



The Sir Henry Memorial Public School

LEARNING SAFETY RESPECT

Tuesday 30th November 2021

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We are in our final weeks of the 2021 school year. Thankfully it has been a very cool end of year thus far, which has been lovely. The ongoing wet weather has been a little challenging with constant wet weather playtimes for our students. Nevertheless we are always grateful for the water. This time two years ago we remember as being incredibly difficult with drought and bushfires.

Our staffing for 2022 is almost complete, however our student numbers for next year are sitting at an awkward number for classes and class sizes. At this stage, we look to have 9 classes, including our MC class. Teachers for classes are still being finalised, and student numbers obviously affect this.

We will be welcoming some incoming teachers, who have been appointed permanently to our staff:

Welcome to Mrs Sally Griffiths, who has been appointed as Assistant Principal, starting 2022. Sally joins our team with a wealth of experience and knowledge, and she will be teaching in one of our infants classes. Sally is currently teaching at Casino Public School.

We have already welcomed Mr Sheldon Rose, who also has been appointed permanently as a classroom teacher here. Sheldon replaces Mel Gallagher, who transferred to Armidale earlier this year. Sheldon has moved here with his fiancé from Newcastle. Sheldon's official appointment begins January 2022.

Welcome to Mr Jonathan Dunstan, who has also been appointed as a permanent classroom teacher, starting January 2022. Jonathan replaces Susan Bailey's position here on staff. Jonathan is moving here from Wollongong.

At the end of this year we will again be saying goodbye to a number of staff, which I will provide information about in next week's newsletter.

A huge THANK YOU to all parents and carers who completed the Tell Them From Me parent survey. Your feedback is vital for our school evaluations and future planning. Have a wonderful week!

Miss Anna Starcevic Principal

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From the AP desk....

Well the term is quickly coming to a close, but the learning across K-2 classes continues. All classes are still following their teaching and learning programs and exciting links have been made to Christmas. There are so many fantastic Christmas literary texts available for children.

Stage 1 are about to redesign Santa's sleigh for his global journey during Geography lessons and Kindergarten are getting creative with their vocabulary through some interesting stories for Christmas – ask them what words they have discovered.

When we break for holidays, it is important for families to continue with daily reading at home. This supports students to maintain their strategies and prevents regression at the beginning of the new year. Reading is not the only area that students should continue to practice so make sure you find some time for card games involving addition or subtraction or even board games. Numeracy is as important as literacy.

Try these seven tips for getting your kids to read over the school break:



- 1. Try a reading challenge.** First, make sure that you have access to fun books on the shelves that your children can read with a relative degree of independence. If not, get joined up to the town library where there are plenty of titles to choose from. Next, challenge your child to read 20 minutes a day. Many children respond well to a little competitive challenge, and research has found that reading just 20 minutes a day exposes children to 1.8 million words a year and dramatically improves reading outcomes. If you prefer, ask your child to read a certain number of pages per day.
- 2. Hook kids with a book set.** What better time than the holidays to gift your child a complete set of books to keep them reading?
- 3. Share similar titles.** If your child has a book or book series that he already really enjoys, consider a "read-alike" — those are books that explore the same genre, or a similar subject or storyline.
- 4. Find other books or series by an author your child already enjoys.** For example, if you know a favourite book, try introducing your children to another story by the same author.
- 5. Don't forget non-fiction!** If your child is super passionate about science, nature, history or geography, be sure to check out non-fiction titles related to their interests. Or, hook kids with the wild, wacky and wonderful achievements hiding between the pages of the annual Guinness World Records book.
- 6. Take reading on the road.** Traveling during the holidays? Don't forget to pack a paperback for the journey or try an audiobook. Audiobooks offer a novel way to re-visit a much-loved title or to try something new.
- 7. Finally, make time to read together as a family.** Kids of all ages love it when their parents read aloud to them. Start out by choosing a book the whole family will enjoy, and then commit to making time each day to slow down, snuggle together and enjoy the closeness of reading together.

Most importantly, have fun!

We look forward to seeing your child/children every day until the end of term for some fantastic and fun learning activities. If you would like more activities to try in the holidays, please ask.

Liz Duff

(Relieving) Assistant Principal

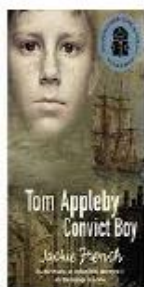
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ARTICHOKES NEWSLETTER REPORT

Throughout the year we have been researching historical fiction. Miss Bridge has also been reading many books to us. Even in lockdown we loved listening to her read during our TEAMS meetings. We have learnt so much about the way people have lived before us and how they have overcome their struggles. We know we are very lucky to live the way we do today.

