

# Holbrook Public School

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## Our 2018 to 2020 School Plan Strategic Directions

Excellence in Learning

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



**Welcome to Week 7!** – A huge thank you to all of the staff who have organised and attended the Kindergarten to Year 2, Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6 excursions this term. It is an enormous task to coordinate an excursion that complies with policy and meets the needs of our learners. Attending overnight excursions also requires staff to be away from their homes and families, which is greatly appreciated. Learning can occur anywhere, and it is wonderful to see and hear of the personal growth, independence and learning that has taken place on these excursions.



**K-1 play with diabolos, Years 3 and 4 Rock climb and Years 5 and 6 display the Eureka Stockade flag**

**Designated School Intake Areas** – The Department of Education is currently coordinating Designated School Intake Areas (zones or catchment areas) for NSW regional and rural communities. These boundaries will help determine, by address, each family's local public school. I collaborated with the P&C on the first draft of our intake area and will present the second draft for discussion and amendment at our final P&C meeting of the year (Wednesday, 4 December). I encourage any families who live outside of Holbrook, particularly if you reside in a

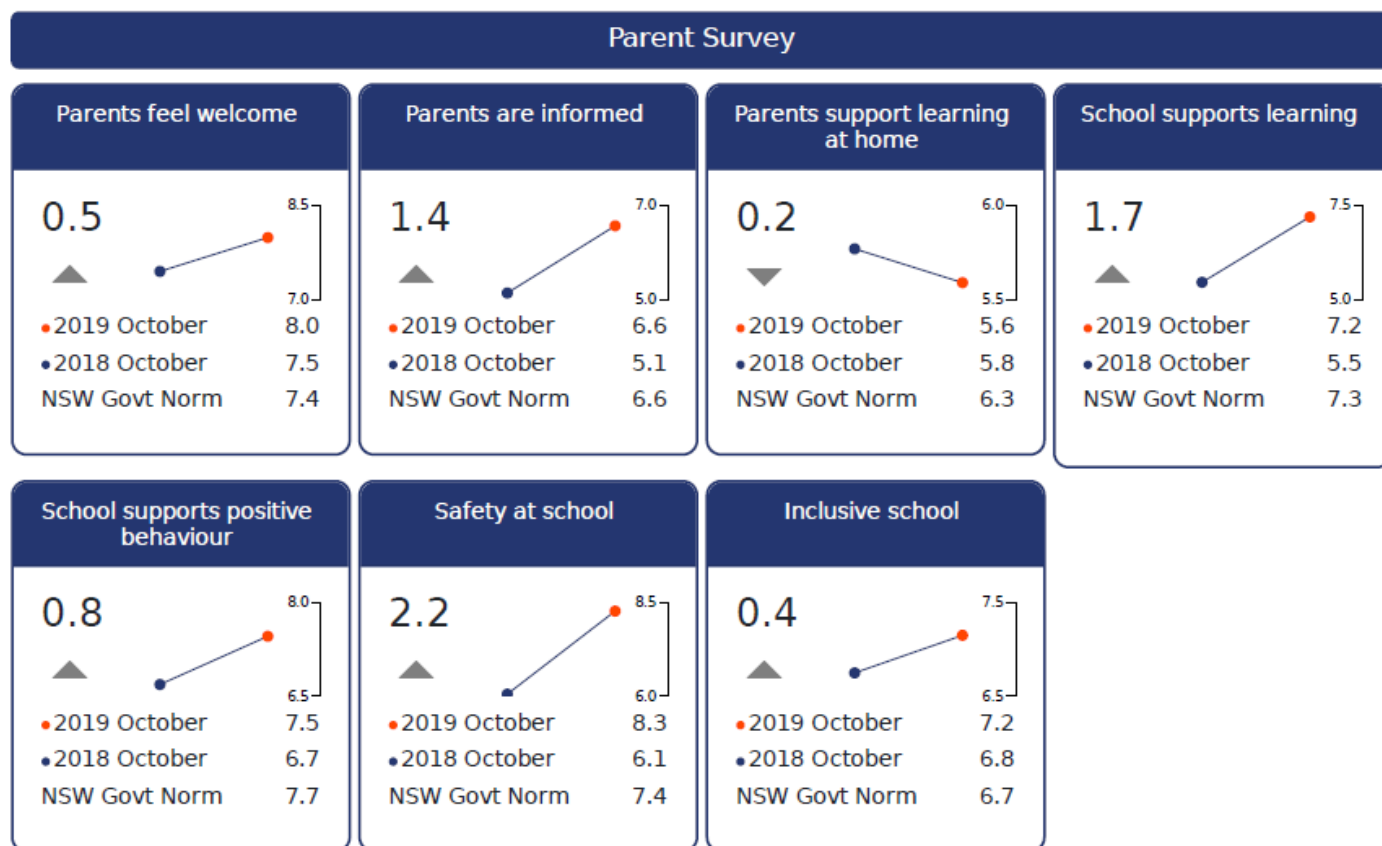
TERM 4, WEEK 7 DIARY		TERM 4, WEEK 8 DIARY	
Mon 25 Nov		Mon 2 Dec	• Intensive swimming commences
Tue 26 Nov	• Captain and Prefect Speeches at 12:00 pm (school hall)	Tue 3 Dec	• Intensive swimming • Year 6 Orientation Day at Billabong High School
Wed 27 Nov		Wed 4 Dec	• Intensive swimming
Thu 28 Nov	• House Captain Elections at 11:10 am (school hall) - all welcome	Thu 5 Dec	• Intensive swimming • Pre-schoolers Meet Your Buddy 11:00 am to 11:45 am
Fri 29 Nov	• Swimming for sport commences • Assembly run by Year 5/6 at 12:45 pm	Fri 6 Dec	• Intensive swimming • Sports Assembly at 10:30 am
P&C NEWS			
Wed 4 Dec	P&C meeting at 7:30 pm (school library) – All welcome!		
CANTEEN ROSTER			
Fri 29 Nov	Anna Marsden	Fri 6 Dec	Prue Pincott
Mon 2 Dec	Prue Pincott	Mon 9 Dec	Kelly Boers

