



"Flourish to the end"

Hay Happenings

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WINNING CRICKET TEAM



SCHOOL RULES

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



Principal's Report

Minister's Visit

Today the school enjoyed a visit by The Hon. Sarah Mitchell, Minister for Education and Early Childhood. Student Leaders, Emily Taylor and Genevieve Williamson, along with Mrs Murphy, were on hand to welcome the Minister to Hay Public School. The Minister visited our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden and took part in a lesson with 6S.

Strategic Improvement Plan 2021-24

This year heralds the commencement of a new school plan which will be in place over the next four years. This plan will focus on developing strategies that will lead to the improvement of outcomes for all of our students with literacy and numeracy being the main focus. The school will have two strategic directions over the next four years which are student growth and attainment and wellbeing. Progress towards our 2018-20 goals was evaluated at the end of 2020 and is set out as follows:

Wellbeing

Students are working towards their individual goals and are more engaged in their learning. Students are recognised for their efforts, which is celebrated by the school community. Students feel positive about their achievements with an increased number of students willing to participate in extra curricula activities. These include: uke group, academic pursuits, leadership / public speaking opportunities and leading assemblies. The percentage of students displaying positive behaviours has increased with a sharp decline in the number of recorded negative incidents in the past five years. Attendance rates are steadily improving with a consistent and continued focus. Increased support has been provided to students in the school environment with the employment of a Student Support Officer.

Integrated Learning

Teachers are programming with an integrated approach to maximise time spent on key learning areas. This has become a whole school focus with support from the Instructional Leader, Mrs Murphy. Literacy and numeracy remain a focus with professional learning for teachers occurring in mathematics, spelling, reading and writing. A greater focus has been placed on building students' number sense, promoting problem solving and inquiry-based learning. Robotics and coding has been introduced to Stage 2&3 students and was expanded in 2020 during technology lessons.

Parent Involvement

Throughout 2020, due to COVID-19, the school year was severely interrupted with parents not being allowed on school grounds. Teachers remained in touch with parents remotely via phone, text message, Facebook and use of the See-Saw app. They were able to share work samples, discuss progress and involve parents in the day to day activities. These activities were well received by the majority of the parent body.

Mobile Phone Policy

The school has formulated a set of procedures around the use of mobile phones in the school environment. Please be aware that students are asked not to bring their mobile phones to school. If students do bring a phone to school, they are to hand it in to the front office in the morning and collect it again in the afternoon.

Have a great week!

Suzanne Murphy
Carol Oatway

Principal

SPORTS REPORT

AFL District Trials

The Deniliquin and District AFL Trials were held on Friday 5th March at the Rams Oval. Dan Jamieson, Archie Houston, Hilton Hargreaves, Max Spence, Josh Gardiner and Ned Williamson represented our school. Congratulations to the year 6 students Dan, Archie, Hilton, Max and Josh who were selected to represent the district at Western Riverina Trials to be held in Leeton on Friday 12th March 2021. Good luck boys!



Riverina Swimming Carnival

The Riverina Swimming Carnival being held today, 10th March in Leeton. 15 of our children will be swimming. Results will be posted in next weeks Hay Happenings.

Matilda Nisbet	100m freestyle, 50m freestyle 50m breaststroke, 50m backstroke 50m butterfly, 200m IM
Poppy Barnes	50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke 50m backstroke, 50m butterfly
Marley Sorensen	50m freestyle, 50m butterfly 200m IM
James Johnson	50m breaststroke, 50m backstroke
Mela Polhill	50m freestyle
Dallas Giddins	50m freestyle
Alex Giddins	50m freestyle
Josh Gardiner	50m freestyle
Euen Kerr	50m breaststroke
Hilton Hargreaves	50m breaststroke
Willow Greenway	50m backstroke
Jessica Tapper	50m butterfly
Junior Boys Relay-	Dallas Giddins, Euen Kerr, Harry Houston, Alex Giddins
Senior Girls Relay-	Matilda Nisbet, Poppy Barnes, Emily Shea, Jessica Tapper
Senior Boys Relay-	Max Spence, Hilton Hargreaves, Archie Houston, Dan Jamieson

NB: Relays follow the 50m freestyle events.

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!

District Soccer Trials

The Deniliquin District Soccer trials will be held on Thursday 11th March 2021 in Finley. Good luck to our Hay representatives Hilton Hargreaves, Genevieve Williamson and Ned Williamson.

Cricket Knockout

The Hay Public School cricket team played against Griffith East Public School on Hay's Number One Oval yesterday. Hay coming away with the win 76-56. Dan Jamieson was the top scorer and Max Spence taking a number of wickets. Thank you to Mrs Cullenward for coaching and managing the team and to Chuck Harrington, Rob Neill and the Hay Shire Council for all the work they put into preparing the pitch for us.

