



THE NEWS



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- There will be a limited number of printed newsletters available from the office.

CALD PLAY GROUP

A chance to meet other families and children

CALD (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse) mothers and fathers are invited to bring their children along to a free play group at the Community Centre's Childcare Centre, 22 Charles Street Pialba, on Wednesdays (starting on the 26th April) from 9:30-11. For more information on how to register for a free play group please call Robyn on 4194 3077 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

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INFORMATION IN THE OFFICE

- Little Joeys Playgroup infant—Pre-prep in playgroup room, every Monday from 9-11am
- Hervey Bay State Schools and Early Learning Expo. Thursday 1st June 5-7pm at Hervey Bay RSL11 Torquay Road.
- Riverside Christian College is hosting the Interschool Equestrian Competition 23-25 August. Further information www.nominate.com.au or on Facebook at Fraser Coast IEC.
- Indigenous Playgroup 9-11am, every Friday in Miss Jodie's room.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

May

- 29th - Little Joeys Playgroup 9-11am

June

- 1st - Pyjama Day Gold coin donation
- 2nd - Indigenous Playgroup 9-11am
- - English Apex Enrichment Day HBHS
- 5th - Little Joeys Playgroup 9-11am
- 9th - Science APEX Enrichment
- Day HBHS
- Parade—Junior School

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the mid-point of Term 2. A little reminder to all parents and students that the school is closed this Friday 26th May due to the Fraser Coast Show Holiday. School will re-open on Monday 29th May. We all look forward to the last four weeks with no long weekends.

A massive thank you to all the Year 3 and 5 teachers, aides and students for their efforts in the 2017 Naplan Tests that occurred last fortnight. All students appeared very calm as they underwent their relevant assessment tasks and I am sure that our students will once again improve on our previous results. Special thanks to Mr Robb, the Student Leadership Team and Mr Fowler for their organisation of the tests and the breakfasts provided each morning to get the students off to a flying start.

A reminder to all members of our community of relevant school routines;

* There will be a Whole School Parade next Friday at 2:15pm and a Junior Parade in Week 8. There will be a large number of Bronze Awards handed out so please come along and share in the students' success.

* * Rewards Day Activities – this year the school is covering the costs of Rewards Days. As per last year, the criteria to be eligible to attend Rewards Day is no more than 2 Detentions, no suspensions and the Student Resource Scheme must be up to date ie. At least \$90 paid or a payment plan in place by the end of the term. **Please note that due to a drop in our attendance rate, from this term onwards, students must also attend above the 92% mark to be eligible to attend Rewards Day.** Students who have long term absences for sickness and those on holiday with their parents will have these absences exempted from the data.

ATTENDANCE:

Our school, like all others in Queensland, follows the mantra that "Every Day Counts". In other words, students need to attend as many school days as possible, if they are able develop to their full potential.

Our school will again carefully watch attendance rates of every class and there will be prizes given to the top 3 classes from Weeks 1 to Week 9. The top class will receive a Subway Lunch Party, 2nd Place will receive \$50 Resources for the classroom and 3rd Place will receive an Icy Pole for each student in that class. Last term saw the Lower school dominate the placings with only 3U and 6U offering competition from Middle and Upper school.

We are now half way through the term and the top 5 classes for the Attendance Prizes are reasonably stable. However, this week we have a new leader in Prep/1U and 1U have climbed into the top 5. The results so far are as follows:

1st - Prep/1U on 96.53%

2nd - 2P on 95.62%

3rd - 3P on 95.51%

4th - 3/4S on 95.09% and

5th - 1U on 94.22%

The most improved class from Term 1 to Term 2 so far is 2P, who have improved their attendance by over 2.25%. A great effort.

There is only 2.5% separating the top 13 classes, so with four weeks to go, any class can win the Subway Lunch Party.....

Keep attending each day and let's get close to our school target for the Term - 92% attendance (we are only at 89.1% so far).