These are some of the books we have read. We strongly suggest you read them too-



At the moment in class we are researching man-made and natural disasters. We have certainly had a few natural disasters in our own town and recognise how resilient we all are. We are reading 'Six Seconds' at the moment with great interest and many questions are being discussed.



We have been looking at different landforms and how they affect where and how we live. We produced some very creative artworks using different mediums to compliment this unit of work.





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PUBLIC SCHOOL

Remands Day
MONDAY 13 DECEMBER 2021

POOL TRIPS

3-4 - 9:15 AM-11:00 AM
K-2 - 10:45 AM-12:30 PM
5-6 - 12:15 PM - 2:30 PM

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Terms 4 2021 and & 1 2022

Week/ Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 9 Nov/Dec	28	30	1 THS Yr 6 Orientation	2 Presentation Day 11:00am start	3
Week 10 December	6	7	8	9 Year 6 Farewell	10 S2 Reports Home
Week 11 December	13 Rewards Day	14	15 Year 6 Fun Day	16 FINAL DAY OF TERM 4	17
Week 1 Jan/Feb 2022	31 School Development Day	1 ALL Students K-6 begin	2	3	4 Swimming Carnival
Week 2 February	7	8	9	10 SCHOOL PHOTOS	11
Week 3 February	14	15	16 Oracles of the Bush NNE Swimming GI	17	18 Assembly 2:00pm
Week 4 February	21	22	23	24	25
Week 5 March	28	1	2	3	4
Week 6 March	7 Book Fair	8	9	10	11 Assembly 2:00pm
Week 7 March	14	15	16	17	18

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BRAG TAGS

The following students will be awarded their
Brag Tags this Friday.

<u>Honeydews</u>	<u>Lychees</u>	<u>Pumpkins</u>	<u>Sweet Potatoes</u>
	Paige B	Crystal B	
	Domnique D	Charlotte B-C	
	Oliver E	Alexis D	
	Savannah R	Hunter D	
	Heidi R	Connor G	
		Harry H	
		Kate J	
		Meridah T	
		Beau W	
		Neo Y	
		Riley D	
		Jacob H	
		Harley L	
		Mearann W	
		Nae Nae C	

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<u>Snow Peas</u>	<u>Guavas</u>	<u>Artichokes</u>	<u>Zucchini</u>
Naomi A Sanuki w			Benjamin D
Miranda B Dreylin C			
Patrick B-C Jacob W			
Bailey B			
Owen B			
Shanaya C			
Kallarney D			
Zane C			
Ceanna C			
Toby K-H			
Layla H			
Havannah J			
Nathan L			
Hollie L			
Jordan M			
Whyette P			
Charlotte P			
Walter S			
Parley S			
Mia T			
Arthur W			

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Canteen Information

Wednesday December 1 (NOT A MEAL DEAL) Hot dog with cheese \$4.50 or Chicken tender wrap (lettuce, cheese & mayo) &4.50	Thursday December 2 Ham & cheese toasties \$4.00 or 6 mini spring rolls (with sweet & sour sauce) \$4.00	Friday November 3 6 fish bites (with tartare sauce) \$4.00 or Meatballs in a Bolognese sauce on white rice \$5.00
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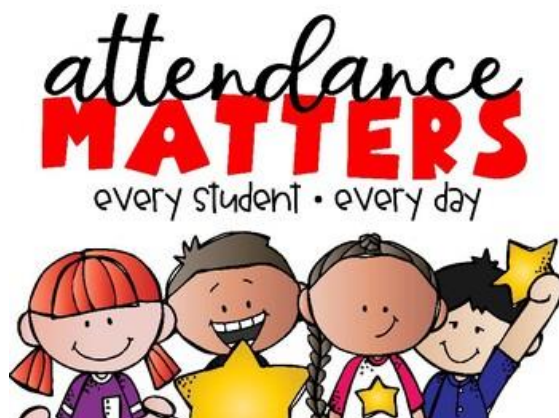
Canteen Roster


Month	Wednesday 1st	Friday 3rd
December	Rachel Brown	Help need please
	Wednesday 8th	
August	Tammy Morris	

Canteen Information

The canteen has no bacon and cheese buns at the moment.

Sorry for the inconvenience





THE SIR HENRY PARKES PRESENTATION DAY
December 2nd, 2021

It will commence at 11:00am.
We are awaiting further NSW Department of Education guidelines regarding COVID 19.
If restrictions are relaxed the ceremony may include parents. If restrictions are still in place our ceremony may be held virtually.

NEXT ASSEMBLY

NEXT P&C MEETING

DATE: Thursday December 2nd

Presentation Day

DATE: February 2022

TIME: 5:30pm School Staff Room

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