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Dear Families

## Exciting improvements in student reading outcomes again this term

Our dedicated class teachers embarked on another collaborative inquiry to improve our students' reading outcomes this term. By analysing the reading data from a variety of student assessments, the teachers identified specific areas for improvement and collaboratively developed targeted teaching sequences and strategies.

Here's a breakdown of the focus areas identified:

- K-2 Team: Focused on improving phonemic awareness, blending skills, and reading fluency
- 3/4 Team: Concentrated on comprehension and teaching students to identify the main idea in texts
- 5/6 Team: Worked on expanding students' understanding of different text genres

To measure progress, we conducted pre and post-assessments for the learning sequence. The results are both encouraging and exciting:

- 75% of the Kinder, Prep and Year 1 students showed significant growth in phonemic awareness, phonics, and blending skills
- The Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students involved in the fluency inquiry increased their speed and accuracy of reading by an average of 21 words per minute (WCPM), with 74% achieving above the expected grade level for reading fluency.
- 93% of 3/4 students demonstrated significant growth in comprehension and the ability to locate key ideas within texts.
- 77% of 5/6 students showed significant growth in understanding and connecting with various text genres.

Our data sources, including PAT reading results, provide valuable insights that help us refine our teaching practices and enhance student learning outcomes. This term marks the third successful collaborative reading inquiry our teachers have undertaken this year, and we are proud of the notable progress across all year levels.

Thank you for your continued support as we strive to foster a love of reading and support our students' learning growth.

Kind regards

Darryl Williams  
Principal

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Musica Viva Performance  
2pm GP Room.

#### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Illawarra Jumping Jacks  
9:15 Gym

#### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September

Huon Valley Red Ball Tennis  
Cygnets Tennis Club Grade 3/4 students

#### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September

Rev It Up Program  
Huonville Primary School. Gr 6

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Last day of term 3



## PRINCIPAL'S ENGAGED LEARNER AWARD

Luka Iten-Klockenbring & Sofie Prummell

Congratulations also to the following students who received certificates and yesterday's assembly:

**George Prummel** for **Purpose** by working hard to learn his Level 5 long vowel sounds & use in his reading & writing.

**Nelson Chen** for **Gratitude** by showing thankfulness for his friends, his classroom & our school.

**Lexie Calvert** for **Gratitude** by using manners & eye contact to express her Gratitude towards her teacher & peers.

**Maddie Purvis** for **Purpose** for working hard to make excellent progress in her reading & writing.

**Pippa Smyth** for **Courage** by stepping out of her comfort zone with her learning.

**Harry Elsieck** for **Gratitude** by enjoying a range of opportunities.

**Finn Hallums** for **Determination and Excellence** by absolutely "knocking it out of the park" when it comes time to do addition, subtraction, multiplication and division automatic response!

**Sean Ray** for **Focus** by embracing challenges and problem solving in maths.

**Georgia Tyson** for **Purposefulness** by demonstrating focus and continued excellence in her work.

**Harper Woolnough** –for **Gratitude** by sharing her excitement about reading chapter books. Her enthusiasm is infectious!

**Kye ford** – for **Gratitude** for books and reading and has been keen to share this gratitude with others by donating books to the library once he has read them. Thank you!

**Tyson Dadd** – for **Gratitude** by showing respect for all and taking new opportunities as they come.

**Ruby McCauley** for **Courage** by joining our class, making new friends, and being kind and respectful to everyone.

**Amanda Lintern** for **Gratitude** by enthusiastically volunteering to read with our reading volunteer, showing that she cares.

## Grade 5/6 Volleyball & Come & Try Excursion



### Junior cricket in Cygnet.

Wednesday 11th September at 5pm there is going to be a training run followed by a family BBQ at the main Cygnet oval indoor training nets. Young people of all ages who may have an interest in cricket and their parents are encouraged to please come along. For more information please contact Andrew Denny on 0409768582 or look at the Facebook flyer.