



Howard Springs School Newsletter



18 FEBRUARY 2022

TERM 1 WEEK 3

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our students and staff have had an impressive commencement to our new school year. Despite the unknowns that the pandemic has thrown our way, I am very proud to be able to say that our children are settling well into their classrooms, making friends, and enjoying school life. It is very pleasing to see that our children are using "Helping Hands", "Helping Words" and are consistently choosing safe behaviours.

The Litchfield Council is currently conducting an audit on the safety of our pedestrian crossing, and it reminds us all to be very alert when using the crossing. When council completes the audit, I will communicate their findings to our school community.

In coming weeks, you will see more seating for our car "pickup area". The seating will improve the present facilities and add extra capacity for children to sit down when they are waiting for their parents. Children are asked to sit while waiting for their parents to come to a complete stop before moving to their car. It is vitally important that our children are always safely supervised, especially around traffic.

Thank you to all families who are following our COVID – 19 safety plan.

Some key points to remember are:

Parents / Carers are asked not to enter classrooms.

Only parents / carers of children in preschool, transition and year 1 are allowed on school grounds.

Adults must be wearing masks when entering the school grounds.

Maintain a distance of 1.5 metres from any person not in your family.

Continue to practice hand hygiene by washing hands and using sanitizer:

Stay at home if you or your child are feeling unwell.

Thank you to all parents / carers who have made voluntary contributions this year. Our focus for 2022 & 2023 is to purchase Interactive Touch Screens to replace the very dated SMART Screens currently in use. The first five SAMSUNG screens have been installed in our Middle and Upper Primary block.

A reminder that our school does not have a duty of care for children prior to 8:00 a.m. Please ensure that children are not dropped off before this time. If you need to drop your child off prior to 8:00 a.m., please contact our school admin and information can be provided regarding before school care through OSHC.

I look forward to sharing all the news about our new T- 6 spelling programme (SMART SPELLING) and other exciting initiatives that our school is undertaking.

Thank you to all parents and carers for the huge support you give our school as we work together to provide the quality education your children deserve.

Sincerely,

Daryll Kinnane (0413601905)

Principal

2022 School Term Dates

Term 1

Monday 31 January to
Friday 8 April

Term 2

Tuesday 19 April to
Friday 24 June

Term 3

Tuesday 19 July to
Friday 23 September

Term 4

Monday 10 October to
Thursday 15 December

If your child is unwell,
Please keep them at
home



Howard Springs Playgroup
Tuesdays 8:30 to 10:30am
in the Parent Room
(next to preschool)



Preschool News

Welcome children, parents, and families to preschool. What a great start!

Starting preschool is an essential time for children and families and is a process that begins the year before and continues after your child has started preschool. This process involves changes for children and their families, and everyone will react differently. Families play an important role in supporting these new experiences. The support from parents and families helps them cope, navigate with these new challenges by supporting and encouraging their social, emotional, physical, oral language and learning development.

Every child will encounter new experiences and challenges at preschool, and this includes the physical environment both indoor and outdoor, rules and procedures at preschool, building positive relationships with new friends and learning new skills and developments.

Health Checks

We encourage parents who may have concerns about their child's health and wellbeing, to seek support from community health care professionals as this information can be of great assistance to your child's educators as your child begins school. These checks may include **hearing, eyesight, occupational or speech therapy and paediatric specialists** who may wish to liaise with staff as your child progresses through school.

Children are required and encouraged to have a hat all the time and apply sunscreen themselves with parent/ adult supervision to play outside throughout the year. Please see the sunscreen station outside.



Parent Contributions

Parent Contributions for Preschool are currently set at **\$70** per student for the term or **\$280** for the year. **These contributions go towards resources purchased throughout the school year to benefit your child's education.** These can be paid at the front office in full at the beginning of the year or each term.

A snapshot of our first two weeks at Preschool





Howard Springs School Canteen - Open Monday to Friday - Effective Term 1 - 2022

Breakfast

Toast (vegemite/honey)* per slice	\$.50
Piece of Fruit (seasonal)*	\$1.00
Yoghurt & Fruit*	\$1.00

Hot Food (Pre-ordered ONLY)

Beef Lasagne	\$5.00
Spaghetti Bolognese	\$4.50
Mrs Macs Beef Pie	\$5.00
Mrs Macs Sausage Roll	\$4.50
Hot Dog w/Sauce	\$5.00
1/2 Hot Dog w/Sauce	\$2.50
Hot Dog w/Cheese	\$5.50
Steamed Dim Sims x 2	\$3.00

Snacks & Other

(over the counter & pre order)

Piece of fruit (seasonal) *	\$1.00
Fruit Salad Tub*	\$4.00
Watermelon Tub*	\$2.00
Eggmoji (Boiled Egg)*	\$1.00
Cheese Stick*	\$1.00
Hash Brown*	\$1.00
Chicken Breast Nugget*	\$1.50
Party Pie *	\$1.00
Party Sausage Roll*	\$1.00
Chocolate Brownie*	\$1.00
Anzac Biscuit*	\$0.50
Deli Chips*	\$2.00
Popcorn*	\$1.00
Jelly Cup*	\$1.00
Ice Blocks * (Choc Milk & 99% Juice)	\$1.00