similar proximity to another town or school, to attend. This will help us gain a better understanding of our current catchment area, thus supporting future enrolments.

**New Djembe Drums!** – A huge thank you to our amazing P&C who fundraise tirelessly to provide outstanding resources and opportunities to our students at Holbrook Public School. Mrs Wedgwood's Year 5/6 students have thoroughly enjoyed learning to play the djembe drums that were provided by the P&C (31 in total), and will present a performance at this Friday's final class assembly. Come and feel the energy. We might just raise the roof!



**Tell Them From Me** – Thank you to the families who completed this year's Tell Them From Me Parent Survey. Your feedback does help guide the service we provide to our community. As you can see from the graphic displayed below, we have improved in all but one measureable area from our initial data capture in 2018.



Two notable themes became evident through the analysis of written feedback, both pertaining to communication. **Firstly, some parents indicated that they wanted more feedback on learning, for example, through reporting and interviews.** We currently hold formal interviews in Term 1 and complete semester reports in Term 2 and Term 4. Reports are sent home in time for parents to request a meeting before the end of term if they have any questions, concerns or wonderings. Next year, we will be introducing Student Led Conferences during Education Week in Term 3. If you ever have a concern in regards to your child's learning or wellbeing, or even if you'd just like to check in, we encourage you to make contact with the school through the office, and arrange a mutually convenient meeting time with your child's teacher/s. They will be more than willing to help you.

**Secondly, some parents suggested that the school should have a Facebook site.** This is something that has been raised by the school at School Council and the P&C, however, there hasn't been strong support. We are continuing to consider this option. Please email me at [holbrook-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:holbrook-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) if you would like to make further comment about this matter.



