

Howlong Public School Newsletter



Thursday 27 August 2020

Dates For Your Calendar

Week 6&7	ICAS competitions
Monday 7 September	KNV Assembly
Friday 11 September	Scholastic book club due in.

External validation

The school leadership team is currently finalising our school's submission and preparing for the panel meeting for Week 9 of this term. Our school was nominated to participate in an external validation process this year. External validation provides an opportunity for schools to discuss their judgements about their practice and the evidence that underpins them with a panel of peers.

ICAS Competition

Mrs Freer has commenced the ICAS competition last week with Science. These competition are held online. English, maths, spelling and computing???. Has been scheduled for the remainder of the term.

ICAS Assessments are designed to recognise academic excellence, students are assessed on their ability to apply classroom learning to new contexts using higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills.

Check-in assessment

Years 3 and 5 will be completing the check-in assessment in the next couple of weeks.

The Check-in assessment is an optional online reading and numeracy assessment for students in Years 3, 5 and 9 that Howlong Public School has opted to complete. The assessment will help to provide a snapshot of how students in these grades are progressing in their learning.

Year 5 students will be completing the Check-in assessment in Week 7 of Term 3

Year 3 students will be completing the Check-in assessment in Week 10 of Term 3

The Check-in assessment can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

The assessments are mapped to the NSW Syllabuses and National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions.

If you would like more information on the Check-in assessment please click the link below.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/literacy-and-numeracy/assessmentresources/check-in-assessment>



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School Uniform and Lost Property

Students are required to be in full school uniform. Where not possible, parents can notify their child/ren's class teacher to explain reasons for being out of school uniform. Students may wear extra coat/jacket due to the cold weather.

Please encourage your child/ren to take care of their belongings and check the lost property box near the office. We have accumulated large amounts of school jackets, jumpers and hats. Clear labelling of names is encouraged as it makes it easier to identify the owner of the item.

P&C Fundraising –Father's Day Raffle

Thank you to Bill McDonell who has organised some P&C fundraising ideas this term. Students have taken home raffle tickets for the Father's Day raffles. Thank you for supporting our P&C and we wish everyone good luck with the winning draw!



'Strive for Success'

Congratulations to Jai Allen, Jack Longley, Isla Britt and Charlotte Chant, our **"Strive for Success"** winners. The focus for Strive for Success was playing with your own toys in the playground.



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Friday 11 September



Term 3 Week 6 Assembly Awards:

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

Grace Eaton, Charlotte Panther, Zac Franks, Luke Steers, Mason Roper,
Charlie Pumper, Amarli McNamara, Maxim Bottrell, Tom Ballintine, Violet Reid,
Olivia White, Noah George, Georgia Farrugia, Joshua Nicholson, Sofie Mensinga,
Charli McNamara, Isaac White, Jai Allen, Tahlia Taylor, Lara Lions, Tess Lions,
Khloe Mazzelli, William Rennick, River Leathem, Lilly Green, Patrick Conroy, Blake Alchin, Heidi Reid, Thomas Green, Brayden Gray, Madeline Panther



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Multicultural Public Speaking Competition



Year 3-6 students have been busy this term writing and delivering speeches with a multicultural perspective for the Premiers Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. Everyone should be feeling very proud of their efforts! Each class was represented by 2 students each for Round 2!

Last week Round 2 of the competition was held, from here 2 students from each stage are selected to progress to Round 3 of the competition. It was a tough choice because each speech was amazing in its own right!

Congratulations to Gabbie Beardall and Jonty Hoskins from Stage 3 and Mikaela Farnsworth and Jake Marshall from Stage 2. These students have successfully made it to Round 3 and we wish them the best of luck!!



Kindergarten 2021 Taster Sessions

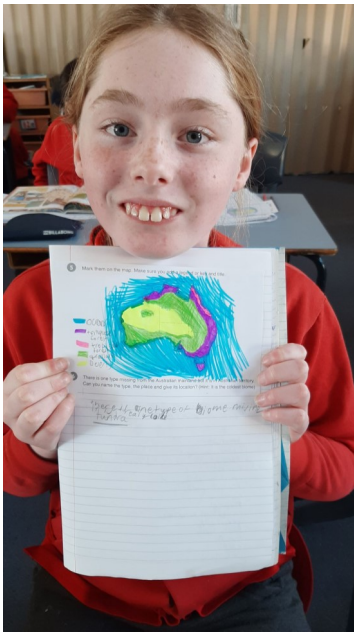
A number of our staff have been visiting the Howlong Preschool and Little Ones Learning Centre introducing the children to big school taster sessions. The students have enjoyed a Science and Technology lesson introducing bee-bots, Story time, Art and Numeracy taster sessions have also been experienced.

Due to COVID restrictions, we will not be holding our Kindergarten Tours this term. We are working on developing a virtual tour to be uploaded to the school's website soon. A link to the tour will be emailed out to all Kindergarten parents once it is available online.

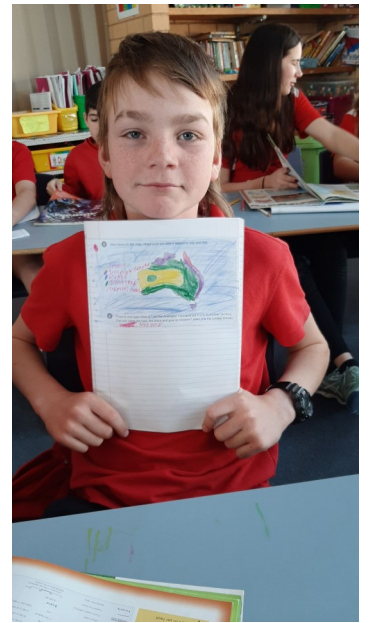
Please let your friends and neighbours know that 2021 Kindergarten enrolment packs are available from the school office and enrolments are now due.



