



# HopeTown Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

Term 1 2019 already over and what a fabulous term it is has been! Students have been engaged in a range of new teaching and learning programs and some amazing opportunities including the swimming carnival, and cross country, charity events, excursions, incursions, visiting speakers and various work experience placements. Staff have also worked through new Individual Education Plans with students, including their academic, social and personal goals. Nine of our Year 10 students successfully completed their White Card and eight students passed the Surf Survival program.

Through the Hopetown Café program, which students run one day a week, Perry Class has raised money for the RSPCA, Bunji Class for The Smith Family, Hargraves Class for the Children's Cancer Charity and Bungaree Class for Beyond Blue.

Our new student welfare room will be ready to open early next term thanks to the staff and work crew who have been busy getting it all ready. The new furniture should arrive in the holidays!

All staff have been involved in Positive Partnerships training this term and we look forward to running a parent workshop in May. Details will follow next term so keep a look out! We have also hosted visiting staff from a number of schools on the Central Coast, keen to see what a day at Hopetown looks like.

This term we trialled a new SMS program and feedback has been very positive. A good way to keep us working together to best support students, share information, updates and get messages to each other.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite to all our parents and carers to our Parent Group which runs each Thursday in the Community Room. Arrive any time after 9am for a catch up, a cuppa, a cake and a chance to meet with other parents. Sue Turner, our Community Connections Officer, will be with us again in Term 2 and can help you with all sorts of support. She has also organised a range of activities for a Thursday morning so just give the school a call for more information or come along on a Thursday and join us!

It has been a busy and rewarding term, a huge thank you to everyone who works with us to support the students, staff and community at Hopetown School. Have a great Easter break everyone, stay safe and see you in a couple of weeks!

**Kirsty Reynolds**  
Relieving Principal

## Employment Readiness Program

Students from Bungaree and Kendall class have been involved in a program this term designed to enhance their chances of gaining employment in the future. In-school activities included study about how to obtain and keep a job. Some activities included generating resumes and cover letters. Students have also engaged in offsite training including the WHS White Card course and a nationally accredited Barista training program. Local businesses have also supported this program, offering work experience placements for a number of our students. These business include *Coles, Kooindah Waters Golf Club, The EpiCentre, Shaun Obrien Auto Electrical, Café F3, Metro Cinemas Lakehaven, Wyong Men's Shed and Crofty's Café Wadalba*. Support those who support our school.



## Term 2 Dates 2019

First day back at school for Students:	Tues 30th April
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday:	Mon 10th June
Last day of Term 2:	Fri 5th July



## Rumbalara “Bright Sparks” Incursion

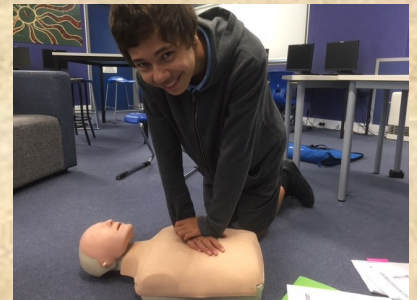
Primary students had a visit from Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre. The students participated in the ‘Bright Sparks’ energy trailer. This incursion took our students on a journey through the scientific discoveries that sparked the industrial revolution and our current dependence on fossil fuelled energy.

The students used a variety of resources and materials to investigate, design and measure alternative energy sources such as solar panels, batteries, wind turbines and solar thermal power. Students learnt about renewable and energy saving systems for a sustainable future.



## Surf Survival Program

Flinders and Perry class have undertaken the Surf Survival Program this term. Students learnt about marine life, basic first aid, CPR, sun safety, surf rescue procedures and the skills required to undertake surfing and body boarding effectively. We were lucky enough to visit a number of beaches around the Central Coast where students enjoyed the warm water and good surf conditions Term 1 typically offers. Students who successfully completed all theory and practical modules of the course were awarded with the nationally recognised Surf Survival Certificate by Surf Life Saving Australia. Those who did persevere with some of the more challenging components of the course showed real sense of pride and accomplishment with their achievement.