**National School Chaplaincy Program** – The National School Chaplaincy Program (NSCP) is a Commonwealth-funded initiative to support the emotional wellbeing of students and the broader school community through the provision of pastoral care services. After canvassing the staff and P&C, and advertising an open information session, it was decided that we would make an application for the 2020-2022 funding period to support learning and wellbeing in our school community. I am pleased to announce that the school has been approved to receive \$20,280 per annum under the Program, for a minimum of 400 hours per year for each year, commencing in 2020. I understand that the title 'School Chaplain' can be a deterrent for some, however, once I've explained the role and purpose, there are generally high levels of support. Chaplains are trained in pastoral care and address overall wellbeing needs, including anxiety, building resilience, developing social skills, bullying and cyber safety, and engagement and support of the parent community. They need to be connected to their faith to apply, and are often retired teachers, nurses or social workers, who are employed jointly by the school and an external provider. A selection panel will be formed including the principal, a representative from the chosen external provider, and the P&C. It is important to note that the School Chaplain will in no way be involved in Special Religious Education (SRE) or as it is more commonly known, Scripture. The role is about wellbeing, not religion.

**Sports Assembly** – Miss Lavis is busily preparing for the Sports assembly in Week 8 on Friday, 6 December. It will be held at 10:30 am in the hall due to swimming scheme clashing with the regular time.

**Presentation Night** – We will be holding our Presentation Night on Thursday, 12 December at 7:00 pm in the school hall. To allow parents and carers time to have uniforms ready for Presentation Night, students are allowed to come to school on Thursday in casual clothes. Students must wear sleeves and covered shoes, and are still required to wear their school hat.

Nathan Fisher  
Principal



### STATE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Three weeks ago, six of our students attended the State Athletics Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park. We are extremely proud of their achievements and they should be commended for their efforts and excellent sportsmanship. We would like to thank their families for their commitment and dedication to their children, without you, they would not be able to attend events like this.

I asked each student for their feedback on the event;

Laycii: "I ran the 200m heat in 30.90 sec, came 4th and placed 27th over all. I completed the 100m in 14.80 sec, which is a new PB! I came 5th in my heat and placed 28th overall. I also

got a new PB in long jump of 3.92m"

Ava: "I placed 33rd out of 40 students. It was a lot of fun!"

Ollie: "I came 5th in my heat and placed 30th overall out of 49 students."

Tom: "I made a new PB in long jump of 3.84m and placed 25th overall."

Alice: "I got a new PB and made it into the semi-final in the 100m race. I came 9th overall!"

Leo: "I came 22nd out of 55 students and I threw the shot put 10.58m."

It seems they all had a good time representing their school and region in Sydney.

### LIFE EDUCATION VISIT

On Thursday, 14 November, students in Kindergarten to Year 2 were visited by the Life Education Van. Kindergarten students learned about friendships, while Year 1 and 2 students learned about the benefits of healthy eating, physical activity, strategies to stay safe, how our body reacts in different situations and growing good friendships.



### MRS HENDERSON'S LITERACY CLASS

A couple of weeks ago I registered my class with the Australia Post Pens Pals initiative. We were linked with another class of similar size and age. Our class is from Yuna, WA, about 70km from Geraldton. It is a very small farming community with the school as the main hub. Due to camp, I asked for their class to write to us first. Last week we received our letters from them. The students were very excited to read their letters and start on their replies. As part of a letter writing task, we are describing our home life, school and community to our new friends. The class has been buzzing with excitement and can't wait to send their replies this week.

Mrs Henderson

### YEARS 3 AND 4 EXCURSION TO BORAMBOLA

The Year 3 and 4 students have recently enjoyed an overnight excursion to Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre, near Wagga. Several new sports provided plenty of opportunities for team work, trust and perseverance, which the students can then put back into their learning at school. Some of the highlights would have to be the Mud Run and Outdoor Rock Climbing, although kayaking and fencing were also special activities. It was great to see all students support one another and help out in the serving of the dining room and scullery.

