

Humula Public School

Newsletter

Term 3 | Week 9 | 11th of September 2023



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We believe in a bright future.
A future where our students contribute to a better world for all.
We will equip our young people with the academic skills
to achieve their personal best in all endeavours and
inspire them to become the finest version of themselves
possible.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Our school grounds have come alive with colours and renewed energy as spring blankets the land. The pony paddock, in particular, is a sight to behold. Thanks to the hard work of our dedicated staff and the assistance of contractors, who have been keeping the grass under control, transforming the paddock into a brilliant and inviting space. The track built by Mr. Soding has become a daily source of joy for our students during their fruit breaks. It's heartwarming to witness our students engaging in physical activity and enjoying the natural beauty that surrounds us.

With the arrival of spring, we welcome new life and the beauty of nature's awakening. However, as we all know, spring also signals the return of our slithering friends, snakes. It's a topic that has been on the minds of many in our community, and I wanted to address it in this newsletter. Unfortunately, the heart-breaking news about a man who was bitten by a snake at a school in Queensland serves as a sombre reminder of the importance of revisiting snake safety protocols with our students and the broader community. While snakebite deaths are uncommon, appropriate first aid dramatically increases the chances of survival. I encourage everyone to review the attached information sheet on snakebite first aid and inspect your first aid kits. Being prepared can make a significant difference in critical situations.

Last week marked a special occasion as we celebrated SASS (School Administrative and Support Staff) Appreciation Week. It was a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the incredible contributions of our supporting staff members. During this week, we expressed our gratitude with a morning tea and presentation of some truly amazing gifts. It's worth noting that if Humula Public School were a business, our balance sheets might be in the red, trying to reimburse the goodwill and countless extra hours of work invested by our dedicated SASS staff.

It's become a familiar sight to witness individuals like Debbie and John, extending their working hours, going above and beyond their duty, and consistently putting in that extra effort. Likewise, Bailey and Glenys have been known to craft and prepare special items for our students, often dedicating their own personal time after hours. I thank you for everything you do for the children and your contributions to the vibrant culture of our school. Your unwavering commitment and dedication do not go unnoticed, and they play a crucial role in creating a nurturing and supportive environment for our students.

When I became a principal, I was introduced to the PPA (Primary Principals Association). This association may need to move aside because Humula has a new PPA – The Pippa, Phoenix and Angel (PPA) chess trio, and they are about to take Wagga schools by storm! This dynamic trio have been training daily for the chess competition in Wagga. So, who needs conventional associations when you've got the PPA dream team at your school? Good luck for Friday!



Yiradhu Marang

We would like to show our respect, and acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who have preserved this land for thousands of years.

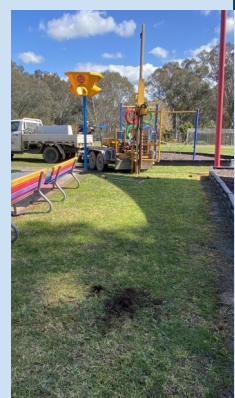
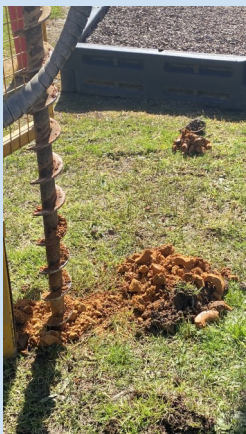
We recognise and honour our knowledge holders from yesterday, today and tomorrow. We thank them for taking care of the wombat, echidna, kangaroo and platypus- whose home is the Umbango Creek, a long with all other native wildlife.

We promise to take care of the land, sky and waterways and learn about the traditional ways of the First Nation Peoples.

SUPERMARKET



SOIL TESTING





Week 6

This was Bella's last week at Stewart House. On Wednesday, we had the Book Fair. William dressed up as Captain Underpants and Poppy as Wednesday Adams. This was Beau's last week at National Diving in Sydney. Hot lunch was provided by Emma, we had party pies. On Friday, Angel made it to Riverina Athletics for the 100m. We also did basketball and gymnastics at Wagga.

