Welcome Back

The weather provided a wild start to Term 2. Many of our students and staff had to fight severe wind and rain just to get to school. We are glad everyone made the effort though as every day is a great day for learning.

This week is my first week as Principal of HRPS and I would like to acknowledge the generous and friendly way in which the school community has welcomed me to my new role. We are a community of great depth and strength and I feel privileged to have the opportunity to lead the school as we enter an exciting period of educational reform in NSW. During this term I will be spending much of my time learning about Hannans Road and the dreams and aspirations of parents, teachers and students. We will be finalising our strategic plan and communicating this to the broader school community. As the term progresses I encourage you to introduce yourself and share the dreams and vision you have for our school and the children we serve.

Thank you Ms Butler

I wish to acknowledge the extraordinary work of Ms Butler as Relieving Principal. Ms Butler has expertly steered HRPS through an extended period of change and collaboratively shaped the future of our school through the development of our strategic directions. We are lucky to retain Ms Butler as one of our Assistant Principals and I know our school community will join me in thanking her for the leadership and professionalism she has displayed while leading HRPS as Relieving Principal.
Expectation: Responsibility

What does responsibility look like?

- Be on time
- Be prepared
- Allow others to learn
- Take care of our school
- Attend school every day

That’s what we expect from everyone at Hannans Road.

We are growing

HRPS is a growing and increasingly popular school. Based on our most recent numbers we will be allocated an additional classroom teacher entitlement. This means we will be able to create an additional class and reduce class sizes. This is a great opportunity and I am excited by the learning options it presents. The creation of a new class will result in some movement of students between classes. Given this we are currently reviewing which class structures will result in the least disruption and place us in the best position to accept further enrolments.

Absences during extreme weather

The recent extreme weather has presented some challenges for teachers and students attending school and I am aware of some media reports suggesting the closure of some NSW schools and advice to stay at home. Please be advised student leave from school due to weather may only be granted in exceptional circumstances such as those encountered in the first two days of this term. Unless students are prevented from attending school because their safety and wellbeing is in danger they are expected to attend. Thankfully we appear to be past the extreme weather experienced earlier in the week and look forward to welcoming all students in their return to school this term.

Stewart House

Every year HRPS supports Stewart House through a donation drive. Stewart House supports children through the provision of activity programs. Children with limited leisure opportunities are given the chance to attend Stewart House to be involved in holiday style activities. As part of the donation drive we will be sending home an envelope to collect the suggested $2 donation. Everyone donating goes into the draw for a $4,000 family holiday. Good luck with your entry and thank you for supporting Stewart House.
ANZAC Service
On Friday 24 April we will be conducting an ANZAC service. This is an important event in the HRPS Calendar and parents and other members of the school community are invited to attend. The service will commence at 10.45 so please arrive in plenty of time before this is if you wish to attend.

Assembly
As we are having an ANZAC Service this week there will be no assembly on Friday morning.

Contact Information
Have you recently changed your contact details? We often need to contact parents and other family members at short notice and we rely on accurate contact details. If yours require updating please advise our office staff.

Where’s Oscar?
Oscar is back from holidays, looking all tanned and rested and ready to play hide and seek with students again this year. For those new to our school, Oscar is our gnome, he hides around the school each week. If you know where Oscar is hiding, fill in the slip below and return it to the box in the office. The first winning entry selected will win $2 to spend at the school canteen. So, do you know where Oscar is?

Name: ____________________________
Class: ___________
I think Oscar is__________________________
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Have a great week!

Dan Sprange
Principal