K-2 SPORTSPEOPLE OF THE WEEK

Week 6 Sports Stars of the Week were:

KCW – Oaken Woods & Layla Ridgewell

KR - Charlie Price & Ariana Meads

IZ – Dwayne Hutchison & Erin Fitzpatrick

2H – Wyatt Dally & Ruby Plant



Easter Raffle

Parliament is again having its annual Easter Raffle. All families have been issued with a book of tickets. Each book contains 10 tickets to be sold for \$1.00 per ticket.

Sold books are to be returned to the front office.

This is usually a bumper raffle with many, many prizes to be won.

Donations for Raffle

We are seeking donations of chocolates and fluffy animals and all things Easter for this raffle. All donations may be left at the front office.

Drawn

The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday 31 March and funds raised go towards the Year 6 Farewell and gift to the school.

P&C AGM

Thursday 11 March
2pm
in the TOWN LIBRARY

All positions will be declared vacant.

It has been a busy time for our P&C volunteers. Over the past month we have been stretched with food preparation, working at events and personally supplying ingredients and resources. More volunteers are needed to be able to lighten the load. All funds raised are for the benefit of your children who attend Hay Public School.

Many hands make light work! Come along to the meetings to show your support.

ALL WELCOME!



STEWART HOUSE DAY



2021 Donation Drive

Win a \$4,000 Holiday!

Envelopes have been sent home.

Please place a \$2.00 coin or equivalent in the envelope, complete entry details on the back and return to school to be eligible for the draw.

University of NSW International Competitions

Please complete the entry form and return it to the yellow box in the front office by **FRIDAY 18th JUNE 2021** - **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**

Name: _____ Year _____

Class: _____

Please tick

- | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ICAS Writing - 9/8 | \$20.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ICAS Digital Technologies - 10/8 | \$15.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ICAS English - 17/8 | \$15.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ICAS Science - 23/8 | \$15.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ICAS Spelling - 24/8 | \$15.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ICAS Maths - 31/8 | \$15.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | All of the above | \$95.00 |

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Payment to yellow box in front office or

Log onto School site at www.hay-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Click on "Make a Payment"

Weekly Attendance Rates

Week Ending: 5th March 2021

1	KCW	97.78%
2	6S	97.27%
3	2H	97.14%
4	KR	96.74%
5	3/4D	96.43%
6	5/6CH	95.65%
7	3/4B	95.56%
8	1Z	92.80%
9	5J	92.73%
Week 6 Attendance		95.69%
2021 Attendance		95.47%

IS YOUR CHILD MISSING TOO MUCH SCHOOL?

Attendance Facts

- Well done to KCW for their outstanding attendance last week;
- We have had an amazing start to 2021. Our attendance rate is 3% higher than that of 2020;
- 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.

YEAR 6 PARENTS

Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government school in 2022



It is time to start the transition of your child from Year 6 to Year 7.

Students in Year 6 have been issued with an 'Expression of Interest' form to be completed and returned to school to enable high schools in NSW to prepare for 2022.

If your child will not be attending the local high school this form needs returning with the information as to where they will be attending high school.

**FORM TO BE RETURNED COMPLETED NO
LATER THAN FRIDAY 19 MARCH 2021**



TERM 1 2021

11 Mar	P&C AGM - 2pm
24 Mar	Principal's Lunch Reward
31 Mar	Easter Hat Parade
1 Apr	No Greenslip Reward
1 April	Last day of Term 1

NEW COVID RULES

- Parents are asked to continue to Kiss n Drop
- Parents still need to sign in using the QR code if on school grounds
- STAR Assemblies - Two parents per award recipient by invitation only
- Merit Assemblies - One parent per award recipient by invitation only
- Rules state we still need to adhere to 1.5m physical distancing

HPS Payment Coupon

Name: _____

Total Payment \$ _____

Payment to yellow box in front office
or by Parents Online Payments on website

Payment is required for ALL performances

Fees

General Contribution \$35.00

Subject Fees \$20.00

Performances

Life Education FREE

12th - 14th May

Brilliant at being Resilient FREE

23rd June ** Performance now free **

Sussing out our Solar System \$6.00

22nd July

Rock It FREE

10th November

2021 Excursions

Excursions	
<u>Kindergarten</u> - 20th October Altina Wildlife Park	\$40
<u>Stage One</u> - 22nd October Griffith Regional Theatre - Pete the Sheep	\$40
<u>Stage Two</u> - 13th - 14th September Lake Mungo & Swan Hill	TBC
<u>Stage Three</u> - 9th - 11th June Canberra	\$340

Excursion pre-payments are now being accepted at the front office.



School Banking Day

Monday is School Banking Day



Students should bring in their weekly deposit to the front office first thing in the morning.