



Newsletter Week 5 2023

Dear Everyone

It has been an emotional start to term. We have had a magnificent Festival brilliantly organised by our P&C. Months of dedication went into this event and we are so grateful for the support from our community. We raised over \$15,000.

As previously communicated to you, we have lost a dear colleague and wonderful young teacher in Sarah Pollard. Sarah was the teacher of P2 class, and she had been at HSS for 3 years. She was adored by her students and described by those who worked closely with her as a dedicated teacher who grew in confidence. She loved teaching literacy and catered for individual academic and health needs so compassionately. "She always created a fun environment, we always had a laugh, and we always managed to fit in some singing and dancing throughout the week" says an EA in Sarah's room.

Sarah's funeral is next Tuesday 14 November. The school remains open. Many of our staff will be off site for some or all of the day and the school will be staffed by other teachers and SNEAs supporting HSS. Please see a survey published today to help with our planning.



Variety Christmas Party – this is a special event that many of our families attend. If you are needing more information, please email midwest@varietywa.org.au.

Chaplain – Miss Bev is at HSS every Monday, Thursday, and Friday. Families (parents and carers) are more than welcome to catch up with Bev for a chat, support, or advice on these days. Just pop in and see her.

Our **AIEO Miss Shana** works Thursdays in this capacity, and she is also available to support families.

Communication: Have you 'liked' our **Holland Street School Face book page**? Do you know there is now a **Holland Street School P&C** Face book page? Have you had a look at our **webpage**? <https://www.hollandstreetschool.wa.edu.au/>
These are additional ways that we want to keep you up to date with what happens at our school. Jump on and have a look!

School Council – the School Council is an active group of parents, teachers and community members who meet at least once a term. **Monday 20 November is our AGM (1-1.15pm) and Open General Meeting following this (1.15-3.00)**. If you would like to know more about the School Council and its operations, please call or pop in to ask us. We welcome the opportunity to involve other parents. As a parent you are welcome to sit in on our Open meeting to see what goes on!

Transition - Over the next few weeks, we will support our students with changes for next year. We slowly introduce students to other classrooms, to different play spaces in case there are moves on the horizon. This is done in a systematic and ordered way to support the needs for all students. Class structures and placements will not be published until the last week of this term as it takes a lot of time to consider placements.

COVID - We have had a couple of confirmed cases of COVID this week, staff members and students. To avoid further spread, if your child is unwell with any symptoms, you are asked to keep your child at home. If they develop symptoms during the day, they will be sent home as per our Health and Wellbeing procedures. While isolation is no longer a legal requirement, if you (or your child) test positive for COVID-19, staying at home protects the people in our community. If you test positive, you should not visit high-risk settings like hospitals and aged and disability care settings:

- for at least 7 days or until symptoms have gone
- unless seeking immediate medical care. If students test positive for COVID they are to remain at home for at least 5 days, and until symptoms have resolved, to prevent the spread to others.



Remembrance Day

POPPIES - We are supporting the RSL with their annual Poppy Appeal for Remembrance Day on 11 November. Poppies are available in the school office for a gold coin donation for students and staff.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please come into the office or call us.

Kind regards,

Rachel Rutter

Principal