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Term 3 Week 5

Principal's Report



As we reach the halfway mark of Term 3, I am pleased to share some highlights and successes from our vibrant school community.

Celebrating Success

Our students continue to demonstrate outstanding achievements across a variety of areas. The HPGE Athletics program saw enthusiastic participation and excellent performances, showcasing the

dedication and talent of our young athletes.

Creative Arts

The creative arts program has been a particular highlight this term, with students engaging deeply in various projects that have enriched their learning experiences. Our students are highly engaged with our weekly NECOM music zoom lessons as we prepare for our participation in *BushFest*.

Successful Transition Program and Gymnastics The Kindergarten Transition program for our new and younger students has been highly effective, ensuring a smooth and welcoming start to their school journey with our Gymnastics sessions at the Armidale Gymnastics Club. These sessions have been a highlight for all students promoting physical fitness, coordination, and confidence among participants. Yesterday, I was particularly

thrilled to witness Indigo sharing her pride in her achievement of being able to reach height and touch the yellow line on the boulder wall. This initiative is supporting students in building friendships and adapting to the school environment with confidence.

Combined Schools Days and Book Week Celebrations

One of the standout events this term was the Combined Schools Day held at Dundurrabin for Science Week, which brought together students from our neighbouring schools for a day of collaboration, learning, and fun. Additionally, our Book Week celebrations and parade were especially memorable, with students and staff dressing up as their favourite book characters, showcasing a wonderful array of costumes and creativity.

Together, in close partnerships with parents, carers, and the community, we are creating a dynamic and nurturing environment where every student can thrive. I look forward to the continued successes and exciting opportunities that the remainder of Term 3 will bring.

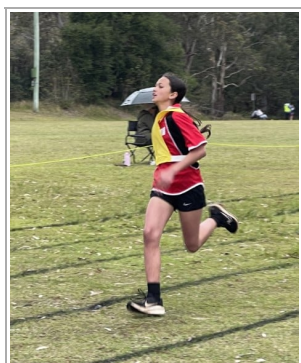
District Athletics

Congratulations to our three competitors who qualified to participate in the District Athletics Carnival on Tuesday, 12 of August. Lexi, James, and Sunny proudly represented Hernani Public School and the Small Schools Team. Thea had qualified for this event, but unfortunately, was unable to attend due to illness.

Our Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA) Carnivals provide outstanding opportunities for our high-potential students, and we greatly

appreciate the support provided by parents to ensure student participation. A special thank you to Lisa, Emer, and Ms Galletly from our teaching staff.

Congratulations, Lexi and Sunny upon your athletic achievements and qualifying to represent the District Team at the Mid North Coast Carnival.



Mid North Coast Athletics Carnival

On August 19th, our school proudly participated in the Mid North Coast Athletics Carnival held at the Coffs International Stadium. Athletes from across the Coffs Harbour district gathered to compete against the other districts in a range of track and field events, showcasing their skills, endurance, and sportsmanship.

The day started with both Sunny and Lexi being presented with their Bellinger/Nambucca district representative singlets, and both wore them proudly. It is such a big achievement to get to wear our district's representative colours!

Lexi tackled the endurance events and faced a fierce group of competitors. She ran an amazing race in both events, finishing 9th in the 1500m and 14th in the 800m, despite an unfortunate clip from behind. Sunny placed 2nd in the discus and 5th in the shot put, showing the field what riding motorbikes does for building physical strength!

Our students demonstrated not only physical prowess but also wonderful resilience, embodying the true essence of competitive sport.

We extend our congratulations to both students who represented our school beautifully. A special thanks to the parents who supported the athletes on the sideline in the challenging weather conditions.

The Mid North Coast Athletics Carnival was a memorable experience that encouraged these students to strive for excellence both on and off the field.

We look forward to seeing where these strengths take both Lexi and Sunny!

Congratulations to Sunny and Lexi on their impressive achievements in this competition. Sunny's 2nd place in discus and 5th in shot put are outstanding, and Lexi showed great determination running 9th in the 1500m and pushing through adversity in the 800m despite the setback. Their hard work and resilience are truly commendable!



