



Hay Happenings

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“Flourish to the end”



SCHOOL RULES

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

ZOOM STAR

Assembly

Friday

17 September

Farewell Mrs Oataway

Principal's Report

This week we farewell Mrs Oataway as she commences her retirement after 37 years of teaching.

Mrs Oataway has a long history with Hay Public School, with her great grandmother commencing her schooling here in the mid 1870's, soon after the school was established. Her grandfather and father were also students at the school with her father, Henry Beissel named Dux in 1934. Carol started her educational journey with Hay Public School in 1966 when she started Kindergarten. She returned as a teacher in 1985.

In 2005 she was appointed Assistant Principal and shortly afterwards was appointed as Principal in 2008. Carol has a very strong connection to the Hay community and as such has helped to build stronger, positive relationships as an educational community. She has inspired a culture of collaboration, engaged communication, empowered leadership and organisational practices to ensure our students thrive and show growth in their learning in a supportive and mutually respected environment.

Mrs Oataway has always been totally invested in the welfare and advancement of every individual student and has fostered and supported many programs that have ensured the social, emotional and academic wellbeing of each child. During her time as Principal Mrs Oataway has encouraged and supported many educational programs that will continue long into the future. Some of these include the establishment of the Ready Set Kinder Program and the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden... two wonderful initiatives that future students will continue to enjoy.

Mrs Oataway is well known for her musical talents, both singing and playing the piano. She was instrumental in scripting the Hay Public School song along with Janet Craggs in 2008... a legacy that will endure. She enthusiastically led the school choir for a number of years and always accompanied the children's singing

with her exemplary piano prowess. Assemblies have always been events to look forward too with the inclusion of a regular sing along with Mrs Oataway. At the end of the week staff were often treated to a medley of songs ... a wonderful calming influence on us all.

We wish you all the very best on your retirement, Carol and thank you for your great leadership, friendship and mentoring over the years.

Suzanne Murphy
Relieving Principal

Personal Message from Mrs Oataway

It is wonderful to be back this week ready to reconnect, rebuild, revise and reinvigorate. I hope that it is a wonderful week for our students.

As this is my last week as Hay Public School Principal, I would just like to say a huge thank you to everyone who makes this school wonderful, our students, staff and families. It is a team effort, thrown together with dedication, passion, caring and plain hard work. Hay Public School is a great school and I can honestly say I am ending my career on a high note. I feel honoured to have worked with some of the best teachers and support staff I have known in my long career of almost 37 years. I leave the school in excellent hands.

Thank you!
Have a well deserved holiday!

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Return to School

Welcome back to all students who have returned to full time education this week. It is wonderful to have everyone back and learning in the school environment again. Teachers will be placing their main focus on literacy and numeracy outcomes to fill any gaps that may have occurred during the recess from classroom learning caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. From September 13, all students will be expected to be back in the classroom and will be marked absent if they are not at school. Classes will run as normal with all class teachers present.

Term 4 Staffing Changes

After 37 years with the Department of Education, Mrs Oataway will be retiring at the end of this week. Mrs Murphy will be relieving in the principal's role for the remainder of the year and the position will be advertised and filled through merit selection with the new Principal ready to commence at the beginning of 2022. Mrs Oataway bids a fond farewell to the entire school community with a special farewell to the students who make our school great!

Activities

Whilst there has been some easing of restrictions, the school will continue to not have mass gatherings such as assemblies, morning musters, school performances and special events. Excursions will still not run at this stage. Sport is allowed but there is to be no contact sport. Sport groups are able to take short walks to other venues in the town to access sporting facilities.

Social Distancing

Under Level 3 restrictions, parents and carers are asked not to be present on the school site or to enter classrooms. Parents are asked to 'Kiss and Drop' their children at the school gate in the morning and wait at the gate in the afternoon.

Canteen

The school canteen will be running as normal with physical distancing measures and hand hygiene firmly in place. The canteen offers an affordable range of healthy food for lunches and snacks and parents are encouraged to take advantage of this wonderful service provided by our school. This service can only continue if it is being used regularly by our students. It runs as a 'not for profit' canteen, so prices are kept low and affordable. Cupcakes can also be ordered through the canteen to celebrate a child's birthday with their classmates. The canteen runs on a pre-payment system or a 'pay as you order' system. Parents can pay money to the canteen online, through the 'Make a Payment' section on the school's website or money can be dropped into the front office. Students are able to take money and orders to the canteen every day.