This year we have four Explicit Improvement Agenda target areas:

- ***Whole school improvement in Reading and Numeracy;***
- ***Increased number of students in the Upper Two Band in Naplan testing;***
- ***Improved Attendance; and***
- ***Increased performance for students with disabilities.***

Additionally, this year we will be providing this Service Guarantee (ie. promise) to all parents and caregivers of our school –

"Every student will have a teacher read to them, every day."

SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

Over the past few weeks, and in the coming week, staff and students have been very busy in completing their assessments tasks for the Semester 1 Reports. As I have repeatedly stated in the past, these reports represent the first, true account of how your child is travelling in comparison to every other student in the nation. Please remember that a 'C' result in our Reports places your child where they should be in relation to all the other students in Australia in that year level. Therefore, this would be a very good result. An 'A' or 'B' indicates your child is above or well above the national average just as a 'D' or Support Required identifies that the students will require additional assistance to meet the national average. Additionally, we still have six months in the school year, so the students have more than enough time to improve upon these results or consolidate them. Our school's target is to have 77% of our students achieving A, B or C in English, Maths and Science by the end of the year.

Have a great fortnight,
Damien Gainsford
Principal

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Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29/5 - 02/6	11.45-12.45pm Meeting Andrew Nye (HOC)	10-11am Leadership Meeting 1.30-3pm Cluster Meeting at Sandy Straits SS with Steve Case	9.30-9am TA Meeting 10.15-10.45am Meeting Leisa Staunton 3.15-3.45pm Staff Meeting		8am-3pm Level 2 Behaviours— Limited Meetings 2.15-3pm Parade Whole School
5/6—9/6	11.45am—12.45pm Meeting Andrew Nye (HOC) 3.30pm Out of Office	10-11am Leadership Meeting 12-3pm BSS Principal's Meeting (Hervey Bay RS)	10.15-10.45am Meeting Leisa Staunton. 3.15-3.45pm Cluster Meeting	12.15-12.45pm TUH Teleconference	8am-3pm Level 2 Behaviours Limit meetings 2.15-3pm Parade Junior School
DP —Mark					
29/5-2/6	9-10.30am—Out of Office	8-8.45am WHS Committee Meeting 10-11am Supervising Solid Pathways 10-11am Leadership Meeting 1.25-1.40pm Detention Room	10-11am Development Plan with Staff 12.15-1.15pm Development Plan with staff 3.15-3.45pm Staff Meeting		12-1pm Supervising Solid Pathways Year 6 1.25-1.40pm Detention Room 2.15pm Parade Whole School
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NEWS FROM YEAR 6

Every Tuesday and Thursday morning, students in year 6P participate in a writing task. Each task begins with a writing stimulus. This stimulus is different every time. It may be a person, a word, a video, an object, a song... anything! The students then choose a text type and begin writing in that genre. The quality of their writing has improved significantly over the last term.

Today's stimulus was a youtube video about accepting difference. It talks about students who have autism and explains that we are all different and that is ok! Here is the link! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7JdCY-cdgkI>

Here are some examples of what the students have written.

Caitlin (statement)

People are different. That doesn't mean you pick on them about it. They might handle things differently and they might see the world differently. They might find it scary to be around people or they have different fears compared to you. That's okay. People don't need to be the same and being different makes this world a whole lot better. So when you meet someone new, make the time to get to know them and share your happiness with them.

Emily (poem)

People are different and that's ok
If you know someone different, shout hooray
Because we are all different in our own way

If you have a friend with a disability
Help them out because they don't see things like us
So try not to shout
Cause you'll freak them out

So like I said
We are all different in our own way
and that is most definitely A-OK

Zac (Statement)

I know someone who has autism and that's my friend. I didn't know it was so hard for him.

Baylee (Diary Entry)

Dear Diary,
It was seven years ago today that I found out I have autism. It's hard having autism. My emotions are heightened and things appear different to what other people see. I may look okay on the outside but what's going on in my head is the opposite of what other people would think, hear, smell, feel and see. But it's okay. It's my way of being me. Everyone is different in their own way. That's all from me today.

