



Hawker School Newsletter

Adventures Through Learning

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Tues 23rd
March 2021
Week: 8
Term: 1

Fri 26th March
Year 4 Assembly

Fri 2nd April
Good Friday

Mon 5th April
Easter Monday

Mon 19th April
Term 1 begins

Tues 20th April
School photos

Wed 21st April
School Cross
Country

Mon 26th April
ANZAC Day Public
Holiday

Fri 30th April
Yr3 Assembly

Uniform Shop
Mon, Tues &
Wed afternoon

Canteen Days
Wed, Thurs & Fri
(online orders
only)

Dear Hawker Community,

Gardening with Pete

As most of you know Pete is a wonderful volunteer at Hawker School. Last week he worked with Year 2 to add some new shrubs to our grounds. Involving students in the process creates a sense of ownership and pride. Our school grounds are something that we have worked hard on for many years and the outdoor spaces that have been created for our students to enjoy are something we continuously receive positive feedback on. Thanks also to our amazing ASBA Keely for her support.



New Reading Resources

We are very fortunate with the amazing resources we have access to at Hawker School. Recently we have purchased a series of books to support our ongoing work in cultural integrity. We have also been able to purchase a significant amount of home readers.



School Cross Country

Our school Cross Country will be held on Wednesday, 21st April, Week 1. This means that the school holidays are a great chance for our students to do a little bit of training if they have the chance. Carnivals are about participation and personal bests. Our school Athletics Carnival has been scheduled for Thursday, 6th May, Week 3.

School Improvement

As many of you would be aware in 2018, we participated in the process of an external school review. This process forms a part of every school's cycle of review and improvement. From this review we completed a School Improvement Plan for 2019 – 2023. To assist us in implementing the Improvement Plan each year we articulate priorities. This year our 3 priorities are:

- 1: Improve student learning outcomes in Spelling.
- 2: Improve student learning outcomes in Mathematics with an emphasis on high performance and middle years.
- 3: Strengthen the culture of learning to reflect a strong commitment to excellence and academic rigour.

Our school year began with teachers participating in professional learning targeted at these priorities. Teachers also formed professional learning teams with a focus on either spelling or mathematics. These teams meet fortnightly to review data, participate in inquiry investigations and plan for continued improvement.

Kim McCormack
Acting Principal

Let the adventures through learning continue



Hyacinth Award

Lauren Fiddy - 3JO

For being a caring, thoughtful and respectful student. Lauren is a considerate and supportive classmate who strives to do her best in all areas. Her enthusiasm, positivity and friendliness is appreciated by all those around her.



**FRIENDLY
REMINDER**



- ◆ Yr3-6 Education Perfect payments **due Thursday 1st April**
- ◆ YrK-6 Voluntary Contributions and School Consumables **due ASAP**



Canteen End of Term Special Orders



To celebrate the end of term and Easter on **Thursday 1st April** the canteen will be offering special recess and lunch orders for Kindy to Yr6, this also includes the Geckos Preschool class.

Please note, no other items will be available on this day.

Flexischools is the preferred payment option and **9:30am Wednesday 31st March** will be the cut-off for ordering.

The recess option is \$2 and the lunch options are \$6.

Recess option:

- Hot cross bun, bag of popcorn, chocolate egg (GF, DF options available)

Lunch options:

- BBQ meat lovers pizza, juice and Zooper Dooper
- Vegetarian nachos with mission corn chips, juice and Zooper Dooper (GF, DF option)
- Chicken nugget Gobucket with potato gems, juice and Zooper Dooper (DF option)



Year 2 Gula & Burugun



Year 2 students are inquiring into where water comes from, how we use it and what we can do to conserve this precious resource. We invited Bruno and Martin from Waterwatch to teach us how to find, identify and count water bugs and to see if a waterway is healthy. We found all sorts of incredible creatures in the water from Ginninderra Creek!



You can look at water bugs and you can see how they move and swim. *Leroy*



I really liked looking at all the little bugs in the water. *James*

Fish can come and eat the water bugs. *Elke*



When they look at the water they can see the kinds on bugs. If there are lots of a type of bug they need to look after the water in that place. *Amelia*

There are lots of different bugs that live in the water. Some bugs have wings. *Chloe*



I love how there are people who check how many bugs there are in the water. *Lacey*



Hawker Swimming

Congratulations to our swimmers who participated in the 2021 Belconnen District Swimming Carnival at Stromlo Leisure Centre last Wednesday. You all represented Hawker School brilliantly! The day was a fabulous show of doing your best and having fun. Blake, Koby and Ryker demonstrated the best (and loudest) cheering in the District!

A huge well done to Ryker, Harry, Blake, Koby, Aurelia, Makayla, Leila, Abi, Ewan, George and Ross! The majority of their swimming times were improved by large margins. Also a well done goes to Scarlett, Mary, Ellie, Molly and Laura who also made the team but were unable to attend.

Some outstanding results from the day were:

Makayla—4th in the 10 years girls 50m Freestyle

Abigail—8th in the 11 years girls 50m Freestyle and 13th in the 50m Backstroke

George—7th in the 12 years boys 50m Breaststroke

Ewan—11th in the 12 years boys 50m Freestyle and 11th in the 50m Backstroke



Makayla, Aurelia, Blake, Ryker, George and Koby enjoying the day

Ryker in his backstroke event



Ross ready to start his race