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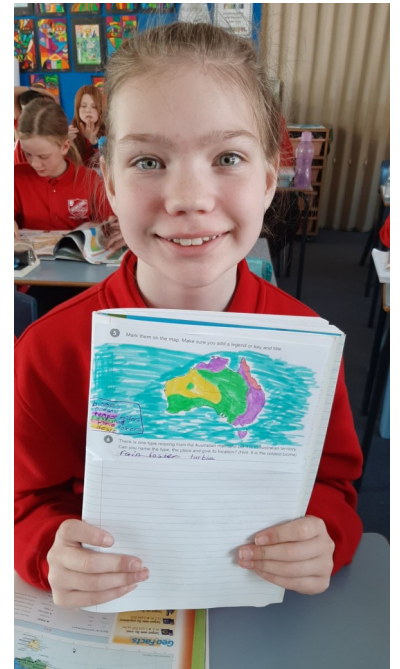
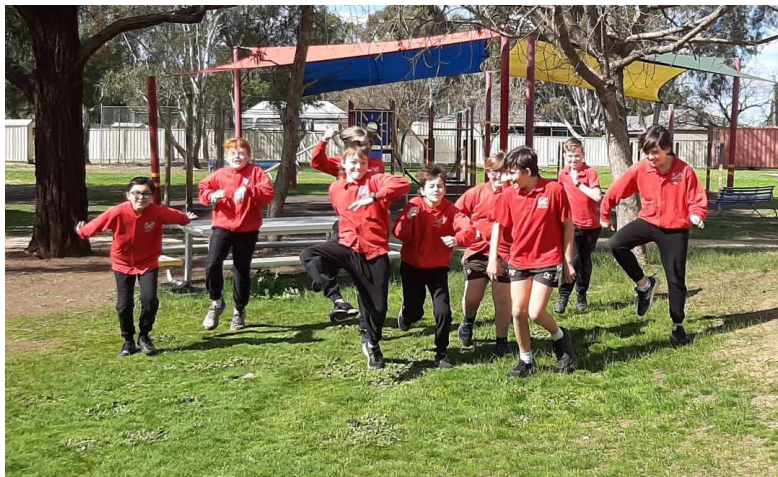


Stage 3



Stage 3 are continuing their study of biomes by comparing Australia to other continents.

They then enjoyed a brain break run!



Finance News

- General school voluntary contributions \$43 for first child, \$22 for siblings. If you wish to use your excursion credit to pay for voluntary contributions please notify the office.
- Reminder advanced payments can be made at office at any time for any upcoming activities/ excursions. These advanced payments will sit as a unallocated credit against your child until the activity is invoiced and the permission note has been signed and returned by parent/carer.
- All school payments can be paid at the office by cash, cheque, EFTPOS or Parent Online Payment (POP) on our webpage.
- Please note: **Canteen orders, P&C Uniform, P&C membership can only be paid at the canteen by cash or EFTPOS.**

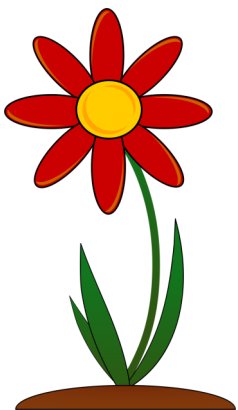


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Garden with 3/4s

Today in the Stephanie Alexander kitchen garden program we cut new growth branches off the salt bush and took them to the garden cola. At the garden cola we gently pulled off a third of the leaves and with our fingernail we peeled off a little bit of bark dipped it in rootex and planted them in a pot full of dirt.

By Layla Barnes

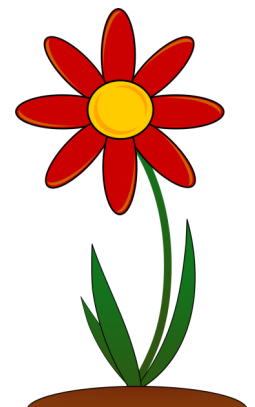


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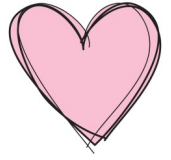
Today we pruned the saltbush, we used scissors. I paired with Layla. Once we cut some branches we planted them in little pots. It will take about 3 months to see if the plants will be successful.

By Sophie Norris





SASS Week



This week we are celebrating SASS recognition week. Howlong Public School is privileged to have an amazing group of school administrative and support staff who give 100% every day to assist our students and teaching staff. Schools are incredibly complex places and would not be able to function without our dedicated and hard-working SASS staff

This year they've had to be increasingly flexible to adapt to changing scenarios and pandemic restrictions, highlighting the vital role they play in keeping our schools running efficiently every day.



As a small token of our appreciation the teaching staff – led ably by Mr Curtis – hosted a homemade pizza lunch on Wednesday using our new pizza oven. We hope that all of our support staff enjoyed the lunch and realise what an integral role they play on our school. Thank you, thank you, thank you!



Fathers Day Raffle

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Please find attached a Fathers Day raffle book.

- Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5
- Please return tickets and money to the office by Wednesday 2nd September.
- Drawn Friday 4th September
- Prizes
 - o Trailer of Fire Wood
 - o \$50 Bunning Voucher
 - o \$50 Meat voucher
 - o Preserves and Chocolate Hamper
 - o 2 x Mix Chilli Pots, 2 x BBQ Herbs Mix Pot

Thanks to:
 Stephen Danaher
 Little Ones
 Howlong Butchers
 Sue Jones
 Howlong Nursery

The Howlong Public School P & C Committee would like to thank our very generous community members and business's for their support. Good Luck everyone!

FATHER'S DAY

