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*Great opportunities—personal attention*

TERM 4 WEEK 6 2020

## FROM THE OFFICE

**ABSENT NOTES:** Please ring the school when your child is sick or provide a note or Doctor's certificate if your child has been away for an extensive length of time. Sick notes can also be emailed to the school.

**HATS:** All students need to wear a school hat. Many children are coming to school without their hats and this can't be happening. Hats are \$13 each and are available from the office. We follow a NO HAT NO PLAY policy.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM:** Please make sure that all students are in full school Uniform we have second hand jumpers and jackets that you are welcome to come and look through. Uniform needs to be paid for on the day of purchase either with cash or a parent online payment.



### Reminder of COVID Directives

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It is still encouraged that if your child(ren) have flu like symptoms they should be kept at home. If any child presents at school with any Flu like symptoms you will be contacted to come and take them home.



But, the most defining rule that will affect you and the school is the Covid Testing rule. If your child has any flu like symptoms it is now set that they **MUST** have a Covid Test and cannot return to school until a negative result is issued.

***If the result is positive, then you should follow all medical advice.***

There are a few testing centres in the Hawkesbury.

The easiest is the testing station at the Hawkesbury Showgrounds. It is open from Mon-Fri 10:00am to 12:30pm and 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

There is also testing done at The Windsor Douglass Hanly Pathology, although you do need to make an appointment.

If your child does have the test the school needs to know. We have set protocols for reporting and that also means the child cannot return to school until there is a confirmed negative result. This is usually sent out as a text. You can forward this text to our school mobile; **(0448 695 297)**.

Again, I thank every student, parent and teacher for their incredible effort throughout this time and hopefully down the track we will return to total normality before too long.



## Movie Day

As you know 2020 has been a quite troublesome year when it comes to excursions and camps, so we have been able to book the movies for just our school. We have received all permission slips and now are ready to 'Go to the movies!!!' The students will see a soon to be released movie ('The Croods' - Part 2).

After the movie we will return to school for a special lunch. Please note that **ALL** N.S.W Department of Education directives will be followed and in accordance with all COVID matters.



## Parent Survey

Thank you to all the families who returned the 'School Survey'. All the information provided is truly valued and will help us plan for the future. Thank you everybody for your ongoing support of our school. It is greatly appreciated by the students and the staff.

## 2020 Presentation Assembly

We will be having our annual Presentation Assembly at the end of the year, Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> December. Due to COVID it will be a school only assembly at this stage. However, because we will be holding it at school, in the playground, we will be able to invite our Year Six parents to the assembly.

We understand the frustration to all the other families but due to the fact it is our Year Six's last assembly at Colo Heights Public School we feel it is most important their parents get the chance to be part of this event.

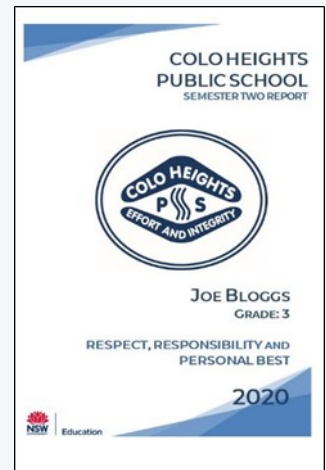
There will be photos on the website for families to view.

We thank you all for your understanding.



## Student Reports

All student report cards will be sent home on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The half yearly report card was an adaption of the original due to the period of COVID 19 and that most students worked from home. This report card will be back to the original format.



## 2020 Hawkesbury Learning Community Young Writers Festival

A few weeks back the Hawkesbury Schools Learning Community had a presentation night (via ZOOM) for the Young Writers Festival. Our school representatives were Erica, Zachary S, Natalie and Zoey. Each student received a gift of a pen and a book with their published work.

Congratulations to all our students on achieving this honour.



## Year Six- High School Orientation

Just a reminder to all our Year Six families that the High School Orientation Day will be Tuesday 1st December 2020. This day is set aside for all students attending government schools. Please contact the High school if you have any questions.





## **Fun Fair Day**

We will be holding student only Fun Fair day on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> December. The school's SRC students will come up with a number of fun activities on the day.

Unfortunately we still can't have all the parents up for the day. The activities will be just for fun and will not be at any cost for the students. The P&C however will be looking at providing a Sausage Sizzle lunch for the students. They will be following all COVID rules and will be cooking off site and the staff will be collecting the 'sargas' for the students.



## **Senior Camp**

As you may have been aware our annual senior camp was cancelled due to you know what. To try and make it up to our Year Five and Six students we will be taking them to the Tree Tops Adventure Centre near Yarramundi. We hope that the weather will be fine for their time on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

We know it's not the three days/two night camp experience but it should be a lot of fun for everyone.



## 2021 Staff Changes

At the beginning of 2021 we will be welcoming back Mrs Webb to the teaching staff. She will again be the K12 teacher. While this is exciting news, having the talented Mrs Webb back at our school, it means that we have to farewell Miss Pulsford.

Miss Pulsford has been a great asset to Colo Heights Public School over the past two years. Her class has always been exciting and vibrant with wonderful educational experiences for all students. I can't thank Miss Pulsford enough for all her support and enthusiasm she brought to Colo Heights, especially her calmness and adaptability through the trials and tribulations of the past 12 months with fires, floods and Covid. She is a quality educator and who knows, in the future, she may return to teach (or possibly lead) at Colo Heights.

At this stage she has a couple of possible new roles at other schools but I think you will agree with me that she will be highly missed to our school. It will be unfortunate that many of her students' parents will not be able to say good bye face to face at school but even a letter or message would provide you with an opportunity to say farewell.

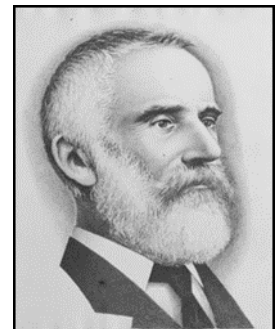
## Lawrence Hargrave Maths Challenge

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November our team of six students will be taking part in an online/ZOOM Maths Challenge. This event occurs every year and is usually held in the Hawkesbury High School Hall, however, again it has had to be changed.

Our school will be joined by teams from East Kurrajong, Ebenezer, Freemans Reach, Glossodia and Wilberforce. Each team will also have a Year 9 student from Hawkesbury High School as a Mentor. The online challenge should be fun and we hope our team will show case their great mathematical skills.

This year's team is;

**Zoey S, Ruby D, Hunter H** (Year 6), **Samuel, Bailey C** (Year 5) and **Natalie K** (Year 4).





*Congratulations  
to our  
"Star Students"  
Ruby and Samuel*



*Every assembly we announce the star student.*

A Star Student represents the best qualities of  
**RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and PERSONAL BEST.**

We hope all students can strive to achieve this award throughout the year and continue demonstrate these fine skills.

*"At Colo Heights Public School, we are Responsible and Respectful students, who strive to do our Personal Best".*



**IMPORTANT DATES**



*\* Wednesday Student Banking. Dec 2nd last banking day for 2020*

- *Monday 30th November Movie Day and Pizza lunch*
  - *7th December yr 5&6 Tree Tops*
  - *9th December Fun Fair*
- *14th December Presentation Day*
- *16th December last day for students.*



**Thank you,**  
Glenn Ellis  
*Principal*

