

Howlong Public School Newsletter



Thursday 22 October 2020

Dates For Your Calendar

Mon 26 October	1/2C Assembly
Fri 30 October	Year 6 Fun Fair
Wed 4 November	2021 Parent/Teacher Kinder Interviews
Mon 9 November	5/6D Assembly

Term 4

We hope that all staff, students and their families had an enjoyable break over the school holidays. This term has certainly started off with lots of activities and events ! As you can see from this week's newsletter of our Book Week Parade, students had a great day of showcasing their costumes. They have also engaged in a variety of activities such as a read-a-round, art works and book review that Mr Curtis organised.

Student Written Reports

Our school will be trialling our new student written report this semester. There will be a short video recording that will explain the layout and the purpose of specific sections of the report. This will be uploaded onto the Seesaw app for families to view in the next few weeks. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. We will be seeking parent feedback on the new reporting format at the end of this term.

Class Placement Requests 2021

Staff will be commencing the process of allocating class placements for 2021 during Term 4 so any requests need to be submitted by Friday 30th October. While staff are aware of most situations that may impact on class placement, there are always circumstances or concerns that you as parents have a greater awareness of. For this reason, I would ask that if you have any MAJOR concerns about your child's class placement for 2021, can you please send a letter outlining your concerns in an envelope marked

'Confidential: Attention School Principal'.

Please do not request a particular teacher for your child. I would like to remind all parents that any decisions relating to class teachers are based on a range of school factors, taking into account the staffing mix available each year and whilst each request is considered we are not always able to guarantee all aspects of requests.

If any families are moving away next year we would appreciate notification to assist us with our planning for next year. Or if you are aware of new families moving into our district please ask them to notify us ASAP.



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2021 school bus travel applications are now open

Applications for student bus travel in 2021 opened 12 October 2020. Students who require travel to and from school on a school bus can apply online at Transport.NSW.gov. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or if their family situation has changed. Students who have changed school or address should update their details on the transport site.

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2020.



HPS Spring Plants Sale Fundraiser

Friends Ella McDonnell, and Luke and Campbell Steers, successfully hosted the HPS Spring Plant Sale on Sunday 27th September. The sun was shining and the gardeners were out in force as the team raised \$1000 for the Howlong Primary School.



A special thanks goes out to Sue Jones for her support, guidance and her generous donations of a large variety of plants and shrubs, and the wonderful Howlong Nursery for several trays of tomatoes and their ongoing support for our school and community.



Australian Dental Health NSW—Dental Van

The Australian Dental Health NSW Van will be visiting Howlong Public School from Monday 30th November until Friday 4th December, 2020. If you would like your child/children to visit the dental van, please fill out the consent form that was sent home on Tuesday 13th October for each child and return it to the school office by Thursday 29th October.



Term 4 Week 2 Assembly Awards:

Congratulations to the following students who received a Class Merit Certificate:

Braxton Watts, Sofie Mensinga, Kai Mount, Georgia Farrugia, Madeline Panther, Korbin Cowley, Tasman Matthews, Aaron Marshall, Lincon Forrest, Jadeja Leathem, Ronan Simpson, Olivia Trevethan, Isla Britt, Maddison Taggart, Koby Shepherd, Charlie Marks, Layla Barnes, Harrison Tindall, Mitchell Mildren, Billy Bartlett, Kade Kelsall, Alexis Stacey, Dayna Carter, Nash Gulbin, Nate Gray, Charlotte Bell, Charlie Bolton, Jesse Gray, Spencer Chant, Campbell Steers, Riley Pargeter, Ella Breden, Liam Stacey



NSW Education Department Online Enrolment Project

We are excited to announce we will be rolling out the new Online Enrolment System from Monday, 26 October 2020

The Online Enrolment System is designed to provide flexibility for our parents to submit an enrolment application online and at the time that best suits you. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including iOS and Android.

The online application process is currently restricted to:

- Enrolments into **local** schools only
- Children who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents who live in NSW.

We offer our support and encourage you to complete your application to enrol online. If, however, you do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy will be available for collection from the front office or can be downloaded from the Department's [going to a public school site](#).

Further information about online enrolment can be found on our website.

Medication at School

If students need to bring any medication to school it must be handed in at the front office with a note giving permission for the medication to be administered at school. For safety reasons no medication can be kept in students school bags. Please be mindful of this.