North Coast PSSA Athletics Championship

Congratulations to Sunny for qualifying to represent the Mid North Coast Team in the 11 Year girl's discus event. This carnival will be held at C.ex International Stadium on Tuesday, 9 September (wet weather alternative Tuesday 16 September).

Competitors who finish 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the finals of track and field events will be eligible for selection in the North Coast Track and Field team to compete at the NSWPSSA championships to be held from Wednesday, 22nd October, and Thursday, 23rd October 2025 at Sydney International Athletic

Centre, Sydney Olympic Park.

Our PSSA pathways provide HPGE opportunities for our students.

Best wishes to Sunny, who is enjoying her ongoing success in the physical domain in her final year at primary school.

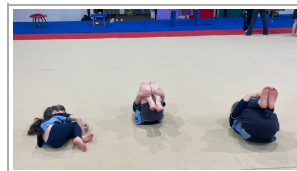


Gymnastics

Our Sporting Schools gymnastics program is a huge hit with all students, who thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to develop their skills in a fun and supportive environment. These sessions are engaging and inclusive, allowing every child to build confidence, strength, and coordination. Students left the Armidale Gymnastics Club excited and motivated, expressing their eagerness to return and continue their gymnastics journey. We look forward to continuing our sessions for more action-packed and rewarding gymnastics experiences!

Thank you to parents and carers for collaboratively planning and sharing transport. We appreciate your support. We trust you enjoy highlights from our first gymnastics session.





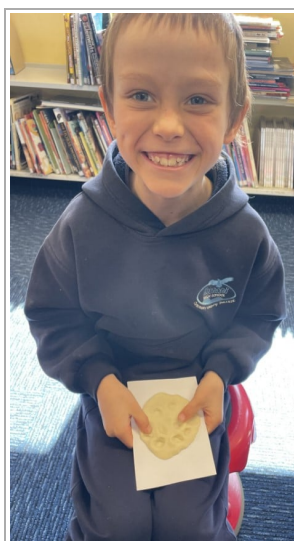


Combined School's Day @ Dundurrabin - Science

On Tuesday, 12 August, our students enjoyed a fantastic Combined Schools Day at Dundurrabin to celebrate Science Week. Excitement was high as they spent the day connecting with students from other schools. We began with free play in the playground, testing out all the fun equipment, including the popular trampoline.

Students then split into K-2 and 3-6 groups for a quick morning sport session, helping everyone get to know each other. The day's activities included rotating through three engaging sessions: creating mini ecosystems, decoding animal tracks, and a STEM challenge building bridges and chairs using a Makedo kit.

The afternoon wrapped up with an energetic sports session to finish the day. A huge thank you to the Dundurrabin P&C for keeping us well-fed throughout the day. Thank you to Dundurrabin Public School for hosting this special event.





Student Leaders

Leaders at Lunch!

Yesterday we had our first Term three with everyone doing one sport during our lunchtime play: fluffy hockey. It was one of the best lunches I have had in a while. I was on the yellow team with Bryce, Seb, Annabelle, and Thea but sadly we lost by two but learned the purpose of teamwork and how to respect the rules of the game.

The blue team we were versing had most of the skillful players: Mackenzie, Luke, Vada, Angus, Annie, and Gen. All of us are talented players and are learning to be better at the game. By James

STAR Program Year 6 - Year 7

Hi High School!

Starting high school and going into Year 7 is like beginning Kindergarten! On Monday, 18 August, during the tour of the high school, I felt like a small kid at a new school.

The Year 7, year advisor, Mrs Atkins, showed Dundurrabin's Year 6 students and myself around the school, she showed us the classrooms where we will be learning. Once we were in our Year 7 home room, we were given a timetable that the Year 7 students are using this year, and we learnt how the periods would work during the day.

I now realise that High School won't be that difficult, and I'm looking forward to the next transition day with all the year 6 students at the high school.

By Sunny



Story Factory

Story Factory!

