first time we have ever had to present a written captain's report for the Hay Happenings. This is due of course to the fact that we are not having assemblies due to the regulations on the Coronavirus.

It has been an interesting week! We were lucky enough last week to have robotics sessions with Ms Kempton. Robotics involve building lego robots and then coding instructions so that you program your robot to move in different directions. Robotics is a really important area in our world and can certainly help us to get jobs.

Congratulations to Genevieve Williamson and Hilton Hargreaves for being selected for the Riverina Soccer Trials. Unfortunately, the trials have been postponed until a later date.

The fete and the Easter Hat parade have been postponed until further notice. The Easter raffle will be drawn out in the front office and winners will be notified. Please keep donating prizes for the raffle such as big chocolate eggs, chocolate Easter bunnies and other similar things. Remember to sell your raffle tickets and hand the money into the front office.

Thank you.

Max Mijok

**Vice Captain**



## WEEK 8 MERIT AWARDS

2Z - Bill Houston & Bronx Woods



3J - Savannah Gifford & Maxine Price



4B - Heidi Goulding & Layne Gleeson



4/5S - Poppy Barnes & Dillon Green



5D - Harriet Witherby & Josh Gardener



6SC - Sophie Tapper & Lachlan Spence



## WEEK 8 MERIT AWARDS

KC - Maya Lugsdin & Seth McKenzie



IR - Nina Schiller & Lachlan Back