Week 7

We did drama with Saasha from Oddball Theatre. Hot lunch was Cheryl's fried rice. On Friday morning, we had a Father's Day breakfast at school and some kids brought their father or special person. Mrs Soding picked us up on the Rosewood bus but Beau, Gussie, Lilly, Freyja and myself (Pippa) went in Mr McCabe's troopie to get to gymnastics and basketball in Wagga.

Week 8

We had Agile Library. Hot lunch was Kelly's tacos. We posed for school photos on Wednesday where we wore our winter school uniform and the photos were taken in the Irwin classroom. Gymnastics was on but basketball wasn't. Instead, we went to Woolworths to get some shopping for our Humula shop out the front of the school. Max and Pemmy came out to school to teach French. On Saturday it was Pippa's 9th birthday.

By Pippa and Freyja





Garland's Dream

In our pony paddock where ponies did prance,
Mrs Garland led us on a planting dance.

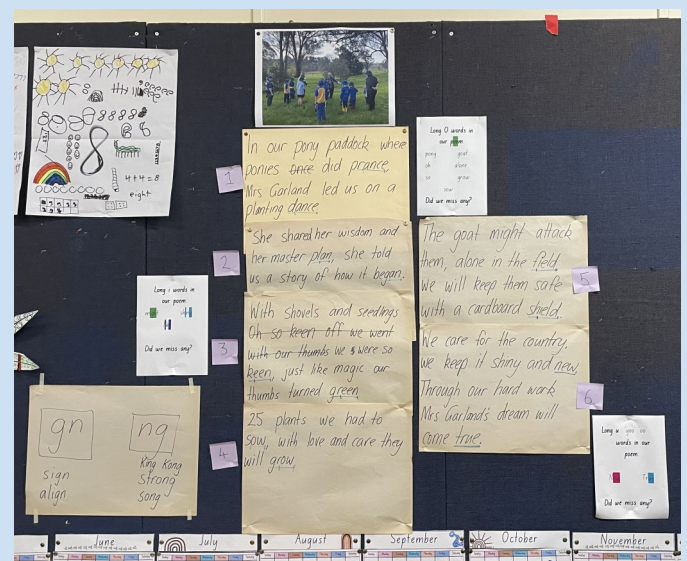
She shared her wisdom and her master plan,
she told us a story of how it began.

With shovels and seedlings we were so keen,
just like magic our thumbs turned green.

25 plants we had to sow,
with love and care they will grow.

The goat might attack them, alone in the field.
We will keep them safe with a cardboard shield.

We care for the country, we keep it shiny and new.
Through our hard work, Mrs Garland's dream will come true.



FATHERS' DAY PREPARATION



Free family fun with the Parliament of NSW

MONDAY-FRIDAY
3-7 JULY 2023
ONLINE

Welcome!

PROGRAMS FOR
CHILDREN UP
TO 12 YEARS

Mirri Mirri cultural education session
Monday 3 July, 1-2 pm
Wednesday 5 July, 1-2 pm

Virtual guided visit of the Parliament of NSW
Tuesday 4 July, 9-10 am
Thursday 6 July, 9-10 am

Storytelling session
Friday 7 July, 9-10 am

Storytelling and drawing activity

Visit Australia's oldest Parliament via ZOOM this school holiday for free fun educational, activities for children and families.

We have 5 days of fun events planned including storytelling, Aboriginal cultural session and a virtual guided visit through the newly refurbished chambers.



BOOK NOW

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
P: (02) 9230 2047
E: communityengagement@parliament.nsw.gov.au

WHERE
ONLINE

MORE INFORMATION
parliament.nsw.gov.au/events



OUTDOOR LEARNING



SNAKES - OUTDOOR SAFETY

Snakes

There are many venomous snakes in Australia. Most bites do not result in death however all bites should be treated as potentially dangerous. Seek immediate medical assistance for all cases of suspected snake bites.