### *A message from Hopetown Office...*

**Please phone the school if there have been any changes to your contact details or emergency numbers so that our school records are accurate.**

**Thank you**



### ***School Contributions for 2019***

**Primary—\$50 per term**

**Secondary—\$90 per term**

The above amounts contribute to Hopetown’s subject materials and resources as well as sporting venue and equipment hire.

We welcome payment by cash or cheque at the Front Office.



## Kendall Class

This term some of our senior students were given the opportunity to attend The Arthouse in Wyong to watch a highlight performance in the theatre's line up: a production called 'In Between Two' which explores diversity here in Australia via storytelling and hip hop. The complimentary tickets were given to local schools by the theatre's Education Officer in a bid to increase access to the arts for local young people. The performance was a hit with the boys and they were commended by staff on their engagement and conduct. The Arthouse is a great asset to our community with a range of performances for all ages, Check it out at



## Learn to swim program

This term students in primary participated in the Learn to Swim Program at school. The program provided two weeks of intensive swimming coaching and students learned vital water awareness and safety skills. The students that participated in the swimming program further developed their proficiency in all swimming strokes. The instructors made the lessons fun and the students were willing to persevere through the tasks they found difficult.



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## Attendance and absences

Parents must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

Hopetown School acknowledges the high standard of school attendance shown by the majority of students. They want to be at school.

This is evidence of the students need for an environment where they feel safe, understood and acknowledged and the commitment to this culture by their parents and caregivers. Attendance enables valuable strategies and skills to be taught and for Social and Emotional Learning to occur.



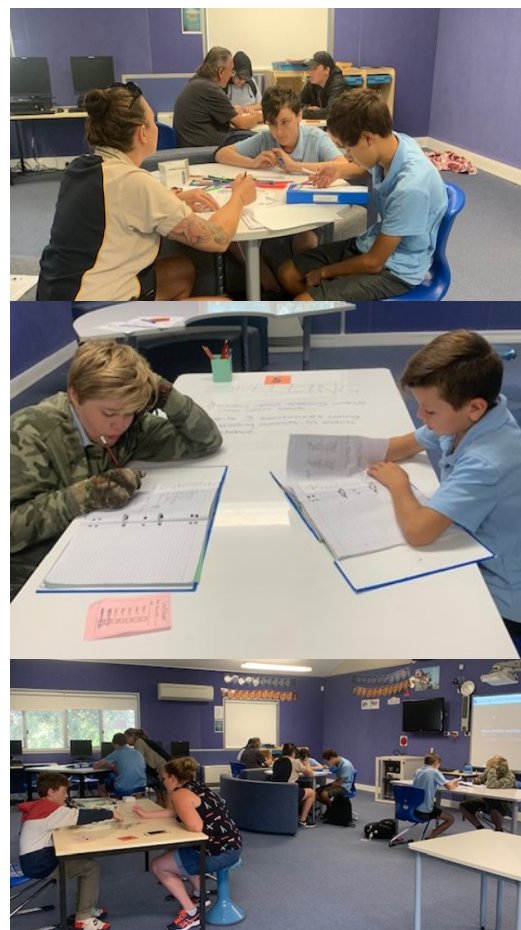
# Literacy and Numeracy Groups

Throughout Term 1, secondary students have joined forces to tackle their studies in Literacy and Numeracy in the Hub each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Students have enjoyed working in teams, sharing their knowledge and working through challenges together.

Each morning, secondary students in Hargraves, Perry and Flinders migrate to the Hub, pair up and move around stations within the room, completing activities focused on developing their literacy skills. Students have successfully navigated these challenges and have demonstrated fantastic teamwork, been supportive of one another and developed their understanding in these subject areas.

Throughout the term, they have focused their study on the film Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire. They have studied many aspects of the film including character, film techniques, plot and setting. Students have enjoyed completing a series of activities with a focus on these areas, while also dabbling in wand making, broomstick designing and composing their own potions and spells.