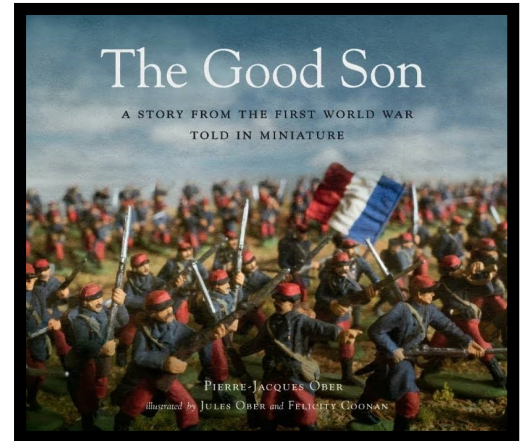
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Fri 23 Oct	Carley Alchin
Fri 30 Oct	Chelsea Boulton
Fri 6 Nov	Gemma Steers
Fri 13 Nov	Fiona Ballintine
Fri 20 Nov	Claire Taggart
Fri 27 Nov	Sarah Potter
Fri 4 Dec	Gemma Steers
Fri 11 Dec	Carley Alchin & Gemma Steers
Meal Deal	

Stage 1 Dance



Book Week

Students have been participating in activities based around this year's book week theme, "Curious Creatures, Wild Minds". All students listened to the shortlisted picture books being read and voted for the one they thought was best. "The Good Son" by Pierre-Jacques Ober and illustrated by Felicity Coonan and Jules Ober was the clear winner. This book is definitely a more mature book and students from K-2 were only exposed to part of the book. Despite this it gathered 92 votes, a clear winner over 2nd place with 33 votes.



Draw & Write Competition



Last week students completed a drawing or writing competition based on the book week theme, "Curious Creatures, Wild Minds". There were 2 winners from each stage. James Collins and Billy Schilg from Early Stage 1; Heidi Reid

and Pearl Marriott-Statham from Stage 1, Mia Howard and Campbell Steers from Stage 2 and Amelie Ibrom and Alexis Stacey from Stage 3. They all received a voucher for \$10 to spend at the book fair that is going to be later in the term. Mia and James were absent for the photo.



Whole School Read-A-Round

On Tuesday several teachers joined in a read-a-round. Teachers rotated around classes and read them one of their favourite books. Each class got to listen to 3 stories.



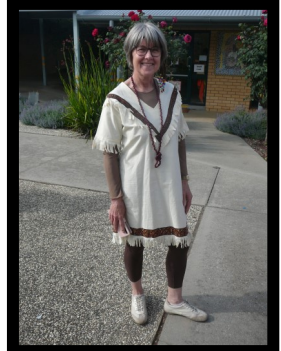
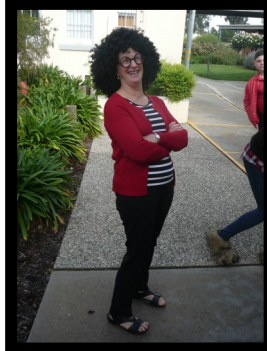
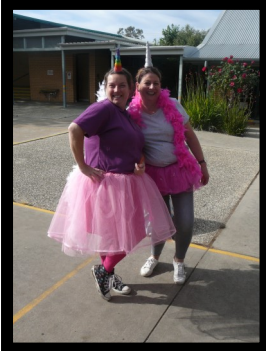
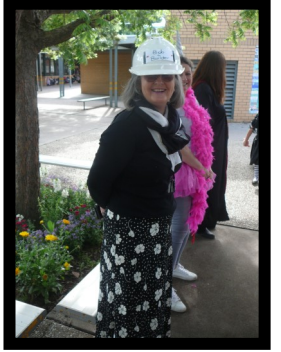
Book Week Parade

Students got dressed up on Wednesday to match the book week theme. There were definitely quite a few curious creatures and lots of wild minds!



Book Week Parade

The grown-ups got dressed up too!



Some of the Wild Mind artworks that 3-6 completed in the library.



Some of the Curious Creature artworks that K-2 completed in the library.



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Garden with 3/4B

In the garden our class mulched the trees in the orchard and the garden beds. We used straw with manure as our mulch. We did this because the plants needed to stay cool in summer. Mr Curtis pruned the trees so they would not take over the garden. Some of the class gave the plants a water so they could have a drink.

By Lara Lions, Charlotte Chant and Jayden Quirk.