First Aid treatment:

Apply a firm wide elasticised bandage around the bite (see picture below) and then apply a second bandage over the whole limb. Ensure that the bandage is not too tight and cutting off the circulation.

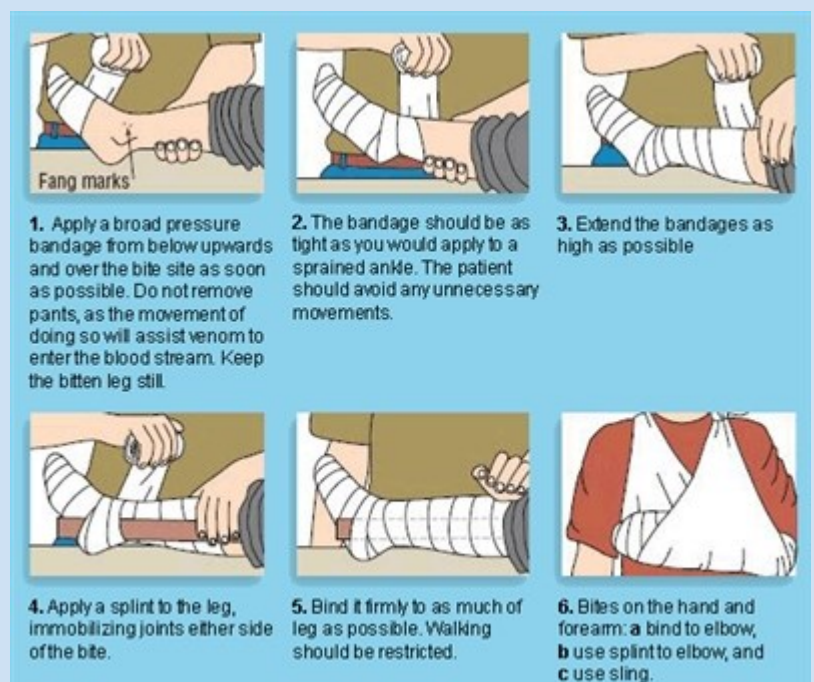
Use a splint to keep the whole limb still (that is, immobilise the affected limb).

Keep the person still and do not move them from their position.

Call an ambulance (000) to take the person to the nearest hospital.

Try to notice the colour and markings on the snake but DO NOT try to catch or handle it. DO NOT wash the bitten area as the venom on the skin may be used to identify the snake.

If the person bitten collapses, perform CPR immediately and call 000 for an ambulance.



BEAU - NATIONAL DIVING



When you're on the road, it seems like ages for everyone. But for me it's nothing because I do it so much thanks to Mum.

When Mum and I got into the Sydney traffic on my way to Nationals for diving, I had to direct her with google maps, which I do all the time. We stayed at my cousin's house out in Richmond, and they are always so welcoming and nice.

In the morning, I had to go to my first event which wasn't Nationals. It was just a little 'comp' to get any nerves out. In that event, I came third. The medal was very nice. Then, in the afternoon I had 2 hours of training which was very tiring.

The next day, I just had 2 hours of training in the morning and 2 in the afternoon.

On Tuesday, I had my first event which was my 1 meter, and I was versing my three friends: Benji from NSW, Dane from NSW and Oliver Twigg from Queensland. I came fourth and my friends all placed. I was really sad, but I still had more events.

On Wednesday, I had my training again and it was so tiring. On Thursday, I had my team event where they put random people with other random people. I had a person from WA, VIC and NSW and I was doing a dive that I have never done before. I was so nervous but I did it and we got 7 and 8's. I was so amazed that my eyes lit up when I saw the score board. Then I had an in-ward dive two times. We were all so happy, but we sadly didn't place.