Miraki (Statement)

Some people have blonde hair while others have brown or maybe someone has blue eyes and you have green. Everybody is different in many ways. One of them being a disability. Do you know any one with a disability? If you do, you would know that they find it harder to cope with simple activities like making new friends. But that doesn't mean that you can't be nice and help them out. How would you feel if someone ignored you? Next time you see someone who is different, say hello or go and help them out. Being different is apart of life because that's just who we are.

CHAPPY'S CORNER:

Protective Behaviour Tips for Parents:

Recently I brought up the topic that we all have the right to feel safe and posed the question how can we make this idea stronger in our families, home, friendship groups and school?

This week I am posing the question: Do we, as adults, know how to listen to our bodies in relation to keeping safe? We all have internal alarms that we sometimes listen to and sometimes miss. Have you ever watched a scary movie and felt the tension build up inside? We have messages occurring inside our bodies 24/7- sometimes it is simply a feeling of peace, sometimes it's a slight message that something is not quite right.

Tip 2. For this week is- Have discussions with our kids about listening to their bodies. Ask them this afternoon, was there a time where they might have felt not safe, or a time where they were feeling a little on edge? If we can teach our children that they can come to us when they are feeling unsafe or unsure that will help them keep safer in the longterm!

MASTER TEACHER NEWS:

The SSP monsters have invaded the afternoon reading program! We have a group of year 1 and 2 students who are learning how to hear sounds in words and build words. The first step is introducing a monster that makes a specific speech sound (green level – s, a, t, p, i, n). The students LOVE these monsters and can remember the sounds very well! The students then build a word with the monsters such as – pin, say the sounds and blend them together to say the word. After this they replace the monster with the letter that makes that sound. This process is new to these students and we are seeing some fantastic results. It is a great to see these students having success with reading.

On Wednesday, the Prep students attended Under 8's morning at the Fraser Coast Anglican College. They had a wonderful morning completing a variety of child centred experiences; threading, obstacle course, goop bags, emergency service displays, jumping castles and much more! Thank you to our wonderful staff for the smooth organisation and morning festivities. It was a pleasure to be involved in this special event.

Angela Hubbert

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

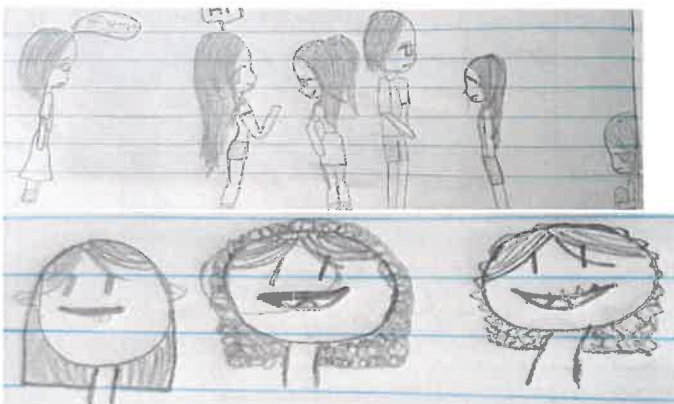
Popcorn Fridays!

Treat yourself with a cup of freshly made popcorn, on sale from 3pm-3.15pm, for just .50c.

Student Council is promoting a "teacher makeover" fundraiser. Information on this will be provided on parade this Friday.

Breakfast Club- if you need breakfast on the go, it's available Monday to Friday from 8.30am at the canteen. Please remember it closes at 8.50am to allow time for our student leaders to prepare for their day.

Thank you for supporting our Student Council.





EXPO

THURSDAY 1st JUNE 2017 / 5pm - 7pm
HERVEY BAY HSL / 11 TORQUAY RD



WHAT IS THE EXPO?

A gathering of Hervey Bay State Schools' Early Learning Centres and Kindergartens.

WHAT CAN I DO?

Meet directly with principals, directors and teaching staff all in one location. Make an informed choice for school and early learning for your child.

WHAT'S ON AT THE EXPO?

- One Stop Expo • Give-aways • Informative Presentations
- Community Support Organisations
- Educational Curriculum Information



P&C— PYJAMA DAY

THURSDAY 1ST JUNE



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