

Enrolments

With the opening of Riva Primary school in 2022, we are expecting to lose student numbers to the new school but we still expect student enrolments to be approx. 1150. Classrooms space, traffic and parking will be under pressure yet again.

2022 Staffing

The staffing process is well underway for 2022. Sadly, some of our foundation staff are choosing to move on in 2022 and whilst we're sad to be losing such valuable members of our team, we wish them all the best in their new schools and we will do our best to recruit well.

So far, 4 permanent and 3 fixed term will be leaving and 4 will be on maternity leave.

Buildings and Grounds

- We are awaiting designs for our entrance statement sign. This is still in progress.
- Pirate was removed. New play equipment to be installed however there appears to be a delay on this process.
- We continue to advocate and press for a new (5th) teaching block. The School Board has been active in this area, too. In the first week of this term, the Director General of Education and the Deputy Director General visited our school and listened to our concerns around student accommodation leading into the future.
- The BHive will be de-commissioned at the end of this year and we will all be pretty crowded on the main site.

School Development Day

Our School Development Day at the beginning of the term was spent in the community volunteering and giving back to the Perth Community. The purpose of this, beyond the reward of helping others, was to act as positive role models for our students and to prompt conversations around gratitude and charity. Some of the activities on the day included staff making dolls and cards, planting in wetland areas, feeding the homeless, caring for animals, sorting and helping at Foodbank and charity organisations.

Public School Review

The school underwent its Public School Review in Term 3, Week 8. The preparation for this day was a chance for all of us to reflect on our journey over the past six years since opening and celebrate our achievements.

The review validated our self-assessment and was a confirming and positive experience for those involved in the process on the day.

The resulting report described the school's performance as exceptional and we were given a five year return date. The report can be found on our school's website.

Awards and Achievements

- Nikki Lyons is a finalist in the WA Deputy Principal of the Year and the winner will be announced on November 29th.
- Harrisdale Primary is a finalist in the WA Governor's STEM (STEM/Inquiry) Awards which will be announced on November 15th.
- HPS has been awarded the status of Apple Distinguished School, an honour received by only 700 schools world-wide.
- 10 students from HPS have been accepted into GATE programs for high school in 2022.

Teaching and Learning

We are just concluding 4 weeks of swimming lessons. We really value the importance of learning to swim, especially living in Australia. It has made a bit of a dent in our teaching and learning programs here at school. Benefits for students however, far outweigh the inconvenience.

2021 NAPLAN results were pretty pleasing with our Year 3 student achievement sitting above like schools in all 5 areas tested and our year 5 students sitting above like schools in three areas and below in Reading and Numeracy. Whilst Reading and Numeracy achievement was lower in year 5, it was encouraging to see progress of Year 5s in these areas was still high.

Focus areas for 2022 will be Maths and Reading.

Inquiry learning is going really well in classes. We're seeing great enthusiasm and interest in students' learning when posed with real and authentic world problems. We are also seeing problem-solving, creativity, critical thinking, collaboration and teamwork. Great skills for students to learn in preparation for living and working in the 21st Century.

Events-

- Our Basketball Club students participated in the Basketball Championships in Week 2 and always represented the school very well.
- Interschool Jumps were held on Tuesday and the Athletics carnival will be held this Friday.
- Walk to School day in on Wed, 10th November.
- Year 6 Camp week will take place in week 6 with half the cohort going to stay at Norm Halliday in Hillarys from Mon-Wed and the second group from Wed-Fri. On the other two days, the Year 6 teachers have organised fun excursion activities.
- Twilight Concert on Mon, 6th December will combine a Christmas Market with our usual Twilight Christmas Concert.