

Tuesday 8th
November
2022

Newsletter

Hillston Central School

Term 4
week 5

Sandy Ryan - Principal

P&C Harvest Festival is a huge success

The inaugural P&C Harvest Festival has been a huge success. I would like to thank the P&C for organising such a fun event, the staff for their contributions and our whole school community for your fantastic support.

Year 12 graduate in style

Congratulations to the Year 12 graduating class of 2022. They celebrated in style their achievement of completion of 13 years of schooling. Last Friday night saw the girls joined by their families and friends celebrate a very important chapter in their lives. We wish The Class of 2022 all the best for their future endeavours.



Jess with HCS's produce at our Harvest Festival

Department of Education

Inclusive, Engaging and Respectful Schools Package

New policies, procedures, and framework to keep students engaged in learning at school

The Inclusive, Engaging and Respectful (IER) Schools package was announced in February this year by NSW Minister for Education and Early Learning, Hon Sarah Mitchell.

It centres on three new policies and procedures and a framework that together set the guidelines for how we ensure all children and young people can learn through public education in a safe and engaging way. The IER Schools package includes the:

- ✓ Inclusive Education Policy for students with disability
- ✓ Student Behaviour Policy and Procedures
- ✓ Restrictive Practices Framework and Restrictive Practices Reduction and Elimination Policy and Procedures.

With these new policies, we want all students to:

- be included in all aspects of school life and supported to learn to their fullest capability
- be supported in engaging, respectful, and effective classrooms with positive and inclusive practices
- feel welcomed, valued and safe in our schools and classroom

Two of the policies are new: the Inclusive Education Policy; and the Restrictive Practices Framework and policy. Both clarify *existing* legal obligations, effective, appropriate and prohibited practices, and the rights of students, parents and carers



Aerosol Products at school

A reminder that we don't allow aerosol products at school. We do encourage our older students to bring deodorants to school however, they must be either roll-on or stick

Mosquito Repellant at school

After all the rain we've had recently the mosquitoes have come out in the thousands and school is no different. We request that if you send repellant in make sure it is either roll-on or cream.

P&C Meeting Tonight 7pm

Tonight at the RSL Club is our monthly P&C meeting. Among items on the agenda to be discussed is the success of our inaugural Harvest Festival and a change of mobile phone use at school for 2023. Everyone welcome.

Inclusive, Engaging and Respectful Schools Package

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The Student Behaviour Policy replaces the Student Discipline in Government Schools and Suspension and Expulsion Policy. The key change is the approach all NSW public schools will take to address disruptive or inappropriate behaviour by a student. The duration of a suspension will be reduced along with the number of suspensions across a school year. Every school will be able to draw on the support of a range of staff including behaviour specialists to effectively address issues resulting in these behaviours in order to prevent future escalations. We will continue to work closely with you and all our families.

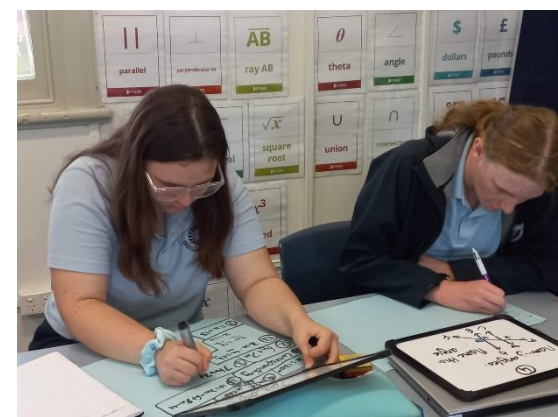
It does not mean, however, that students who are violent or seriously disrupt the learning and wellbeing of others will be kept at school. Any student who puts the safety of other students, teachers and staff or visitors at risk of harm – will be suspended until it is safe for them to return.

The Inclusive Education Policy for students with disability and the Student Behaviour Policy become operational in Term 4, 2022 and the Restrictive Practices Policy becomes operational in Term 1, 2023.

The staff and I are reviewing our current approach to all of the areas covered by these policies, and wish to share any changes we believe need to be made with you next term.

Our school already takes a strong, positive student-centred approach, but we want to work with you to ensure, together, every student has the right support at the right time to help them grow into confident, resilient adults.

For more information on these policies, please visit the [NSW Department of Education website](https://www.nsw.gov.au/education/department-of-education).



ACMF Concert All Welcome

Thursday 10th November, school hall 1:45pm

It is that time of the year again as we celebrate another successful year of our relationship with the Australian Children's Music Foundation (ACMF) and the fantastic Music Program we run at HCS with a concert.

There will be performance by primary and secondary, conducted by Rachael and her trusty side kick Ben.

Sport

State Cricket Carnival is underway

HCS student Aynslee, after being selected, is this week representing in the Riverina Cricket Team at the 2023 NSW CHS girls championship.

Aynslee is currently up on the Far North Coast, in Kingscliff, aiming for the boundary and producing her best for the team.

We wish Aynslee and the team all the best. What a wonderful opportunity.