Salads

Salad Bowl (GF)	\$5.00
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Toastie/Sandwiches

Vegemite/Honey	\$2.00
Cheese	\$3.50
Ham	\$4.00
Add Cheese	\$.50
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$5.00
Chicken	\$5.00
Add cheese	\$.50
Chicken, Cheese & Tomato	\$6.00
Egg	\$5.00
Bacon & Egg Toasted Sandwich	\$5.50
Salad	\$5.00

Salad = lettuce, tomato, carrot & cucumber

All sandwiches fresh or toasted

Please specify toasted, white, multigrain or wrap

Drinks

Water *	\$2.00
Fruit Juice 99% Popper *	\$2.00
(Apple, Pine Orange, Apple & Blackcurrant, Apple & Raspberry)	
Up & Go Flavoured Milk *	\$3.00
(Chocolate/Vanilla/Strawberry/Banana)	
Smoothie (Banana/Choc Banana)	\$3.50
Sauce	\$0.20

(GF) = Gluten Free

* = available over the counter and pre order

Daily Specials

Monday - Hamburger/Cheese/Sauce & Popper \$5.00

Tuesday - NIL

Wednesday - 2 x Slices Pizza & Popper \$5.00

Thursday - 4 x Cocktail Frankfurts & Popper \$5.00

Online Ordering

Online orders:

Are available through QuickCliq
Register at www.QuickCliq.com.au
Orders close at 9am

Drop off Orders: are to be in by no later than **9am** on the day and can be made via lunch bag to Nola Threadgold.

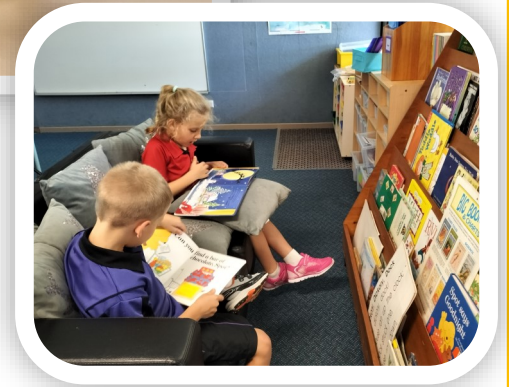
Please include child's name, class, and whether the order is for recess or lunch.

Contact details:

Nola Threadgold
Canteen Manager
Phone: 8983 0040

Transition Surisetti

In Transition Surisetti our students were fully engaged in hand on and age-appropriate learning activities. There is lots of research around play-based learning and how it enhances students' academic and developmental learning outcomes. On the other hand, play based, and inquiry learning is vital to set children up for success in both their future schooling and in their adult life.



Transition Liddle

Welcome to Our Team

During the first weeks of school, we have been developing the skills, dispositions, and social interactions to enhance our learning.



We are 21st Century Learners



We are Researchers



We are Thinkers



We are Problem Solvers



We are Communicators



We are Collaborators

New staff of 2022!



Michelle Alchin
Admin/Finance Officer



Kim Fyson
Teacher



Steven Trezise
Year 4/5 Teacher



Angelique Kirwin
Year 1 Teacher



Karlee Thackeray
Teacher's Aide



Georgia Herold
Librarian/ICT

Back to School Vouchers

Don't forget to claim your Back to School Voucher of \$150 per student to help pay for uniforms, book packs, and incursions.

Vouchers must be used by end of Term 1 -
Friday 8th April, 2022.

Wet Weather Procedure

Just a reminder that students will not be dismissed from their classrooms at 2:40pm if there is an electrical storm or heavy rain. In this instance students will remain in class under the supervision of the teacher until it is deemed safe enough for them to leave. Parents picking up their children will need to collect them from their classrooms. Children catching the bus will be escorted by the teacher on duty to the bus and child going to OSHC will be collected by the staff.

School Stream

If you are not yet on School Stream, we highly encourage you to download the app to receive school wide notifications and important information.



Absentee Notification

All absences must be notified. If your child is away, please notify the front office;

On School Stream

or

Phone: 8983 0000

Email: howard.springs@education.nt.gov.au

February 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
14 Week 3	15	16	17	18 Book Club final cut off	19	20
21 Week 4	22	23 SLC Elections	24	25	26	27
28 Week 5						

March 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Week 5	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Week 6	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Week 7 AGM - School Council Meeting 6pm	15	16 School Photos Day 1	17	18 School Photos Day 2	19	20
21 Week 8 Harmony Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Week 9	29	30	31			

Chaplaincy Program

Our chaplaincy program is one of the support programs we run for our student wellbeing. Karen Parrott, our School Chaplain, has been working along with our wellbeing team for several years now to provide support for our students and families. Karen's role is very flexible. She is available at lunch times and in the afternoons for students to provide pastoral care which includes a place to play quietly at lunch times if they want.

Our staff and many families have expressed how much they value this role within our school. With consent from family, Karen can provide spiritual guidance to students requesting a desire to explore their spirituality or values. Karen is there to lend an ear to parents and refer them to the many agencies that can support families in our community. Please feel free to come up to the school and meet with Karen.

Due to current circumstances with COVID-19. There is currently no whole school assemblies occurring.

**Attendance
Term 1
Weeks 1 to 3
91.28%**

**Front Office Open Hours:
8am to 3:30pm**