



Hebersham Pride

# HEBERSHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL Newsletter

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## Calendar Week 1 Term 4 Monday - 15<sup>th</sup> October

Students and Staff return to school

## Tuesday - 16<sup>th</sup> October

P&C Meeting 9:15am

## Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

## Thursday - 18<sup>th</sup> October

## Friday - 19<sup>th</sup> October

PSSA begins

## Calendar Week 2 Term 4 Monday - 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Stage 1 Penrith Lakes Excursion

## Tuesday - 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Stage 1 Penrith Lakes Excursion

## Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Stage 1 Penrith Lakes Excursion

## Thursday - 25<sup>th</sup> October

Dance Sport Competition  
Stage 3 Boys Clontarf visit to Chifley College

## Friday - 26<sup>th</sup> October

Walkthroughs



### Message from the Principal

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, students and community for their support over the term. I have enjoyed many new experiences as Relieving Principal and I am so grateful to have such a wonderful Hebersham team to support me. Miss Papandreou is still recovering at home and getting better with each day. We are hoping to see her smiling face return to us in Term 4.

We have had a very busy term with Education Week, Book Week, Athletics Carnival, sporting tournaments, performances, Science Day, special assemblies and morning teas, P&C events, swimming, Mini Fete, fundraising events and much, much more! Thank you to the teachers and staff, parents and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to organise and manage these events for our students.

I have had many visitors to my office this term wanting to show me their work from class. It makes my day to see how proud they are of their achievements. I have included some work from our stage 3 students to share with you all.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday. I look forward to hearing all the students' holiday stories when they return to school in term 4.



SCHOOL RESUMES FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS  
MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2018

Ms Coupe  
Relieving Principal

**PRIDE PIN ASSEMBLY**  
**Friday 21 September at 9:30am**  
**Yalingen Allawah Hall**



The Pride Pin colours for each grade are:

Yellow	Kindergarten
Green	Year 1
Blue	Year 2
Red	Year 3
Orange	Year 4
Silver	Year 5
Gold	Year 6

Congratulations to the students listed below who received their Pride Pins in Week 9 at the Assembly.

First Name	Family Name	Roll Class
Tegan		KH
Jerome		KM
Allegra June		KM
Amaziah		KS
Leevon		KV
Octavia		KV
Sione		KV
Avy		KV
Mihran		S1A
Jaedon		S1A
Khaleed		S1B
Monson		SCH
Cruze		S1H
Layla		S1J
Ashley		S1J
Sofia		S1K
Mia		S1K
Peria		S1L
Si'u Jacob		S1L
Tyrone		S2/3M
Aiden		S2/3M

Des	S2/3M
David	S2C
Taizac	S2E
Chloe	S2E
Emily	S2J
Tiara	S2J
Melanie	S2J
Dee	S2S
Vanisha	S2S
Thomas	S3G
Kris	S3N
Preston	S3P
Alex	S3P
Leon	S3S
Jaylen	S3S
Luka	S3T
Brock	S3T
Jah'rome	KS

### Pride Goal

Our Pride Goal focus for Week 6, 7 and 8 is:

Kind words are magic... not using  
 them would be tragic!



### K-2 Athletics Carnival

The date for the K-2 Athletics Carnival has been changed to **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November Week 4 Term 4**. More information about the coming event will be relayed at a later date. **Be on the lookout!**

### Kindergarten Farm Excursion Change of Date/ Excursion

Due to the wet weather on Wednesday the Kindy Calmsley Farm Excursion was cancelled.

To replace this excursion Kindy will participate in a Kidz Zoo incursion on Friday 28 September 2018 (last day of term). Please return new permission notes to the front office by Friday morning for your child to participate in this.



### Jersey Day Mufti

**When?** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**What?** K – 6 Jersey Day

**Cost?** Gold coin donation

Students are encouraged to wear a Jersey from any of their favourite sporting teams on the day and bring in a gold coin donation.



### 2019 Kindergarten Enrolments

Applications are now due for children eligible to start Kindergarten in 2019. Children may be enrolled in Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn five years of age by 31 July of that year. Application forms are available from the school office. Please ensure that your application is submitted as soon as possible. If you know of anyone considering enrolling, please encourage them to do so now.

Details for our transition to Big School can be collected from the front office.

### Mini Beast Excursion Penrith Lakes Environmental Education Centre

As part of the stage 1 unit of work on *Mini Beasts*, an excursion to Penrith Lakes Environmental Education Centre has been planned. The aim of the excursion is to allow students to gain further knowledge about insects in wet and dry environments.

The excursion will take place in Week 2 of Term 4. The cost of the excursion will be \$20 which will cover the bus and entry fee to the lake area.

### Stage 3 Work

Below is some of the work that I would like to share with everyone.

#### Drought

Written by Aaron in S2/3M

Drought is a natural disaster caused by no precipitation for a long period of time. This can last for one season but they mostly last for multiple years. Though the main cause is Australia's weather pattern El Nino. Australia is the driest inhabited continent making it vulnerable to drought, from the 1980s Australia has experienced twelve major droughts. Furthermore, Australia is also experiencing drought right now.

There are many effects of drought on people. Some of these include with the sun's rays beating down all the water evaporates not allowing water to grow crops. With lower supply on fresh foods the byers demand goes up meaning the prices increase. Additionally, with water shortages the livestock don't get enough water the farmers are forced to shoot their livestock due to low water and food.

There are lots of hazards for the wildlife. With evaporation the wildlife cannot get water because all the rivers and lakes are dried up. With no water supply the animals become sick. Countless spot fires cause bigger fires which destroy the habitats giving the animals no place to live.

There are many ways to survive droughts. The number one rule is to safe as much water as possible. You can help, reduce water waste by taking quicker showers turning all taps off when not in use and watering your garden during the evening so less water is evaporated.



Now the drought is over. You should all still be saving water to keep reducing in case of future droughts. The farmers and council are working together to help reduce droughts impacts by limiting the amount of trees we cut down each year.

### Platypus

Written by Dean in S3S

A platypus is a monotreme mammal that only lives in the eastern parts of Australia. They are nocturnal as well.

Platypus has a duck bill and webbed feet. Males have a spur on their ankle and a beaver like tail and tiny ear slits. Platypus are excellent swimmers diving up to 30 seconds before coming up for air. They glide through the water using their webbed feet.

Platypuses live in Australia on the east coast. They are found in Queensland, NSW, Victoria and Tasmania. It lives in fresh water ponds and streams.

They eat worms, insects and prawns. They hunt by closing their eyes and ears and use electroreception to find food.

A female platypus reproduces by laying 2 to 4 eggs. The babies are smaller than a 20 cents coin and looks like a jellybean.

The platypus sleeps for 14 hours a day. A platypus is a protected species. The platypus' predators are water rats, crocodiles, hawks, owls, eagles and snakes. Platypuses are on the 20 cent coin. It was the mascot for the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

### Light and Electricity

Stage 3 have been working on a lights and electricity unit of work to connect in with our STEM based learning. Classes have been making their own electrical circuits to operate traffic lights.



### Wheel-A-Thon

Thank you to all the families that supported the Wheel-A-Thon fundraising event at school this week. We raised \$850 to go towards the construction of the wheelchairs for children in need. Here are some happy snaps from the day.



### Stewart House Clothing Appeal

Students took Stewart House clothing appeal bags home this week for any donations of unwanted clothes. Bags are due to the old hall / canteen area by 31<sup>st</sup> October. Thank you for supporting this clothing appeal.