Holidays

Thank you again for your support of the school this semester. I wish all families a happy and safe spring break. School resumes for students and staff on Tuesday 5th October. A calendar of events in Term 4 will be sent out with the first newsletter next term.

Suzanne Murphy

Carol Oataway

Principal



WE WILL MISS YOU

KR would like to wish Mrs Oataway all the best for her retirement. We hope she holds fond memories of her time teaching and leading Hay Public School, especially the celebration of 125 years of education of our amazing school. Thank you Mrs Oataway.

Mrs Books and **3-4B** would like to congratulate Mrs Oataway on her retirement and thank her for the many years of expert leadership and dedication to Hay Public School. Best wishes for all future endeavours! Mrs Oataway is observant, open-minded and outstanding.

Mrs Oataway, thank you so much for all that you have done for our school. We all have fond memories of listening to you playing the piano when we were in RSK and often talk about Leo the Lion and how we loved singing it! Thank you from **2H**

IP have loved greeting Mrs Oataway each week at Morning Muster and are so proud of the work they have shown her this year. IP and Mrs Payne would like to wish Mrs Oataway all the best in her retirement.

We are saddened to hear that you are leaving our school, but excited for you starting your next adventure. We wish you all the best! Love from **3/4D** students, their families and Mrs Duncan.

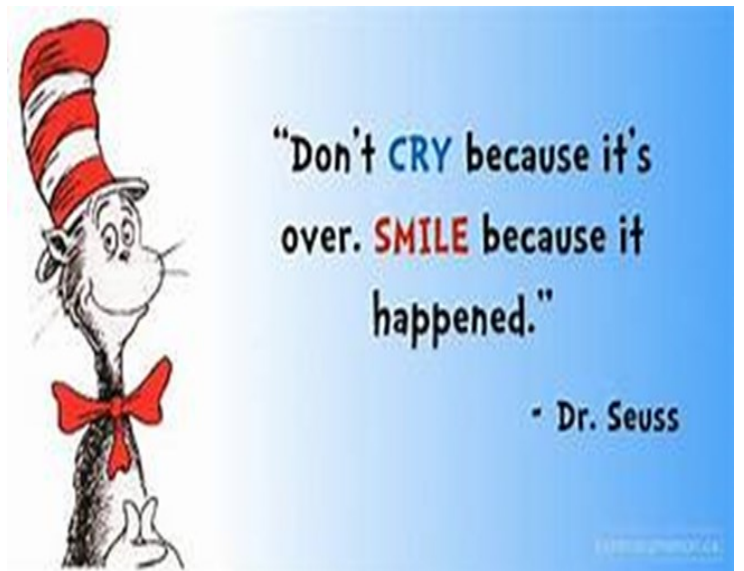


Thank you so much for guiding our school and our students for so long. You've always helped everyone in Maths Olympiad and have made the school a comfortable place. On behalf of **6S**, thank you

Thank you so much Mrs Oataway for all you have done for us in our journey from Kindergarten to year 5 and 6. We have loved when you played the piano at assembly and when you made your funny jokes at morning muster. We always enjoy showing you our work and receiving your Principal's sticker with your beautiful handwriting. All the best for your retirement **5/6CHS**

5J would like to thank Mrs Oataway for being an amazing principal for all of our years at Hay Public School. Thank you for her dedication to our school and for providing wonderful learning opportunities that have allowed us to learn, grow, have fun and make memories.

Mrs Oataway is the **QUEEN** of our school! We love showing her how hard we like to work at her school!!! From **KCW**





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FOLLOW THE PROMPTS

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?

- 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.

What's Happening

TERM 3 2021

17 Sept ZOOM Assembly

17 Sept Last day of Term 3

TERM 4

5 Oct School resumes for Term 4

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Next term we are going digital and will be emailing our newsletter each week.

To stay informed and up to date with the latest news from Hay Public School, please provide the front office with your current email address.

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

STAGE 2 EXCURSION

*** CANCELLED ***

Due to the cancellation of the ST2 Excursion all funds have transferred to FEES IN ADVANCE.

If you would like a refund please contact the front office and funds will be returned how they were received, ie. Cash or POP payment.

HPS CANTEEN

If you have monies owing to the canteen please pay asap.

Students may place money at the canteen and use their CREDITS for purchases.

It is preferred that all accounts are to be kept in credit.



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