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Term 3 Week 8

Principal's Report



This week is School Support Recognition Week, which provides our department with an opportunity to celebrate and thank our School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) and other non-teaching

staff, acknowledging the essential role they play in public education. On behalf of Hernani Public School's students, teachers and parents I wish to thank our dedicated team, Damien, Elias, and Fiona, who every day in their roles support our unique small school. Thanks are also due to our dedicated cleaner, Rose.

On Wednesday our students will be setting off for Bush Fest at the New England Conservatorium of Music. This exciting event will allow them to showcase their growing choral skills, joining students from across the New England for a day of singing and musical education with renowned children's conductor Paul Jarman.

To conclude our Sporting Schools Cycling Program, our students will be travelling to the Cascade Environmental Education Centre on Thursday 14 September for some direct instruction in mountain biking on Cascade's MTB track. This excursion will be catered, but please pack a labelled drink bottle and ensure your child/children is approriately attired: neat school uniform suitable for riding and walking, with joggers/sports shoes (not boots), a helmet and a hat.

Term 3 will conclude on Friday 22 September with our Sporting Schools Gymnastics session (carried over from Term 2) from 1:30-2:30pm at the Armidale Gymnastics Centre.

Best wishes to all members of our school community for a safe, relaxing Spring school holidays! Don't forget there are no staff development days at the beginning of Term 4. As such, students will return to school on Monday 9 October ready for traditional Term 4 activities. A highlight for Week 3 will be a Zoom lesson with Dr Karl! A big thank you to Trish for bringing this exciting opportunity to our attention.

Jennifer Winkel

School Uniforms

A friendly reminder that students need to come to school in tidy, presentable school uniforms. This includes ensuring that uniforms are in a reasonable state, without too many obvious tears or patches. All students should bring a jumper (even if sunny given our changeable climate) and a hat – no hat, no play. Students should also be wearing approriate footwear (no work boots, no gumboots, no high-tops), socks, and underpants. This last item is particularly essential for hygiene and health and safety.

Transition



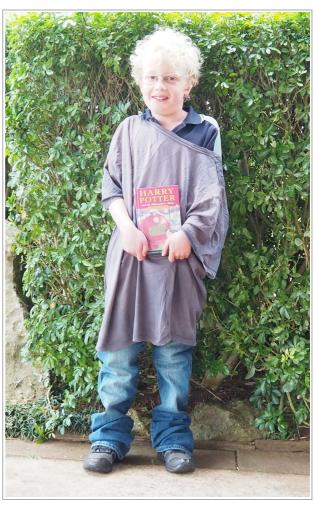
This Friday we were again joined by our delightful transition students. Lovely to see Annie, Gen, and Seb becoming familiar with the school context at Hernani PS, and having so much fun!



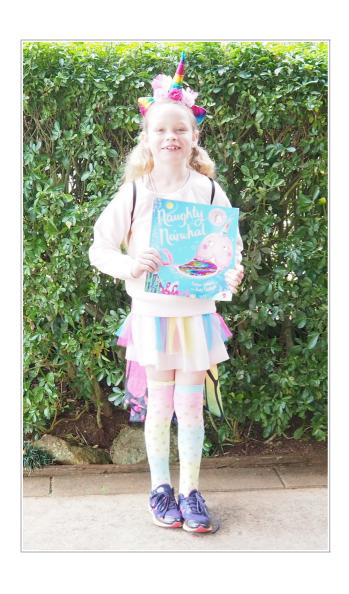
Hernani students (and teachers!) strutted their stuff for Book Week, dressing up as their favourite characters from some of their favourite books. We were delighted with the



variety and ingenuity of the costumes – a big thank you to the parents who, even at this very busy time of year, worked miracles.













Fire to Flourish

On Friday 18 August Hernani students visited Dundurrabin to attend Fire to Flourish, a workshop conducted by students and academics from Monash University. Working in partnership with four communities across New South Wales and Victoria affected by the 2019/20 Australian bushfire season, Fire to Flourish aims to support communities to lead their own recovery, co-create foundations for longterm resilience and wellbeing, and disrupt cycles of entrenched disadvantage. Our students were asked to imagine a special place in their local environment and build a trirama including changes they'd make if they could. All in all it was a fun and intellectually stimulating morning, during which our students demonstrated their confidence and their ability to contribute to discussions in large groups.







Hogwarts at Hernani

In the run-up to Book Week students at Hogwarts - sorry, Hernani - have become extra-keen readers! As Harry Potter fever sweeps through Year 3, our younger students are also working hard and having fun improving their literacy and fostering their love of literature. A highlight for all is our daily serial story, *Charlotte's Web*.