Recently Stage 2 went to a Sport and Recreation camp at Borambola. It was a fantastic experience with all students showing their knowledge and skills of resilience when attempting new challenges. They participated in outdoor rock climbing, archery, kayaking, fencing, low ropes, raft building and a very messy mud run! Some students thoughts on the matter: "It was pretty good", "It was hard getting up the dirt mounds", "We had to work as a team, it was really good!", "Very fun". It was nice to see our students using their best manners and politely mingling with students from other schools. The evening activity 'The Borambola Show' was a real hit, and saw students using their creativity and innovation to convince others to try out their stall! With a full belly and exhausted body they happily headed home to their families on Friday afternoon. An excellent trip was had by all!

Christel Pargeter and Chontelle Henderson



### SHEKERE BEATS

The students from Kindergarten to Year 6 were thoroughly entertained by Jonas Tandoh at the Shekere Beats performance. They were able to learn about the origin of some of the percussion instruments, take part in playing some instruments and listen to a few of the short stories from Jonas' childhood, while also learning some African words. It was a very energetic performance as students were also able to move to the African beats.



### YEARS 5 AND 6 EXCURSION TO BALLARAT

Last Wednesday, students in Years 5 and 6 travelled to Ballarat with Mrs Wedgwood, Miss Lavis and Mrs Liddell. We visited Sovereign Hill on Wednesday and Thursday, learning about life on the goldfields in the 1850s. We saw candles and lollies being made, watched gold being poured and toured a mine. We experienced life on the



goldfields during a game of "Gold Fever" where we had to find and sell gold without being fined or thrown into gaol. We spent some time panning for gold to find some real gold of our own.

At night, we went to the new sound and light show, Aura, which taught us about the historical events of Ballarat from the Aboriginal people to European settlement and then the gold rush, including the Eureka Stockade. We also saw an entertaining pantomime, as they would have in the 1850's.

On Friday morning, we visited the Eureka Centre, learning about the famous battle that took place and helped shape Australian democracy. Just before heading home, we visited the Ballarat art gallery where we looked at some of the famous goldfield art works and had a go at sketching our own goldfield art. We participated in a courtroom debate, dressing as characters from the Eureka Stockade.

This is what the students enjoyed:

My favourite thing about Ballarat was the gold panning because I found a lot of gold and it was fun – Klay

My favourite part at Ballarat was the art gallery and doing the Hall of Debate – Jackson

The best part was the Aura light show – Rory

My favourite part at Ballarat was the Gold Fever game, buying souvenirs and panning for gold – Indi

I enjoyed gold panning and finding real gold – Hannah

My favourite part about Ballarat was the gold museum and seeing everyone dressed up in olden day clothes – Annabel



## INTENSIVE SWIMMING

Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be attending Intensive Swimming for two weeks starting on Monday, 2 December and finishing on Friday, 13 December. Students are reminded to have returned their permission notes and money/season ticket pass to the Front Office by Wednesday, 27 November.

Students in Year 1 and Year 2 will be walking to the pool at 1:00 pm and will return to school by 2:50 pm. Kindergarten will walk to the pool at 1:45 pm and will catch the bus back to school in time for the 3:20 pm bell.

On Fridays, students will be attending their swimming lessons half an hour earlier in order to also participate in Swimming for Sport. They will need to either catch the bus, be picked up from the pool or walk back to school with a supervising teacher on this day.

Students are reminded to have their swimmers, towel, hat, enclosed walking shoes and sunscreen packed for each day of Intensive Swimming.

## LIBRARY NEWS

All library books and class readers will need to be returned by the end of this week. Students who have borrowed books this year and do not have any overdue books by the end of Week 7 will go into a draw to win a book!

## MEET YOUR BUDDY KINDER ORIENTATION

The time has flown and we are at the end of the Kindergarten 2020 Transition program. This means that the day the Year 5 students (and pre-schoolers) have eagerly been waiting for is finally here – Meet Your Buddy! The pre-schoolers and their parents and carers are invited to attend an information session on Thursday, 5 December, 2019 at 11:00 am. The parents and carers will learn more about the school, with a talk from Mr Fisher, Mrs Mullavey, a P&C representative and a Special Religious Education (SRE) representative. There will be students modelling the school uniform also. While this is happening, the Year 5 students will be getting to know their new buddies by playing some games on the oval. Pre-schoolers will need to bring with them a hat, drink bottle and something small to eat (in case the session takes a bit longer).