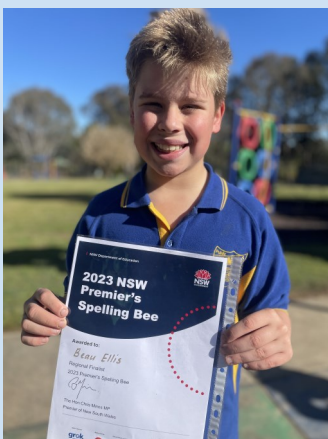
For the next couple of days I just had training. Then on the Saturday, we all went on an excursion to the Sydney Wildlife park, the Wax Museum and the Aquarium- they were fun.

On the Sunday, I had my synchronised dive with a person from NSW, but we didn't go too well.

At the end of the week, I felt it was one of the best things I have done in my life. I now know every single person who was there. And I also had fun with my friends like Twiggy, Benji, Dane and a couple others.

Beau Ellis

ACHIEVEMENTS



Premier's Spelling Bee



Stewart House



Australian Mathematics Competition

BELLA - STEWART HOUSE



On the 14th of August, I went to Stewart House in Sydney. On the way there, we picked up some kids and we saw a truck crash- it was bad.

When we got into Sydney it said 'Go Matilda's' everywhere. When we got to Stewart House it was amazing! I got picked to go in the downstairs girls cabin, so did Willow, Makayla, Piper, Jacinta, Ruby, Chloe, Nichilla and Nevarna. The supervisors were Linda and Rea. I am not going to say the whole cabin because that will take too long.

At night we had to go up the Lions Trail and have dinner. I had dinner with Nevarna, Piper and Willow we had chicken schnitzel with mashed potato and peas. It was so yummy, when we were finished we had to line up in our table lines. Everybody lined up to go back to our cabin. We watched a movie. It was the Lion King and we had supper.

On Tuesday, we got picked to go in our class. I was in 'C'- The Stingrays. Piper, Jacinta and Ruby were too. We did some schoolwork and then we went back to our cabins. We went up the Lions Trail and had dinner- it was potato bake. We went back to our cabin and we watched the other half of the Lion King and had supper.

On Wednesday, we went to Taronga Zoo. We got to listen to some songs on the way. Taronga Zoo was soooo big! We saw some koalas, but they were sleeping. We could see the Sydney Harbour Bridge from the zoo, it was sooo big too. We saw some giraffes, lions, monkeys, gorillas and snakes.

On Thursday, we did some more schoolwork, then we went to the theatre and watched Night at the Museum.

On Friday, we went to a pool and to get there we had to cross the Sydney Harbour Bridge and we had lots of fun at the pool.

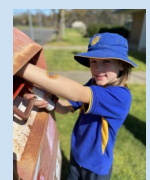
On Saturday, we went to the beach and we played touch footy. At night we had a movie, it was The Parent Trap.

On Sunday, we went to a wave pool- it was so fun. We also went to the Dinosaur Museum and the Aquarium.

On Monday, we did schoolwork and some 'brain gym'. I learnt how to control my feelings.

I really, really loved Stewart House and would love to go back some day. I recommend other kids go and try Stewart House if they get a chance to go.

MAILING LETTERS



BOOK WEEK CHARACTER PARADE



COMMUNITY



Bringing Art to Humula's Bush Fire Brigade Shed

Council's Cultural Officer, Lauren Reynolds, has reached out to the school with some exciting news! Council has commissioned artist, Alex Sugar, to grace the walls of the Bush Fire Brigade Shed with a stunning mural. The artistic magic is set to begin this Friday, September 15th, and will unfold over the course of the next two weeks.

Students eagerly anticipate witnessing this masterpiece taking shape and are thrilled at the prospect of their very own water tank mural becoming an attraction that also draws visitors to the village.

Henty Field Days & Community Lunch

Due to many families and community members attending the Henty Field Days, our community lunch and assembly has been moved to Monday 1pm. We hope to see you at school and take the opportunity for a walk through our pony paddock.

SASS APPRECIATION



Thank you Mr McCabe and Humula Public School for acknowledging the work of the support staff.