On Monday, 18 August, Years 3-6 joined a Zoom meeting with Vanessa from Story Factory. We are having Vanessa work with us for three Mondays as we learn about becoming better writers. The main thing we are focusing on is POETRY! We have our own workbooks that have the sheets we need for our lessons. My classmates and I wrote a poem about hot chips. Before we could begin, we had to answer the following questions. The sauce/condiment, colour, size, shape, type of chip, temperature, texture, and served on or in. Then we began, and I had fun writing my poem. I can't wait to see Vanessa again.

By Mackenzie



Upcoming events

Week 6

Check-In Assessments Years 3 to 6 (reading and numeracy) and Year 6 Writing.

Assessment window Monday 25 August to 19 September

Thursday 28 August - Gymnastics 1pm - 3pm.

Including the Kindergarten STAR Transition Program

Friday 29 August - P&C Meeting 3.15pm

Week 7

Thursday 4 September - *BushFest* in Armidale at NECOM (NO GYMNASTICS)

Week 8

Mrs Winkel and Miss Curr are attending Professional Learning, Ms Galletly and Ms Cunningham on class

Thursday 11 September - Gymnastics 1pm - 3pm.

Including the Kindergarten STAR Transition Program

Week 9

Thursday 18 September - Gymnastics 1pm - 3pm.

Including the Kindergarten STAR Transition Program

Friday 19 September - P&C Meeting 3.15pm

Sunday 21 to Friday 26 - North Coast Creative Arts Camp (Lexi)

Week 10

Wednesday 24 September - Responsible Pet Ownership Program visit 10.30am to 11.10am. First Kindergarten Transition morning 9am to 11.30am.

Thursday 25 September - Gymnastics 1pm - 3pm.

Including the Kindergarten STAR Transition Program

Friday 26 September - Last day for students and staff, mufti day - no school uniform

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Week 1

Monday 13 October - SDD

Tuesday 14 October - Students Return

Week 3

Monday 27 - October - Combined Schools Day @ Ebor PS - Life Ed

Week 7

Monday 24 Nov to Friday 28 Nov - School Swimming and Water Safety, Double Lessons TBC

Week 9

Friday 12 December - Hernani Public School Presentation Evening @ Hernani Hall

Week 10

Friday 19 December - Last Day of school for students and staff

Also, keep an eye on the School Bytes calendar for upcoming events.

Kindergarten Transition Program 2025

Term 4

Week 2 - 8:45- 12:20pm, Wednesday 22nd October

Week 3 - 8:45 - 12:20pm, Wednesday 29th November

Week 4 - 8:45 - 12:20pm Wednesday 5th November

Week 5 - All Day - Wednesday 12th November

Week 6 - All Day - Wednesday 19th November

Headstart to Kinder at Hernani





SAVE THE DATE!

HERNANI HALL ^{NEW} FUNDRAISER ^{DATE!}

Saturday 30 August

Something festive is coming your way ...
Think music, colors, and a spicy good day!

We're cooking up a night full of fun,
to raise funds for a big job to be done

PAINTING OUR BELOVED HERNANI HALL!

Mark your calendars
and spread the word –
You won't want to miss
what's being stirred!

Full details coming soon...
But for now - save the date, amigos!





BUSH FEST

Thursday 4 September at NECOM with Paul Jarman!

BushFest is an exciting choral workshop designed especially for small regional schools, led by acclaimed children's conductor Paul Jarman.

In the lead-up to the event, participating schools will prepare two songs using resources provided by NECOM, including sheet music, teaching notes, and recordings.

On the day, students will rehearse with NECOM staff and come together for a group performance. Schools also have the opportunity to showcase their own choir with a solo item during the concert.

Workshop Schedule

9:45 Arrive	12:30 Lunch
10:00 Session 1	1:00 Warm up for concert
11:00 Morning Tea	1:15 Concert
11:30 Session 2	2:00 Depart

Best news of all is that this workshop is being provided **FREE** of CHARGE to schools in the NECOM classroom/choral program!

Contact corinne@necom.org.au to book your school in





FITNESS WITH FRIENDS

MONDAYS @ 5:30PM - 6:30PM

ALL WELCOME

HERNANI HALL

2X FREE TRIAL CLASSES

\$50 PER TERM PAID TO THE HALL