## PRESENTATION NIGHT

Our annual presentation evening will be held on Thursday, 12 December 2019 at 7:00 pm in the school hall. We cordially invite all parents and friends of our students to attend. At the presentation evening we award students who have achieved excellence, consistent improvement, citizenship and sporting achievements. Each year the awards are sponsored by the local community. If you would like to make a donation towards the book prizes this year it will be greatly appreciated. Your name will be listed in our presentation night program as recognition of your valuable contribution to our school. Donations can be sent to the office.



### ☐ **COLLECT MEDICATION**

Parents of students who have medication at school are to collect it from the office on Wednesday, 18 December.

### ☐ **RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS**

All library books must be returned to the library by Friday, 29 November 2019.

### ☐ **LOOK THROUGH LOST PROPERTY**

Please have a look through the lost property box in the office. Any unclaimed items will be donated to either the Op Shop or our second hand uniform shop.

## FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

The second hand clothing shop would be most grateful for any donations of pre-loved uniforms in all sizes. Recycled uniforms are always in high demand and *looking for a good home*.

If you're a family with a Year 6 student and do not have younger children or if you're a family with students who are leaving our school at the end of the year, please consider donating to our second hand shop.

## CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TERM 1



Do you have some free time in your calendar during Term 1? If so, we would really value your time to help with lunch orders on Monday and/or Friday mornings. Not only is the process simple:

1. Sign in and take the class baskets from the office to the canteen,
2. The students will put their lunch orders in their class baskets,
3. Sign out and take the baskets to the Holbrook Bakery,

It only takes around 45 minutes out of your day and **your child loves to see you there**.

Please email Georgie Millard on [gmillard75@gmail.com](mailto:gmillard75@gmail.com) to volunteer or if you have any questions.



## FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

### PRE-LOVED UNIFORMS IN STOCK NOW!

Summer	Sizes
Polo Shirt (short sleeve)	4, 6, 8, 10, 16
Shorts	4, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16
Summer Dress	4, 6, 12

Winter	
Polo Shirt (long sleeve)	4, 6, 8, 10, 16
Fleece	4, 6, 8, 10
Boys' Pants	4, 6, 14
Girls' Tartan Pants	6, 12
Girl's Tartan Skirt	16
Girls' Tartan Tunic	4, 6
Windcheater	6, 8, 10

Sport	
Sport Shirt	4, 6
Sport Shorts	6 10
Tracksuit Pants	6

#### Accessories

Backpack  
Hats  
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education and support. Great news - through this membership, you can attend all of their webinars for parents in 2019 at no cost! Here is the information about the next upcoming webinar:

### Balancing extra-curricular activities

Join Lenore Skenazy, President of Let Grow, in this webinar that explores;

Why treating our kids as physically and emotionally fragile is bad for their future

That your kids are not in constant danger

How independence impacts children

How to raise nimble problem solvers

Ideas to know how safe, smart and capable your kids can be

**When:** Wednesday, 27 November 2019 8:00 pm AEDT. If you are unable to make the scheduled time you can simply register and access the recording later.

### How you can register

**Visit:** <https://www.parentingideas.com.au/parent-resources/parent-webinars/webinar-brave-parenting-in-a-culture-riddled-with-worry>

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### MASTER BLASTS

**Commences:** Wednesday, 27 November 2019

**Time:** 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm/5:30 pm

**Where:** Holbrook Sporting Complex

**Register:** Visit [playcricket.com.au](http://playcricket.com.au)

(Active Kids vouchers can be used)

**Bring:** Your hat, sunscreen and water

**Contact:** Rose Bennetts on 0427 645 085



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