The focus has also been on fractions in Numeracy this term, developing their ability to identify fractions, understand equivalent fractions and are now moving forward to addition and subtraction of fractions. They've successfully worked through a series of activities to develop their skills, demonstrating their learning abilities.



This term students from Bunji and Muru class have started the S.E.A.T project, which teaches children about social responsibility, their own talents and gifts, and encourages community engagement. Students have worked in small groups to construct a small stool made of bamboo and learned about the importance of sustainability. To reinforce learning about the many uses of bamboo, students worked in pairs to design and make their own miniature bamboo house. It has been fantastic to see students working so well together and exploring their creativity. To follow our school journey during this project, check out the S.E.A.T project website

[www.seatproject.org](http://www.seatproject.org) or find them on Facebook.



## Café

This term students from Hargraves and Perry classes have prepared and served food in the café, raising money for their selected charities. Each class had five weeks organising and promoting the café, Hargraves raising money for CANTEEN (supporting young people dealing with cancer) and Perry class supporting the RSPCA. It is fantastic to hear and see the students recognising that support is needed for these charities and doing their bit for others less fortunate than themselves. The students took the initiative to select the items to be prepared and did this in the school kitchen. The boys also demonstrated the responsibility of food hygiene and cleaning up after themselves. The initiative was well supported by the whole school as café day is always a much anticipated occasion and a significant amount of money was raised for these great causes. Well done to everybody.





## CROSS COUNTRY 2019

During Term One we held the Hopetown School Cross Country Carnival. The event was very successful with both students and staff overcoming a challenging 3km course. The event was held in Ourimbah State Forest, incorporating many of the mountain biking tracks. After familiarising themselves with the track during the course walk through, the students were eager to get the race under way. After an initial hill climb, the boys negotiated the uneven terrain snaking through the hillside, then onto a few river and bridge crossings, the final leg was up Red Hill road to the finish line. All students that participated tried their best and two of the boys have qualified for the combined high schools zone cross country to be held next term. Once we had all caught our breath we returned to school on the bus for some well-deserved lunch and rehydration. Upon completion of the presentation, the students had more energy to burn and were extremely cooperative during a whole school game of Cricket. All students should be extremely proud of the determination they exhibited on the day. Well done everyone.



## Flinders & Hargraves Sport



Thursday morning means sport morning for Flinders and Hargraves students. This term has seen these two classes enjoying nature and being active within their community. Sporting activities have included walks along local beaches and bush tracks as well as bike rides, adventures at the local skate park and a spot of swimming on warmer days.

Beach walks have been popular with the group and are always filled with excitement. From finding a baby Wobbegong shark and setting it free, discovering sea urchins and crabs in rock crevices, to climbing steep dunes and over rocks to get away from the incoming tide.

All students have happily taken part in sporting activities and have fostered friendships, enjoying learning opportunities along the way. On one particular trip to the local skate park, the students worked together as a team—supporting one another as students took turns attempting the big climb out of the bowl. The group enjoyed a wonderful morning filled with teamwork, laughter and success.

Flinders and Hargraves are looking forward to continuing this positive engagement in sport during a specially designed sporting program in conjunction with Camp Toukley next term, including abseiling, BMX riding, high ropes course and the giant swing.



### HOPETOWN SCHOOL SPEED LIMIT



**PLEASE SLOW DOWN ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**



## Active Schools Inclusion Day

On Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> March, Hargraves and Flinders attended Active Schools Inclusion Day at the new Central Coast Sporting Complex at Tuggerah. Students participated in six different sports learning new skills. The students worked as a team with other schools and provided encouragement to all involved. All students had a great day.



## Raw Challenge

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 10 high school students participated in the Raw Challenge at Doyalson. Those involved had a great time and showed teamwork, perseverance, encouragement and motivation. All students involved participated well, encouraging each other, even those from other schools throughout the course. The students helped other students over obstacles and worked as a team with everyone joining in the fun.