We appreciate the amount of thought and effort given to our 'Truly Amazing Gifts' (pen, note pad and flyer). 😊 😊

Debbie on behalf of the SASS team.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



SNOWY VALLEY COMMUNITY FUN DAY

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
For Mental Health Month, the Snowy Valley Community is planning to hold a Community Fun Day Event on **Saturday October 14th** at the Tumut showground, from 10 a.m - 3 p.m.

We are seeking expression of interest from community organisations, small businesses, food vendors, volunteer groups and interested community members that may like to attend on the day to showcase/offer their services.

To Register your interest -
Email Jenna Carroll
Jenna.Carroll1@health.nsw.gov.au
By August 18

THIS EVENT IS PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:

ANGLICARE NSW SOUTH | NSW KISS | ACT | Big Brothers Big Sisters of Australia | flourish | NSW | wellways | intereach 50

Breast Cancer Awareness Day

<https://nbcf.org.au/>

Breast Cancer Awareness Day is a day when Humula Public School will collect gold coins to donate money to the National Breast Cancer Foundation. We hope that it will help lots of families who are impacted by this disease. We will wear **PINK** on Wednesday, 20th September



Donate to this company

POLICY STATEMENT

Humula Public School Newsletter seeks to serve the interests of Humula and the surrounding community by publishing the community's news and views, while supporting local sporting, educational, recreational and charitable groups through publication of information relevant to their organisation.

Excepting grammar and minor editing adjustments, articles in this newsletter are published as they were submitted. Sometimes articles will be condensed due to space constraints. The views and opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily the views of the Principal or Staff of Humula Public School. Contributions for the newsletter are welcome from all community organisations. We endeavour to put out a newsletter three times every term. Submissions are due week two, five and eight. Advertisements for items for sale etc. are welcome for a donation.

New Vouchers available to help you save.

About the vouchers

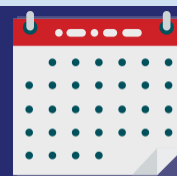
A new round of \$50 Active Kids, Creative Kids and First Lap vouchers has just been launched.

The vouchers:

- Active Kids Vouchers are valued at \$50 and can be used towards sport and recreation activities for school-enrolled children. Expiry is 31st January 2024
- Creative Kids Vouchers are also worth \$50 and can be put toward art, drama, dance, design, music or even coding. You may be eligible if you haven't used a \$100 creative kids voucher this year. Expiry is 31st January 2024.
- First Lap vouchers allow you to put \$50 towards swimming lessons for children aged 3-6 who aren't enrolled in school. Valid for 12 months, they expire 30th June 2024
- Please visit Service NSW for more information



TERM 3 2023 CALENDAR



WEEK 9 11TH - 15TH SEPT

GYMNASTICS AND BASKETBALL
HOT LUNCH: PEMMY & MAX

WEEK 10 18TH - 22nd SEPT

P & C MEETING (MON 18TH 11AM)
COMMUNITY LUNCH (MON 18TH 1PM)
SCR FUNDRAISER (WED) GOLD COIN DONATION
AGILE MOBILE LIBRARY (WED)
LITTLE KINDER ORIENTATION (THUR 21ST)
VIEW FIRESHED MURAL PROGRESS (THU)



TERM 4 2023 CALENDAR



WEEK 1 9TH - 13th OCTOBER

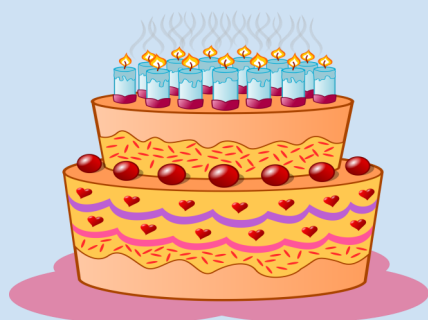
MON 9TH STUDENT RETURN FOR TERM 4.
HOT LUNCH:

WEEK 2 16TH - 20TH OCTOBER

AGILE MOBILE LIBRARY
HOT LUNCH:

WEEK 3 23RD - 27TH OCTOBER

HOT LUNCH:



Birthdays

Mrs Merl 12th September

Mrs Soding 29th Oct